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## Lancaster Meet

Have you ever gone to an open house at a model railroad club and it was so crowded that you could not see everything you wanted to and then wished you could come back at another time to gawk and ask questions? Well if you did not attend the division meet at the South Penn Model Railroad Club you missed an opportunity to do just that.

The trains were running all day and they ran well. There are many clubs and individuals out there who would love to have the kind of room they have and for as cheap as they have it. What a deal! The layout is long with plenty of room to get a yard in and not have any curves in it or the lead tracks. It is 100% scenicked and looks good.

The meet was on a Saturday morning that was cold, wet and damp. The turnout was light but we had a great time. Our hosts are to be congratulated. This is one club that really knows how to put the FUN in model railroading.

There was a favorite model contest and clinics. The clinics were "Repowering Engines" presented by Dave Arculan and "Air Brushing" presented by Jeremy Griffith. Both clinicians did an excellent job and we thank them for sharing their ideas and skills with us. The Favorite Model contest was won by John Long with his model of a Rice Refrigerator Car. Excellent work John and congratulations.

The Susquehanna Division would like to thank the South Penn Model Railroad Club for opening their doors to us and being such gracious hosts. Hope we can do it again some time.

## Dues

Our membership as of Dec 31, 1993 was at 56 members. As of this writing we are only retaining 27 members. If your dues are not paid for 1994 then this is your last newsletter. You will also notice that your membership number on your mailing label has been highlighted. Your \$2 dues covers the cost of the newsletter and mailings.

We are still young with growing pains. We need your support to continue as a grassroots organization. You don't have to belong to the NMRA or the MER to be a division member. So please give us your support and renew your dues now and encourage a friend to do the same. The bigger our membership the more things we can do and the larger and more diversified our meets can be.

You may use the renewal/new member form in the newsletter. Thank you for your support.

## Personnel Changes in the MER and Division

There has been some shuffling of positions recently in the MER.

First, Charlie Potter was elected as a Director to the MER Board of Directors. He has given up the positions of MER General Contest Chairman and Division 11 AP Chairman. Congratulations to Charlie and best of luck in his new position.

John Johnson has moved from Model Contest Chairman to General Contest Chairman.

Don Yingling has moved from Photo Contest Chairman to Model Contest

## Upcoming Events

**Aug 13-21, 1994:** Columbia Gorge Express, NMRA National Convention, Portland, Oregon

**May 13-15, 1994:** East Penn Traction Club Mini Meet, Hatfield Firehouse, Hatfield, PA

**May 20-22, 1994:** Mid-Atlantic Narrow Gauge Guild Annual Module Meet, Holiday Inn, King of Prussia, PA

**Nov 4-6, 1994:** Fun! Vention '94, MER Fall '94 Convention, Ramada Inn Convention Center, Hagerstown, MD

**Nov 23, 1994:** Conewago Valley Model Railroad Club Auction, 7pm, New Oxford Fire Hall, New Oxford, PA

**May 18-21, 1995:** White Rose '95, MER Spring Convention, Hosted by Division 11, Holiday Inn Holidome, 2000 Loucks Road, York, PA

Chairman.

Joe Krepps has taken over the duties of Photo Contest Chairman as well as his current duties as Craft Contest Chairman.

Don Yingling has taken over the duties of Division 11 AP Chairman.

Allen Philips has taken over the duties of Region AP Chairman since Paul Locher has moved out of the region.

Hope your not totally confused by all the changes, but we wish everyone good luck in their new positions.

## White Rose '95

We are progressing well with plans for the MER Spring 1995 Convention. Our last meeting was held at the Holiday Inn using the Board Room. We received a tour of the facilities and it is a beautiful hotel with an indoor/outdoor pool, exercise room, miniature golf, and real rooms for sleeping and meeting. This will be a real treat for the conventioners. The rooms will be \$59/night flat rate. Some rooms are available poolside but are a limited quantity.

Cost for registration will soon be worked out and you will know ahead of the rest of the region. We are currently working on a rail car fantrip for Friday and possibly steam at Williams Grove for Saturday. There will be more on these at a later date. There will also be some well known and local people giving clinics.

So mark your calendars for May 18, 19, 20, & 21, 1995 and plan to attend what will be a fun weekend.

*Don Yingling, PR Chairman, White Rose '95*

## Super's Corner

Help! Right now there are no Spring/Summer or Fall/Winter meets scheduled. We are looking for a place to hold one but as of now nothing can be scheduled. We do need some prospects for the future. Maybe even going back to one of our previous locations.

In the event that we do not hold a Spring/Summer meet then the election of officers must be done by mail on short notice. So we are calling for officers. If anyone is interested in running for the office of Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent, or Clerk/Paymaster and you are a member of the NMRA and MER and are residing within the boundaries of Division 11 you are eligible. You just need to send me a letter of your intentions to run for a particular office and you will be on the ballot. Send the letter to Don Yingling, 2420 Heather Road, York, PA 17404-4383 by April 15th, 1994 (magic date).

Next I would like to apologize for getting this issue out so late. Many things have transpired since our December meet and the biggest has been a bad case of Cabin Fever. There have

## Division 11 Staff

### Officers:

Superintendent: Don Yingling  
Asst. Superintendent: Joe Krepps  
Clerk/Paymaster: Paul Tice

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been some personnel changes as well and lots of white stuff to try to figure out where to put it next.

One other thing I would like to mention is that Paul Tice, our Clerk/Paymaster is in the process of setting up a checking account. He must first file for a non-profit status of our own. So this is now in process and I will keep you posted on the progress.

Till next issue, Happy Railroading and Happy Easter and I hope you will have lots of green grass to mow

## Membership Application for Susquehanna Division 11 of the Mid-Eastern Region of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Annual Division dues are \$2.00 per year.

Dues include the quarterly newsletter.

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