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**LSD 2012 Winter Event – An Operations Meet – Date - TBA**



An Operations Session on Ned Spillers HO scale D L & S model railroad, Hammondsport, NY.

## **LSD 2011 Fall Meet Report**

**News from the Division Superintendent** by Ray Howard

**Operating Session on the Danby, Ludlow & Springfield RR** by Ned Spiller, MMR

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**News from the LSD "Super"**

I've been looking back at some records of the Lakeshores Division recently. I happened to notice something interesting. For instance take a good look at our Logo:



Have you noticed the number of the E Unit (or F Unit - I can't tell the difference...) in the logo? Wonder why it is #1962.....? I have a car in the Lake Shores Limited Passenger Train on my layout the Seneca Lake, Ontario, and Western that has the number 1962.

I wonder how many of our members know the significance of the number 1962? No Harold! Don't tell! Actually Harold wasn't there, but his Father, Harold Sr. was..... Shhhh! We'll find out next month. If you know send me an email with the answer. (Use the one listed at the top of this page on the left.) Let's see how many of you do know about #1962.

There are a number of fine modelers here in the Division, and several are constantly working behind the scenes to help provide our program here in the LSD. One in particular is the gentleman who takes the time and effort to create this publication for our membership. He keeps telling me he needs more articles to publish in the LSL! I know many of you are doing some fine and interesting modeling! So how about it? Write an article for all of us to enjoy! Oh, and thank you Dr. Dick!

## Lakeshores Division, NFR, NMRA Fall Meet – October 22, 2011

A great time was had by all at the Shortsville, NY Meet of the NMRA Lakeshores Division. The group met at the Lehigh Valley Museum. Thanks guys for opening the Museum to the LSD. About 37 folks attended the Meet – a very nice turnout.

Guy Wicksall gave interesting slide show on the paint color scheme used by the Lehigh Valley Railroad over the years. It was very interesting to hear that the LV red varied somewhat because of the “extra paint” that the LV RR workers had on hand that day. Thanks Guy.

Ron Stacy gave a detailed talk on how he models coal loads titled “*Making Your Own Coal Loads*”. Ron explained in detail how to do this and also had many examples in various scales demonstrating the final result. Thanks Ron for a very informative presentation.

Ned Spiller, MMR, gave a *Power Point* presentation on “Operations on a Small Layout” showing various operation systems and procedures. Ned hosts an operations group on Wednesdays at his layout in Hammondsport, NY. Thanks Ned for a great presentation.

Many of those attending won door prizes consisting of many RR items including some LV paper memorabilia. A very nice craftsman structure kit was also auctioned.

The Model Contest was super with a lot of entries. Five photos and about 20 models of locomotives and railcars were entered. *Winners – see below.*

<b>First Place</b>	Dave Mitchell – HO scale Rayonier 2-6-6-0 loco
<b>Second Place</b>	Jim Dierks – O scale red and green passenger cars
<b>Third Place</b>	Mike Pyszczeck – Lehigh Valley # 317 Diesel loco
<b>Third Place</b>	Gordon Spalty – a small green diesel “critter”

Thanks to Guil Mack of Phelps, NY, who opened his HO scale model RR – the *Tiger Valley Railroad*. All were impressed with the immense size and operations of this RR.

And thanks to Ray Howard who had his HO scale *Seneca Lake, Ontario, & Western RR (SLOW)* open for the LSD tour. Ray's attention to detail and excellent structures were appreciated by all – thanks Ray.

## Awards

Two awards were presented to Richard Senges of Victor, NY, for completing the NMRA Achievement Program in the areas of *Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical* and also *Association Volunteer*. Dick has completed five APs and is currently working on *Master Builder – Cars* and *Model Railroad Engineer – Civil*.

Richard has been giving model railroad clinics on the local, regional and national level starting on the early 1980s. His *Oil Creek Railroad* models the beginning of oil exploration in the 1860s in western Pennsylvania and has been on NMRA tours many times. The layout will be on a National Tour in July of 2012, part of the Lionel Operating Train Society National Convention in Rochester, NY.

He is also the editor and publisher of the *Rochester Model Rails* e-magazine which is in its 76th issue. This magazine can be seen on: [www.OilCreekRailroad.com](http://www.OilCreekRailroad.com)

Harold Russell, MMR,  
presented the awards.



## *Model Contest Winners*

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Dave Mitchell**



**2<sup>nd</sup> Place**

**Jim Dierks**



**3<sup>rd</sup> Place Winners**

**Mike Pyszczek and Gordon Spalty**

## Operating Session on the Danby Ludlow & Springfield RR

*by Ned Spiller, MMR*

At our October Lake Shore Division meet in Shortsville, I gave a clinic on operations on a small layout. In the clinic, I described how we operate on my Danby Ludlow and Springfield RR. At the end of my presentation, I extended an invitation for anyone who was interested in trying it out to attend a “beginners” operating session on my layout here in Hammondspport. On Saturday, October 29<sup>th</sup>, we were able to schedule a session for three of the people who expressed an interest.



Gene Nowlan, Jeff O’Neil, and John Socha were our new operators. Several of the regular DL&S operators, Ben Keltz, Joe Mankowski, and Bob, Mike, and Eric Mortinsen, showed up to “coach”. We started with a short training session covering the location and general purpose of the railroad, how to select your locomotive with the NCE throttles, how to use the control panels, and how car cards function. With the regulars as teachers, the new guys picked things up pretty fast.

Jeff was brave enough to volunteer to run the yard. Mike, who is probably our best yard operator, helped. The yard job can be stressful, with trains coming and going and cars needing to be classified. Jeff did a great job and all the trains got out on (or close to) their scheduled time. We even let Jeff run the last train of the session so he had a chance to see the rest of the layout.

Gene ran a through freight, then got assigned to run the “Peddler”, the local freight that switches all the industries on the main line. Eric, who often runs that train, went along as his conductor. This is another challenging job. Cars need to be set out and picked up in several towns, including one with a one-car switchback. The car cards need to be managed, and you constantly need to clear up the main for through trains. Gene and Eric did a great job, and after returning to the yard and taking a break, Gene got to run one of the local passenger trains.

John ran several passenger and thru freights, and got assigned to the Marble Train, the turn that switches the marble quarry and calcite mine. After running a couple of trains with help, John was able to do things pretty much on his own.

Ben and Bob, when they weren't helping the new guys, ran some of the passenger trains to keep everything on schedule. We don't need to run all the passenger trains, but they are easy and fun, and they get in the way of the other trains out on the main. Late in the session, when things quieted down, we ran some extras just for the fun of it.

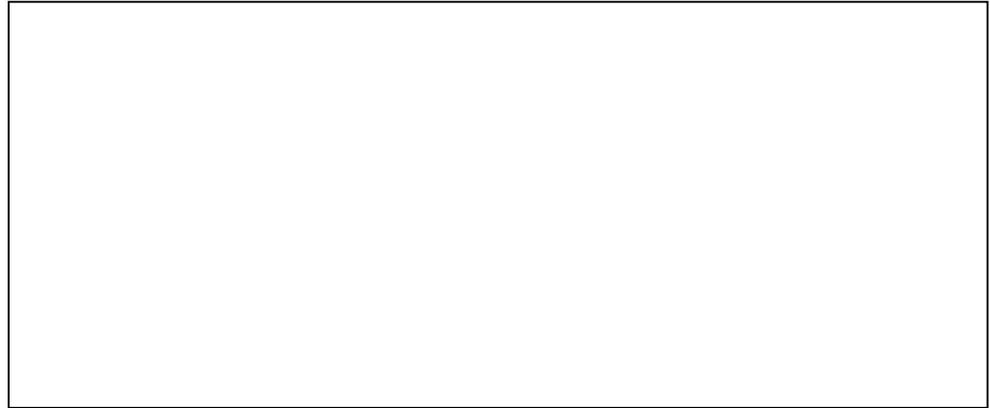


I think everyone had a good time. I know I did. I really enjoy hosting operating sessions on my layout. I put a lot of time and energy into building it, and I love seeing it come alive with trains moving people and freight, and each having a purpose.



We will be running another "beginners" session for those who weren't able to make it on October 29<sup>th</sup>. If anyone who wasn't able to sign up at the meet is interested in attending, let me know. My contact information is [edward.spiller@frontiernet.net](mailto:edward.spiller@frontiernet.net) or 607-569-3428.

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## **Future 2012 Lakeshores Division Events**

### **Winter 2012 Operations Meet**

**Date: TBA**

**If any member would like to help out at either of these events,  
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