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Alan Francis with his new scratch-built narrow gauge diesel. Photo by Tim Guenther.

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News from the LSD "Super"

Ah, it's spring again! Well it is supposed to be spring anyway. We have sure had our share of "April" showers. Time to turn our attention to all those outdoors activities. Mowing lawn, gardening, planting flowers, and for those of you with G scale outdoor layouts, a time to clean rail, get rid of all those leaves you didn't quite take care of last fall, and do maintenance on locos and rolling stock.

For all of us in the Lakeshores Division it is time to be thinking about getting together for our Summer Picnic this July. We are awaiting final approval to have our picnic at the Finger Lakes Live Steamers in Clyde, NY. Save the date of Saturday, July 23rd. to have a fun day with the NMRA and lots of outdoor trains. This is tentative until final approval has been given.

This event may be done in conjunction with the FLLS annual "Model Railroader's Run Day" at the club. Possible activities for the day would be a tour of the grounds, some up and close checking out some Large Scale equipment, MRR related games, a Modeler's Showcase, and, hopefully, some train rides. More information will be forthcoming in the next issue!

Speaking of activities.... This is your NMRA Division! Those of us serving as officers want and need your input and help to be able to give you the best of the best for program. Please let us know what interests you most in the hobby. What would you like to learn more about? What activities and clinics would get you out to our meets. What can you offer us from your experience in the hobby? We are always looking for clinics for our programs. Do you know of someone we might get to provide a program?

We could use a couple of helpers at the Picnic as well. A person to help with nametags at the registration table and to pass out info, and someone to sign in the models for the Modeler's Showcase (Show and Tell) would be a great help. Let me know if you can help out.

Plans are already in the works for a Fall Meet. When we have some definite information for you, we will send it along.

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Leo Adamski's Night Scenes



Under the street light, the Nost and Duff Print Shop named after Leo's RR buddies Lou Nost and Bruce Duff. To the right, the Fine Furniture Store named after modelers Steve Levine and Jim Voldan.

Leo Adamski's Night Scenes



Thompson Tool was named after David L. Thompson of Henrietta, NY. Note the tools on the building.

The NMRA's Achievement Program Model RR Engineer - Civil Award

by Harold Russell, MMR

The following is a synopsis of information found in the NMRA's web site with my comments added.

The requirements for the Civil Achievement Award are divided into three sections:

Step 1. Make a layout drawing,

Step 2. Construct and demonstrate satisfactory operation of your track work consisting of six features, and

Step 3. Construct for Merit Judging three different scale track work models.

Sounds daunting but it is not. Lets break it down into little pieces and see how it works for you.

Step 1 Layout Drawing

Your layout track plan drawing if you do not have one already should 'identify the overall size, scale of the drawing, track elevations, curve radii and turnout sizes.' It does not have to show the scenery elements, location of buildings, etc. Your track plan should include:

- a. Freight and/or passenger terminals.
- b. Facilities for storing motive power. (a simple engine house and fueling track is OK) but their size should be commensurate with the size of your railroad empire.
- c. One mainline passing siding.
- d. Four switching locations, ie. sidings or spurs but not wyes, loops or interchanges.
- e. Provision for turning motive power around.
- f. Provision for operating two mainline trains in either direction.

Now here is the catch. If your layout lacks one or more of the above items, not to worry. **You do not have to build them all.** However, your track plan drawing should incorporate them all.

The next bit of good news is that you do not have to make a fancy inked drawing. Send your sketch to me and I will make a fancy version for you. I can not do anything creative but will just copy your information making the plan look pretty.

Onward to Step 2.

Construct a completed section of a model railroad consisting of track work that operates satisfactorily. It can all be store bought track. Your track should be realistically ballasted on a roadbed profile base that provides proper drainage. In HO or S you should have at least 50 linear feet of track. This includes the mainline, yards, spurs, etc.-N scale; 25 ft and 75 ft in O; 100 ft in larger scales.

There must be variety in your track work. It must have six of the following:

- a. Passing siding.
- b. Crossover
- c. Spur
- d. Reversing Loop
- e. Wye
- f. Simple ladder (minimum of 3 tracks).
- g. Compound ladder.
- h. Turntable.
- i. Transfer Table.
- j. Super Elevation i.e. banked roadbed on curves.
- h. Simple one wire catenary.
- j. Compound catenary. One wire for power and another above for support.
- k. Scale track.
- l. Cog railway.
- m. Coal dump track.
- n. Ash pit.
- o. Service Pit track.
- p. Grade elevation change. ie. up and down a hill.
- o. Other. Whatever you pick in this category will be subject to debate and may slow up your application. I suggest you avoid it.

Surprise

These items do not have to be part of your layout nor of the same modeling scale. They can be mounted on separate bases. But you must demonstrate their satisfactory operation with rolling stock under power not just pushed through.

Beware

You cannot count any item more than once. And do not count part of one feature in another.

And finally **Step 3**

Construct for Merit Judging three separate models of the following:

- a. Turnout.
- b. Crossover.
- c. Double crossover.
- d. Single slip switch.
- e. Double slip switch.
- f. Crossing.
- g. Gauntlet track.
- h. Gauntlet turnout.
- i. Dual gauge turnout.
- j. Gauge separation turnout.
- k. Double junction turnout.
- l. Three-way turnout.
- m. Spring switch.
- n. Switch in overhead wire.
- o. Other.

The **Surprise** and **Beware** paragraphs above in step 2 apply as well as the comment pertaining to **Other**. All switch points should be powered and operate successfully either by a ground throw or switch motor. Commercial frogs and points cannot be used.

If you have not scratch built a turnout before, you will be pleasantly surprised how easy it is. I suggest you purchase point and frog jigs for *Fastracks*. www.handlaidtrack.com They also have templates and other supplies. You should be able to make and assemble the track work of a turnout in 45 minutes. You may find as I did that the scratch built turnouts operated much better than the commercial ones.

Now fill out the required forms, call me for the judging and Verification and you are home free!

Good Luck Go for it - and remember I am here to assist you.



**Scenes from the
Finger Lakes
Live Steamers**

**Location of the
Next LSD Event –
*The Summer Picnic***

Photos by John Ting



Future 2011 Lakeshores Division Events

Summer Picnic – July 23

Fall Meet – LV Day – Shortsville, NY

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