

February 23, 2019 Event Reminder

The division event will be held at the Bridgeworks Enterprise Center located at 905 Harrison St. Allentown, PA 18013. Parking is available along Harrison Street and in the parking lot located at the East end of the Building. Walk up the ramp under the water tower to enter the building and go through the lobby and down the hall to Room 120.

Meeting Agenda

9:00am-9:30am	Greetings and Refreshments
9:30am-10:15am	Division Business Meeting
10:15am-10:30am	Break
10:30am-11:30am	Presentation: "Montgomery County Trolleys" by Mike Szilagyi
11:30am-12:00pm	Model Showcase
12:00pm	Lunch on your own
1:00pm-4pm	Local Model Railroad Tours (See Below for additional details)
1:00pm-4pm	ATMA Spring Thaw Event at the Allentown Fairgrounds

Featured Railroads

The Lehigh & Keystone Valley Model Railroad Museum 4,000 sq. ft. layout models the Lehigh Valley, Reading and the CNJ Railroads. The double decked layout features several prototypical areas of the three railroads and covers dates ranging from 1950 to 1976. The Railroad was featured in the September 2013 issue of Model Railroader and the railroad's upper level is currently under renovation to incorporate the Borough of Mauch Chunk.

Jim Hertzog's Reading Shamokin Division models the operation between Tamaqua and Shamokin PA in the steam to diesel transition era (specifically 1952-1957). Featured in the November 2018 edition of Model Railroader, the double track mainline handles large amounts coal and also interchanges freight with the Lehigh & New England, Pennsylvania and Jersey Central railroads. The focal point of the railroad is the steep 2.6% Locust Summit grade which requires steam helpers operating out of Gordon, PA. The railroad DCC was also recently transitioned from Lenz to wireless NCE.

Larry Reynolds' Pennsylvania Railroad "Altoona District" railroad models the Huntingdon to Tunnelhill PA area. The layout was featured in both the August 2010 Model Railroader and the December 2005 issue of the Railmodel Journal. Featuring a four track mainline that is completely signaled and has yards representing Altoona and Tyrone, the railroad also includes Horseshoe Curve and the Bald Eagle Branch. Set in roughly 1953 both steam and first generation diesels and featured. Train movements are controlled by a remote dispatcher and the tour will feature an active operating session using a partial crew so that visitors can observe the railroad in action.

Scott Unger's Pennsylvania Division of the Chessie System set in 1974 that is still very much under construction. The double deck railroad models the Butler, PA to DuBois, PA portion of what was the Buffalo Division of the B&O. The railroad features a blend of first and second generation diesels as well as rolling stock and motive power of the recently merged Western Maryland, B&O and C&O. Traffic is interchanged with the Bessemer and Lake Erie and the Penn Central with the Erie Lackawanna making a limited appearance via trackage rights from Salamanca, NY to DuBois.

Addresses for the local railroads and restaurant suggestions will be distributed at the event.