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Next Lakeshores Division Meet – January 19, 2013, Auburn, NY



Second Place Photo by Bruce Shepard at the LSD Meet in Medina, NY, September 29, 2012.

News from the Division Superintendent - *by Ray Howard*

The Model Railroads of Gordon Spalty - *by Gordon Spalty*

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News from the LSD "Super"

Nice crisp, cool days... Hope all of you will be finding more time to spend with the hobby as well.

Upcoming events: The LSD will have two tables for a Modelers Corner at the RIT Train Show December 8 & 9. Stop in and say hello, or even better, there may be room for a few more members to help man the tables and show off some modeling techniques (and talk to prospective members). Let me know if you are interested in helping. The LSD will also be holding a combined Winter Meet in Auburn with the CNY Division, Saturday, January 19. Look for more specifics in the next issue!

Some news from National Office:

About half of the money needed to meet **the "matching gift" to the "The Magic of Scale Model Railroading" exhibit** at the California State Railroad Museum has been raised. An anonymous donor has offered to put \$250,000 of his own money into the Exhibit if we can raise a matching amount. No NMRA dues money is being used to fund this project.

The newly formed **NMRA Marketing Department is working with Amtrak stations** in major cities to get modular layouts placed there in an effort to raise awareness of our hobby.

The **NMRA website** is undergoing a facelift and update under the direction of our new IT Director, Ben Sevier, and his web team. Members should see the changes sometime within the coming year.

As part of an effort to improve communications with members, and specifically those who don't receive *NMRA Magazine*, the **NMRA leadership team is discussing adding an "eBulletin"** – a short, concise emailed newsletter which will list NMRA news, announcements, and other important information.

The Executive Handbook and By-Laws Committee is currently working diligently to **simplify and shorten both of those documents**, making it easier to understand the organization and how it's run.

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The Model Railroads of Gordon Spalty

Text by Gordon Spalty Photos by Bruce Shepard (unless noted)

The Maine and Western is loosely based on the Maine Central RR Mountain Division from Portland, ME. up through Crawford Notch, NH. The rest of the M&W is based on the St. Johnsbury and Lake Champlain RR through St. Johnsbury, Vt. to St. Albans, VT. The original prototype route was the Portland and Ogdensburg RR dating back to the 1800's. The P. & O. (remember this) railroad was envisioned as an inland Great Lakes port at Ogdensburg bypassing the St. Lawrence River. Things being what they are the original P&O ended up under Maine Central control and the St. J ended up under Boston & Maine control. The MEC and B&M used joint management until 1953 the year I model. In my imagination the M&W, B&M and Mec are all under the same management so you'll see all three railroads represented on my layout.

The Portage Oneida Railroad (P.O.) is based on the Maine twofooter railroad Bridgton and Saco River Railroad. This railroad connected to the Maine Central at Hiram, ME... also know as Bridgton Junction. Bridgton Junction is now Portage Junction on my little railroad. This was only going to be a ten foot module which took on a life of it's own as they say. So that's the story of the two railroads.



The Portage Oneida sometimes had to use two locomotives to be sure one was still operating when the little train reached Portage.



Above: Old man Tarve's old pick up truck is still going strong.

Below: The twofooter P.O. train passing Tarve Boats leaving South Oneida.





Above: Heading home past the tiny Sandy Creek station.

Below: Maine and Western 1309 waiting by Higbe Farm Supply for a clear signal.

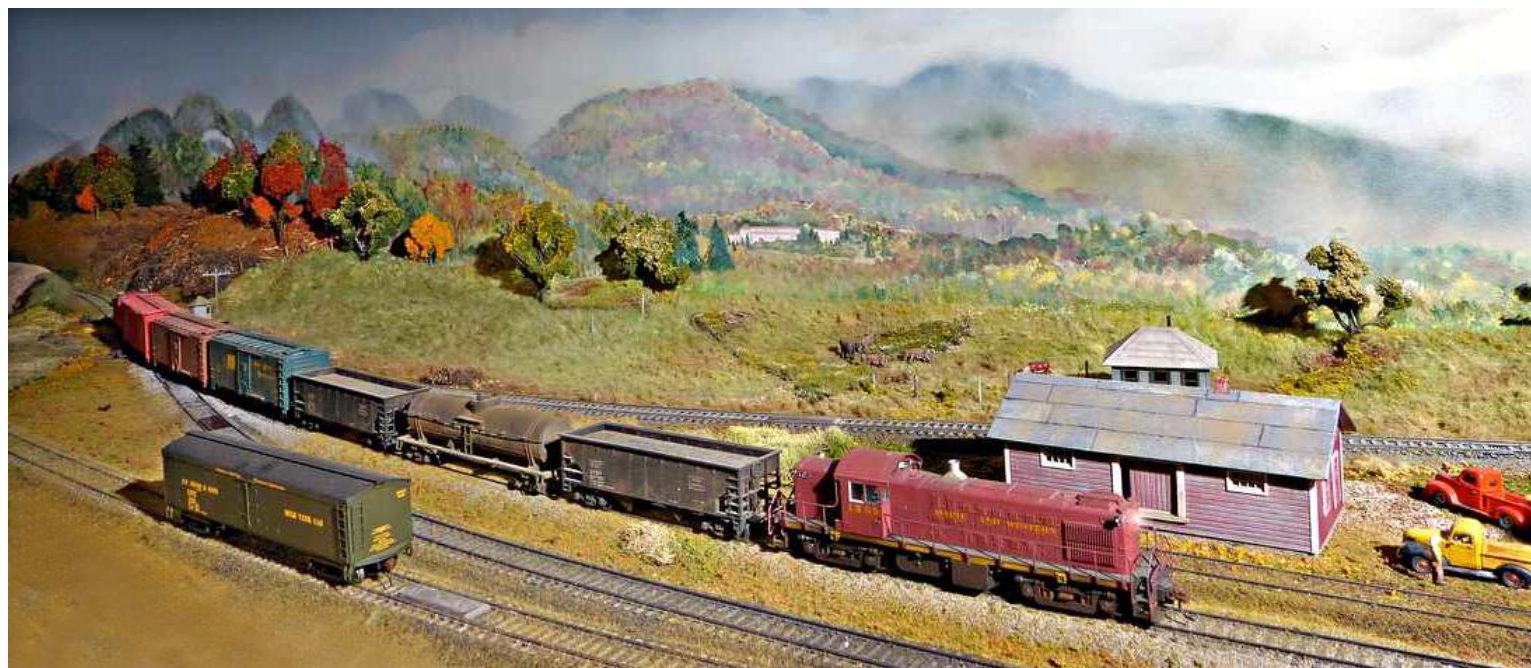
Note: Higbe only spruces up the part of their building the customer sees.





Above: M&W Alco RS1 smokes it up advancing the throttle upon Getting a clear signal to pass the diamond at Quebec Junction.

Below: A pastoral scene at Quebec Junction on the Maine and Western RR.



**Below: M&W doodlebug about to cross Quebec Junction.
Photo by Gordon Spalty.**



**Above: The quiet resort hamlet of South Oneida on the two foot narrow gauge Portage Oneida RR.
Photo by Gordon Spalty.**

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Next LSD Meet

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Auburn, NY