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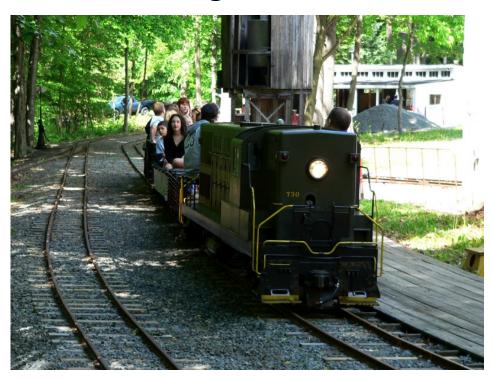


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Division 11 Happenings

Hello all. Another year is coming to an end. We are always looking for ideas for events for next year. So far, I have a possible clinic and layout visit in the Bethlehem, PA, area and a layout visit in the southern York county area. I have been asked in the past why we don't go to XXXXXX to visit layouts... My response is always that if there is a layout there worth visiting, I don't know about it. So, if you know of a layout you'd like to visit, please let me know and we'll try to set something up. Likewise, if you'd be willing to host the division at your layout, let me know and we'd be HAPPY to set something up.

The MER convention is coming up on October 27-30 in Cary, NC. This is a great way to meet fellow modelers, learn from clinics, view home layouts and have a great model railroading weekend. More information can be found on the MER's website at <u>http://www.mer.nmra.org</u> or in "The Local".

If you are in a club (or know of one) that is having an open house during the holidays, please send me a quick e-mail and let me know so I can post a link on our website. You can also visit our website's "Other Events near the Susquehanna Division 11" page to see a listing of open houses you can visit.

While not an official NMRA event, it's worth mentioning that the Model Railroad Open Houses that happen annually in DE-MD-PA-NJ are expanding to the Harrisburg/York area as set up by Jerry Britton. A complete schedule can be found on <u>http://www.modelrailroadopenhouse.com</u> on October 1, and a link will be posted on our website.

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Reading Area Visits - Saturday, October 22, 2011

The division will meet at the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum in Hamburg, PA on Saturday, October 22, 2011 at 10 AM. To get a group rate, we need to meet OUTSIDE the building. Whether or not we get a group rate is dependent on the number of people signing up for this event. We will tour the Museum and take a yard tour (weather permitting). At noon, we will leave and travel to the Reading Society of Model Engineers (RSME) open house in Reading, PA. We will stop along the way for a quick lunch. The RSME is open until 5 PM, so individuals can stay as long as they wish. This event is open to the public, so invite your friends to come along. If we get a group rate, the cost for the museum will be \$3. Otherwise, it will be \$5 (\$4 for seniors). Please RSVP for this event to Jeff Warner via e-mail at jwarner@susquehannanmra.org or by phone at (717) 932-9929 by Friday, October 14th so we can give both organizations an advanced headcount.



The Reading Railroad Heritage Museum is owned and operated by the Reading Company Technical & Historical Society. Visitors can see an exclusive video showcasing the Reading Railroad, exhibits about the influence of the Reading Railroad on society, business, technology, and the environment, and shop in the museum store. Currently, a special exhibit on the Philadelphia & Reading Railroad's role in the civil war is on display.

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The RSME is a model engineering club focusing on all aspects of railroading. It is located on a 25 acre site. The property features outdoor ride-able railroads including the 15" gauge Laurel Run Railroad, a 7.25" and 4.75" gauge live steam railroad. On the second floor of the clubhouse they also have a large "O" scale, "On3" scale, and "O" gauge model railroad.



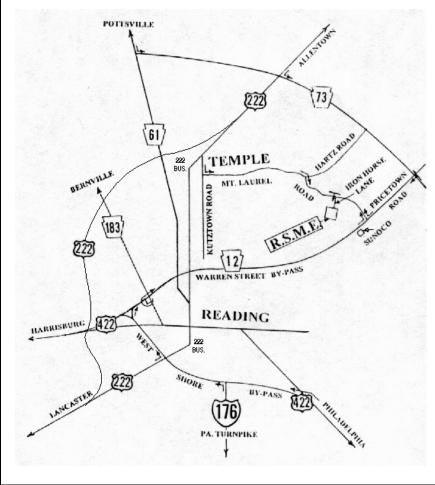
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Reading Railroad Heritage Museum directions

The museum is located at 500 S. Third Street in Hamburg, PA. From Interstate 78 (north of Hamburg): Exit at the PA Route 61 Exit and go SOUTH on PA Route 61. At the first traffic light, (note the Ford dealership on the left) turn LEFT, and continue to bear left onto Fourth Street heading north into the town of Hamburg for a few blocks. At the Valero gas and convenience store, turn left onto Maple Street. Go one block and turn right on Third Street. The Museum is the complex of large brick factory buildings on the left (west side of Third Street). The entrance door is mid-block. Park anywhere along the street where you aren't blocking a driveway.

Lunch directions

Leaving the Museum, we will travel NORTH on PA 61 just past I-78 where there is a variety of fast-food style restaurants available. This is only 5 minutes "out of the way", and provides the best variety of options.



Reading Society of Model Engineers directions

The RSME is located on Iron Horse Lane in Fleetwood, PA. Continue South on PA Route 61, turn left onto PA Route 73 just south of Leesport, turn right onto PA Route 12 at the top of the hill after Blandon, turn right onto Mt. Laurel Rd. (about 3/4 mile from Pa Route 73), turn left onto Iron Horse Lane (about 1/2 mile from PA Route 12).

NOTE: Entering "Iron Horse Lane" in a GPS or Mapquest will NOT get a valid location. Use: "3150 Pricetown Road, Fleetwood, PA" to get to the turn onto Mt Laurel Road from PA Route 12.

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