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Model Railroad

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News from the LSD "Super"

Hey! It's a brand new year! Hope all of you have some great dreams for your model railroads, and plenty of time to get it done!

Last issue I challenged you tell me what the significance of the #1962 is on our Lakeshores Division Logo is. Dave Coon was the first to correctly point out that the Lakeshores Division became a division of the Niagara Frontier Region of the NMRA in 1962. It was March 4, 1962 to be exact. The minutes of that first meeting of the division are found later in this newsletter. Have fun reading them! (I did!)

Counting on my finger (and toes) I figured out that 2012 is our 50th year of being a division. We hope to celebrate our Gold Anniversary with some great activities this year. The first group of planned activities is some operating sessions for the month of February. There seemed to be quite a bit of interest in this at the last Meet when Ned Spiller, MMR gave a clinic on operations. Information about these activities is found later in this issue.

Some other items of interest for this year are:

Niagara Frontier Region Convention, Sudbury Saturday Night Express, April 27, 28, & 29, in Sudbury, Ontario, Canada. Information about the Convention is found here: <http://www.nfr-nmra.org/>

Northeast Region NMRA Convention, Empire Junction 2012, September 6 – 9, 2012, Syracuse, NY. Hosted by the Central New York Division of the NER.

Be sure to check out the calendar of hobby events on our website: <http://www.lakeshoresdivision.org/> Lots of items of interest for you.

As always, we are looking for interesting and helpful clinics and presentations for our membership. If you have ideas, send them along to me. We can't provide you with great Meets and activities if we don't know what you want! Remember it is your Division!

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The Lakeshores Division

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Celebrates its 50th Anniversary

1962 - 2012

What follows on Pages 4 and 5 are the Minutes from the Organizational Meeting of our Lakeshores Division Chapter.

While searching for some other info, I stumbled upon a notebook filled with the minutes from our early meets. I also realized at that time we are now celebrating our 50th year as an NMRA Division. Certainly a milestone!

I am honored to be your Superintendent, and will do my best to get us started on the journey of the next 50 years!

Also, check out new website below.

Ray Howard

Superintendent
Lakeshores Division

Lakeshores Division Website: <http://www.lakeshoresdivision.org/>

March 4, 1962

Meeting of the LAKE SHORES DIVISION of the
Niagara Frontier Region

H. R. Loveless of host club Kodak City Model RR Club opened proceedings at 2:19 pm at the Kodak Club rooms, 49 South Avenue, Rochester. New York. There were approximately thirty-four (34) prospective members present.

“Pete” introduced Harold Russell Sr. as temporary chairman in lieu of chairman Harold Jr.’s business trip to California. Bob Gullo was asked to record the proceedings for this first meeting.

The Purpose was defined: This is to be primarily a SOCIAL organization. Such topics as picnics, club visitations, dinners, movie nights, and one-day-type social activities were discussed as possible topics of future meetings.

Ed Van Leer, Rochester, suggested a railroad movie night at Dryden theater which has a fabulous archives including many antique railroad documentaries.

Gene Houde, Auburn Chairman, mentioned the possibility of a picnic on Owasco lake with a visit to the Auburn Club’s layout at the museum.

MEETINGS: It was decided by a show of hands that two (2) per year is a sufficient number. The times: mid-summer and mid-winter were chosen so as to fully round out the social year for the model railroader.

Next: Pete Loveless gave a description of some of the events which W.O.D. uses in fostering their social gathering.

DUES: There shall be no dues. Fran Brown, Walworth, outlined the idea of a nominal charge – 50¢ per meeting – to cover mailing and coffee costs. He also suggested a CLINIC as a prospective agenda for a mid-winter meeting. A well detailed map of New York State (I

wonder where we got it) was presented outlining NFR and the NEW Division which measures 140 by 50 miles.

At this time a letter from one Henry F. O'Meara, signifying his interest but inability to attend, was introduced and turned over to the presiding clerk.

At this time Chairman Russell entertained a motion that the NAME of the new division be discussed. A poll of the delegation produced these choices: 1. Eastern County Division, 2. Lake Shore Division, 3. Central New York, 4. Genesee Division, 5. Finger Lakes Division. Numbers 2 and 5 shared the majority vote. But since Lake Ontario's shore was included, with the Finger Lake's it was decided to change Lake Shore to Lake Shores Division. This name was heartily endorsed by all.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS. There shall be two (2): Superintendent and Chief Clerk.

Nominations for Super: Cy Fargo, Bob Gullo, Art Loomis. Cy Fargo elected. For Clerk: Bob Gullo, elected.

The last item discussed was age limit. After a short discussion, it was decided that in keeping with the thinking of the National Association, that age was no problem.

John Shaffer, Rochester, made a motion for adjournment, seconded by Keith Doan, Rochester. Adjourned 3:21 pm.

Following the meeting, coffee and doughnuts were served by the Mrs. Christensen, Cox, Houde, Laitenberger, and Loveless.

Respectfully submitted,

Robert A. Gullo, Chief Clerk

The NMRA's Achievement Program Master Builder - Motive Power

by Harold Russell, MMR

The following is a synopsis of information found on the NMRA's web site with my comments added. The requirements for the Master Builder - Motive Power Achievement Award at first appear difficult but they are not impossible. I will give you some hints to make this easier.

To obtain this achievement certificate you must build three scale models of railroad motive power one of which must be scratch built. All models must be super detailed. All three models must be judged and be awarded a merit award. At first you might visualize having to make a brass steam locomotive and tender. Not so. Let's look at these requirements more closely.

Motive Power

This can be anything from a steam or diesel locomotive to a track car that is capable of self propulsion on track. This includes traction models. If you are thinking of building a small model to get by this easily, remember that the model is judged on a matrix whereby complexity is considered along with quality. The more of each the better. Consider building a model that is within your realm of tooling and talents.

Scratch Built

NMRA says "This term implies that the modeler has done all the necessary layout and fabrication that produces the final dimensions, appearance and operating qualities of the prototype." "*Completely scratch* built means that 90% of the model has been scratch built."

To be considered in this category a steam locomotive must have its frame, boiler, cab, valve gear or main and side driving rods; tender frame and body, scratch built by you. Other types of motive power must have its body, frame, cab, power truck side frame, pantograph or trolley poles scratch built by you.

The following are excluded from the scratch-built category: Motor, gears, drivers, wheels, couplers, light bulbs, electronics, trucks, paint, decals, bell, marker and classification lights, brake fittings, basic shapes of wood, metal, plastic. However, if you choose to fabricate any of these, you can earn bonus points in the judging.

One model to consider is a gas-electric car. Points can be easily obtained by having a fully detailed interior and underbody. A 'galloping goose' might appeal to you.

Super Detailed

Quoting from the NMRA's definitions "To be considered "super detailed" it is necessary that the model have considerably more detail of excellent quality than is usually expected." The quality of the detail is more important than is the quantity." "Real individual craftsmanship should be demonstrated."

The following models may be considered as super detailed:

Cross-kits, modified kits, parts built, and extensively altered assembled models e.g. to a different prototype.

Judging

Your three motive power models must score at least 87 1/2 points in a NMRA contest or separate individual Merit Award judging. Call me at 585-427-9159 or E-mail at haroldrussell@juno.com if you want your models judged. I am willing to travel within the Lake Shores Division's territory to do this. If a model is to be judged at a LSD meet, some advance notice would be best.

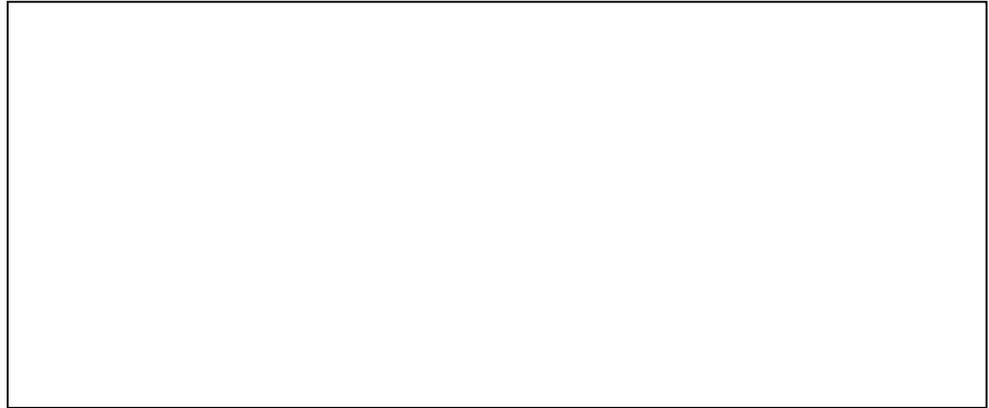
Some tips for a model to be judged. This will be done by NMRA standards looking at construction, conformity, detail, finish & lettering, and degree of scratch building. To increase the model's chances, it is best that it be weathered and have good degree of scratch building. A model does not have to be specifically built to qualify. In many cases taking a model from the layout, upgrading it and weathering it will suffice. There is nothing in the requirements that say the models have to be in the same scale.

Application Process

The last step is to fill out NMRA's Record and Validation, and their Statement of Qualification forms. (These forms are available from NMRA'S web site or I can send them to you.) You may want to include photographs of the models but it is not required. They may be asked for however. Be careful not to overdo all the documentation as too much can be worse than too little.

The next step is to send all the "paper work" to me. I will scan it and transmit it to the NFR's Achievement Chairman, Peter Nesbitt, in Ottawa who will inspect and approve it. He then will forward it to the National. In due time you will receive your certificate.

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LSD Winter Operations Events!

We have arranged two separate days of Model railroad operations for our division members during the month of February. If you are interested in having some fun operating on either of these two beautiful layouts, contact the host as listed below. Remember, it is on a "first come, first served" basis.

Session #1:

Operations on Ned Spiller's Danby, Ludlow, & Springfield HO Scale Model Railroad.

Date: Saturday, February 11, 2012

Time: 1:00PM to 5:00PM

Number of openings for Operators - 5.

To get on the list, contact Ned Spiller.

Email: espiller@frontiernet.net

Telephone: 607- 569- 3428

Session #2

Operations on Ron Stacey's Rondemont & West Shore HO Scale Model Railroad.

Date: Saturday, February 25, 2012

Time: 9:30am – 12:30pm

Number of openings for Operators - 8.

To get on the list, contact Ron Stacy.

Telephone: 585- 385- 2637

Both Ned and Ron have said if there are more people than they can have at an operating event interested, they would be willing to schedule another one.