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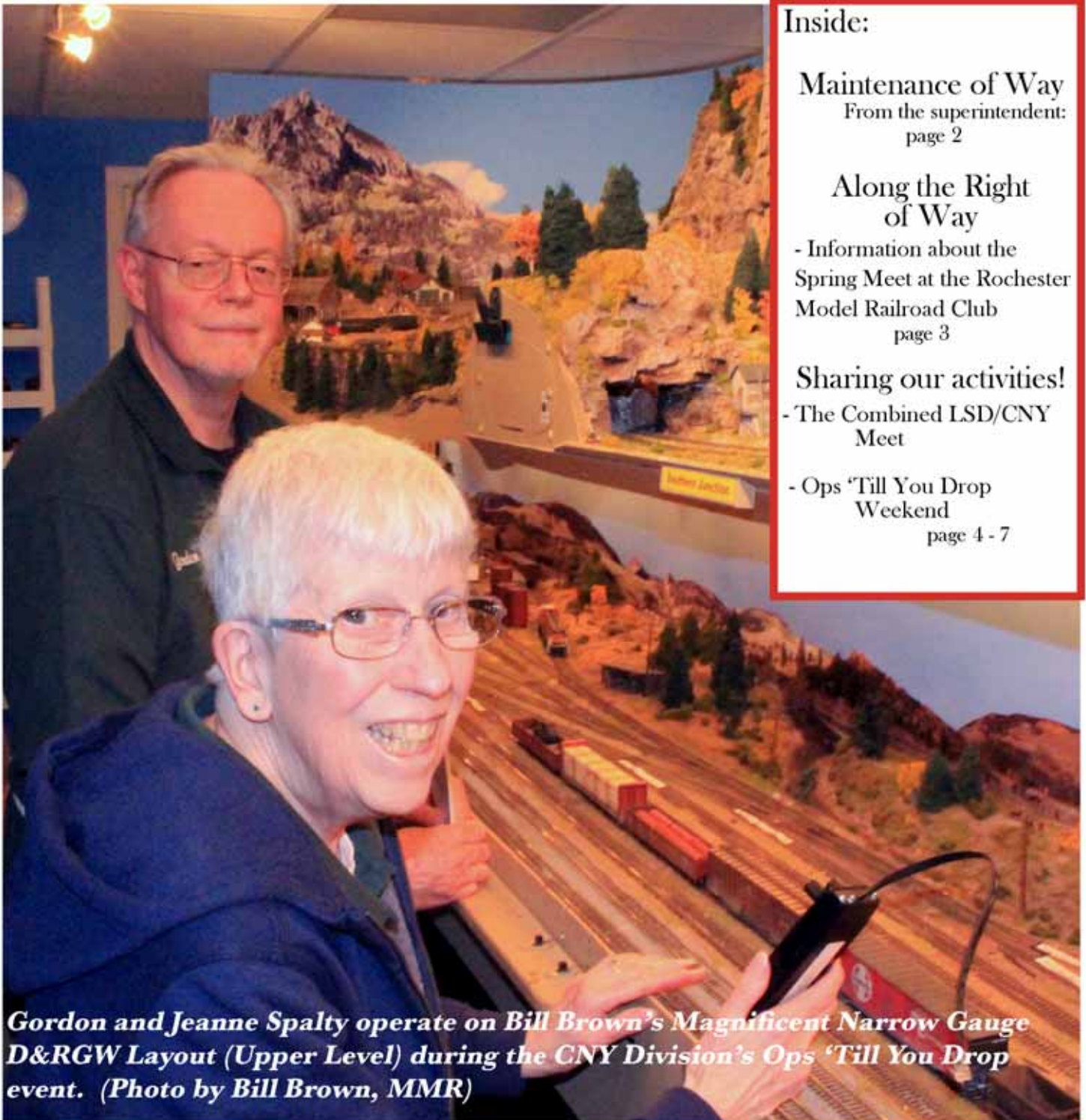
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***Gordon and Jeanne Spalty operate on Bill Brown's Magnificent Narrow Gauge D&RGW Layout (Upper Level) during the CNY Division's Ops 'Till You Drop event. (Photo by Bill Brown, MMR)***

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# Maintenance of Way

### From the Superintendent:

It was good to see so many of you at the Combined LSD - CNY Meet in Auburn, NY. It was a fun and productive day!

My thanks to NFR President Richard Hatton for driving all the way down from the Toronto area to be with us to celebrate the move from the NFR to the NER.

Your officers are busy in the midst of a lot of changes as the Division completes the move to the NER. I am now a member of a Division President/Superintendent's group that is working on several objectives for our Divisions for growth. These are: Visibility, Value, Education, Members, and Fun! Some Strategies to achieve these objectives include: Strong Fundamentals, The Annual Convention, The Coupler Newsletter (Region), The Website, Outreach & Membership, and Division Training & Leadership. Several of these strategies for success are already underway here in the LSD. You'll be hearing more about this in future Newsletters. The Goal?

*"By 2021, the Northeastern Region will be the biggest, baddest, and best NMRA region in the world."*

The LSD will hold a Spring Meet on **Saturday, June 3rd**. Save the date! More information is on the next page.

**Hope to see you soon!**



# *Along The Right of Way....*

## **Lakeshores Division, NER, NMRA Spring Meet Saturday, June 3rd.**

### **Location:**

**First Universalist Church  
150 South Clinton Ave (corner of Court Street)  
Rochester, NY 14604**

**This Meet is being hosted by our friends at the Rochester Model Railroad Club, The Seneca Valley Lines.**

**Meet and Greet will start at 8:30AM with program starting at 9:00AM.**

**Election of officers will be held and a great program for the day is already shaping up. There is plenty of parking close by the church within easy walking distance.**

**Hope to see a lot of you in attendance!**



We are pleased to announce that Ned Spiller, MMR has accepted the position of Achievement Program Chairman for the Lakeshores Division. Ned has been getting up to speed on running the program for our division and we are looking forward to once again having an AP person to work with us on the Achievement Program. Ned will report to Bill Brown, MMR who is the AP Chairman for the Northeastern Region.

Our thanks once again to Harold Russell who for many, many years chaired this Program in the LSD.

If you have not considered using the program, check it out. I can say that my own modeling skills have increased greatly since Harold got me involved in the program many years ago!

## **Lakeshores Division is still..... Lakeshores Division!**

We are now known as Lakeshores Division, Division #15 of the NorthEastern Region!

We are in the midst of getting everything up to speed with our new Region. Ed O'Connell is busy getting our new website up and running. The website will be hosted at the NER Website and will be open soon. I have spent some time with various people and committees getting to know what we will be involved in and how to best get our division into the mainstream of the new Region.

To give you a better idea of the Region as a whole, I have included a map showing all the Divisions in the NorthEastern Region.



## **Rails to the Gilded Age 2017 NER Convention**

To be held in Newport, Rhode Island from November 9-12, 2017. Newport, famous for its mansions and fine dining, is also home to a rich marine and rail history. Do not miss what will be another fantastic NER Convention brought to you by the Little Rhody Division.

For more information go to: <http://www.newport2017.org>

We hope the division will be well represented. Several of our members have attended previous NER Conventions and have enjoyed them immensely!

## Highlights of the Combined Late Winter Meet in Auburn. The LSD with the CNY Division.

Ray Howard gave a clinic on modeling rock strata found in the Finger Lakes Region.



How to get from this:



To This:

A Popular Choice Photo and Model Contest was held. The three categories that had entries were:

**Kit/Kitbash model** - 1st. place, Richard Hatton  
2nd. place tie, Nick McGinnis and Martin Collard  
3rd. place, Charlie Romanick

*First Place Model*

**Prototype Photo** - 1st. place, Ray Howard  
2nd. Place, James D'Amarco  
3rd. place, Bill Brown

**Model Photo** - 1st. place, Ray Howard  
2nd. place, Bob Verkuyll  
3rd. place, Bill brown



*First Place Prototype Photo*



*Above, Richard Hatton's "Oatman's"*

*At Left, Ray Howard's "Rockville Bridge"*

*First Place Model Photo*



*Ray Howard's  
"Under the Bridge"*

## Bill Brown's Clinic "Realistic Rock Finishing in Four Easy Steps"



(Photo by Ed Olszewski)

Some other photos from the morning session of the  
Combined LSD/NER Meet in Auburn, NY.



**Fourth Annual “Ops ‘til You drop” weekend in the CNY Division a Big Success!**  
(from Bill Brown, MMR)

*(Several members of the Lakeshores Division traveled to the Syracuse Area to participate.)*

The fourth annual “Ops til You Drop” Weekend of The CNY Division proved to be the biggest and best so far, and a smash hit among the record number of participants. Forty eight rail enthusiasts traveled from all over the eastern United States and Canada on April 1st and 2nd to run trains on seven spectacular layouts in the Syracuse and Utica NY area. Extremely favorable guest comments indicate that a great time was had by all.

Each person experienced 10.5 hours of operating time over their choice of 3 of the 7 layouts available. The railroads offered represented eras between 1910 and present day, from the Pacific Northwest to The Colorado Rockies to The Northeastern US, in all seasons from lush summer greenery to spectacular fall color to blustery winter. Several of the layouts have had feature writeups in national hobby magazines.

Saturday proved to be a long day of two sessions with another on Sunday after a lively breakfast at a tasty local buffet. I think the event has become very popular due to it’s affordability (\$10), but mostly because of the great comradery that has developed between participants and CNY Division hosts.

The weekend of April 28/29, 2018 has already been established for next years’ event. We have the possibility of adding 3 additional layouts for next year bringing the total to 10. If that materializes it will serve to help the event continue to grow.



**Editors note...**

**This was my first year attending, and I assure you it won't be my last! This is a great event and is one more way to gain from being a member.**

**Photos by Bill Brown**



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