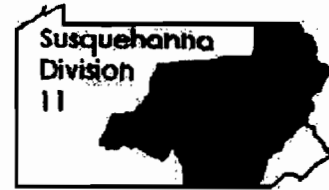


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I hope you had a great holiday season! Hopefully you had time to visit some of the local model railroad clubs open houses over the past few months.

I would like to thank Nick Kulp for hosting the division meet in October. For those of you who missed it, Nick's railroad is a good size HO scale railroad and he is into operations. He has several operating sessions a year. The railroad is controlled by CTC and has remote turnout control using by the JMRI software tools on his computer. The JMRI set of tools includes Decoder Pro, which is a program that let's you program your DCC decoders and then save these settings to a file. This software is freeware and can be downloaded from <http://jmri.sourceforge.net>.

If you haven't attended a division meet lately, your missing out on the fun!

## Division Officer Elections

It's time once again to elect a new Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Clerk/Paymaster. Brian and Jim will be stepping down from their current positions, so we are looking for someone to step up and take their places. If you would be interested in one of the positions or want to find out more information about these offices, please contact Brian Brandt. His phone number and email address can be found on page 2. Elections will be held in May.

## Next Division Meet Scheduled

The next Division 11 meet is scheduled for Saturday, January 17<sup>th</sup> from 10 AM to 4 PM at the Miniature Railroad Club of York. Make plans now to attend! For more information and directions, please see page 3.

## Downcoming

**Greenberg's Train, Toy and Hobby Show**  
York Expo Center - York, PA  
January 10-11, 2004  
10 AM - 4 PM Sat. & Sun.  
[www.greenbergshows.com](http://www.greenbergshows.com)

**Great Scale Model Train Show**  
Timonium, MD  
January 24-25, 2004  
9 AM - 4 PM Saturday  
10 AM - 4 PM Sunday  
[www.gsmts.com](http://www.gsmts.com)

**Railroad Prototype Modelers**  
Desmond Great Valley Hotel  
Malvern, PA  
March 26-28, 2004  
[phillynmra.org](http://phillynmra.org)

**Three Rivers Transfer**  
Joint MER/MCR  
Spring 2004 Convention  
Pittsburgh, PA  
May 13-16, 2004  
<http://home.comcast.net/~cjperry3/html/convention.html>

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**Submissions:** The Susquehanna Sidetracks welcomes any model railroad or railroad related material. Members are encouraged to send in articles, letters to the editor, reviews, etc.

## Super's Corner - Brian Brandt

Hello All,

I hope that the holiday season has been good for you. It looks like we have a full schedule for the first half of the year. I want to thank Alan, Bruce, and Scott for their work on this.

Now for the business side, we need to have some candidates for the following offices: Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent. We do have our Clerk/Paymaster running again, I hope. Please send me your name and we will put you on the ballot in April. Elections will be held in May, by post card. Results will be posted in June. I do not know if any are going to the joint convention in Pittsburgh, but we haven't heard any information on that yet.

Thanks,  
Brian

## Upcoming Division Events

\* Sunday, April 18, 2004 at 1:30 PM. This will be a joint meet with the PRRT&HS Northern Central Chapter at the Otterbein United Methodist Church, York, PA. John Moyer will be our guest speaker and will provide stories and take questions about the PRR, with special emphasis on the Northern Central Branch. John was the fireman on GG-1 #4876, leading train #173, THE FEDERAL, when it ran away and plowed into Washington Union Station on January 14, 1953. The train crashed through the station's wall, smashed through the stationmaster's office, which was just beyond the end of track 16, demolished the main news stand and was sliding across the concourse toward the waiting room when the floor gave way and the GG1 and two of the cars fell through the floor into the basement baggage room.

\* Saturday, May 15, 2004 at Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad Preservation Society's Muddy Creek Forks, PA station. Tour of the station and property, clinics, section car rides (will need gas money for this - more details to follow). This date currently conflicts with a joint MER/MCR Regional convention in Pittsburgh, PA. So this date might be changing.

More information will be available shortly in the next newsletter. Please contact any of the Division officers if you have any questions.

Susquehanna Division 11 is pleased to announce that the next division meet will be held at the Miniature Railroad Club of York on Saturday, January 17, 2004 from 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. This is an HO scale railroad that fills a 30' by 80' room. The railroad is controlled by DC and features operating block signals, a steel mill, a modern intermodal yard, a coal mine, cog railway, diesel sops and transfer table, rail yards, and much more. There will a clinic or two (details are still being worked out), as well as a short meeting to bring you up to date on the division and NMRA/MER topics as well. Hope to see you there!

**DIRECTIONS:**

381 Wheatfield St., York, PA 17403

**From Harrisburg:**

- Interstate 83 South to Exit 19
- Head West on Market St./PA-462 towards the city of York
- At Harrison St. (where Market St. becomes one way the other way) turn left (South).
- Next traffic light is Princess St. make a right.
- Go to 940 E. Princess St., which is where Wheatfield St. is.
- Turn left (South) to 381 Wheatfield St. on the East side of the street.

**From Lancaster:**

- Take Route 30 West towards York
- Make a left on the Sherman St. exit, which is East of the Harley Davidson Motorcycle plant.
- Cross Market St and turn left at E. Princess St.
- Go to 940 E. Princess and follow Wheatfield to the club.

