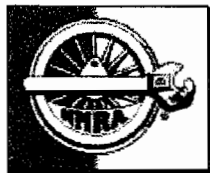
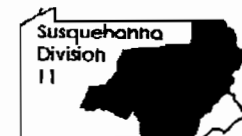


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Super's Corner

by Wm. Terry Nesbit

The past several months have been quite exciting for our Division and at the same time, very sad. One of our long time members, Robert Gladfelter of the Conewago Valley Model Railroad Club, passed away on the 20th of October, 1998. Many of our members knew him, as he was actively involved in the club's fall and spring model railroad auction.

In this issue is our financial report which was accidentally left out of the July 1998 issue. Also you will find a schedule of events for the next two years. I have had greater success from individuals and other organizations who are actively involved in promoting the sharing of their skills, knowledge and ability as model builders. During 1999, we will have two joint division meets with the Philadelphia Division.

On another note, we have purchased a Non-Profit mailing permit and I am hoping to have our March 1999 issue mailed out under this permit. By using the permit, the Division should see greatly reduced financial impact to us. However, I need the help of all of our members. Brian Brandt needs to have your zip plus 4 from each and every member. Look at your mailing address label, if it does not have all 9 numbers, please call or e-mail him. These 9 numbers must be on our address labels for our not-for-profit mailings.

Watch out for those trains and have a rail fun day...

Coming Events

January 23-24, 1999: Division Modules at Great American Train Show, Greensburg, PA.

January 30, 1999: Division Meet at Mechanicsburg, PA.

March 12, 1999: Spring Conewago Valley Model Railroad Club Auction, New Oxford Fire Hall, New Oxford, PA, 7 p.m.

March 20, 1999: Joint Division Meet, Philadelphia and Susquehanna Divisions, at Newton Square, PA.

March 26, 1999: Conewago Valley Model Railroad Club Spring Auction, 7 p.m. until ?

April 23-25, 1999: Blue Ridge Crescent '99, MER Spring 1999 Convention, Lynchburg, VA.

May 8, 1999: Susquehanna Division 11 Business Meeting, South Penn Model Railroad Club, 520 North Charlotte Ave, Lancaster, PA, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m.

May 15-16, 1999: Reading Society of Model Engineers Open House.

June 26, 1999: Joint Division Meet at Shermansdale, PA

July 17-14, 1999: NMRA National Convention, Minneapolis/Saint Paul, MN.

September, 1999: Joint Division Meet with Philadelphia Division in Strasburg, PA, Ride the Strasburg RR, picnic and home layout tour.

October 8-10, 1999: Hub City Limited, Fall 1999 MER Convention, Ramada Inn Convention Center, Rt. 40 East, Hagerstown, MD.

October 16-17, 1999: Division Modules at Great American Train Show, Greensburg, PA.

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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.

Coming Events

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April 28-30, 2000: MER Spring 2000 Convention in Hampton, VA

May 20, 2000: Division 11 Elections at Division Meet in Ephrata, PA

August 12, 2000: Joint Division Meet with South Mountain Division at EBT RR.

October 6-8, 2000: MER Fall 2000 Convention, Quad Regional with NFR, NER, and SER in Altoona, PA

November 11, 2000: Open Home Layouts in York, PA

Membership Thermometer

Current Membership 12/1/98: 69

New Members:

None

Renewals:

Alan Frame, York, PA

R. Dave Cray, York, PA

Robert Glatfelter, York, PA

Alan Mende, Hummelstown, PA

Thomas A. Ryan, Jr., State College, PA

Bruce Guinn, New Holland, PA

Emory Shughart, Boiling Springs, PA

Jim Lomison, Jersey Shore, PA

Jim Atkinson, Elizabethtown, PA

Fred Vealey, New Oxford, PA

Editor's Notes

by Don Yingling

Well here I sit in front of the computer a few days before Christmas and it is the day the cold weather has finally decided to show up. It finally feels like Christmas. My son has given his list to Santa and I am not surprised at what was on it. It is mostly trains. A mixture of N and HO and a lot of Thomas items for his wooden track system. His birthday is Christmas Eve and guess what. He wants a steam engine for his birthday. I wonder where he gets these ideas of all these trains. Must from me and some of my friends. He has spent the last couple of weeks going through the Walthers catalog and some other catalogs we get here. I have a very good idea what Santa will be leaving under the tree. Christmas morning should be lots of fun.

We have also taken in some of the layouts and displays in the area. The Miniature Railroad Club of York was one sure stop and we rode the Northern Central from New Freedom to Glen Rock and back to visit the display at Glen Rock. These outings were definite hits.

We also made trips to the local hobby shops and made some purchases and did a lot of looking. It seems a lot of people make this trip this time of year. I would imagine they do a pretty good

business now. But what about the rest of the year? Well to help them out, our Division officers have come up with a plan. On pages 5 & 6 of this issue you will find the answer. We will be accepting paid advertising in the Susquehanna Sidetracks starting in the April issue. These pages are for your information. You will need to get in touch with Terry Nesbit to get complete copies of the advertising package. This will help them get the word out that they are around all year and will also help us pay for the publishing of this newsletter. This newsletter will also start going out to all NMRA members living in our Division area. Please help us out if you can.

Usually in the third issue of the year I include a copy of our financial report for the closing fiscal year. Paul Tice duly sent a copy to me on time and I was in a hurry to get that one out and I forgot it. Since then I have not been able to locate it in my filing system of a pile of papers one foot high. Terry supplied me with another copy and I have included it in this issue.

Enough rhetoric for now. I hope that when you are reading this that you had a very Merry Christmas and the New Year is starting out great for each and everyone. Just remember, if you see a light at the end of the tunnel, make sure you are not standing on railroad tracks. Later, Don

Paid Advertising for Susquehanna Sidetracks

The officers have worked on an advertising policy and rate schedule for our newsletter during October and November of this year. We the officers feel that we must get our message out to *all NMRA* members who live within our geographic boundaries. But to do this without having our members pay for the costs associated with this endeavor, alternative funding must be found. The simplest way is to have paid advertising in our newsletter. We have developed the following

material and it is our sincere thoughts which have brought this document into being.

(The material is on a separate sheet, pages on 5 & 6)

If any of our members would like to recruit a paid advertiser, please drop the Division Superintendent a note and he will send out a complete advertising packet, with instructions on its use, to you.

National Model Railroad Association
Mid-East Region
Susquehanna Division #11
Revenue and Expense Statement - Cash Basis
For The Fiscal Year 7/1/97 to 6/30/98

<u>Beginning Cash Balance - July 1, 1997</u>		\$ 393.61
<u>Revenue For The Fiscal Year</u>		
Susquehanna Dues	\$ 122.00	
NMRA / MER Dues Received For Transfer	56.64	
Car, Mug, and T-Shirt Sales	133.20	
General Donations	113.64	
MER Donations	100.00	
Sysco Foods Donation	150.00	
Receipts - Zembo Train Show	195.00	
Interest Income	8.91	
Change Redeposit From Show	<u>100.00</u>	
Total Revenue Received		<u>979.39</u>
<u>Total Cash Available</u>		<u>\$ 1373.00</u>
<u>Expenses For The Fiscal Year</u>		
Postage	\$ 202.71	
Printing	68.06	
Transfer NMRA / MER Dues	56.00	
Pay Out - Change For Show	100.00	
Maryland Sales Tax	.35	
Zembo Show Cost	\$ 375.00	
(An Additional \$75.00 For This Show Was Spent In The Prior Fiscal Year)		
Total Expenses		<u>802.12</u>
<u>Ending Cash Balance - June 30, 1998</u>		<u>\$ 570.88</u>
Restricted Funds - Non-Profit Mailing Permit		\$ 85.00
Unrestricted General Funds		485.88
Total		<u>\$ 570.88</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul F. Tice, P.A.
Paymaster / Clerk - Susquehanna Division #11
July 11, 1998

ADVERTISING RATE SCHEDULE
FOR 1999

Business Card Size, camera ready copy ... 2 1/4 inches by 4 inches ... \$35.00 per year
This our basic rate, must be received 50 days** prior to publication;

One quarter of a page, camera ready copy ... 4 inches by 5 1/4 inches \$15.00
Per each insertion, must be received 50 days** prior to publication;

One half page, camera ready copy ... 5 inches by 8 inches \$30.00
Per each insertion, must be received 50 days** prior to publication;

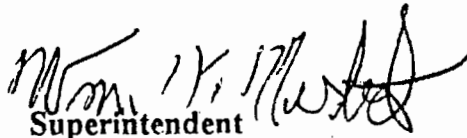
Full page, camera ready copy ... 8 inches by 10 inches \$50.00
Per each insertion, must be received 50 days** prior to publication;

** Advertising copy must be received 30 days prior to the closing date for articles.
Advertisers will receive 10 issues of each publication containing their material.


Quarterly Newsletter, *Susquehanna Sidetracks*, is published for Jan, April, July, and October of each year. Submission dates for articles closes on the 10th of the month in December, March, June, and September. Publication/printing is on or about the 20th of the month. Mailing by way of our Non-Profit Permit is on or about the 26th of the month in December, March, June, and September.

Advertising is paid in advance, by check; payable to *Susquehanna Division #11, MER, NMRA, Inc.* Send payment and advertising copy to: Editor, *Susquehanna Sidetracks*, 2420 Heather Road, York, PA 17404-4383.

It is the policy of the *Susquehanna Division #11, Mid-Eastern Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc.*, when placing advertisement(s) in our quarterly newsletter, or other publications, the advertising only relates to the various aspects of the hobby of model railroading.


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\$50.00	\$0.100	NOT AVAILABLE

Susquehanna Division #11, MER, NMRA, Inc.

1999 Calendar of Events

January 23 & 24: Division Modules at the Great American Train Show, Greensburg, PA.

January 30: Meet at Mechanicsburg, PA, clinic on kit bashing water tanks, Part 1.

March 20: Joint meet with the Philadelphia Division in Newton Square, PA, clinic on kit bashing water tanks, Part 2.

April 23, 24, 25: MER Convention in Lynchburg VA, Division modules to be set up and running. Switching problem to be worked by convention attendees.

May 8: Business meeting at the South Penn Model Railroad Club, 520 North Charlotte Ave, Lancaster, PA, 9:30 to 2:00.

June 26: Joint meet in Shermansdale, PA, 1" live steam with 7,000 feet of track.

July: NMRA National Convention in St. Paul, MN. The Division modules will be set up and running at the National Train Show.

September: (day not confirmed) Joint meet with the Philadelphia Division in Strasburg, PA. Ride the Strasburg Railroad, picnic at Cherry Hill, and a visit to a home layout featuring HOn3, 90% scenicked, time clock, with sound and DCC, in a 3 car garage.

October 8, 9, 10: MER Convention in Hagerstown, MD, Division modules to be set up and running. Switching problem to be worked by convention attendees.

October 16, 17: Division modules at the Great American Train Show, Greensburg, PA.

November 6: Open home layouts in Lancaster, PA.

2000 Calendar of Events

January 29: Meet at Mechanicsburg, PA, model contest: kit bashed water tank.

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April 28, 29, 30: MER Convention, Hampton, VA.

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August 12: Joint meet with South Mountain Division at EBT RR.

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November 11: Open home layouts in York, PA.

Blue Ridge Crescent 99

Included on the next page is the registration form for the next MER Spring Convention to be held in Lynchburg, VA, on April 23, 24, & 25, 1999. The convention will include home layout visits in HO, O and N scales. Go on a tour of Buncher Railcar and visit Lynchburg's Lower Basin on the James River and watch CSX switching action. There is much to do for non-rail activities also. Get pre-registered and you might be the lucky one to have their registration refunded. See you in Lynchburg in April.

Registration Form — April 23, 1999

(Print names exactly as you wish them on your nametags.)

Primary Registrant Name: _____

Spouse Name: _____

Children's Names: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State & Zip: _____

NMRA#: _____

Primary Registrant (\$30.00 pre - February 1, 1999, \$35.00 after January 31, 1999) = \$ _____

Spouse..... \$10.00 = \$ _____

Children (under 18).....# _____ X \$ 5.00 = \$ _____

Children (18 and over).....# _____ X \$10.00 = \$ _____

Non-NMRA Fee (In addition to Primary Registrant Fee)..... \$16.00 = \$ _____

Banquet — April 24, 1999

Meal #1:

Roast Strip Sirloin of Beef with Madeira Sauce

Meal #2:

Chicken Cordon Bleu (Breast of Chicken stuffed with ham & Swiss cheese)

Both Meals also include:

Fresh Fruit Cup

Tossed Garden Salad

Brandied Carrots

Assorted Bread and rolls

Home Baked Apple Pie

Coffee or Tea

Number of meal #1's ordered _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Number of meal #2's ordered _____ X \$25.00 = \$ _____

Total Amount Enclosed (Registration and Meals)..... \$ _____

Convention cancellations must be received by 4/9/99 for a full refund of registration/banquet fees.

Mail the top portion of this form with check payable to Blue Ridge Crescent 99 to:

Linda D. Sanders, NMRA — MER, P. O. Box 11313, Lynchburg, VA 24506-1313

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Reservation Name: (First) _____ (Last) _____

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Total number of persons to occupy room _____

Arrival Date: _____ Departure Date: _____

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City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

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Guarantee: I have enclosed a check in the amount of _____

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