

# Susquehanna



# Sidetracks



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## May 16th at South Penn Model RR Club

The South Penn Model Railroad Club will again play host to the Susquehanna Division. The Steigel Valley Model Railroad Club has a scheduling snafu with the historical society that owns the station next to the club. The station would be our meeting space and the society needs that space that day.

The South Penn is still under construction but this will give us a chance to see how much progress has been made. Brian Brandt informs us that they should have some provision for running something, albeit back and forth. The Division's HO modular layout will be up and running at this meet.

Brian also informs us that one of the clinics will be on track laying. They have one member that is very good at it and can lay the smoothest and straightest track that he has ever seen.

There will be doughnuts and refreshments available there.

The club is located at 520 North Charlotte Street in Lancaster, PA.

Directions: If you are coming from the west, use the Harrisburg Pike exit of US 30 east to Lancaster. This exit also points you to F&M College. Pass the college to the railroad track that crosses Harrisburg Pike and turn right. This is a one-way street. It is North Charlotte Street. The club will have signs out. There is also a map included with this issue to show you the way.

## Coming Events

**May 15, 16, & 17, 1998:** Mid-Atlantic Narrow Gauge Guild Module Meet, Kimberton Fairgrounds, Bingo Hall, Rt. 113, Kimberton, PA, 8 AM to 11 PM. Info: Bob Beebe, 610-666-6711.

**May 16, 1998:** Susquehanna Division 11 Meet, South Penn Model Railroad Club, Lancaster, PA, 9:00 AM to 2:00 PM.

**May 16-17, 1998:** 11th Annual Railroad Heritage Days, Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum, 300 South Burhans Blvd., Hagerstown, MD. Info: 301-739-4665.

**May 23, 1998:** Pocono Mountains Chapter NRHS at the Stroudsburg High School, 1100 West Main St., Stroudsburg, PA, 9 AM to 2 PM, Adm. \$3.50. Info: 888-421-6947.

**June 6-7, 1998:** Pennsy Days '98, Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Strasburg, PA, Sat. 9 AM to 5 PM & Sun. 11 AM to 5 PM. Adm. \$6

**June 7, 1998:** Spring Hamburg Dutch Train Meet, Hamburg Field House, 4th & Pine Sts., Hamburg, PA, 9 AM to 1 PM, Adm. \$3. Info: 610-372-2364.

**June 7, 14, 21, & 28, 1998:** 23rd Annual Ma&Pa Railroad Month, Old Line Museum, 602 Main St., Delta, PA, Info: J.E. Murphy 410-592-7491.

**June 13, 1998:** Tentative Susquehanna Division 11 meet.

**June 14, 1998:** Shamokin Kiwanis & Elysburg Fire Co. 21st Annual Lower Anthracite Train Meet, Knoebels Grove Amusement Resort, Rt. 487, Elysburg, PA, 9 AM to 3 PM, Adm. \$3.50. Info: 717-648-3987.

**June 14, 1998:** Gilbertsville Train Show, Gilbertsville Fire House, Rt. 73, Gilbertsville, PA, 9 AM to 2 PM, Adm. \$3. Info: 215-657-2477.

**June 20-21, 1998:** Great Scale Model Train Show, Maryland  
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When remitting dues for the national and/or region, please provide photocopies of your current MER and NMRA membership cards, along with your Divisional membership renewal form. Also include the appropriate postage, 32 or 64 cents, with your check. This will help defray the cost of these additional mailings. We must mail the national and regional dues separately. Be sure that all information is correct and complete so dues can be properly credited to you.

## Super's Corner

We had a very good turnout at the February meet in Lancaster. About 30 members attended the South Penn Model Railroad Club's open house. The Division's modular layout was setup and running. One of our member's 10 year old son spent an hour and a half working on the switching problem at Pierce Mining Company.

A short business meeting was held after lunch. Superintendent Nesbit and Assistant Superintendent Brandt were present. Discussed was the purchase of a non-profit mailing permit for our newsletter. Mr. Harold Stahle will donate, to the Division, \$85.00 to purchase the mailing permit. Thank you Harold! A further discussion was held on which post office to use to mail out the newsletter and the use of paid advertising in our newsletter in conjunction with the non-profit mailing permit. This will be open for additional review at our next meeting in May.

The ballot for officer elections was opened for additional names. No additional names were submitted and the ballot was then closed. The ballot for election of officers for the years 1998 to 2000 stands as listed in the January 1998 newsletter: Superintendent, Wm. Terry Nesbit; Assistant Superintendent, Brian Brandt; Chief Clerk/Paymaster, Paul Tice.

A discussion of the Division's modular layout was held, which included the various places it had been set up for public display and the proposed displays for later on in 1998. Some of these public displays will result in a dollar donation to the Division. Jim Atkinson reported that he needed a heavy duty stapler for the assembly of the Division newsletter. Wm. Nesbit has donated, to the division, an "Arrow" stapler along with a box of P-22, 1/4 inch staples and a case of 10,000 sheets of paper for the printing of newsletters and other printed materials.

The Manheim Model Railroad Club will be unable to host our May meet. The station, owned by the historical society, where we need to hold our meeting and do the clinics, is not available for our use at this time. The elections and the May  
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## Editor's Notes

Here I am on the 1st of May trying to get the newsletter together, late again. This time it could not be helped. There has been some late changes in locations for meets and everything is late coming in. I hope you received this in time for the May 16th meet.

I am including in this issue a roster of members and subscribers. Look over the list. Maybe you know some people that you thought were members or should be. Check it out and check with others you know. Have them join us too ('nough said).

I am going to try to keep you up to date with what is going on in other divisions. I receive newsletters from a couple other divisions and we mail out to all of them. We keep each other informed of what is going on where. Sooooo, maybe when they have something happening, you

might want to visit them too.

I recently received a phone call from Bob Glatfelter of the Conewago Valley Model Railroad Club in New Oxford, PA. He let me know that the club has open membership. If you live in the area or close enough to drive a little to get there, why not give Bob a call at 717-843-8184 or just show up at the club car or museum in New Oxford any Wednesday night after 7 PM. They are usually there until about 11 PM. They will be glad to hear from you.

One other thing before I close. The MER has a new Region Convention Chairman. Charlie Potter has graciously volunteered to take over Jim Cope's position. Jim had to resign due to health reasons. Good luck with your new position, Charlie.

Hope I will be able to drop in at the May 16th meet. See ya there. Don

## Super's Corner *(Cont'd from Page 2)*

meeting will be held at the South Penn Model Railroad Club in Lancaster on the 16th starting at 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Some of our members would like to see more home layouts open in the areas where we hold our meetings. I will do my best to find members who would let our members in

during meeting days. Our biggest drawback is the coordination time required to get the home layouts added to the National insurance coverage. This can take 30 to 45 days in advance.

Have a rail fun day and look out for those trains...

## Coming Events *(Cont'd from Page 1)*

State Fairgrounds, Timonium, Md, Sat. 9-4 & Sun. 10-4, Adm. \$5.

**June 21, 1998:** The New and Old Train Show, presented by Tamaqua Anthracite Model RR Club at Tamaqua's Heritage Day, 8 AM to 3 PM, at Senior Citizen's Center, Tamaqua, PA. Donation \$2 or \$5 per family. Info: 717-645-9133

**July 11, 1998:** Tentative Susquehanna Division 11 meet.

**July 20-26, 1998:** 1998 NMRA National Convention, Heartland Express KC '98, Kansas City, KS

**August 15, 1998:** Division 11 event at Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Association, Inc., Williams Grove, PA, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

**September 12, 1998:** Susquehanna Division 11 Meet, Reading Society of Model Engineers and Model Railroad Explorers' Post

#902, Reading, PA

**September 23-28, 1998:** 18th National Narrow Gauge Convention, World Arena Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO.

**October 9-11, 1998:** Lehigh Valley Limited, MER Fall 1998 Regional Convention, Days Inn Conference Center, Rts. 22 & 309, Allentown, PA

**November 14-15, 1998:** Division 11 Train Show, Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, PA.

**November 25, 1998:** Conewago Valley Model Railroad Club Annual Fall Auction, New Oxford Fire Hall, New Oxford, PA, 7 PM until ?

**October 17-18, 1998:** Great Scale Model Train Show, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD, Sat 9-4 & Sun 10-4, Adm. \$5

**December 12, 1998:** Pennsylvania Rails, York Fairgrounds, Memorial Hall, York, PA. 9 AM to 4 PM.

## Achievement Program News

by Wm Terry Nesbit

I have been asked by several of our members to come over to their homes and look at their layouts for application to Achievement Program certification(s). I look forward to taking care of

these requests after the Spring MER Convention in Charlotte, NC. A new member, Mr. Bill O'Sullivan, from Emmaus, has qualified for Electrical Engineer and a Golden Spike award. On another note, at least two of our Division members are very close to completing their Master Model Railroader certifications this year. One should be finished by May and the other by December.

## All-Scale Modular Program Notes

by Wm. Terry Nesbit

The Division's modular layout was at the Farm Show complex on the 31st of March and the 1st of April. This two day show was sponsored by Sysco Foods of Harrisburg. They had a railroad theme for their Food and Culinary Show. The Division received a \$150 donation and a red brown colored skirt which goes completely around the 12 by 8 corner section modular setup. This color closely matched Krylon rust preventive enamel spray paint #RTA 9228 Coffee. This Krylon paint has been used to paint the legs, standoffs and the front board of the modules. During our current fiscal year 1997/1998, the modular layout has earned \$250 in donations.

The following Division members are currently

working on HO scale modules: Jim Atkinson, two 4 foot sections, a passing siding with a passenger/freight stop and a small industrial area with two switching locations; Brian Brandt and Jeremy Griffith, three 4 foot sections, a passing siding with a stock yard, an ice house and brewery (this will also provide a unique switching problem to be worked); Fred Vealey, one 4 foot section; William Hodges, a whistle stop with a town scene; Harold Stahle and Bob Reitzel are building their own modules to our specifications, two 6 foot sections with a modified Walther's steel mill and another switching problem; and Tony Seabold, one 4 foot section.

When these completed sections are assembled into one operating layout, the Division will have a unique opportunity to earn, for any of our members who operate the layout, the necessary time credits towards their Dispatcher Achievement Program certificate.

## Membership Thermometer

Current Membership 04/27/98: 102

### New Members:

Mark V. Miglicio, Yoe, PA

Robert Wilson, Dillsburg, PA

Brian Reilly, Elizabethtown, PA

William S. O'Sullivan, Emmaus, PA

### Renewals:

Timothy J. Seabold, Lebanon, PA

George Wagner, Lebanon, PA

Robert Keyser, Dauphin, PA

William J. Trotman, Camp Hill, PA

Bernard G. Kebil, Littlestown, PA

Bob Sheriff, Enola, PA

Dick Diehm, Kutztown, PA

David Buchanan, Camp Hill, PA

## Membership Roster as of 4/27/98

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PAUL F. TICE, THOMASVILLE, PA	MICHAEL YINGLING, HARRISBURG, PA	GARY E. HEILAND, YORK, PA
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	BILL VANDERMEER, WILLIAMSPORT, PA	

# SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION 11 1998 EVENT CALENDER

**May 16, 1998:** South Penn Model Railroad Club, Lancaster, PA (Spring meet and officer elections) 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

**June 13, 1998:** (Tentative) Lehigh Valley Model Railroad Association, Castasauqua, PA or Mifflinburg Model Railroad Club, Lewisburg, PA

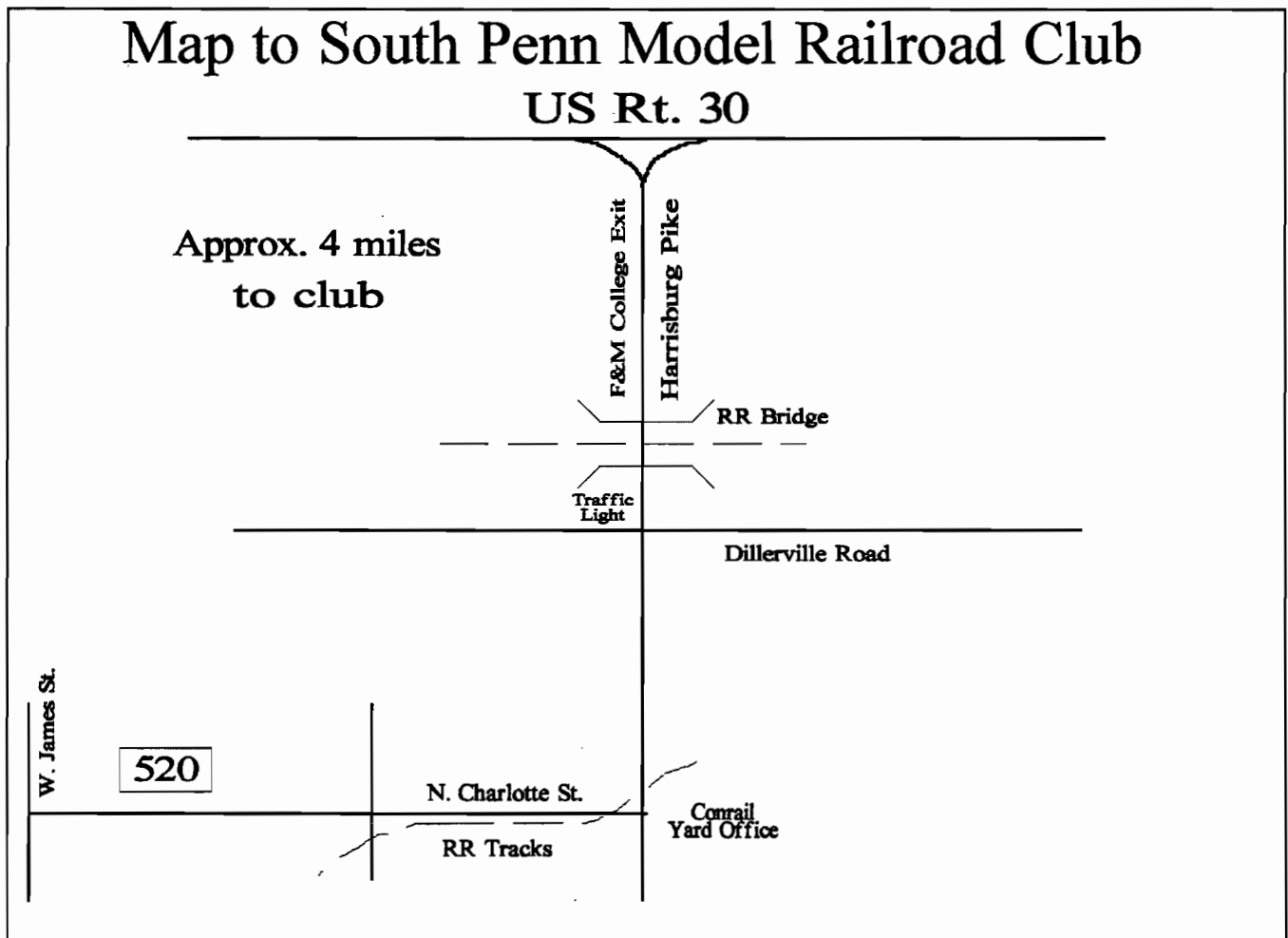
**July 11, 1998:** (Tentative) Altoona Association of Model Railroaders and the Railroaders Memorial Museum, Altoona, PA

**August 15, 1998:** Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Association, Inc., Williams Grove, PA, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM (Summer picnic).

**September 12, 1998:** The Reading Society of Model Engineers and the Model Railroad Explorers Post #902, Reading, PA, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

**October 24, 1998:** Wm. Nesbit's home. Quality check of any completed All-Scale Modules, rolling stock and/or motive power, Harrisburg, PA, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM.

**November 14/15, 1998:** (Tentative) Division Modular Train Show, Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, PA



## **Around the Region**

**From the "Potomac Flyer", Potomac Division 2**

May 2 & 3: Home layout tour, Gauge 1 outdoor railroad with Saturday evening cookout.

May 17: NVNTrak monthly setup/open house, Fairfax Station, VA

June 7: Home layout tour, O Scale.

June 13: Home layout tour, multiscale outdoor railroad and indoor HO layout.

July 11: Home layout tour, HO Scale

Note: This is most recent info received, the only up-to-date newsletter received.

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Watch for  
"Lehigh Valley Limited"  
info in next issue