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Bernie Beikirch's Lehigh Valley caboose on tour for the LSD April 14, 2012 Meet, Victor, NY

News from the Division Superintendent *by Ray Howard*

LSD 2012 Spring Meet – Victor Railroads Theme Day - April 14, 2012

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News from the LSD "Super"

Wow! Saturday's LSD Meet was a fun day! Was for me anyway. Many people attending spoke to me and were very complimentary about the entire day.

Our events don't just happen.... They couldn't be done without the help of many of our members. My thanks to Dick Senges for his tireless work in arranging for the location, getting two speakers and arranging much of the afternoon tours for us. I also give my thanks to Dave Mitchell for providing us with our morning coffee and helping with setup and teardown, Dave Coon for registration and all the other things associated with it, and Harold Russell for attending to the Model and Photo contests.

There are always things to be done at these events, some items always seem to fall between the cracks simply because we need others to help out. We would love to have a list from our membership who could be called on to help with the many little things needing to be done. Let me know if you are willing to help.

One item that comes up again and again in communications at every level of the NMRA is the aging of our membership. Even though the National membership is holding steady, a lot of thought is being given at all levels to the question of how do we encourage the next generation of modelers to become more involved in the organization. I mentioned several times on Saturday that I am "old fashioned" about the hobby (My son keeps telling me, "Dad, you're so 20th century!"). Maybe we need new ideas and directions. To this end, Paul Kaufman, Vice President of Projects for the NMRA is forming a Gen X Yahoo Group to discuss ideas for the next many years that will appeal to the younger set of members. He is looking for a small group of members 30 to 50 years old to discuss these issues. If any of you are interested send me an email ASAP.

There is Manual that Bill Kaufman says he got stuck with using for many years entitled, "How Do I Know What Questions to Ask When I Don't Know What Questions to Ask?" Let us know what you would like the LSD to bring to you. That is a big help to us to be more successful!

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**Lakeshores Division, NFR, NMRA
Spring Meet – April 14, 2012**

A great time was had by all at the Victor, NY, Meet of the NMRA Lakeshores Division. The group met at the Victor Methodist Church on Main Street, Victor. Thank you Al Kidd for opening the church to the LSD. About 40 folks attended the Meet – a very nice turnout.

Sam Ferrara gave an interesting talk on old railroad lanterns and collecting RR lanterns. Many different types were displayed. Dick Senges also handed out some info regarding modeling RR lanterns in 1:87 scale. Thanks Sam.

Ray Howard gave a detailed presentation on how he installs *Tortoise* switch machines. Ray explained in detail how to install *Tortoise (or is that Torti)* using complex linkage in tight situations. Thanks Ray for a very informative presentation.

Joel Richter gave a *Power Point* presentation on “The Railroads of Victor, NY” showing the old RRs that were in Victor, NY as early as 1840. Many of the old RR landmarks are still in Victor. The LSD folks toured some of these landmarks in the afternoon. Thanks Joel for a great presentation.

Many of those attending won door prizes consisting of varied RR items including a locomotive. In addition there was a nice 1907 tall style *Dietz Vesta* New York Central RR lantern with a red cast N.Y.C.R.R. globe auctioned and won by Ray Howard. Also, five NMRA Rail Passes were won.

The Model Contest was super with a lot of entries. Three photos and about 10 models of structures, locomotives and railcars were entered. *Winners – see below.*

	Model Contest	Photo Contest
First Place	Joe Cordaro	Dick Senges
Second Place	Joe Cordaro	Bob Thon
Third Place	Bob Kaufman Bob Thon	Bob Thon

Thanks to Steve Levine of Mendon, NY, who opened his On30 model RR – the *Northern Herzich Railroad*. All were impressed with the immense size and operations of this RR. Thanks Steve.

And thanks to Dick Senges who had his HO scale Oil Creek Railroad open for the LSD tour. Dick's attention to detail and excellent structures were appreciated by all – thanks Dick.

Bernie Beikirch had his 1:1 scale caboose open for a tour – thanks Bernie.

Awards

An award was presented to Richard Senges of Victor, NY, for completing the NMRA Achievement Program in the areas *Master Builder - Cars*

Richard has been giving model railroad clinics on the local, regional and national level starting in the early 1980s. His *Oil Creek Railroad* models the beginning of oil exploration in 1866 in western Pennsylvania and has been on NMRA tours many times. The layout will be on a National Tour in July 13, 2012, as part of the Lionel Operating Train Society (LOTS) National Convention in Rochester, NY.

He is also the editor and publisher of the *Rochester Model Rails* e-magazine which is in its 78th issue. This magazine can be seen on: www.OilCreekRailroad.com

Harold Russell, MMR,
presented the award.



Model Contest Winners

1st
Place



2nd
Place



Third Place Winners



Photo Contest - First Place Winner





Sam Ferrara and his B R & P RR Lanterns.



Ray Howard talks about his "Tortoises"

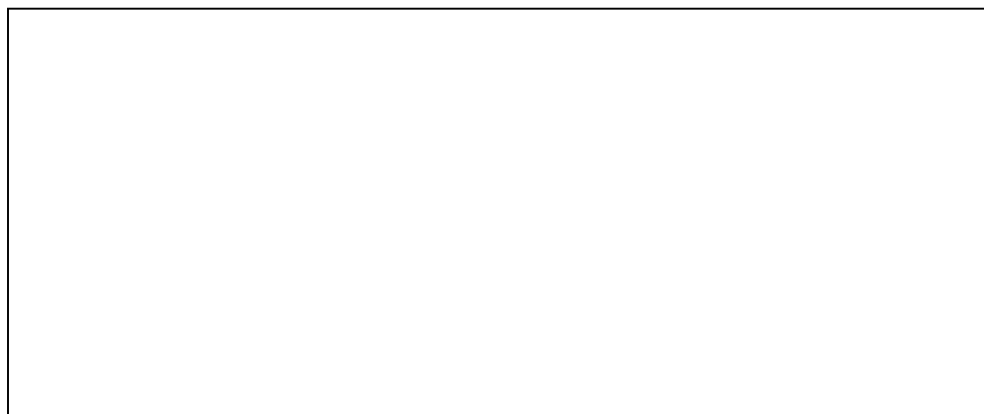


Joel Richter – Friends of the Railroad, Victor, NY



Bernie Beikirch's LV Caboose, Victor, NY.

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Next LSD Meet

September 29, 2012

Medina Railroad Museum

Details to Follow.