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Lancaster to be host

The South Penn Model Railroad Club in Lancaster, Pa. will be the host for Division 11's Fall/Winter meet. Many of the plans are tentative at the time of writing, but should be finalized by the time you read this.

The date will be Saturday, December 4, 1993 at the club's quarters: 139 Nevin St., Lancaster, Pa. from 10 am to 4 pm. Activities will include; clinics, Favorite Model, Favorite Train, "White Elephant" table and videos.

There are two clinics planned right now. Leo Racine will present a clinic on Soldering and Dave Arculin will present a clinic on Remotoring an Engine.

A VCR and TV will be available for showing favorite videos and if you have trains(HO) you would like to run, bring it along and run it on the South Penn club layout.

A steak/sub shop and a sit down restaurant are withing walking distance of the club. Parking will be about 1/2 block away. Maps will be sent out in the October newsletter.

Coffee, tea, doughnuts and light refreshments will be available at the club throughout the day.

Sounds like this will be a fun meet so mark your calenders now and we'll see you in Lancaster. The October newsletter will have the final update in it.

Manheim meet results

If you missed the Division meet on June 5, 1993 at the Steigel Valley Model Railroad club in Manheim, then you missed a great time. The rain did not dampen the mood or the activities. The layout ran smoothly and so did the meet. There were two clinics, videos, Favorite Model contest, Favorite Train contest, Division meeting, officer elections and a freight car raffle. Unfortunately, no one entered the Favorite Train contest. There was even an operating trolley layout - 12" to the foot scale! The Division grew by 13 new members, welcome aboard to all of them.

Tom Lowry did a great job presenting two very well prepared clinics on scenery and stone work for structures. Evidence of Tom's work can be seen on the club layout. Tom gave away his secrets for award winning structures at the structure clinic. It was great. By the time you get this newsletter, the N.M.R.A. convention in Valley Forge will be over so we hope you caught his clinic thereif you missed it at Manheim. he completed his requirements for the A.P. award for structures at this meet. Congratulations Tom.

The Favorite Model contest had 12 entries and the winners were selected by popular vote: 1st Place - Dave Yoder - HO Reading U30-C, 2nd Place - Tony Sergo - HO Proto Mfg. Co., 3rd Place - Dan Longenecker - HO Reading crane and 4th Place went to Tony

Sergo - HO Lancaster Jct. Barn. Congratulations to the winners. A "thank you" goes to Bob Charles and Terry Nesbit for doing A.P. judging.

Three freight cars were raffled off at the end of the meet. The lucky winners were; Joe Krepps, Dave Yoder and Dave Cray.

The Brill Birney was running on a short length of track at the station. There was a great job done in restoring it. It's a real shame we couldn't run it for a mile or two. Out hats are off to those involved in its' restoration.

The Division officers and members would like to thank the Steigel Valley Model Railroad Club for opening their doors to us and hosting the meet. Thanks!

Upcoming Events:

December 4, '93: Division Meet, South Penn Model Railroad Club, 139 Nevin St., Lancaster, Pa.

November 24, '93: Conewago Valley Model RR Club Auction, 7pm, New Oxford Firehall, New Oxford, Pa.

Summer '94: Division Meet, Model Railroad Co-op of York, York, Pa.

May 18-21, '95: White Rose '95, M,E,R, Convention, Holiday Inn Holidome, York, Pa.

Election Results

On June 5, 1993, the election of officers for the '93/'94 term of the Susquehanna Division of the Mid-eastern Region of the N.M.R.A. was held at the Division meet at Manheim, Pa. The term of office is for one year. Congratulations to the new officers.

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Manheim Meeting

A short Division meeting was held at the Manheim Meet. Present were: Superintendent Alan Frame, Ass't Superintendent Joe Krepps and Clerk/Paymaster Paul F. Tice. A show of hands indicated that Saturday was preferable to Sunday to hold meets. Valley Forge Chairman Bob Charles gave an update on plans for the convention. Alan Frame thanked the club for hosting the meet. Dues were discussed and become payable as of January 1. Alan asked that if anyone has any ideas on improving our division meet to let the officers know. If space allows, there may be dealer tables at future meets.

Mechanicsburg Update

In the last newsletter, we reported the Favorite Model contest results without having the name of the winner available. To correct that oversight: 1st Place - James Geltrude - HO Debbie's Barbie Factory. Our apologies to James.

White Rose '95

Hello from the Division 11 "White Rose '95 convention committee. We are already hard at work planning a great convention. It will run 4 days, May 18-21, 1995 at the Holiday Inn Holidome in York, Pa., adjacent to the West Manchester Mall. We had to make it 4 days to accommodate all the activities planned. Fantrips are being worked on for Friday and Saturday. The auction is Friday night with a swap meet Saturday and Sunday.

I will try to keep you posted in each issue of the newsletter on the progress of the committee. So mark your '95 calenders as soon as you get one and plan on joining us and maybe even helping.

*Don Yingling, PR Chairman,
White Rose '95*

Easy Working Cab Shades

By Joe Krepps

This is an excerpt from Richard Hunter's great clinic on super-detailing Norfolk Southern diesels given at the Miniature Railroad Club of York.

Have you ever put cab shades on your locomotive, put the engine away and later find the shades were broken because the engine was put on its' side and something heavy was put on top of it? Did you ever wish you could run a multiple unit lashup and have the shades of the leading unit up with the shades of the trailing units down like the prototype?

Richard Hunter, who has done modelwork for real railroads, has a simple solution. By using Detail Associates 1101 metal eyebolt, Detail Associates 1301 cab shades and a little bit of stiff thin wire (thin enough to fit through the eyebolts), you can have working cab shades.

Hold one of the cab shades up against the side of the cab and mark 2 hole for the eyebolts to support the shades. Use a #79 or #80 drill bit to drill the holes. The holes should be close to where the shades will go, but not so close that the eyebolts will be tight against them. Glue the eyebolts in the holes with your favorite brand of "super glue", making sure they are straight up and down. Place a length of wire through them. Glue the shade to the wire. If you get some glue on the eyebolt, work the shade up and down. Once the glue is set, carefully trim the excess wire. If you are adding the shades to an already painted loco, be sure to put a dab of paint on the eyebolts, if the glue doesn't hold the shade up.

You could cut your own shades out of styrene to match your particular prototype. For example: cab shades on ALCO FA's and PA's are rectangular. Steam engines may require some research.

(Alternate method (for fellow klutz's like me): glue the shade to the wire, glue one eyebolt into the cab, slide the shade/wire through the mounted eyebolt, slide the second eyebolt onto the other end of the wire, glue the second eyebolt in place, trim excess wire from both ends.)

Meet sites needed

Do you know of a place where we can hold Division meets? Can you help us with any information on clubs/organizations north of Harrisburg? Your officers are open to any suggestions. Please feel free to contact us. Thanks!

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