

SUSQUEHANNA SIDETRACKS

August 10th at Strasburg

The Susquehanna Division 11 will hold its First Annual Summer Picnic at the Strasburg Railroad on August 10, 1996. At 10:00 am we will meet at the Interlocking Tower at the railroad. From there we will go to the picnic site. The Division will provide cold soft drinks, potato salad, plates utensils and cups. These food items were donated by a fellow Division 11 member for the volunteers who gave of their time at White Rose '95. Members should bring a covered dish and coordinate their actions with Brian Brandt, who can provide 'how much to bring' as he will have the total head count. Brian's phone number is 717-560-9542.

At about 2:00 pm we will break for a home layout open house. Mr. Linn

Moedinger will have his HOn3 Rio Grande Southern and East Broad Top Railroads open for us. The layout is housed in a building which was designed with a model railroad in mind. This 40' by 23' layout is being built to represent the RGS from Ridgeway to Rico and the EBT from Orbisonia to Robertsdale. Though only 35% complete, the sections which are finished are larger than many home layouts. The layout successfully captures the feel of Rocky Mountain railroading. Trains are operated by a timetable and the locomotives are sound equipped. Linn is the Chief Mechanical Officer for the Strasburg Railroad and is a new member to Division 11 and the NMRA. Maps to the layout will be available only at the picnic site.

September 21st Open Houses

On September 21, 1996, Division 11 will be doing some visiting in the Harrisburg Area. The division has lined up three home layouts that will be open for visiting.

The morning Open House will be from 10:00 am to 11:30 am at John Long's S scale layout in Camp Hill. The Swatara and Western is modeled after the Pennsylvania area in the 40's and 50's. The layout is an around the wall 20' by 25' loop which can also be operated as a point to point and is 95% scenicked. Many scenes depict John's family members' homes and businesses. The Swatara and Western has appeared in several nationally published hobby magazines. John has a Golden Spike Award and his Master Builder certificates

in Civil and Electrical Engineering, his Author certificate will be awarded at the Jersey Limited '96 Convention. He is currently working on his Scenery and Structures paperwork. Particulars: John has no pets, the layout is in the basement with a first floor entrance, central air conditioning, and can hold 12-15 people at one time. The map to John's house can be found on page 3.

The second Open House will be in the early afternoon from noon to 1:30 pm at the home of William Fraley in Hershey. The Jefferson Central is modeled after the central Pennsylvania area in the 40's and 50's. The layout is a 10' by 20' point to point and is 98% scenicked. Many of the scenes on the railroad depict
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Coming Events

Aug. 10, 1996: Division 11 Picnic/Open House at the Strasburg Railroad in Lancaster County. 10:00 am to ?

Sept. 21, 1996: Division 11 Open House/Layout Tour, 10:00am to 3:30pm.

Oct. 3-6, 1996: Jersey Limited '96, Mid-Eastern Region, NMRA, Fall Convention, The Clarion Hotel at Mount Laurel, 915 Route 73 at I-295, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. Registrar, P. J. Mattson, Box 517, Swedesboro, NJ 08085. Ph: 609-467-3385.

Oct. 19-20, 1996: Great Scale Model Train Show, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD. 9-4 Sat. and 10-4 Sun. Adm \$5

Nov. 27, 1996: Conewago Valley Model Railroad Club Annual Train Auction, 7pm, New Oxford Fire Hall, New Oxford, PA.

Membership Thermometer

Current Membership 7/31/96: 85

New Members:

John K. Weitzel, Gettysburg, PA

Day K. Grimes, Jr., Carlisle, PA

John J. Provenza, York, PA

David Bailey, Hummelstown, PA

Geoffrey Wood, Lititz, PA

Emory Shughart, Boiling Springs, PA

John A. Foley, Pottsville, PA

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Super's Corner

I am asking all of the Susquehanna Division 11 members to volunteer their model railroading skills, knowledge, and abilities to help the division grow and prosper. The NMRA is in the final stages of a new Achievement Program category: **Apprentice Model Railroader (AMR)**. It will be exclusively for our youth members. The AMR will be the equivalent of the adult members' Master Model Railroader. The Scouting Merit Badge program is an excellent vehicle to introduce our youth to model railroading. I need volunteers to help with the Scouting Merit Badge Program on Model Railroading for Cub, Boy and/or Explorer Scouts. This program will be worked on over the fall and winter months, starting in November, during National Model Railroad Month, and

ending by March or April. The merit badges can be completed with an average of one evening per month. Your time spent on the Merit Badge Program will count towards the Achievement Program's Master Builder - Volunteer Award, as holding instructional classes or doing clinics on model railroading. Please let Alan Frame know if you are interested in volunteering for the Scouting Merit Badge program. I would like to see Susquehanna Division 11 have the first youth earn the title of Apprentice Model Railroader. The division needs your help in accomplishing this goal.

Watch out for those trains and have a "Rail Fun Day"

Wm. Terry Nesbit

Editor's Notes

Model Railroading is Fun. At least that is what it says on the cover of one of the hobby's leading magazines. I keep reminding myself of this as I get the new train room ready. Actually not a new room but the trains are moving to a different room. Got it? Oh what fun it is when you rip up the old carpet with intentions of painting the concrete floor and discover the foam under the carpet is glued to the concrete! Then you discover that the tack strips around the edge were not only nailed down but you see this bead of something that oozed out along the edge when it was put down. Yes folks, it's Liquid Nails! Well after about 2-3 weeks of on again, off again elbow grease, a flooring chisel, wood chisel, ice scraper, and paint scraper the floor is clean enough to paint. Oh my back, where's the aspirin! I thought about using the acetone, like a home center recommended, but I thought better of it since the house is closed up because of central A/C. The floor will be painted last but for now the ceiling has two coats of paint and the light fixtures are hung

and working. (Don't look in the garage yet, no junction box).

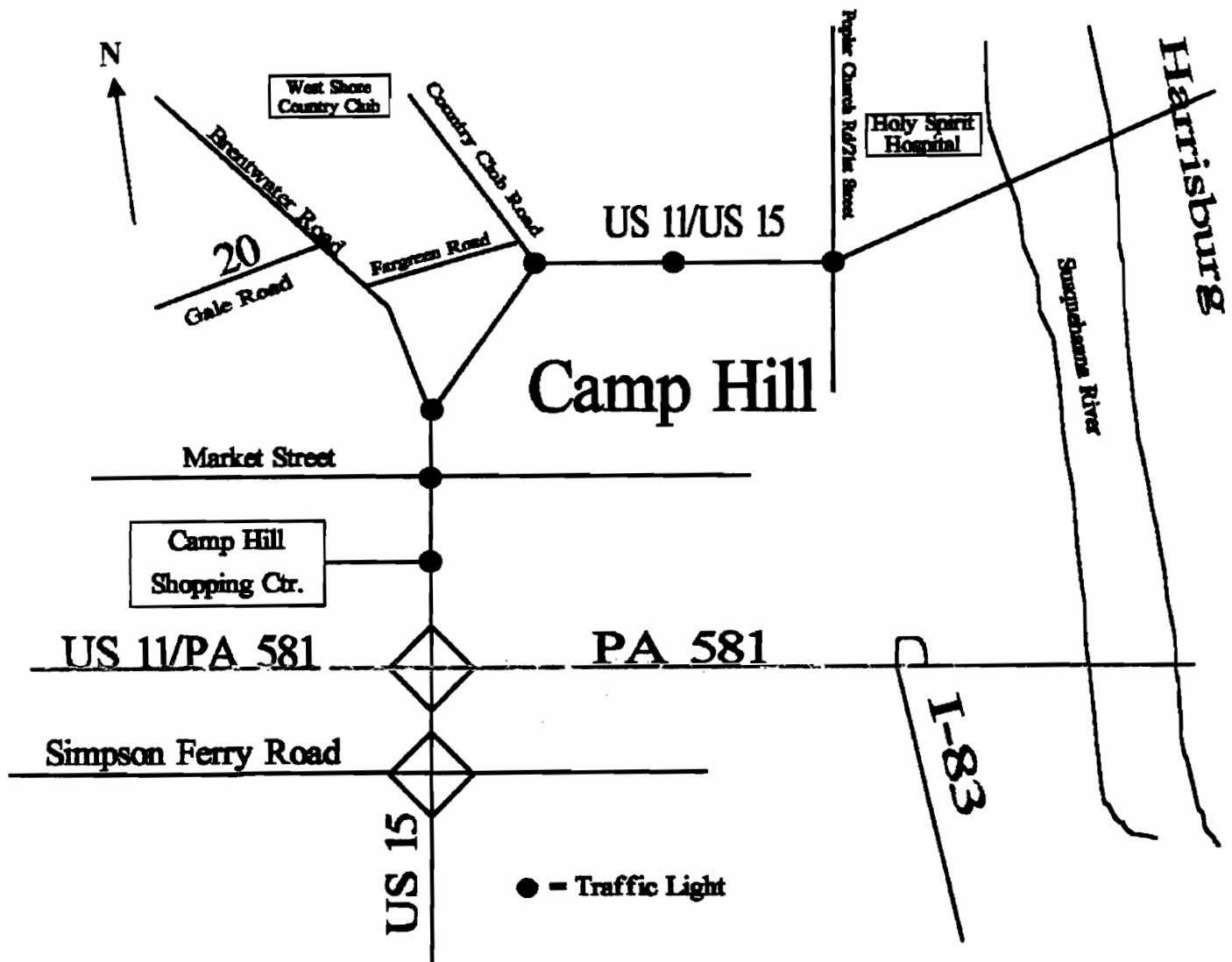
Why do we do this to ourselves? What kind of lengths will we go to, to run trains? Is it an addiction? It could be in one sense of the word but there is no national organization trying to outlaw it. So I guess it must be something harmless that just gets into your blood and stays with you whether you are involved continuously or you just haven't done anything for years and then BANG it's there again.

Yeah, Model Railroading is fun. It can be anything you want it to be and more. It's your imagination at work.

Anybody have any stories they want to share? Drop me a line or paragraph or page or two and lets share your experiences. How does a division grow? One way is friendships and getting to know each other a little better. To share ideas and experiences and sometimes what not to do.

Well, gotta go get the wall and backdrop paint now. It just smells so gooooood! See you at the open houses. Happy Railroading, Don

Map to John Long's layout, 20 Gale Road, Camp Hill



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memories of Bill's childhood days growing up along the Pennsy and Reading Railroads in the Harrisburg area. Bill has won many awards for his work and has also had many articles and photos published in the various hobby magazines. Particulars: Bill has a dog that is quiet and well behaved, the layout is in the basement with a first floor entrance, window air conditioners and can hold 8 to 10 people at one time. The map to Bill's home will be available at John Long's home.

The mid-afternoon Open House will be from 2:00 pm to 3:30 pm at the home of Wm. Terry Nesbit in Lower Paxton Township (east of Harrisburg). The HO/HOn3 Fall River Logging and Mining Company is an 8' by 19' by 15' L shaped walk-around multi-level layout. It is designed to capture the flavor of Colorado narrow gauge and Pacific Coast railroading. Included in the layout's room are various pieces of prototype MOW equipment, kerosene lanterns and a caboose stove. Outside, on the patio, are a mud flat and two Fairmont track

speeders: an M-19 and an S2-E. Terry has Master Builder certificates in Structures and Cars and will be awarded his Author and Volunteer certificates at the Jersey Limited '96 convention. He is working on the certificates in the Motive Power, Civil Engineering, Electrical Engineering and Dispatcher categories. Particulars: Terry has a cat, the layout is in the basement with a level outside entrance, central air conditioning and can hold 12-15 people at one time. The map to Terry's layout will be available at William Fraley's layout.

National Model Railroad Association
Mid-Eastern Region
Susquehanna Division #11
Revenue and Expense Statement - Cash Basis
For The Fiscal Year 7/1/95 to 6/30/96

Beginning Balance (Cash) - July 1, 1995 \$ 649.97

Revenue For The Fiscal Year

Dues Received In Mail	\$ 98.00	
Interest Income	23.30	
10/24/25 - Sale Of Company Store Merchandise	123.00	
Final Loan Repayment - White Rose '95	625.45	
Additional Income - White Rose '95	35.71	
11/22/95 - New Oxford Auction - Company Store	66.00	
New Oxford - New Member Dues	16.00	
12/2/95 - Lancaster Club - Division Meet	77.00	
Lancaster - New Member Dues	32.00	
12/11/95 - York Train Show - Company Store	34.00	
5/18/96 - Mechanicsburg Club - Division Meet	36.00	
Mechanicsburg - New Member Dues	15.00	
Redeposit Change - Various Meets	80.00	
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Total Revenue Received		1261.46
<u>Total Cash Available</u>		<u>\$ 1911.43</u>

Expenses For The Fiscal Year

Postage	\$ 208.80	
Printing	157.99	
Purchase Raffle Cars	14.37	
Pay Out - Cash Change For Meets	80.00	
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Total Expenses		<u>461.16</u>

Ending Balance (Cash) - June 30, 1996 \$ 1450.27

1 Car Remains In Raffle Inventory 4.98
(Also We Own All Boxcar Kits, Mugs, T-Shirts,
And Hats Left Over From White Rose '95
Which Were Donated To Us At No Cost)

Susquehanna Division #11 - Organization Net Worth \$ 1455.25

Respectfully Submitted,
Paul F. Tice, P.A.
Paymaster / Clerk
Susquehanna Division #11

Susquehanna Division

Mid-Eastern Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

Membership Application

The Susquehanna Division is located in the central portion of Pennsylvania. Counties covered are: Adams, Berks, Blair, Center, Clinton, Cumberland, Dauphin, Huntingdon, Juniata, Lancaster, Lebanon, Lycoming, Mifflin, Montour, Northumberland, Perry, Schuylkill, Snyder, Union, and York. Anyone interested in the hobby may become a member of the Division regardless of their place of residence. You do not have to be a member of the Mid-Eastern Region or the National Model Railroad Association to be a Division member. Annual dues for the Susquehanna Division are **\$2.00** which includes the quarterly newsletter. Among the activities of the Division are the semi-annual mini-conventions held in the spring and fall. A quarterly newsletter, the *Susquehanna Sidetracks*, is published with the Division schedule of events and other model railroad news.

Type of application: New _____ Renewal _____ Change of Address _____

Primary Scale: _____ Layout? _____ Interests: Modules _____ Narrow Gauge _____ Traction _____ SIG _____

Name: _____ NMRA# _____ MER# _____

Address: _____

Phone: H (____) _____ W (____) _____ E-Mail Addr: _____

Return completed application, with a check payable to: *Susquehanna Division*, 1709 West Market Street, York, PA 17404