

Susquehanna Sidetracks

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Division Meet 11 November

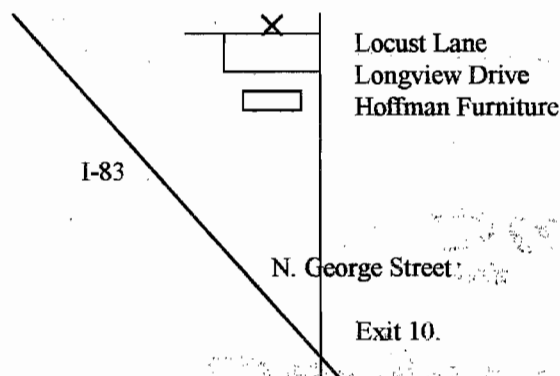
Open Home Layout in York, PA:

Come celebrate National Model Railroad Month at Bob Martin's Central Penn Railroad.

Bob last had his former Central Penn Railroad open during "White Rose '95", the MER convention held in York during May of 1995. I say former, as the layout which is open for us on the 11th of November, from 1200 noon to 4:00 PM, is a completely new layout. After the White Rose convention, Bob tore down his old layout and completely rebuilt it. This layout is built for operation, using a dispatcher and a card system. For our member's who come to this layout, you will have the opportunity to have hands on operational experience.

Bob holds AP Certificates in Scenery, Electrical and Civil Engineer, Chief Dispatcher and Association Volunteer.

Directions: from I-83, exit 10, North George Street; go north on North George Street to Longview Drive; turn left and follow around to Locust Lane; turn Right; Bob's house is at 45 Locust Lane, on the Left; park and walk down driveway, enter layout from rear of house.
E-mail: cprrboss@aol.com



Down The Tracks

Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum

24 November to 28 January, Fri to Sun, 1 to 5 PM, Bill Knode
[301-739-4665](tel:301-739-4665)

Stiegle Valley Model Railroad Club Open House

26 November
3, 10, 17 December, 1 to 4 PM
230 South Charlotte, Manheim, PA Ed Bookman, [717-299-0687](tel:717-299-0687)

Greater York All Train Show

26 November, Old Main Bldg., York Fairgrounds, 9 AM to 3 PM

Miniature RR Club of York, PA

26 November, 1 to 5 PM, 381 Wheatfield Street, York, PA Ivan Frantz, [717-225-5470](tel:717-225-5470)

South Penn Model Railroad

24 November to 7 January, Fri 7 to 9:30 PM; Sat 1 to 4 PM; Sun 1 to 4 PM; 520 North Charlotte Street, Lancaster, PA [717-560-9542](tel:717-560-9542) or [717-581-0647](tel:717-581-0647)

Nittany Valley HO Model RR

8-10 December, Below Confer's Jewelers, 100 North Allegheny St. Bellefont, PA. Jim Porterfield [814-238-7989](tel:814-238-7989)

Cumberland Valley MR Club

3, 10, 17 December, Noon to 5 PM, 140 North Third Street, Chambersburg, PA Jerry Fickes [717-532-8621](tel:717-532-8621)

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Super's Corner: Greetings to all. I hope your summer was fun and relaxing. I begin my term as Superintendent with a great amount of hope for the division over the next two years. First I would like to personally thank Don Yingling for his many years of service as the Editor of our division's newsletter. I also want to thank Wm. Terry Nesbit for his four years of service as division Superintendent.

November is National Model Railroad month and I know it is a very busy time for the various clubs and/or individuals who open their layouts during the Holiday's. Please check "Down the Tracks", for the days and hours they are open.

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Editor's Notes:

The year 2001 is upon us and many exciting events are in the works for our division, as well as the Mid-Eastern Region of the NMRA.

By early, next year, NMRA/MER members will see a new type of renewal form in their mail. This form will contain the opportunity to make a single payment to cover not only their NMRA and MER dues, but also their Division dues. This will be a voluntary action taken by the individual to participate in the single payment of their dues. Your MER and division dues will be prorated to coincide with your National dues, due date.

This is a good action taken by the NMRA to reduce the costs to both the individual member and the business organizations of the region and the divisions. The MER approved the action and our past Superintendent has authorized the NMRA to offer this service to to our divisions member's.

Please keep in mind that this is voluntary on your part, as a member, to participate. I feel that by this time next year, the division's membership will more than double. ...

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Susquehanna Division Meet:

The joint meet with South Mountain Division on the 12th of August, provided a surprise to those member's in attendance. Our past Superintendent had set up this joint meet two years in advance of 2000. For those member's who came out on this clear sunny day, they found out that this was the 40th anniversary of the East Broad Top Railroad, operating as a tourist railroad. At Robertsdale, not only was the Coal Miner's Museum open, but the Friends of the East Broad Top Railroad, had their museum in the former EBT RR station at Robertsdale open just a few blocks away. At the EBT RR, two steam locomotives were carrying passengers at a discount rate of \$5.00 per person. I met an old friend from the mid-sixties, William Metzger, a professional photographer who now lives in Pittsburgh, PA. Bill has had many of his photo's published in various railroad books.

Achievement Program: By, Wm. Terry Nesbit, AP Co-Chair.

Paperwork was submitted to Jim Kellow, MMR at the Altoona Tri-Regional Convention for the following individuals: Brian Brandt, Association Volunteer; Brian earned his time credits over the years, as being an Officer in the division and being the Chair for the upcoming MER convention in Lancaster in 2001; Paul Tice, Association Volunteer; Paul earned his time credits for being an officer for the division. Jim Atkinson, Association Volunteer; Jim, earned his time credits for being a Chair for the division, and being the Photo Contest Chair for the MER and Association Official; Jim has been a Board Member of the MER for more than 3 years. Wm. Terry Nesbit Association Official; Terry has been a Board Member of the MER for more than 3 years. Robert Keyser, Electrical Engineer and Civil Engineer; Bob has a beautiful hand built "O" gauge layout in Dauphin, PA. I am sure, that if you called him he would love to have our members see his work.

Many of our division members have layouts at home or are member's of club layouts. Do you know that a division member asked us to come to their home and see if they qualified for a "Golden Spike" award? When Jim and Terry left the individuals home, not only did he qualify for the Golden Spike, but, he also qualified for Master Builder in Scenery and Electrical Engineer. Please contact the division AP Co-Chairs to see your work. We can not help you, if, we do not know what is out there in your world of model railroading.

Call for Division Director's

Last year at our annual business meeting, the division updated their by-laws. Part of this update was the creation of 3 positions for division director. The purpose of creating the directors, was to spread out the work load to enhance the division for its member's. Each director will have duties and be a voting member of the division board. The director's duties would consist of duties such as: Clinic Co-ordinator; Meeting site co-ordinator; Special projects; Scouting Program; Membership renewals and member recruitment; etc.

The division editor needs a biosketch of 100 or so words, as to why you would like to be a director and a shoulder up photo, by the end of December this year. This is needed to publish your data in the January newsletter, prior to the annual business meeting.

Super's Corner: (continued from page 2) Please stop in and check out what they are doing, many of our members may learn "How to Do" something in a different manner.

This brings up one of my goals for the next two years ... bringing more of today's youth into the hobby of model railroading. My reason: the hobby is going to need younger member(s) to keep those trains rolling. When we find a youngster, who is interested, invite them to come to a work time and let them operate something. Get them "hooked" on your club's activities. Do you know that the top seven universities in the United States who provide "Engineering Degree Programs" have model railroads on campus? I have seen at my club ... a youngster controlling a train, by themselves, and enjoying every minute of it ... "hooked" on trains, what a wonderful sight.

I am also the chair for the MER convention "Dutch Station" in Lancaster, PA from 4 to 7 October 2001. This convention is being planned around the entire family. We will have activities for the youth in attendance. I need people to assist me in this endeavor. Your time volunteered counts towards the Achievement Program certificate as "Association Volunteer".

We also need individuals to submit ideas and/or articles for the division newsletter, remember this is your newsletter.

Have a safe and happy Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday season ... Brian Brandt

Keystone Junction '01, Mid-Eastern Region, NMRA

Will be held in Frazer, PA, 29 March to 1 April 2000, hosted by the Philadelphia Division.

Clinics: KJ 2001 will feature clinics which will cover a broad spectrum of modeling and prototype interests. Also, there will be a hands on DCC clinic on Friday morning.

Prototype Tours: SEPTA's Frazer Shops, scheduled for Friday; Lukens Steel in Coatsville, Friday morning and both are limited to the first 40 people; PECO's Coal Fired Eddystone power plant, Saturday morning and is limited to the first 40 people.

Fan Trips: 30th Street Station tour will include AMTRAK's CETC control center; New Hope and Ivyland Railroad, will include a tour of the shops.

Home Layout Tours: Will include 35 of the areas finest home layouts.

Convention Car: Is an LBF Models gondola based on the Upper Marion & Plymouth railroad. The cars will be available in three different numbers.

Operations Call Board: Three different time slots are available to operate a number of excellent layouts.

Contests: Judged model contests are planned for this convention. Entrants have the opportunity to be the winner of the "Blue Lantern Award". This is for a model containing not more than 40% commercial parts, which best represents Branch Line, Private Line and/or Short Line operating equipment or facilities.

Auctions: These will be both a silent and a live auction.

On Site Train Show: There will be an on-site train show on Sunday, featuring over 70 dealers. Included in this will be a "Kids Corner".

On Site Modular Layouts: These will be up and running in the convention motel.

Off Line Activities: Longwood Gardens; QVC Studio Tour; Brandywine River Museum; New Hope; and the King of Prussia Mall.

**Keystone Junction '01
Mid Eastern Region, NMRA Spring Convention
March 29, 30, 31 & April 1, 2001 Frazer, PA**



Names as you wish to have them appear on your badges:

Address Street: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ ZIP: _____
 Phone: _____ NMRA# _____ MER # _____
 E-Mail: _____

	Amount	Total Cost	
Full Registration	_____ @ \$35.00	_____	
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Spouse	_____ @ \$15.00	_____	
Children (under 12)	_____ @ \$ 5.00	_____	
151 Taste-of Philly Buffet (Adult)	_____ @ \$20.00	_____	
152 Taste-of Philly Buffet (Child)	_____ @ \$10.00	_____	
153 Optional Box Lunch	_____ @ \$ 5.00	_____	
201 DCC Clinic	_____ @ \$10.00	_____	
301 Septa's Frazier Shops	_____ @ \$15.00	_____	
302 Amtrak 30 th Street Station	_____ @ \$10.00	_____	
303 NH&I Fan Trip (Adult)	_____ @ \$25.00	_____	
304 NH&I Fan Trip (Child)	_____ @ \$15.00	_____	
401 Lukens Steel	_____ @ \$25.00	_____	
402 PECO's Eddystone Station	_____ @ \$15.00	_____	
501 Convention Car (Single)	_____ @ \$15.00	_____	
502 Convention Car (3 Pack)	_____ @ \$40.00	_____	
503 Additional Convention Pin	_____ @ \$ 5.00	_____	
504 Convention Shirt	_____ @ \$10.00	_____	S M L XL XXL
601 Operations Call Board (Fri-EVE)	_____ @ \$18.00	_____	
603 Operations Call Board (Sat-AM)	_____ @ \$18.00	_____	
604 Operations Call Board (Sat-PM)	_____ @ \$18.00	_____	
701 Longwood Gardens (Adult)	_____ @ \$20.00	_____	
702 Longwood Gardens (Child)	_____ @ \$10.00	_____	
703 QVC Studio	_____ @ \$15.00	_____	
704 Brandywine River Museum (Adult)	_____ @ \$10.00	_____	
705 Brandywine River Museum (Child)	_____ @ \$ 7.50	_____	
706 New Hope (Adult)	_____ @ \$15.00	_____	(No Train Ride)
707 New Hope (Child)	_____ @ \$10.00	_____	(No Train Ride)
Total FEES Enclosed \$		_____	

Make Checks payable to: **Keystone Junction '01 • PO Box 447 • Swedesboro, NJ 08085**
 For convention information call 856-467-3385 or e-mail keystonejunction@mindspring.com
 P. J. Mattson Registrar

All Activities are ala cart including the Banquet.
 Parking is FREE at the Hotel.

Payment must accompany registration form. Bounced checks will not be put through twice - you will be required to pay your entire fee by money order or cashier's check through the mail or in cash at the convention. You will be responsible for all bank fees charged. DO NOT enclose hotel room reservation requests with your registration. If you pre-register and later need to cancel, a full refund will be given only if the request is received by the registrar in writing by March 15, 2001. Allow 4 to 6 weeks for processing of your refund. DO NOT mail a registration after March 15, 2001; register at the door. DO NOT staple your check to your registration form. Call (856)-467-3385 for a recording of current changes and updates. All activities are subject to change, substitution, addition or cancellation.

Sheraton Great Valley Hotel 707 Lancaster Pike Frazer PA 19355 610-524-5500
\$85.00 Single/Double + Tax Room Types: King Bed, 2 Double Beds, Smoking/Non Smoking
 Please contact the Hotel to make reservations. Mention Mid-Eastern Region NMRA

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Name: _____
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Susquehanna Division #11 Membership Application
Mid-Eastern Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

Send application to: Paul Tice, 1709 WEST MARKET STREET, YORK, PA 17404

New \$2.00 per year Renewal \$2.00 per year Change of address
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The Susquehanna Division is located in the central portion of Pennsylvania, The Counties served are: Adams; Berks; Blair; Cambria; Centre; Clinton; Cambia; Cumberland; Dauphin; Huntingdon; Juniata; Lackawanna; Lancaster; Lebanon; Lehigh; Luzerne; Lycoming; Mifflin; Monroe; Montour; Northumberland; Perry; Pike; Schuylkill; Sullivan; Susquehanna; Snyder; Union; Wayne; Wyoming; and York. Any member in good standing of the NMRA and the MER may join the Susquehanna Division. Please send photo copies of your current membership cards. Annual dues are \$2.00 which includes the quarterly newsletter "Susquehanna Sidetracks". Among the division's events are 2 one day mini meets and several half day clinics and/or open home layouts.

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