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The Susquehannock convention has departed the station. A wonderful time was had by all! There were many clinics and layout visits, the committee's worked very hard to put this together.

During the convention participants remarked at what a well-organized outing this was.

## **A note from Eric Dervinis MER Executive Convention Chair.**

Susquehannock Local Convention Committee,

Many thanks for a well planned and executed convention. Everyone should be "recovered" by now.

In my travels around the hotel. I heard nothing but raves for the clinics, the white elephant room, the auction, the banquet, contest, tours, and other activities. All around the hotel I saw the "grey shirt" volunteers tending to setup and breakdown, while helping the conventioners.

Thanks again to all!

Eric

## Superintendent's Corner

The Susquehannock Convention was quite a success. I would like to thank everyone who helped for a job well done. So, we can all now take a deep breath and relax. But not for long. November is national model railroad month. Which means our annual division wide open house tour for the first three weekends. The project officer for this event is Jerry Britton. Please see his article on page 5. A word about going onto Jerry's site. If you log in there are a lot of very helpful tools that are available to you. But you need to log in to make use of them. Also, please note so that we can get the November issue out in a timely manner for the division wide open house tour there will be a second part of the November Sidetracks devoted to the Susquehannock Convention follow up.

We had a division Board of Directors towards the end of August. With all that has been going on that seems like an eternity ago. We have started working on next year's calendar. The first event will be on February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2018 at St. Andrew's Presbyterian Church in Lebanon, PA. The meeting will consist of our annual business meeting, a clinic and the model showcase in the morning. And layout tours in the afternoon.

I would like to thank Scott Unger for his article on Realistic Track Alignment. This was the first article on modeling in Sidetracks in quite some time. After all we are a model railroad group. Having articles in Sidetracks provides us all with something to read other than announcements for upcoming events. It is a very good use of the space we have and besides it also counts for your AP Author certificate.

One last note for this issue, Bob Charles has been elected as one of the MER regional directors. He officially took office Sunday morning, October 15<sup>th</sup>, at the annual members meeting. It was also announced that Dave Collison is now the regional web master. Congratulations to both Bob and Dave.

Tim Himmelberger



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Contributing to Susquehanna Sidetracks

Sidetracks welcomes contributions from the Division membership. Letters, articles, photos and other items may be sent to the Editor at the e-mail address listed below or the street address above. Deadline for submission for the next issue is December 10, 2017.

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**Second Section – Tedd Pounds**

Hello everyone!

I encourage all members to consider submitting an article or some photos of your layout or modeling projects to our newsletter. Do you have something that you have discovered that may be of interest to others? Put something on paper, include a few pictures and we will make it work. All submissions should be formatted as Times New Roman font 12.

Thanks!

*Tedd*



## Division Email Address Listing

If you have been on the division officer contact listing on our webpage you recently will notice a change. The majority are listed as [director@susquehannanmra.org](mailto:director@susquehannanmra.org). They are correct. What it means is that your comments and / or questions will go to everyone listed as director. You may wonder why did we do this. The answer is simple, Wayne Betty our provider of our web page requested that we reduce the number of email address we use. Wayne has provided the web page to the division for a number of years at no charge to the division. And for that we are very thankful. However the plan that he is using for his business is almost maxed out with the email address he can provide. For him to upgrade to the next plan is very expensive. So in order to accommodate Wayne the directors have decided to use a common email address.

Again, if you send an email to [director@susquehannanmra.org](mailto:director@susquehannanmra.org) it will go to everyone with that address. So if you would like to communicate with a particular individual please say so in the email. When that person responds you will then have their personal email. And you can then continue your conversation with that individual. So you may ask why not their personal email. In the interest of security we are only listing the division email address.



The Susquehanna Division participates in **The Model Railroad Open House**, held every November. The open house includes layouts in the Susquehanna, New Jersey, and Philadelphia divisions and, this year, we are welcoming the Garden State and South Mountain divisions. Hundreds of layouts over the four weekends of National Model Railroad Month!

You can learn more about the open house on the Division's web site at <http://susquehannanmra.org/Open%20House/Openhouse.html>

The open house schedule will be posted October 1st.



**October 28**

METCA/NYSME Train Show  
St. Joseph's School  
120 Hoboken Road  
East Rutherford, NJ 07073  
Public open 9:00 AM – 2:00 PM  
Admission \$5.00  
[www.METCA.org](http://www.METCA.org)

**November****Division Grand Layout Tour****November 5**

Clinton Central Model Railroad Club  
Annual Fall Train Meet  
Mill Hall Vol Fire Company  
Water Street & Peale Ave  
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**November through January 2018**

Short Line Model Railroad Club's  
 Annual Holiday open house.  
 Every Saturday and Sunday late November  
 to mid- January.  
 11 South State Street, Ephrata, Pa  
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[www.SLMRC.com](http://www.SLMRC.com)

**November 25<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>**

Nazareth Area Society of Model Engineers Open House  
 212 Main Street  
 Stockertown, Pa  
 Various hours during November and December  
 Contact: Roger 610-252-8082

**December 2**

12<sup>th</sup> Annual Main Street Hatboro train show  
 Keith Valley Middle School  
 227 Meetinghouse Rd.  
 Horsham, Pa  
[www.HATBOROTRAINSHOW.org](http://www.HATBOROTRAINSHOW.org)



**November – December – January**

Miniature Railroad Club of York  
 381 East Wheatfield St  
 York, Pa 17403  
 Holiday Open House  
 1:00 PM – 5:00 PM  
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 See dates at:  
[www.MRRCY.org](http://www.MRRCY.org)



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