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If you weren't able to join us on May 1<sup>st</sup> for our Division meet, you missed 3 exciting railroads and even a mini operation session with working signals over part of the railroad and helper service. A big "thank you" to Jim Clay, Ray Fisher and Steve Mallery for opening up their layouts for us to visit. Those who did attend came away with a lot of great ideas for our own railroads. On page 3, you will find some photos from this meet.

## Division Officer Elections

If you are a member in good standing with the division (meaning your dues are paid up to date) you will find enclosed a ballot to vote for a new Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk. While each office has only one candidate, we still need the membership to vote to make it official. There is also space for write in candidates if you choose. Please fill out your ballot and mail it no later than June 30<sup>th</sup>. The Division has even

picked up the postage for your convenience. The results for the election will be published in the August newsletter.

## Division Director Changes

Bruce Allison has decided to step down as Division Director. The Division Officers would like to thank Bruce for his 3 years of service as Director and he will be missed. Because there is one year remaining on Bruce's current term, Bob Martin has been appointed by the Division Officers to finish out this remaining year.

Because Scott Turner will be running for Superintendent, this will create an opening for a Director position. If you would be interested in filling out the remaining year of his term, please contact one of the Division Officers. His replacement will be appointed as well as announced in the August newsletter.

## Next Division Meet Scheduled

The next Division 11 meet is scheduled for Sunday, July 11th

from 1 PM to 5 PM at Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad Preservation Society's Muddy Creek Forks, PA station. For more information and directions, please see page 3. Make plans now to attend and bring the whole family.

## Down the Tracks

**Great Scale Model Train Show**  
Timonium, MD  
June 19-20, 2004  
9 AM – 4 PM Saturday  
10 AM – 4 PM Sunday  
<http://www.gsmts.com>

**Puget Sound express**  
NMRA National Convention  
Seattle, WA  
July 4-11, 2004  
<http://www.nmra2004.org>

**South Mountain Express**  
MER Fall 2004 Convention  
Hagerstown, MD  
November 11-14  
<http://members.cox.net/chyde/MER/SMJ2004/SM-Junction.html>

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**Submissions:** The Susquehanna Sidetracks welcomes any model railroad or railroad related material. Members are encouraged to send in articles, letters to the editor, reviews, etc.

## Super's Corner – Brian Brandt

Greetings all, this is the last time I will be writing as Superintendent. I had a great four years. Now is the time for new ideas and changes. Sadly, we had no volunteers for any of the offices but Super. Therefore, Scott Turner is our new Superintendent. I wish him well and I hope you all give him your support. There was an e-mail sent out by a, shall we say disgruntled member of another division complaining about things in his Division. At first I was not going to reply, just delete it. But, after reading it a second time, I thought that I had to respond. First, and foremost, I believe that this person did not need to do a bulk gripe to the world. Secondly, the Division is trying to do a Regional convention next year. There is no reason to have a personal vendetta against people trying to make the divisions and regions a better place. I feel that if you cannot help out, SHUT UP! There are enough armchair leaders out there. Sorry to ramble, but I feel that this sometimes pertains to our Division at times also. I feel in this time of upheaval with the National doing the one dues, we have enough to worry about without having the family battles in public.

I hope to see a decent turnout in July at the MA and PA. It sounds like a great day. I am planning to be there, and making it a family day with all of the other activities there. We are planning to have a short meeting to railroad; I mean install Scott as Super. Thanks for the time that I spent as Super, it was great. I enjoyed meeting with those that attended the meets, and all that I met by phone and at Conventions. It was an Honor to be with all of you. I learned a lot, and got many ideas from all.

Thanks again!

## Upcoming Division Event

Sunday, September 12, 2004 at 1:30 PM. This will be a joint meet with the PRRT&HS Northern Central Chapter at the Otterbein United Methodist Church, York, PA. John Moyer will be our guest speaker and will provide stories and take questions about the PRR, with special emphasis on the Northern Central Branch. John was the fireman on GG-1 #4876, leading train #173, THE FEDERAL, when it ran away and plowed into Washington Union Station on January 14, 1953. The train crashed through the station's wall, smashed through the stationmaster's office, just beyond the end of track 16, demolished the main news stand and was sliding across the concourse toward the waiting room when the floor gave way and the GG1 and two of the cars fell through the floor into the basement baggage room. Make plans now to attend. More info will be coming in the August newsletter.

## Next Division 11 Meet – Sunday, July 11, 2004

Susquehanna Division 11 is pleased to announce that the next division meet will be held on Sunday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 1 PM to 5 PM at the Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad Preservation Society's Muddy Creek Forks, PA station. You can tour the store/station/post office/ice cream parlor/telephone exchange building and the roller mill. The equipment they have includes a 18-ton gas chain drive engine and a 45-ton diesel, burro crane, and 2 Ma & Pa cabooses, work train equipment and etc. You can also ride the work train for a 45 minute trip. Bring the whole family for a fun day. For more information and some photos, please visit their web site at <http://www.jarrettsville.org/mapa/main.htm>. Also open in the area will be Cross Mill, a water powered grain mill. For more information about the Mill and to read about it's history, please visit their web site at <http://www.southernYorkcounty.com/org/crossmill/index.HTM>. Allegro Vineyards will also be open. For more information about the vineyard, please visit their web site at <http://www.allegrowines.com>. So make plans now to spend the afternoon visiting a piece of our railroad history.

### Directions:

From York (Interstate 83):

- Take Route 74 south, off of Interstate 83.
- Continue on Route 74 south until you reach the town of Brogue.
- At Brogue turn right on to Muddy Creek Forks Road just before Brogue General Store.
- Follow Muddy Creek Forks Road about five miles to the town of Muddy Creek Forks.

## Photos from the May 1<sup>st</sup> Division Meet – Photos by Dave Rohrbaugh



Jim Clay's Yard (HO Scale)



One of Ray Fisher's Yards (N Scale)



Steve Mallery's Dispatcher Panel



Steve Mallery's Railroad