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Next Lakeshores Division Meet – September 29, 2012 – Medina, NY



Model railroad at the Medina, NY Railroad Museum, site of the next Lakeshores Division Meet September 29.

LSD 2012 Summer Picnic – July 29

The New York Museum of Transportation

News from the Division Superintendent *by Ray Howard*

Scenic Express Supersage Tree Kit *by Richard Senges, MMR*

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News from the LSD "Super"

First of all this month, congratulations to Leo Adamski and Harold Russell for the article "Railroad Supply Shed" published in the July **NMRA Magazine**. Great to see our members getting published in the National Magazine!

Next.... **Don't forget to sign up** for this year's Division Picnic out at the NYMT and R&GV RR Museums. I need to let the museums know how many will be coming very soon. More information about it is on page 3 of this newsletter.

Some news from National for you:

The Ballot Committee has met and issued the official results of the national election from this spring. The results are:

President: Charlie W. Getz, IV, HLM
VP – Administration: Dave Thorton
VP – Special Projects: Bill Kaufman
Eastern District Director: John Roberts, MMR, HLM
Pacific District Director: Mike Bartlett
At-Large North American Director: Mike Hale, MMR

The NMRA has revisited its corporate status and has incorporated in the State of Missouri. One of the driving factors was to enable the Board to conduct electronic meetings (a practice not allowed in the State of Ohio, where the NMRA was formerly incorporated). This lets the Board vote on matters of significance in the time between the winter and summer meetings. The move also provides the proper opportunity to revisit the regulations (bylaws) as we update them to satisfy the Missouri Corporate requirements.

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Lakeshores Division, NFR, NMRA Summer Picnic, Sunday July 29, 2012

Location:

New York Museum of Transportation

6393 East River Rd. Rush, NY

Take I-390 to Exit 11, Rt. 251

Go West on Rt. 251 to E. River Road

Turn North, travel 1.5 Miles to NYMT on Left

This event will be held on a normal operating day of both the New York Museum of Transportation and The Rochester and Genesee Valley Railroad Museum. NMRA Members and their guests will each pay the normal admission to the museum (\$7 Adults, \$6 Seniors, \$5 Students). This one fee covers the admission to both museums, trolley and track car rides.

(More information: <http://nymtmuseum.org/> and, <http://www.rgvrrm.org/>)

Here's how it will work:

1. Museum hours are from 11AM to 5PM.
2. Park and enter at the New York Museum of Transportation. After you enter the museum, please go to the "Spaghetti Warehouse Trolley" to register with the LSD at a table near the trolley. We will have a "donations" jar at the registration to pay any costs we will have for the day. Any extra money will be donated to the museums after our costs have been paid.
3. You will need to bring your own meal: meat, side dishes, non-alcoholic beverages, and table service. We will have a charcoal grill(s) set up for your use for the picnic.
4. We plan on eating around 12:30PM and will have a short meeting at the end of the meal. Bring a model to share for "Modelers Showcase" (Show and Tell)
5. We will taking the 2PM Trolley to Midway Station and then track cars to the R&GV RR Museum.
6. At the R&GV RR Museum we will be treated to a tour of the renovation building. A wonderful chance to see up close the work being done to restore and preserve history.

Please let me know if you are coming to the picnic and **how many** will attend by **July 22, 2012**. (We need to know for both our needs and to let the museums know how many will attend. Thank you!) You may contact me at the email address below (preferred) or call me at: 315-789-4801.

For more information contact: Ray Howard at superintendent@lakeshoresdivision.org

Scenic Express Supersage Tree Kit

by Richard Senges, MMR

Some time ago I received the a *Scenic Express* (www.scenicexpress.com) catalog. And there it was – a new concept in making deciduous trees. I had to try it.

It was the *Scenic Express Supersage Tree Kit*– with directions and all the goodies needed to make some Supersage (not *Supertrees*) trees.

What it appeared to be from the ad is trees with the trunk of sagebrush and the top of the *Scenic Express Supertree* material.

I ordered the kit (*see insert for contents*) and proceeded to read the directions - a novel experience. Then I proceeded to make eight trees.

At first I actually followed the directions by using the *Zap a-dap-a Goo II* (made by *Pacer Technology*) glue provided. This is the only thing in the kit that I was not familiar with. It looks just like *Goop* made by *Eclectic Products*, a clear contact adhesive and sealant.

The directions call for trimming the sagebrush and then gluing pieces of the *Supertree* material on to the branches of the sagebrush. I tried this using a butt joint, but things didn't work that well. So I resorted to overlapping the *Supertree* small branch with the branch of the sagebrush tree material. This worked much better.

The only problem with working with this stuff is when you coat both surfaces and then wait 2 minutes for it to get tacky and press

together, it is still not cured as is *Superglue*. So you must set it aside to dry somewhat. I covered the glue on the overlapped branches with some powder, the same powder that I used to darkened the *Supertree* material branches.

I also tried using white tacky glue which in some areas appeared to work better. Some may have more luck using *Superglue* for this application. Anyhow, when the branches were glued on , I let the eight trees dry for a day or two.

The next step was to spray the tree foliage material with the supplied acrylic matte medium mixed with water. I used hair spray instead which went very quickly. The hair spray glued the foam on fine. Then I added a slight bit of paper flock. And finally gave it another shot of hair spray. See the images of the eight finished trees on the next pages.

Scenic Express Supersage Tree Kit

6 – 8 sagebrush tree armatures (various sizes)
Supertree material
Zap a-dap-a Goo II glue
 Acrylic Matt Medium – small amount
 Four self-closing tweezers
 Spray bottle
Scenic Express foam – light green – 12 oz.
Scenic Express foam – dark green – 12 oz.
 Nock flock – red leaves – 50 gram box
 Nock flock – green flock - 50 gram box
 Misc. flocking material
 Color instruction booklet





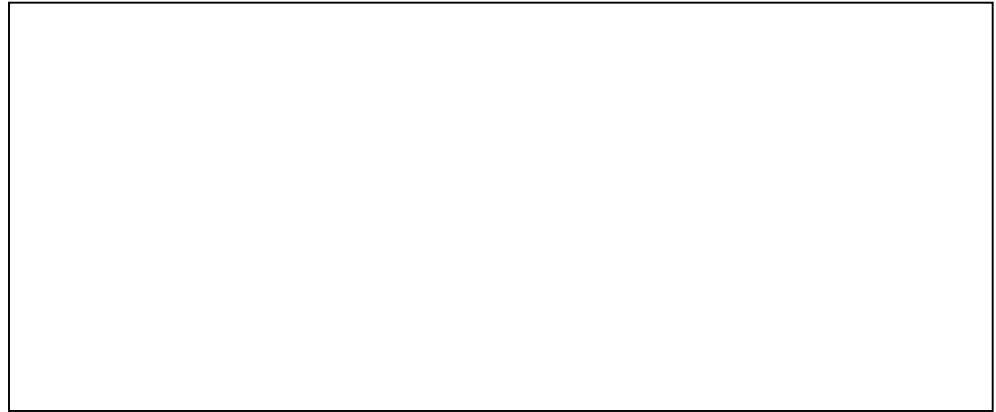
**Scenes from the New York Museum of Transportation
Location of the Lakeshores Division Picnic – July 29th**



**Don't forget the
Lakeshores Division Picnic
July 29, 2012**



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Medina Railroad Museum