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Model of Hammondsport Power House

**Next LSD Meet - Hammondsport, NY
April 9 - Glenn H. Curtiss Aviation Museum**

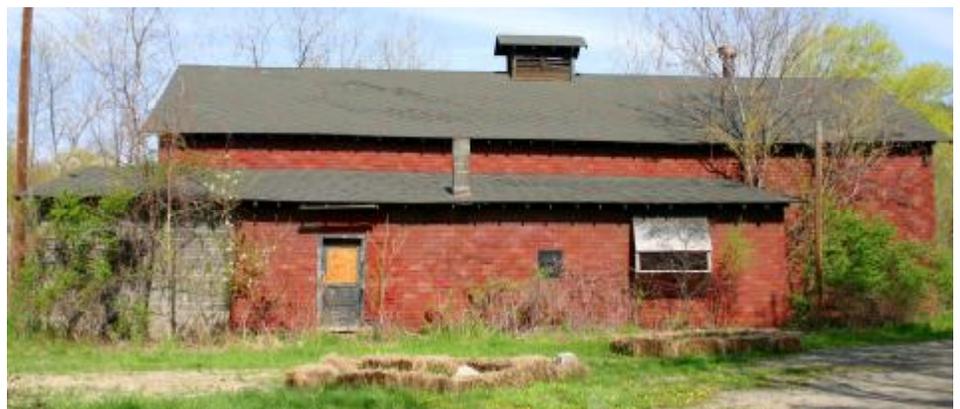
Clinics and tours of these Hammondsport locations:



P-40 Plane at the Glenn H. Curtiss Aviation Museum, Hammondsport, NY



B & H RR Passenger Depot



Bath and Hammondsport RR Engine House

NMRA Achievement Program - Overview

Hammondsport, NY Power House by *Richard Senges*

News from the Division Superintendent by *Ray Howard*

Ned Spiller's HO Scale Model Railroad by *Ned Spiller, MMR*

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News from the LSD "Super"

A great group of folks have been hard at work putting together what we hope will be an absolutely fantastic Spring Meet for you. Save the day, April 9, 2011! You don't want to miss this Meet! Editor Dick Senges has given us a little teaser in this issue.....see Cover and pages 4 through 8.

As your Superintendent, I joined a Regions and Divisions Yahoo group that discusses how to bring a better program to our membership. One question discussed is: "What is the NMRA all about?" One person who responded to that question was Fred Bock, MMR. Part of his response is below.

"Mission Statement: "Model railroading is fun. The purpose of the NMRA is to enable its members to have even more fun!"

The "what" are the things we do to achieve that purpose. Historically, according to writings about the founding of the NMRA, the first things that were done are:

- a. To socialize ("get together")
- b. To run trains together on each others' layouts.
- c. To develop interoperability standards, and encourage manufacturers to use them, so we could do (b.) above.
- d. To develop Standards and Recommended Practices for more reliable and accurate operations and appearance.
- e. To engage in a wide variety of "educational opportunities" for members to increase their knowledge, skills, and abilities that facilitate more enjoyment of the hobby, particularly those needed to build and operate a model railroad."

Next time I will talk more about e. above! See you in Hammondsport!

**2011 PAYMASTERS REPORT**

<u>BALANCE</u> - Year End 2010	<u>US Dollars</u>
Checking	2768
Cash	117
Total	2885

INCOME - January 2011: 35

BALANCE, January 31, 2011 \$ 2920

Respectfully Submitted: David Coon, Paymaster

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National Model Railroad Association AP Program – Overview

In simple terms, the Achievement Program (AP) is a travel guide, to help you on your journey through the world of model railroading. The AP also provides incentive to learn and master the many crafts and skills necessary in the hobby of model railroading. With the completion of each category, you will be issued a certificate acknowledging your achievement.

The AP requirements are a set of standards, but they can also serve as a set of guideposts for those who are new, near-new, and not-so-new to the hobby. Not because they lead to some sort of official pat-on-the-back, but because they are a source of ideas for projects that can help us learn to become better modelers.

Briefly, the AP is a system of requirements for demonstrating a superior level of skill in various aspects of our hobby. It covers not only building various types of models, but also building other things which are important to the hobby, such as scenery, structures, track work, and wiring. It also recognizes service to the hobby and the NMRA, which are important as well. Use the links on the right to explore the different certificates and requirements.

We hope that you will soon find just how easy it is to participate in the Achievement Program, and if you are not yet involved start you off on the right foot. See: <http://nmra.org/education/achievement/>

Our LSD AP Manager is Harold Russell. He can be reached at:

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Harold is very willing to help all NMRA members in the Lakeshores Division in attaining their Achievement Certificates. He is willing to travel to accomplish this and will judge models. He can also supply the proper forms for those who can not access the NMRA website. If a LSD member wishes to have a model judged at a LSD meeting, he will do this, but being advised ahead is best.

Bath and Hammondsport Rail road

Hammondsport, NY - The Power House

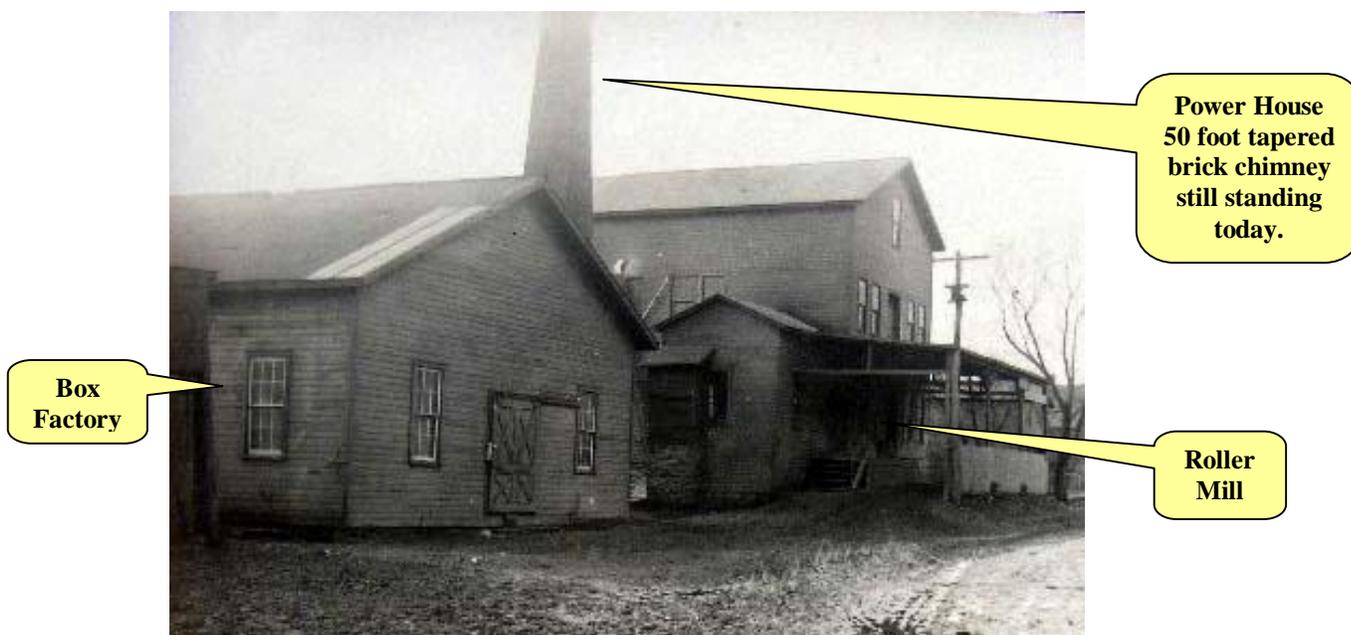
Part I - History

by *Richard Senges*

Note: You will see this Power House at the NMRA LSD Meet April 9th in Hammondsport, NY.

1894

The Hammondsport, NY Power House, 200 feet west of the Bath and Hammondsport Railroad engine house, was built by Harry Champlin to power a Box Factory to the east and a "Roller Mill" or Grist Mill to the west. The shafts to power the mills were under the building and extended into the adjoining buildings. These shafts, according to a close neighbor of the power house, were enclosed in wood structures near or in the ground.



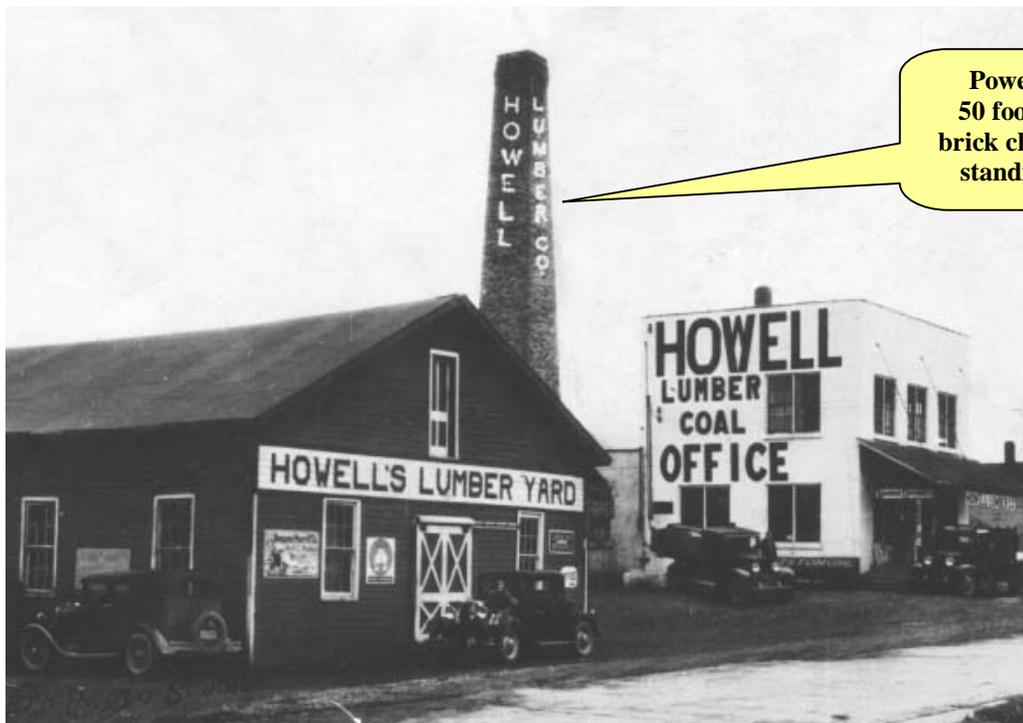
This Power House is not the "Grist Mill" that Harry inherited from his father Charles Champlin in 1859. That Mill was located in Pleasant Valley to the south. Many of the Hammondsport residents call this building "*The Old Mill*", but it is believed by the author this was not a grist mill but a power house.

A coal siding went from the Power House south (west side of the building) and connected with the B & H RR track. There was a wood door to the front (north) toward Liberty Street. Iron doors were on the front of the 50' brick chimney near the ground.

The openings in the building on the west, south and east side were windows. The building was 13 feet high from the ground level to the fascia. The floor of the power house was four feet below where it is today. Today - June 2010 - the west side of the building appears to be back filled with dirt making the building only 11 feet high.)

1900s

The Grist Mill (west of the Power House) became the HOWELL LUMBER COAL OFFICE . The building to the east (box factory) became HOWELL'S LUMBER YARD. Letters on the 50' brick chimney - "HOWELL" on the east side and "LUMBER CO." on the north side. Notice the antique autos.



1957

The Power House, Box Factory building and the Howell Lumber Company buildings were still standing, as well as many other industrial building in this area including a coal tipple and lumber yards.

Within the next 40 years all these building were burnt down, fell down, or were destroyed. Only the Power House and the B & H RR Engine House remain today.

1960s

The Power House became “The Little Olde Mill” gift shop run by Amy Howell. (same Howell family as the lumber people).

The letters are still on the 50 foot tapered brick chimney and can be seen through the trees.



Summer 1972

Terry Bretherton of Hammondsport rented an apartment in the Power House. Also, there was another building attached to the Power House to the south. This building is gone but a gray caulk line remains on the south side of the building where this building was attached to the south side of the Power House.

Check out Dick's website: www.OilCreekRailroad.com for more history on Hammondsport, NY and the Bath and Hammondsport Railroad.

Mid 1980s

Duncan Springstead ran an upholstery shop in the Power House. He now lives next to the Power House to the west. The building could not be heated properly so the business in this building was short lived.

Many bats lived in the chimney and could be seen at night in large black clouds in the sky over the chimney. Great for eating mosquitoes.

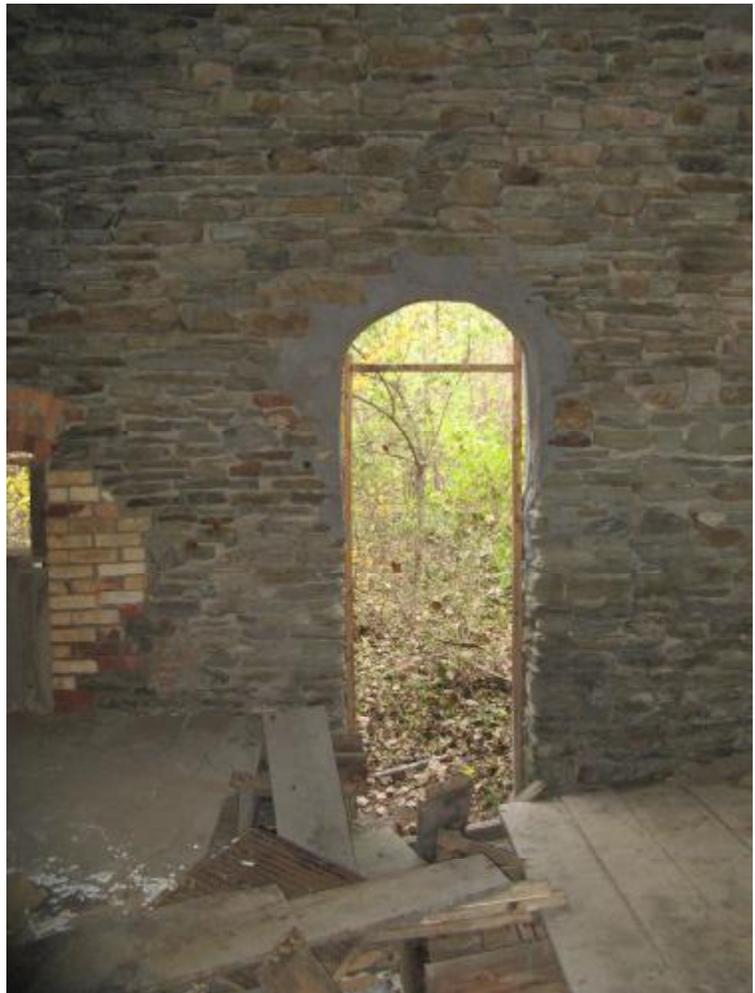
April 2006

Doors and windows of the Power House boarded up except for one south entrance. Harold Russell and Richard Senges, with permission from the owner, measure the Power House and take many digital images.

January 2011

Power House doors and windows are open and structure in disrepair. Inside the ceiling falling down. There is a large crack in building on east side above the cleanout. It is private property.

The Power House is owned by Mike Doyle who also owns the B & H RR Engine House and the local Hammondsport Pleasant Valley Winery. There apparently are no plans to restore the Power House. Too bad as it is a great old structure with two foot stone walls and the tapered 50" brick chimney.

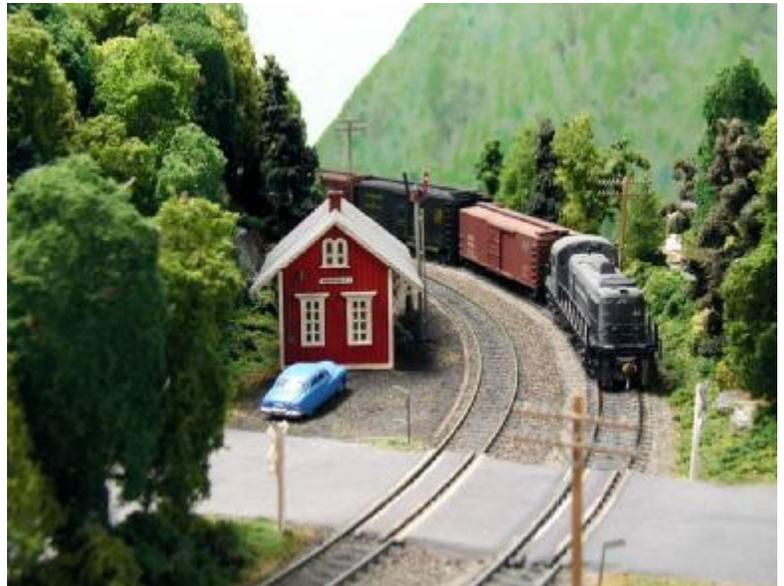


Ned Spiller's Danby, Ludlow & Springfield HO Scale Model Railroad

by Ned Spiller, MMR



A local passenger train approaching Rutland.



Local freight, the "Peddler", arriving in Shrewsbury.



The "Marble Train" switching the mine in South Wallingford.



The eastbound thru freight passing through Mt. Holly.

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