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Upcoming Division Events

Sunday, June 14, 2009 – Harford County Maryland Model Railroad Visits

Sunday, June 14, 2009 from 1 PM to 5 PM. In conjunction with the new Chesapeake Division, three HO model railroads in Harford County, Maryland will be open for visitation. Alan Anderson models the 1920's with all steam power and heavy influence of logging. Alan has a new unique control system that is not DCC but a hybrid DC with wireless remote control. Ken Poznaniak's DCC, two level, contemporary layout features long trains, automated coal loading at the mine and rotary dumping at the power plant. Dave Renard, MMR's, mid-sixties railroad contains a lot of scratch-built structures, rolling stock and trackwork and is DCC controlled. **Non-NMRA members are invited.** More information and directions will be in a future newsletter and on the website when available.

Saturday, August 22, 2009 – Reading area Model Railroad Visits

Saturday, August 22, 2009 at 10 AM. We will visit the model railroads of Bob Bucklew, Charles Kadyk, and Joel Holubec. Bob will present a clinic on using the J/MRI suite for CTC. More information and directions will be in a future newsletter and on the website when available.

Saturday, September 26, 2009 – Joint Meet with Philadelphia Division

In a joint meet with the Philadelphia division, we will meet in Downingtown for a series of clinics, followed by several model railroad open houses. Tentatively, one of these open houses will be Ken McCorry's BARN SIZED model railroad. Other model railroads, and clinic details will be released as soon as they are available.

Saturday, June 6, July 18, August 15, November 7, 2009 – Live Steam Visits

The division held an event last year at Art Dum's live steam railroad in Shermansdale, PA, which was an overwhelming success. We have been invited back for any of four dates in 2009. We will not be going as a group, but any interested individual may attend by RSVPing to WAYNE GODSHALL at (717)582-4405 Home or (717)215-7776 Cell. YOU MUST "SIGN UP" BY CALLING WAYNE IN ADVANCE OF THE EVENT. There is no fee to attend, but Wayne would like a list of names of everyone attending. Art Dum's railroad is located at 57 Pisgah Road, Shermansdale, PA. Directions can be found using Mapquest or a GPS.

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Division 11 Happenings

Jeff Warner

This (short) newsletter is being sent to the entire division as it contains two ballots. First, we have three nominees for the three Director positions. Gale Smith has decided not to run again. The division would like to thank Gale for filling the director position vacated when Jeff Warner became Superintendent. Nominated to take Gale's position is Wayne Betty. Wayne is a long time NMRA member from the Lancaster, PA, area and he hosts the division website.

The second ballot is for two changes to the Division By-Laws suggested by the MER board. The first is to Article II, Section 1 to spell out the counties in the Division rather than state which divisions form the boundaries. The second is to change the wording of Article XI, Section 1 to state that new By-Laws will take effect after a "review" by the MER board, not "approval".

The Division officers have unanimously recommended both of these changes be accepted by the division and has voted to allow electronic (e-mail) voting on both ballots.

We are always looking for more model railroads to visit. If you have one, or know of one, please contact me so we can set up a division visit to your area.

If you are not currently receiving the electronic version of this newsletter, and would like to, please contact Jeff Warner (see column at left).

The Tuscarora Valley Railroad (a division of the PRR in 1 1/2" scale in Ickesburg, PA) is starting on a 1200' expansion and will be scheduling work sessions on Saturdays from April 25 until completion. If you would like to attend one or more of these sessions to see how the larger scale people do things, please let Dick Poole know and he will notify you when these work sessions are scheduled. Contact Dick at (717)763-0381 or rs38819@verizon.net

Division Director Ballot

Wayne Betty, Alan Frame, and Howard Oakes have been nominated to fill the three Division Director positions from July 1, 2009 to June 30, 2011. You may vote to accept these nominations or reject them as a group. Votes must be received by Friday, June 26, 2009.

_____ I vote to accept these nominations

_____ I vote to reject these nominations

You may e-mail your vote to jwarner@susquehannanmra.org, mail your ballot to me at the address on page 2 or call me at (717) 932-9929 between 10 AM and 9 PM.

Division By-Law Ballot

The following two changes have been proposed to the Division By-laws. A complete copy of the old and new by-laws can be found on the division website. If you would like a printed copy, please contact Jeff Warner. You may vote to accept these changes or reject them as a group. Votes must be received by Friday, June 26, 2009.

The following are the NEW wordings for the two affected sections. All other sections remain the same.

ARTICLE II - Territory

Section 1. The Susquehanna Division shall be comprised of the following counties in Pennsylvania:

Adams, Berks, Blair, Cambria, Carbon, Centre, Columbia, Cumberland, Dauphin, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lackawanna, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lehigh, Luzerne, Lycoming, Mifflin, Monroe, Montour, Northampton, Northumberland, Perry, Pike, Schuylkill, Snyder, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Union, Wayne, Wyoming and York.

ARTICLE XI - By-Laws Changes

Section 1. These By-Laws may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the membership responding to the mail ballot. The Board of Directors may elect to allow electronic ballots in addition to mail ballots. Proposed changes must be published in the division newsletter not less than fourteen (14) days prior to any vote. The amendment(s) will take effect after review by the MER Board of Directors.

_____ I vote to accept these changes

_____ I vote to reject these changes

You may e-mail your vote to jwarner@susquehannanmra.org, mail your ballot to me at the address on page 2 or call me at (717) 932-9929 between 10 AM and 9 PM.

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