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Editor's Notes

Hello everyone!

The summer has flown by! I hope you and yours have been able to enjoy it. I was able to make a couple of railfanning trips, as well as attend a Garden State Division meet - more on that elsewhere in this issue - and the N Scale Weekend in Bedford.

We are entering a busy time for model railroading and train-related events. Two Division events in September followed by LSOP in October and November's Open House tours promise opportunities to go see plenty of layouts in action this fall. NKP 765 will also be in our area for part of September. And don't forget the MER Fall Convention October 22-25, hosted by our neighboring New Jersey Division. I plan to be there Friday and Saturday.

If you attended the National in Portland that just wrapped up, please drop me some pix and a brief write-up of your experience for the next issue. As always, contributions from the readership are greatly appreciated.

On a sad note, Ron Parisi passed away recently after a battle with cancer. Ron provided articles for *Sidetracks* in recent years, as well as contributed to our meetings and serving on our BOD. Our condolences go out to his family.

Thanks to Barry for this issue's cover photo, taken during the division event at the Reading RR Historical Museum in July.

Happy modeling!

Ron

Greetings All!

It's September which means we have just four more Division events this year and they are: September 12 all-day series of clinics followed by our annual Board of Directors (BOD) meeting (see article on page 6), September 19 & 20 Mainline Hobby of Blue Ridge Summit weekend layout tours (for details, see page 9), October 2 & 3 LSOP7 - the popular annual operations-till-you-drop program, and ending the year with our grand finale - the three-weekends in November Division-wide layout open house program (see Lee Rainey's article on page 11).

Although not specifically a Division event I encourage you to head east of Philly and just across the Delaware River to Mt Laurel NJ for the October 22-25 MER Delaware Valley Turn Convention. Certainly attending all 4 days may not be possible for some but do try to take advantage of their many clinics, layout open houses, prototype rail activities, and other great model railroading offerings. For more details about the NJ Division hosted convention see the announcement on page 10; or better yet, checkout the convention website at www.delawarevalleyturn.org/. And for those who plan to attend the banquet on Saturday evening let me know - if we can muster enough members I'll reserve a Susquehanna Division table.

September is also time for your Division to begin building our event program for next year. I frequently hear members complain that we lack events in their area. However, every year since I became your Superintendent in 2012 I have asked for suggestions of new events and locations. With the exception of our western contingent I have not received a single specific event recommendation and only two members – 1 from out west and one from Lancaster – has volunteered to help develop new programs. So once again I ask for your suggestions and willingness to help us build your 2016 event program.

On August 16 our Division and the NMRA lost a great modeler, BOD member, and dear friend – Ron Parisi. Ron was a lifelong model railroader, a recognized expert about rail operations in and around the New York City harbor, and winner of many regional and national awards for his exacting scratchbuilt models. One of his specialties was casting intricate parts for his many exceptional models. Ron was nearing the end of his pursuit of NMRA Master Model Railroader. For those of us who marveled at his craftsmanship he will always be remembered as a true Master Model Railroader.

Page 13 presents a copy of our division 2014 Federal Tax Return. Our current Division checkbook balance, as of August 17, 2015, was \$1861.68. Kindly direct questions about Division finances to our Chief Clerk, Paul Tice, P.A. at ptice@susquehannanmra.org.

For those who attended our February event in Mechanicsburg you will recall the great display of scale ship models by members of Task Force 50 – a national model ship building club. On Sunday, August 16, several Division members and an estimated crowd of over 100 attended Task Force 50's 24th annual regatta at Lake Redman just south of York. Dozens of model ships participated in a challenging obstacle course and were also on display - one such group of models is presented in the photo below. Local club President Tom Foller, who led the presentations of display models at our February Model Showcase program, managed the regatta. Tom also entered a floating port model where ships participating in the obstacle course had to enter and depart. Based on his newfound interest in model railroading from our February event, Tom built in just two months an HO Shortline

model on his port module as seen in the second photo below. It was great fun seeing a unique operating session of model ships.

I look forward to seeing you at our September 12 clinic program and extend an invitation for you to also attend our BOD meeting that follows the last clinic. We have several important topics to discuss and vote on, and we welcome your attendance. A copy of our agenda topics is presented on page 7.

Wishing you great modeling!



Task Force 50 Regatta

Photos by Barry Schmitt

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

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Sheldon Morgan
Marc Samuelson
John Spotts
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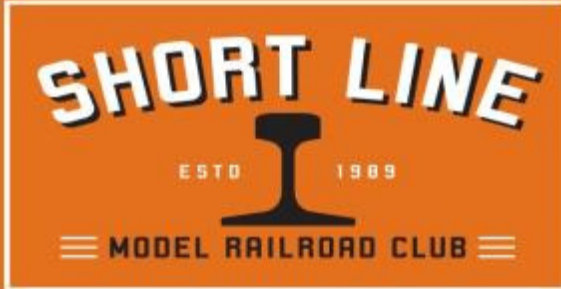
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FINAL CALL – ALL ABOARD!

Train # 9-12 – The Sep 12 All-Day Clinic Program Special - is about to begin its journey!

This is your final call for our Susquehanna Division all-day series of clinics on Saturday, September 12, at the Grandview Methodist Church, 888 Pleasure Road, Lancaster PA. Since the Early Registration train departed on August 27 registration at the sign-in desk will be \$7 for NMRA members and family members and \$10 for non-NMRA members.

A short outline of each clinic, the clinic schedule, and a map to the Grandview Methodist Church are included at the end of this article. Street parking is available as well as extra parking in the Schaefer Elementary School across from the church. However, do not park in the front circular drive of the school – it is a designated fire lane and cars may be towed.

Our program starts at 8:45AM with registration and meet-and-greet. Complimentary coffee, tea, and donuts will be provided. There will be a lunch break from Noon until 1:30PM, and everyone is welcome to brown-bag-it for lunch. For those who prefer dining out, a list of nearby eateries will be available at the registration desk.

The morning introductory program includes our traditional Model Showcase. All are encouraged to bring and display a model or item of your choice. It can be just about any model railroad oriented item and in any scale - your favorite pride-and-joy model, a scenery item, something that has significant meaning to you, a new electronic gizmo or new acquisition, or something you are still building. We only have two rules – it must fit through the door and you are limited to a 5-minute discussion. If you prefer to only display your item and not talk about it that is also OK. Security is not an issue – the display area will be manned throughout the day. Finally, this is not a contest which means everyone can bring and share something. Model Showcase has been very well received so don't be shy - nothing you might bring could be worse than the coal mine mock-ups some guy displayed earlier this year! Hmmm - wonder who that was??

Following the last clinic we will convene our annual Susquehanna Division Board of Directors (BOD) Meeting. All Division members are welcome to attend. The topics to be discussed are below on page 7.

For questions contact Project Officer Rich Wurst at rjwurst@comcast.net or 717-392-5023, or myself at bschmitt@susquehannanmra.org or 717-877-1810.

ALL ABOARD!

Barry Schmitt

Sep 12 Clinic Information

Clinic 1 (10:00 – 10:55 AM): Interchangeable Backdrop Flats by Jody Gontero. Keeping your layout fresh and interesting can be a never ending challenge. In this clinic Jody demonstrates a method to use simple cardstock background flats with a bit of twist to create easily interchangeable background buildings on any layout.

Clinic 2 (11:05 – Noon): No Mess and No Smell Hot-Wire Foam Cutting by Bill Grosse. Bill will explain how he researched, designed, and constructed his unique Hotwire Cutting Table. He will cover required parts and supplies and show how easy it is to construct such a table. His low cost design uses leftovers from around a typical workshop. His table can cut 12" deep and 8" high and any desired length. It also has cutting jigs for making straight or angle edges and circles. It is also handy for free form cutting of unique objects because the wire stays in place and the foam remains steady on the table.

Clinic 3 (1:30 – 2:25 PM): LED Lighting by Mike Prokop. Light up your layout with LEDs. Mike's clinic demonstrates the many types of LED strip lights that are available along with interesting ideas and techniques for using them to illuminate your railroad. If it's new construction or an existing layout, LED lighting can provide an easy and cost effective method that will make your layout shine. Light up hidden trackage, staging yards,

under the table storage areas, and display cabinets. Working hardware samples of LED strip lights will be shown along with power supplies, controlling devices, and mounting products.

Clinic 4 (2:35 – 3:30 PM): Scratch-building the Dando Coal Breaker by Fred Phillips. The first part of the Dando Breaker saga might better be called "Deconstructing Dando." Studying photos taken in 1970 when the breaker was already abandoned with the goal of trying to figure out what was there and how it all went together. The photos were eventually converted into working plans and templates, which were modified as construction proceeded. The HO model consumed over \$400 of Northeastern scale lumber and incorporated every detail Fred could see in the photos. The clinic details some construction techniques and tips that he had not seen in the model press. This model won Best in Show at the 2014 MER Convention in Hagerstown as well as Best Model in the popular vote. The model and the N-scale mockup will be on display.

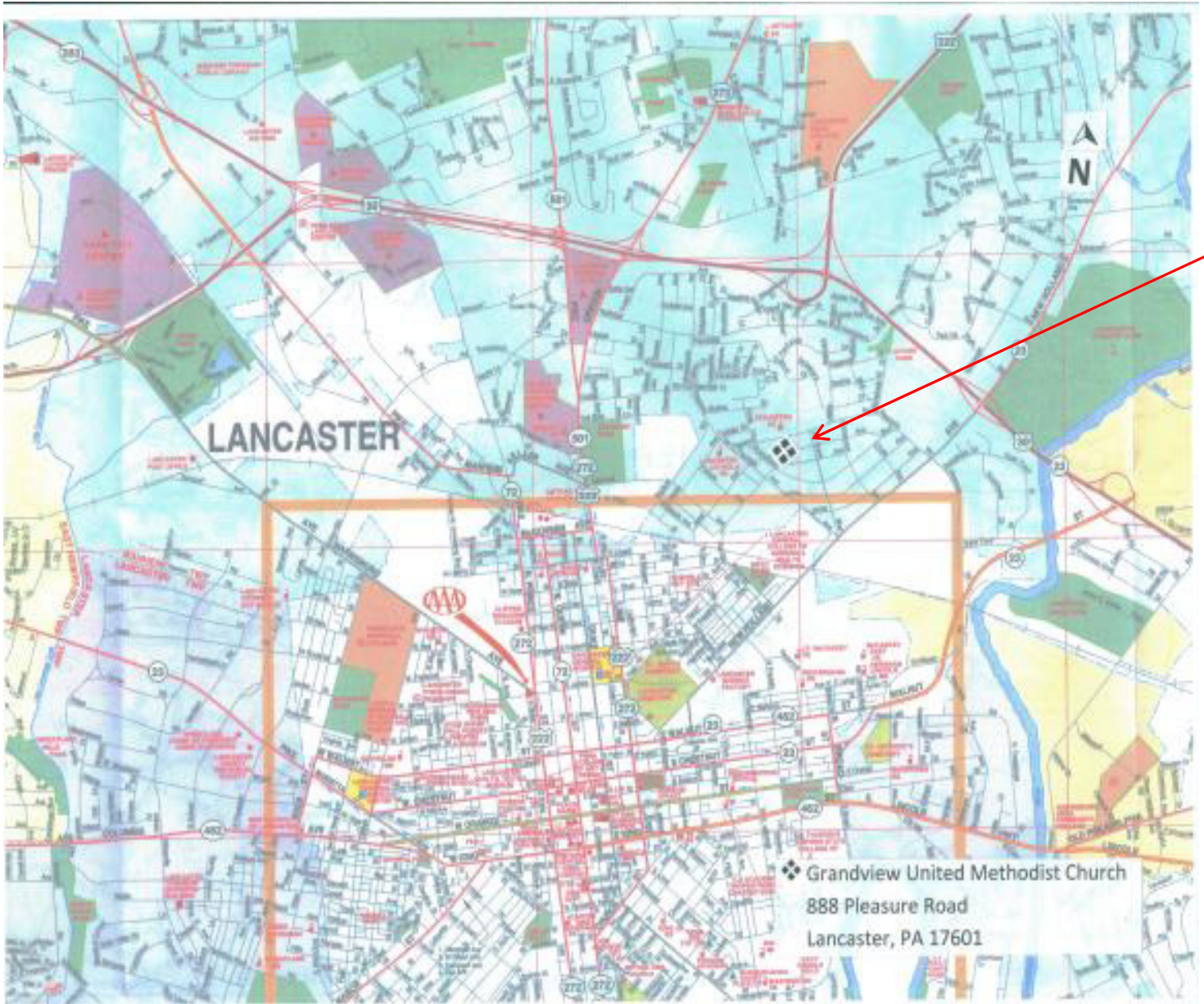
Clinic 5 (11:05 – Noon): JMRI 201 – Panels by Bob Bucklew. This clinic will show how to use Layout Editor and Panels Pro to construct a functioning US&S CTC panel. It will be a live demo of portions of Bob's online JMRI panel tutorial at www.quaker-valley.com/.

Clinic 6 (1:30 – 2:25 PM): JMRI 301 – Tablets and Withrottle by Bob Bucklew. This follow-on clinic will demonstrate how Engine Driver and Withrottle use JMRI to control trains, and with the JMRI web server, how to display local panels on a tablet. With his JMRI PC and router, Bob expects attendees will be able to connect to his display layout and see how these local panels can be displayed on their Wi-Fi tablets and smart phones. Bob will also demonstrate the virtual engineer's view of track side signals that are now implemented on his home Quaker Valley Railroad. **NOTE:** Bob recommends clinic attendees come with Engine Driver (Android) or Withrottle (Apple) already installed on your device. Also, Bob encourages clinic attendees review the June 2015 online issue of Model Railroad Hobbyist for a preview of this clinic.

Sep 12 BOD Meeting Topics

1. Susquehanna Division host for 2017 MER Convention – BOD vote required
2. .Encourage more Pike Ads in Sidetracks.
3. Enhanced new member welcome letters.
4. Several Division website issues and proposed enhancements.
5. Appoint 2016 Event Planning Committee members/event project officers.
6. Consider monthly "Remaining Events" all-member email.
7. Shortened Sidetracks RailPass form and add dedicated RailPass website link.
8. Cross-buck or other identifying sign for layout open houses.
9. Layout open house information needs statement about handicap accessibility.
10. Form Superintendent Search Committee.
11. Status of Mountain Sub-Division LSOP-type program.
12. Implementation of new NMRA non-member event attendance policy.
13. Raise 2016 Sidetracks home delivery rate to \$15 – BOD vote required.

All members are welcome to attend the BOD meeting!



September 19-20 Mainline Hobby Supply Open House

Once again the Susquehanna Division is co-sponsoring an event that has become a tradition in south-central PA the 3rd weekend of September.

Mainline Hobby Supply of Blue Ridge Summit, PA will be holding their 26th annual Open House on September 19-20, 2015. Along with extended hours and a sale on their already-great prices, the store arranges for area layouts to be open for visitors during the weekend.

The store is open Saturday from 9-5 and Sunday from 12-5. Our Division plans to have a table set up both days so your non-member friends can learn about all the advantages of joining the NMRA and then sign up for our free six-month Rail Pass membership program that includes just about all full membership benefits during that trial period. *(Editor's note: If you'd be willing to man the table for a couple of hours on Saturday, please let me know at rsmith@susquehannanmra.org)*

One of the highlights of the Open House Weekend is the opportunity to visit area layouts, and this years' tour again features layouts from all over the area around Mainline Hobby Supply, including some of our Division members. Note that while many of the layouts are outside of our division area, they are certainly worthy of a visit if your time allows. This year's tour includes two new layouts in the Gettysburg area to see.

Mark your calendars now for this long-standing South-Central PA tradition!

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LSOP-7

The seventh Lehigh/Susquehanna Operations weekend is fast approaching (Friday October 2 and Saturday October 3). Once again this year our Lehigh area was filled by January.

With only 12 spots it goes pretty fast. However, at this writing there is still 1 spot open for the Susquehanna sessions.

Please consider joining us! If you cannot make the LSOP, but would still like to operate - let Wayne Betty know at wbetty@susquehannanmra.org

Check out the LSOP at <http://www.susquehannanmra.org/LSOP/LSOP7/default.htm> for the latest information.

MER Fall Convention 2015

This year the New Jersey division is hosting the MER Fall Convention. Known as The Delaware Valley Turn 2015, the host group has put together a great website with information on the convention, the planned clinics, layout tours, and operating sessions. Be sure to visit www.delawarevalleyturn.org to read all about it.

This year's convention features 40+ operating sessions and layouts to visit. The op sessions are very popular and many have already sold out, but as of this writing there are still more than 40 operating positions available.

There are nearly 60 layouts available to visit too, beginning on Thursday afternoon. N, HO, S, O and G scales are represented. The convention hotel will also have a Free-Mo modular layout for viewing and operating.

Clinics begin Thursday evening and run through Sunday morning. They cover a broad range of topics from weathering models to signaling to trolleys to structure modeling to electronics to modeling with digital photos to prototype information to – well, you get the idea.

Prototype tours range from visiting the Conrail Shared Assets Operations Center to visiting a Perdue grain elevator facility.

As Barry mentioned in his Super's Corner article, if you plan to attend the Saturday evening banquet please let him know so he can add you to the Susquehanna division table.

Hope to see you there!



OCTOBER 22-25, 2015

November Layout Tours

November Layout Tours are a Study in Contrast

This fascinating model railroading pastime is dozens of hobbies – carpentry, electricity, art, metalworking, research and more – all rolled into one, and nowhere is this variety more on display than in the Susquehanna Division layout open houses scheduled for the first three weekends of November.

Over 30 home and club layouts will be open for you to visit and enjoy, and they include a remarkable cross-section of what model railroading is all about.

Here's just one example of the contrasts:



Jere Herr
HO Pennsylvania Railroad



Lee Rainey
Sn2 Carrabassett River & Northern

Jere Herr's layout in State College is a highly-detailed representation in HO of the Pennsylvania Railroad in and around Lancaster, PA in the mid-1950s. All mainline and station trackage is under catenary. Sleek GG1 electrics highball name trains of the Blue Ribbon Fleet through town while first-generation diesels prowl the industrial sidings. Jere is a master structure modeler and a showpiece of the layout is a scratchbuilt replica of the PRR's actual Lancaster depot.

Go three miles across State College and you are in another world. My own S scale Carrabassett River and Northern models a steam-powered, two-foot narrow gauge in the hills of mid-coast Maine, set at the turn of the last century. You've traveled 50 years and five hundred miles, from big city to deep forest, through the magic of model railroading!

This contrast can be replicated dozens of times in the Susquehanna Division open houses. Here's just a sampling of what you can expect to see:

- Layouts in G, O, S, HO, N, Z, indoor and outdoor (weather permitting).
- Steam, diesel and heavy electric.
- Railroading ranging from four-track mainlines to dirt-ballasted branches.
- Prototypes like the Pennsy, New York Central, Conrail, Chessie, Western Maryland, all the anthracite roads, and even well-known names from the far west and New England, as well as short lines and freelanced pikes.
- A myriad of traffic sources, including steel mills, coal mining, quarries, lumber mills, all types of manufacturing, and a healthy dose of farmland as well.
- Modeling eras ranging from 1900 to the present day.

Don't miss the opportunity to learn more about the latest model railroad technology. You'll see staging, helixes, CTC panels, signaling, every flavor of DC and DCC, handlaid track, computer interfaces, and much more.

Here's how to take part. Layouts in the southern part of the Susquehanna Division will be open the weekend of November 7-8. Layouts in the west and north will be open on November 14, and layouts in the eastern region will be open November 21.

The schedules, descriptions, and addresses will be posted on our own <http://www.susquehannanmra.org/> and the comprehensive www.modelrailroadopenhouse.com. You can download detailed maps and descriptions from <http://www.susquehannanmra.org/>.

If you are one of our division members who lack internet access, you'll find a note from Superintendent Barry Schmitt with your copy of this *Sidetracks* explaining how you can request a paper version of the schedules, descriptions, and addresses.

And if you are a layout owner, it's not too late to add your layout to the tour. Drop me an email at rainey@susquehannanmra.org and I'll be glad to add you to the tour.

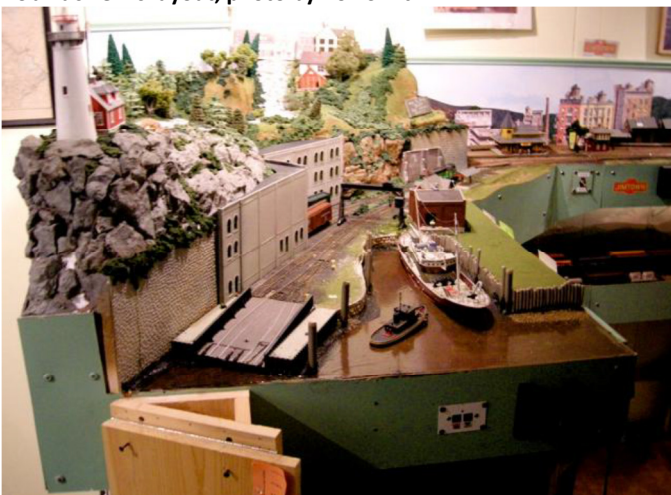
Lee Raine, Layout Tour Project Leader



Bob Bucklew's layout, photo by Ron Smith



Jerry Britton's layout, photo by Jerry Britton



Charles Kadyk's layout, photo by Ron Smith



Ron Smith's layout, photo by Ron Smith

NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION
MID-EAST REGION SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION # 11
REVENUE AND EXPENSE STATEMENT – CASH BASIS
FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2014 TO JUNE 30, 2015

PNC BANK – CHECKING ACCOUNT

UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	\$2,084.70
TEMPORARILY RESTRICTED FUNDS (EBT MEET)	\$ 125.00
(STRASBURG MEET)	<u>\$ 288.00</u>

BEGINNING CASH BALANCE – JULY 1, 2014 \$2,497.70

REVENUE FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

SUBSCRIPTION INCOME	\$ 104.00	
NMRA (MER) REBATES	230.50	
MER CAMERA REIMBURSEMENT	252.11	
ADVERTISING INCOME	170.00	
MECHANICSBURG EVENT – DONATIONS	62.86	
EBT EVENT	398.00	
STRASBURG EVENT	754.00	
PERRY COUNTY STEAM EVENT	258.00	
SCRANTON EVENT	<u>267.00</u>	
 TOTAL REVENUE RECEIVED		 <u>2496.47</u>

TOTAL CASH AVAILABLE \$ 4,994.17

EXPENSES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR

POSTAGE	\$ 157.50	
NEWSLETTER/PRINTING	598.21	
REFUND	18.00	
CAMCORDER/CAMERA	504.21	
MECHANICSBURG MEET-DONUTS	34.32	
EBT EVENT	790.16	
STRASBURG EVENT	912.16	
SCRANTON EVENT	<u>176.20</u>	
 TOTAL EXPENSES		 <u>3190.76</u>

ENDING CASH BALANCE – JUNE 30, 2015 \$ 1,803.41

RESPECTFULLY SUBMITTED,

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CLERK/PAYMASTER – SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION # 11

JULY 8, 2015
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Upcoming Events In or Near Our Division

Compiled by Ron Smith

Sept 5-6 2015
Scranton PA
Steamtown Railfest
Featuring NKP 765!
570-340-5204

www.nps.gov/stea/

September 27, 2015, Easton PA
39th Annual Lehigh Valley
Regional Train Show and Expo
Charles Chrin Community Center
4100 Green Pond Road \$5

Sunday November 1, 2015, 9- 2
Mill Hall, PA
Clinton Central Model RR Club
Annual Fall Train Meet
Mill Hall Vol. Fire Co.
Water St & Peale St. \$3

September 12, 2015, Lancaster PA
Grandview United Methodist
Church, 888 Pleasure Road
See feature on page 6!

September 27, 2015
Adamsburg PA
Train Show and Sale, Adamsburg
VFD, 495 Edna Rd, 9 AM – 3PM
\$4 Admission, 60 tables
<http://adamsburgpafire.org>

November Home Layout Tours
First three weekends in
November! See the feature on
page 11.

September 11-13, 2015
Scranton PA
Anthracite Railroads Historical
Society 40th Anniversary
Convention

www.anthraciterailroads.org

October 2-3, 2015
LSOP-7
See feature info on page 9

Saturday Dec 5, 2015
Horsham PA 9 AM – 3 PM
10th Annual Main Street Hatboro
Train Show, \$5
Keith Valley Middle School
227 Meetinghouse Rd
www.hatborotrainshow.org

September 11-13, 2015
Nicholson Bridge (Tunkhannock
Creek Viaduct) 100th Anniversary
Celebration

www.nicholsonbridge100th.com

or

www.laurellinesspecials.org

Sunday October 4, 2015, 9 - 1
Leesport PA
Reading Co. Technical & Historical
Society Train Meet
Leesport Market Banquet Hall 312
Gernant's Church Road; \$4 Admission
N to O scales trains and railroadiana

Oct 11, 2015
Hawley, PA
Train Show at the Hawley Fire
department, 17 Columbus Ave
(behind Hawley Post Office)
9 AM – 3 PM, \$3 Admission
Info: hawleyfd@ptd.net

September 19-20, 2015
Blue Ridge Summit PA
Mainline Hobby Supply Open
House
Co-sponsored by our Susquehanna
Division, featuring several Division
layouts!

October 22-25 2015
Mt Laurel NJ
MER Regional Convention
The convention will be in Mt. Laurel,
NJ at the Hotel ML on Rt. 73 between
I-295 and the NJ Turnpike.
www.DelawareValleyTurn.org

July 25 Reading Railroad Heritage Museum Tour Review

On a bright and sunny Saturday, 17 NMRA members and 5 non-members visited what is believed to be the largest US museum collection devoted to a single railroad at the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum (RRHM) in Hamburg PA. Our visit began watching a video about the Reading Railroad history. Next, Division member Richard Sauerwine won the cash door prize which he used to purchase a T-shirt from the museum store. We were then divided into two smaller groups - a picture of one group is this issue's cover photo.

The tours began with an inside look at the many museum artifacts. One very interesting display was a complete recreation of an agent/operator's office. Each town that had a station would also have an agent who sold tickets, arranged for freight pickup and delivery, and generally handled railroad business in the area. He would also serve as an operator who received train orders from the dispatcher and delivered them to passing trains. The photo below left shows attendee Anita Brenner sitting at the recreated agent/operator desk. Strange – there doesn't seem to be a cell phone anywhere on the desk – hmmm.

A most interesting and unusual part of the tour was a visit to the Locomotive Engineer Mobile Training Unit (LEMTU) – see the photo below right. When Reading dieselized they created this one-of-a-kind training device to save money by taking the classroom to the students as they transitioned from steam to diesels. An extensively modified passenger car was used for this project. The LEMTU included all the control systems for first generation EMD units. At a later date the LEMTU was updated to encompass second generation systems.



Former Reading Engineer and Instructor Engineer Tom Poserina gave an exceptional presentation about the simulator and the many differences between operating diesel, steam, and electric locomotives. The photo below left shows Tom talking with one of our tour groups. Although the temperature inside the LEMTU probably exceeded 120+, everyone said Tom's presentation was really "cool!" In fact one very impressed member said, "Tom's LEMTU presentation was worth all the NMRA dues I've paid over the years!"

Another visit highlight was the opportunity to thoroughly examine EMD switch engine #103 – see the photo on the next page. The museum acquired this engine in 1991 and restored it in 1992. This 1947 engine is not just for display – it also serves as the museum's yard switcher. Attendees like member David Collison (photo below right) were allowed to climb the crew entry steps and view the cab interior.



Our July 25 RRHM visit was definitely a most enjoyable and education program. The Division extends our special thanks to museum Docent and Division member Fred Phillips, LEMTU guide Tom Poserina, and Division project manager Fred Kurtz.



Division Members Out and About

On a beautiful Saturday August 1st, several Division members traveled to Bangor PA to attend a Garden State Division meet. And we weren't the only ones – besides Susquehanna and Garden State, four other Divisions were represented! Some traveled from as far away as western New York and Connecticut. The photos on the following two pages are from that event, and also various railfan photos from this summer. Be sure to send in your pix for future publication!



Lunch!



Ruth St John checks out the passenger station on Ed Suhy's layout.



The Starucca Viaduct on Harold Werthwein's Erie layout



Just one of many detailed scenes on Harold's layout.

Division Members Out and About



Tony Koester's Nickel Plate Road Layout



Amtrak 642 near Lancaster. Photo by Chuck Crouse.



Tony discusses how an automated interchange track works.



Reflections of NKP 765



Tony Koester's Nickel Plate Road Layout



Amtrak on Sand Patch

National Model Railroad Association (NMRA)
Mid-Eastern Region
Application for Free "Railpass" Trial Membership

Yes, please sign me up for a free six-month Railpass trial membership in the NMRA – which includes membership in the Mid-Eastern Region and in my local Division. During this six month period, I understand that I may attend conventions and meets, and participate in contests. I will receive **NMRA Magazine**, the national monthly magazine, and **The eLocal**, the bi-monthly regional newsletter if an e-mail address is provided. I will not be eligible to vote or hold office.

I also understand that the \$9.95 cost of this six month Railpass trial membership is being paid by the Mid-Eastern Region. (Regardless of who pays, six month \$9.95 memberships are available only once to each person.) At the end of the six months, I may join the NMRA, paying the regular active member dues.

During the past two years, I have **not** been a member of the NMRA or a prior Rail Pass member.

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