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Sam Pennise sitting on the benchwork of his new On30 model railroad, Hammondsport, NY.

News from the Division Superintendent - by Ray Howard

Sam Pennise's New On30 Model Railroad

News from the LSD "Super"

Ah, summertime... This is all too often the time of year when I spend too little time building that empire down in the basement and a lot more time doing other things. I know some of us have those Garden Railways to tinker with, and some of us spend some time railfanning our favorite 1:1 scale railroads. I know my favorite vacations over the years have been railroad oriented. I have fond memories of my family visiting Steamtown many years ago.

Most of us love the railroads in any and every form they may take and can't seem to get enough of railroading. It all seems to fit. The hobby is many different things, I guess.

Some of us even spend time volunteering at some railroad museums right within our division's boundaries. Some help out at the Medina Museum and have spent many hours helping to build their wonderful HO scale empire in the museum. Others help with trips and excursions. I know several of our members spend a lot of their time volunteering at the New York Museum of Transportation and the Rochester and Genesee Valley Railroad museum in Rush, NY.

One of the places I get to talk to people about the NMRA is when I am volunteering at the R&GV RR Museum. I find that many of the folks who come and visit the museums are also model railroaders, so I often spend some time telling them about the great bunch of folks here in the LSD, and invite them to come to a meet and join with us to further their enjoyment of the hobby.

A couple weeks ago I got a message from one of our members telling me that the New York Museum of Transportation is in need of people to volunteer to help in the Gift Shop and Ticket Desk, so I'll pass this along to you. "Candidates are expected to be members of either NYMT or RGVRRM, devote one Sunday a month, from 10:45 to 5:30, and be presentable, personable, and able to handle cash and credit card transactions accurately and professionally." If this is something you might find to be interesting, Please contact Jim at: dierks66@frontiernet.net

I know each of the railroad museums nearby can use and need more volunteers to help bring the history of railroading to the next generation. Many people who become fascinated with railroads end up being model railroaders as well.

Have a great summer and I hope to see you at the picnic in July!

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The New On30 Model Railroad of Sam Pennise

Hammondsport, NY

Text by Richard Senges, MMR and Photos by Sam Pennise

Dr. Sam Pennise, a dentist in Hammondsport, NY (voted the coolest small town in America in 2012) has started his new On30 model railroad. Hammondsport, NY is located in upstate NY at the base of Keuka Lake. It is the home of the Bath and Hammondsport Railroad which can be viewed by going to the website: www.OilCreekrailroad.com

Sam, after much research, consideration, and planning decided to purchase a professional wood benchwork system made by *MIANNE*. Their website is www.miannebenchwork.com

This system has many advantages: it goes together quickly and easily, requires no specialized carpentry skills, can be easily expanded, and comes it apart easily.

Right: There are two main parts to the *MIANNE* (pronounced *me-ah-nee*) benchwork system: the square poplar legs and the I-shaped girders.

These legs and girders are attached to each other using furniture style quick lock cam fasteners. They are then assembled into a box which forms the basic grid.





Above: A multitude of *MIANNE* cam fasteners, leg leveling bolts, and miscellaneous pieces. Each type was segregated into different plastic bins. Looks complex, but the system is easy to assemble once you get started.



Above: Beginning the assemble process. The red rosin paper was left on the new wood floor as a guide for placement of the benchwork and also to protect the floor. The legs and girders are starting to take shape.

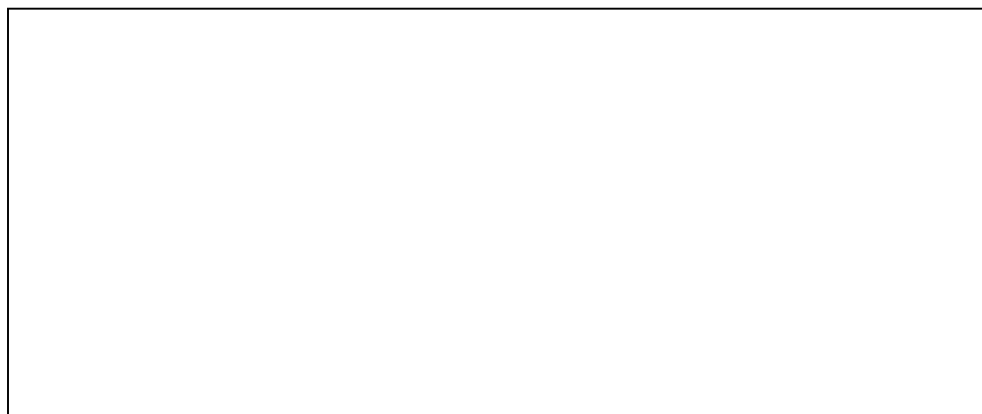


Above: Another view of the partially completed *MIANNE* benchwork. Notice the eight sided poplar post top, the wood girders with the MDF interior web and the predrilled wiring holes.



Above: The completed *MIANNE* lower level benchwork system. Notice there is an upper level started in the background. The red rosin paper has been removed from the floor. No damage occurred to the beautiful new wood floor during construction of the benchwork.

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Summer Picnic - July 27, 2013

Date and Location: Saturday, July 27, Finger Lakes Live Steamers, Inc.,
302 Clyde-Marengo Road, Clyde, NY 14433

Time: Doors open at 10:00AM

Registration: 10:30 to 11:30AM

Lunch: Anytime between Noon and 2 PM as you want.

This is a joint event with the Central NY Division and is for members and their families. We will have a Popular Choice Model Contest with voting between noon and 2 PM. The Division will supply hotdogs, hamburgers, and rolls with each family bringing a dish to pass. We will not have a photo contest at this event.

There will be train rides offered during the day and lots of things to do and see.

All members coming to the event need to contact Ray Howard to let him know who and how many will be coming so we can plan on how much food we need – e-mail works best.

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