

# *Lake Shores Limited*

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**Next Lakeshores Division Winter 2014 Event: March 22 – Spring Meet at RIT**



The new RIT Model Railroad under construction – fall of 2013.

**Lakeshores Division 2014 Spring Meet – at RIT**

**Lakeshores Division Winter 2014 Operations Events**

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

## News from the LSD "Super"

First of all, a huge thank you to Ned Spiller MMR, Leo Adamski, and Ron Stacy for agreeing to open their layouts for the Winter Operation days. Unfortunately Ron had to cancel operations at his beautiful layout due to lack of people signing up. May have been a date people couldn't make, who knows. All three of these layouts are wonderful to visit and to operate! I am rather surprised that so many of our members are not interested in operations. If you have never experienced an operating session, get in touch with the guys above. I bet they would love to get you on board.

Everything is all set for the Spring Meet at RIT. Registration will start at 8:30AM, and don't forget to bring something for the door prizes! Every person registering will get a ticket for the drawings at registration. Come and bring a friend (or two)! More information is found later in this issue. Directions to RIT can be found at: <http://www.rit.edu/maps/>. Hope to see you there!

I keep hearing from National that the most important part of the entire NMRA is the local division. That is where the program is found. I sincerely hope we are providing a great program for our membership, but.... We really need to hear from you. What do you want and need for programs. What things do you want to explore in the hobby? What can we do differently to make it better program? Model Railroading is fun! The NMRA and the Lakeshores Division should be making it more fun!

In the latest eBulletin from National, Charlie Getz, NMRA President, spoke about "Vertical Integration". Part of that is that the NMRA is pursuing the legal creation of one tax-exempt (U.S.) National organization with many independent Regions and Divisions all sharing that tax status. What that would mean for us is that any financial gift to the Division would qualify to be deductible on taxes. We are very much of an educational organization and I would like to see us be able to provide more educational exhibits and programs out in our communities. That of course takes \$\$\$ and Volunteers from our membership. I know of many Divisions who are already doing that kind of thing. They tend to be the strong ones who are growing and providing the best programs.... Food for thought.

We are only as strong as our volunteers. This division is well blessed with many active volunteers, but there is always room for more. BTW, we will need many people to help us next year at "Mortimer Junction". Haven't heard of it? You will!!! (grin)

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## Lakeshores Division, NFR, NMRA 2014 Spring Meet – March 22<sup>nd</sup>

### Location:

**Rochester Institute of Technology  
1 Lomb Memorial Dr.  
Student-Alumni Union  
Rochester, NY 14623**

### Morning:

- 8:30 to 9:00 Registration, Meet and Greet, register Models/photos for Contest
- 9:00 to 9:05 Welcoming remarks – Ray Howard
- 9:05 to 9:50 *Clinic* – “Proto-Freelancing on the Genesee Route” – Otto Vondrak
- 9:50 to 10:00 Break and Voting on Popular Choice Model Contest and Photo Contest
- 10:00 to 10:40 Presentation – “The Grapevine Express” – Ray Howard
- 10:40 to 10:50 Break
- 10:50 to 11:35 *Clinic* – *Pretty Good Trees* – Ned Spiller, MMR
- 11:35 to 12:00 Door Prizes, Announcements, Maps, etc. – Ray Howard

Lunch - on your own.

### Afternoon:

1:00 PM to 3:30 PM – Rochester & Genesee Valley RR division  
of the Erie Lackawanna (Dave Coon)

1:00 PM to 4:00 PM – Rochester & Irondequoit Terminal RR  
(RIT Model Railroad Club)

### Notes:

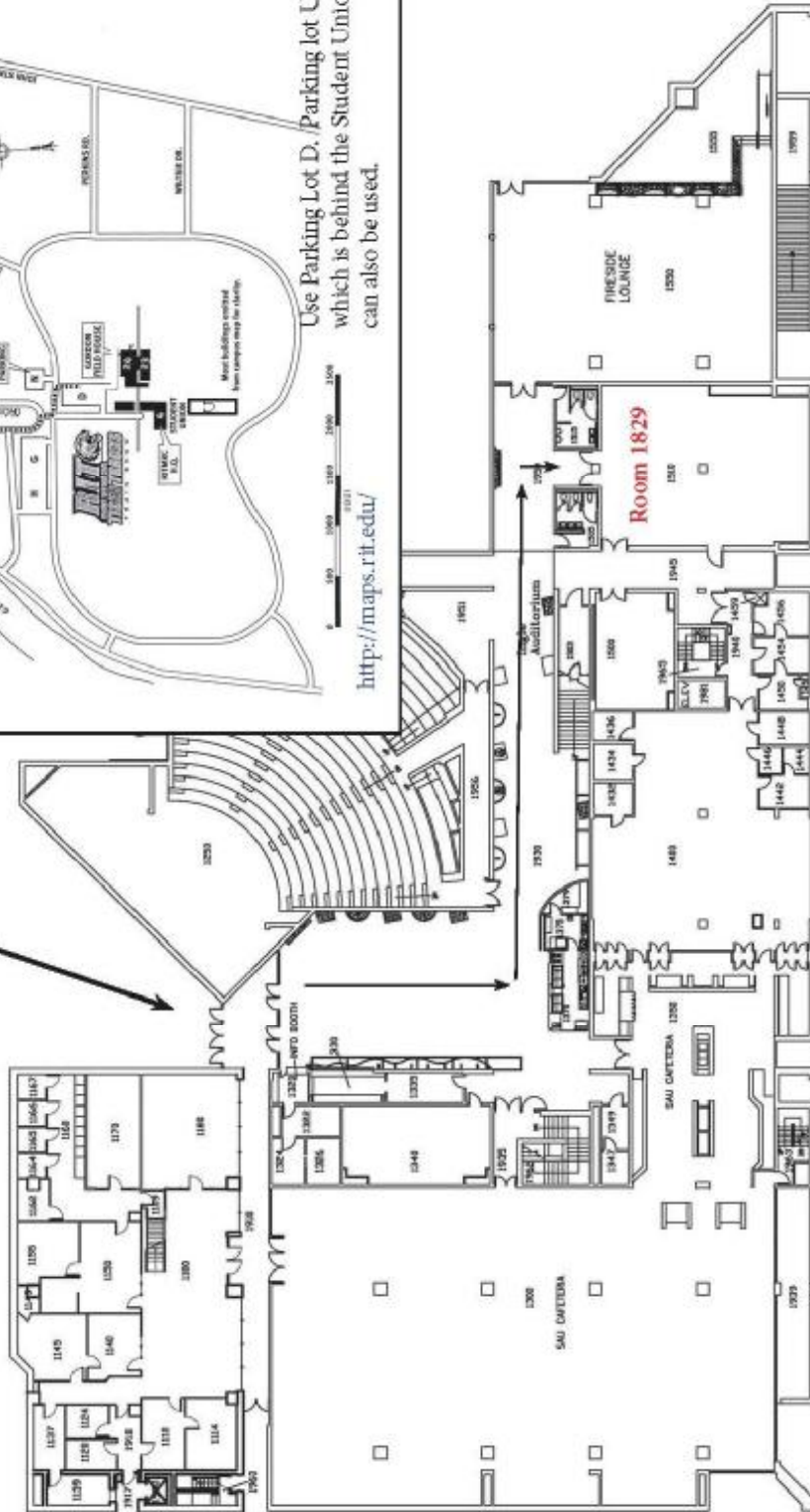
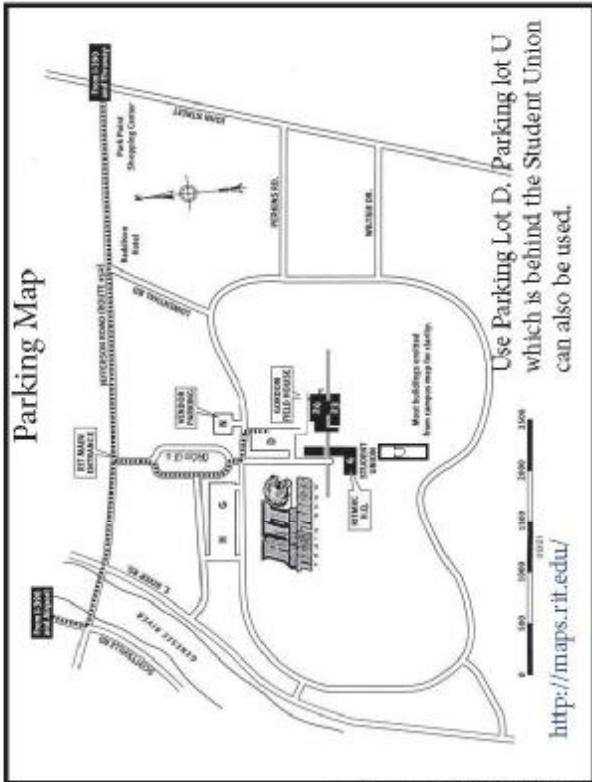
Cost: \$3.00 members and \$5.00 for guests.

There will be drawings for door prizes. Please bring an item to donate for this.

We will have a “Modelers Choice” Model Contest and a Modeler’s Choice photo Contest.

# Directions to Meet at RIT

Enter through the main doors, walk towards Ben & Jerry's, turn LEFT, walk towards Ingle Auditorium entrance, and the 1829 Room will be on your right. We'll post signs guiding the way.



Bldg\_004 Student Alumni Union  
First Floor Plans





## Lakeshores Division Winter Operating Session

As part of our Lake Shore Division's winter activities, the Danby Ludlow & Springfield RR hosted an operating session for visitors on February 8<sup>th</sup>. We had five guest operators: John Bush, John Socha, Jeff O'Neil, Scott Reynolds, and Paul Malanga. For some, this was their first visit to the DL&S, while others had been here in the past. Four of our regulars: Ben Keltz, and Bob, Mike, and Erik Mortinsen came over to provide guidance. We ran all of the trains on the schedule with no major problems, and everyone had a good time.

Scott spent most of the session running the yard, and Paul ran the local that switches the industries along the main. These are the most challenging jobs on the railroad. The other guys ran the thru freight and passenger trains, and John Bush also ran the "Marble Train" that switches the quarry and calcite mine. Towards the end of the session, we were right on schedule, so several of the guys ran freight extras.

Operations is probably my favorite part of the hobby. Besides getting to operate on other layouts, I enjoy seeing my DL&S come to life when we run a session here. And it's especially nice when we have first-timers come. If they are experienced operators, I get to see new ways of doing things. If they are new to operations, I get to see how much they enjoy it, and hopefully get new converts to the joy of operations. So, if anyone is interested in seeing what operations is all about, please contact me at [espiller@frontiernet.net](mailto:espiller@frontiernet.net) and we'll get you over for a session.



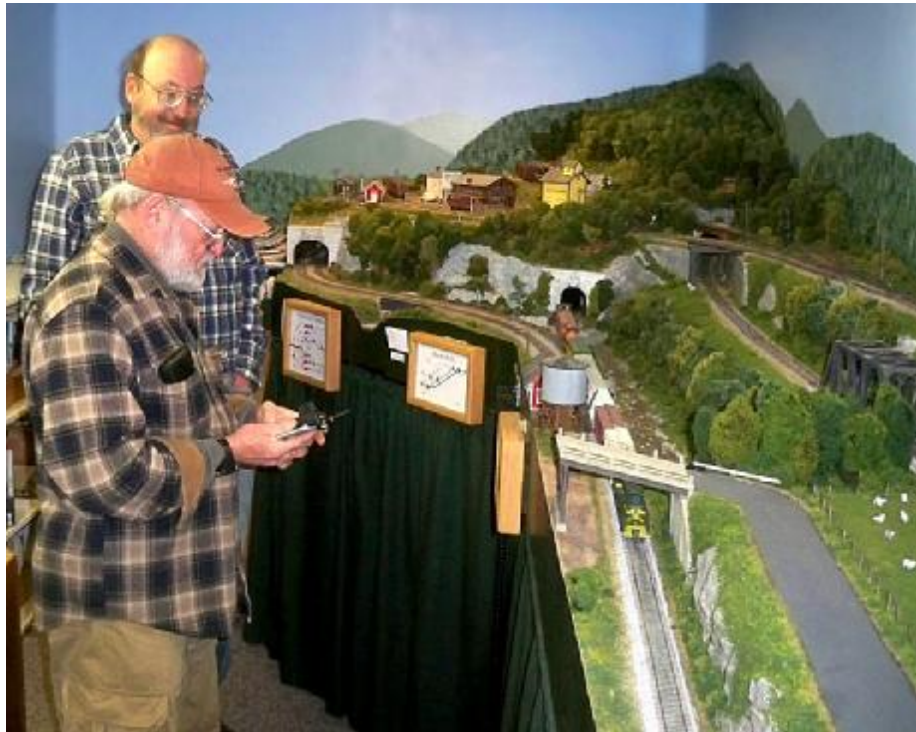
Scott is checking his yard paperwork while John Socha switches RPOs on the west bound "Mount Royal", one of the thru passenger trains, with Mike assisting.



Jeff O'Neil is watching the yard crew switch cars on his eastbound thru freight while Bob "supervises".



**Lakeshores Division  
Winter Operating Session**



**Left:**  
John Bush is bringing  
the Rutland RR  
interchange train out  
of staging with  
Ben's help.



**Right:**  
John Bush used  
the Bath &  
Hammondsport  
S1 for the "Marble  
Train". Here he is  
getting is ready to run.

**Lakeshores  
Division  
Winter Operating  
Session**

**Leo Adamski's  
The Mary-Land  
Northern**



**Above:**  
Ned points  
the way.

**Left:**  
Look out !  
A derailment.

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**QR Code to the NMRA Lakeshores Division Website**

