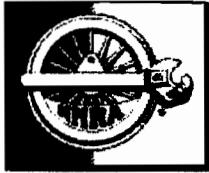
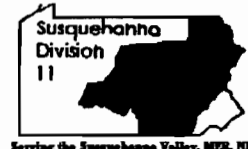


# Susquehanna



# Sidetracks



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## August 15th At Williams Grove

The Susquehanna Division 11 will hold a Division Meet at Williams Grove Park on August 15, 1998. Terry Nesbit will have the Pennsy steam engine fired up, so bring your cameras and picnic lunch and stay awhile. Also bring the kids and/or grandkids for a fun day on the rides. It would be a great time for a family outing.

## November Home Layouts

by Terry Nesbit

The Susquehanna Division 11 has made arrangements with the following division members to have their layouts available for us to visit on November 7th, to celebrate National Model Railroad Month. They will be open from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Jack Kennedy, Mechanicsburg

Jim Clay, Mechanicsburg

**October 17-18, 1998:** Great Scale Model Train Show, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD, Sat 9-4 & Sun 10-4, Adm. November 7, 1998: Division 11 Open Home Layouts, Mechanicsburg, PA area, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**November 7, 1998:** Division 11 Open Home Layouts, Mechanicsburg, PA area, 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

**November 25, 1998:** Conewago Valley Model Railroad Club Annual Fall Auction, New Oxford Fire Hall, New Oxford, PA, 7 PM until ?

## Coming Events

**August 15, 1998:** Division 11 event at Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Association, Inc., Williams Grove, PA, 9:30 AM to 2:30 PM

**August 8-16, 1998:** Lehigh & Keystone Valley Model RR Club Music Fest Open House, 705 Linden ST., Bethlehem, PA, 1-9 p.m.

**August 30, 1998:** Gettysburg Train Meet, Allstar Family Fun Center, Business Route 15, Gettysburg, PA, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**August 31-September 4, 1998:** Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Society, Williams Grove Park, Engine #643 running for hostler experience, Dispatcher Certificate.

**September 12, 1998:** Susquehanna Division 11 Meet, Reading Society of Model Engineers and Model Railroad Explorers' Post #902, Reading, PA

**September 19-20, 1998:** Greenberg's Great Train, Dollhouse and Toy Show, Lebanon Valley Expo Center, Lebanon, PA, Sat. 11-5, Sun. 11-4.

**September 20, 1998:** York-Hanover Train Meet, Porters Fire Company, Rt. 116, Porters, PA, 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

**September 23-28, 1998:** 18th National Narrow Gauge Convention, World Arena Doubletree Hotel, Colorado Springs, CO.

**September 26, 1998:** Hillendale Elementary PTO Back to School Train Show, Hillendale Elementary, 1850 Hillendale Road, Chadds Ford, PA, 9 a.m. - ?

**October 9-11, 1998:** Lehigh Valley Limited, MER Fall 1998 Regional Convention, Days Inn Conference Center, Rts. 22 & 309, Allentown, PA

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When remitting dues for the national and/or region, please provide photocopies of your current MER and NMRA membership cards, along with your Divisional membership renewal form. Also include the appropriate postage, 32 or 64 cents, with your check. This will help defray the cost of these additional mailings. We must mail the national and regional dues separately. Be sure that all information is correct and complete so dues can be properly credited to you.

## Super's Corner

Our Spring business meeting was held at the South Penn Model Railroad Club. All officers were in attendance, the meeting opened at 1010 a.m. Under old business: a discussion was given by the Superintendent on the non-profit mailing permit and the need for paid advertising (see related article); a talk was held on having open home layouts as a division activity; the Chief Clerk/Paymaster gave a Treasurer's report ... all bills have been paid and we have a balance of \$470.42 as of 24 April 1998; a correction to the April newsletter was made ... the Superintendent donated a case of paper containing 5000 sheets of paper, not 10,000. Under New Business: the slate of officers were elected to an additional two years of volunteer service; a review of the attractions for the 15 August and 12 September meets was covered; the division will not be doing a meet at the Zembo this year on 14/15 November, the officers feel that the division needs to work on our modules and getting them finished and set up at other public shows before we try another Zembo Temple meet. During National Model Railroad Month, I will try to have open home layouts. the meeting was closed at 1045 a.m. Clinics on "Track Laying and Ballast Application" and "How to apply Scenery to the Division Modules" were presented.

Good news ... Bell Atlantic finally fixed their telephone cables in my area. My telephone has been working since the afternoon of 29th of May. I have written letters to our division members in Mechanicsburg, Camp Hill, and Harrisburg to see if they will open their layouts for a Division Meet during National Model Railroad Month, on the first Saturday, the 7th of November.

The division's modules were set up and running in the lobby of the hotel at the MER spring convention in Charlotte, NC. When the module was operating, we had a very large crowd of interested people, both MER people and visitors staying at the hotel. At times the people were standing three and four deep to see our modules in operation. My thanks to Harold Stahle and Jim Atkinson who helped run the modules and answer those many questions of how did we make this or that. I could not have done this without your help!!! Alan Phillips, MER AP Chair, liked the operational HO/HOn3 double slip

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## Editor's Notes

Looks like we will soon be having a restructuring of our dues. Soon the NMRA will be collecting all the dues for the National, Region, and Division organizations with in the MER. There will probably be some changes as to how you pay your dues. but this still has to be worked out. I made a count of the members in arrears on their dues for the division and out of 106 members, we have 46 that need to renew their dues or this will be their last newsletter. Please the year of your dues on the mailing

## Tenure Recognition

*By Wm. Terry Nesbit, NMRA Staff File #751.*

Among the many hats I wear, one is being the Tenure Recognition Chair for the NMRA. During the course of any year, I process between six and eight hundred certificates for all NMRA members world wide. These certificates are sent to the regional contact person for distribution. For those members within the MER, I send them to the Division Superintendents or the Trustee for those unassigned MER counties. The following NMRA members who reside within Susquehanna Division #11 have been continuous NMRA members for either 25 or 50 years.

### 50 Year members:

label. If says 1998 or later you are ok. If 1997 then you need to renew.

I am working on getting the door prizes together for the Fall MER Convention, Lehigh Valley Limited, in Allentown, PA. The request letters went out only a few weeks ago and am I impressed with the response. There is a package at my front door almost daily. Right now the retail price total has gone over the \$400 mark.

I already made my reservations for the convention, have you made yours? I will see you there. Later, Don

Ronald H. Leaman, Lancaster

Walter Minnich, Quarryville

Clarence Nissley, Palmyra

William Troutman, Camp Hill

### 25 Year members:

Michael A. Lech, Johnstown

Tom O'Connor, Lebanon

John S. Hudacek, Plymouth

Louis H. Benner, Lancaster

Robert Henrichs, Tunkhannock

William R. Henry, Spring Grove

David Buchanan, Camp Hill

## Super's Corner, *Cont'd*

switch and wanted to judge the module for Civil Engineer, however, I forgot to bring along my NMRA HOn3 gauge.

The division's modules are scheduled to be set up at the Great American Train Show (GATS) in Fort Washington, PA (Phila) on the 14th and 15th of November. GATS has cash donations for the best modules.. First place is \$400. I could use one or two volunteers to help me at this train show.

The NMRA made a proposal at the Spring MER Board meeting. This proposal was for the combined billing of dues. National wants to use one single combined bill for dues. This bill would go out to all NMRA members within MER and would be for all dues (NMRA, MER, and Division). NMRA members would write one check for the combined dues in January of any given year. The NMRA would in turn send a list of names of NMRA members to

both the MER and the divisions with the NMRA, MER and division member numbers. Included would be a check to cover the dues of the members.

I think this is a good idea for MER to accept as proposed by the NMRA. This will increase both the MER and division members. Currently, MER has about 1/3 of the known NMRA members as region members. I know the Susquehanna Division #11 has about the same ratio as the region, based on the NMRA member printouts I receive. The potential increase in membership (along with increase in dollars) with the decreased work for the region and divisions will benefit all of us.

I have already given written permission to the NMRA to collect our dues for any NMRA member and to send their names/addresses and a check to our Chief Clerk/Paymaster. Watch out for those trains...and have a rail fun day.  
William Terry Nesbit

# September Meet at The Reading Society of Model Engineers

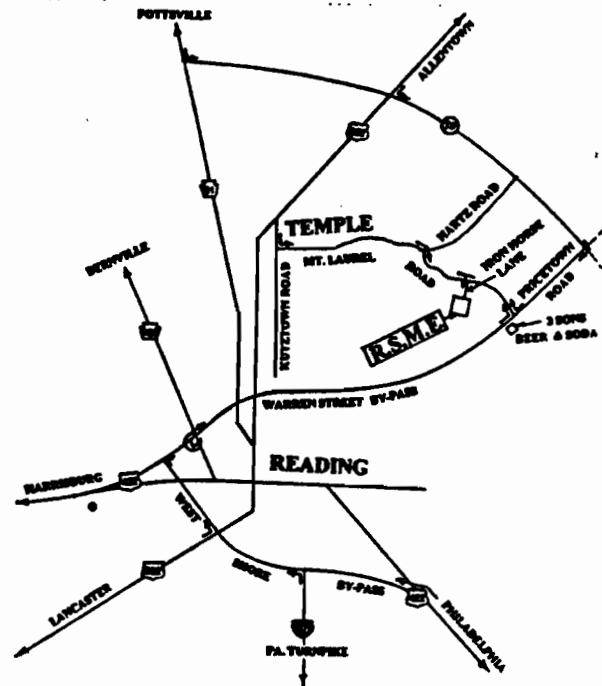
On September 12, 1998, the Susquehanna Division 11 will be holding its fall meet at the Reading Society of Model Engineers. The Society's layouts include a 15", 7 1/4" and a 4 3/4" gauge outdoor live steam railroads. Indoors there are O, On3, Scale and Tinplate layouts along with Explorer Post 902's HO Modular Railroad.

The outdoor motive power includes #10 the little engine that pulled trains at Carsonia Park for many years. It is gas powered. Another engine is #20, a Crown 4-4-0 steam locomotive made in Wayne, PA that runs on coal and water. Also on the roster is #370, a model of a Reading Railroad RS-3 (Baldwin AS-16) powered by a Ford Model A gasoline fueled motor. This engine was made by club members and does most of the passenger service for the Laurel Run Railroad. Of course these trains will not run in bad weather, so lets hope for a nice sunny day. For your safety be sure to wear closed-toe, low-heeled walking shoes when riding the trains.

They will be providing a lunch for us at a nominal cost. Meatball subs, hot dogs, drinks (tea, milk, soft drinks) and dessert. They will have the 18" live steam, HO Modular layout and the O and On3 layouts operational.

## DIRECTIONS:

From Reading, Take 422/222 by-pass past North 5th Street exit, go east on by-pass to Pricetown Road, just past Alsace Fire Company. Turn left on to Mt. Laurel Road, go 1/2 mile and turn left into Iron Horse Lane. From points north, take Rt. 222 or Rt. 61 South, turn left on to Rt. 73 at Breezy Corners, turn right on to Pricetown Road, then



right on to Mt. Laurel Road for 1/2 mile, then left into Iron Horse Lane. Look for "R.S.M.E." signs.

Other events scheduled for the Reading Society for the remainder of the year include "Late Summer", an open house run usually held in late August to early September and a Fall Open House held around the beginning of November. Santa usually makes a visit during this event. The Society runs events through out the year and more can be added for this year. So pick up a brochure at the R.S.M.E. and joy them for some more fun and a relaxing time.

## Membership Thermometer

Current Membership 07/17/98: 106

### New Members:

Terry Rexroth, York, PA

Robert Paltz, Bridgewater, NJ

Chris Paltz, Cranford, NJ

## Acheivement Program:

By Wm. Terry Nesbit, Division AP Chair.

A Golden Spike Award has been submitted for Brain Brandt.

**Please take note:** The Pennsylvania Rails train meet scheduled for December 12th has been canceled and removed from the schedule along with the December 14-15 Zembo meet.

**ANNUAL REPORT  
SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION #11  
MID-EASTERN REGION  
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**30 JUNE 1998**

For the fiscal year ending 30 June 1998, the Susquehanna Division #11 has held the following events, all were well attended and ran smoothly:

(1) A meet at both the Bellefonte and Lockhaven model railroad clubs on the 9th of August; ... (2) A quality check of completed division modules at the home of Paul Tice on the 25th of October; ... (3) A Fall Mini-meet on the 22nd of November 1997, held at the Zembo Temple and open to the public; ... (4) A Modular Clinic, on the 28th of February at the South Penn Model Railroad club in Lancaster, PA; ... (5) The Spring business meeting, relocated from the Manheim Model Railroad club to the South Penn Model Railroad club due to a last minute scheduling problem;

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**Mr. Mel Agne**  
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from January 1997 to present

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 NMRA 108033-00 MER7158

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Through the meets the membership has grown to (106) members. The dues for this Division are \$2.00 per year and registration for non-members at meets is \$3.00 ... [\$2.00 for Subscriber dues and \$1.00 for registration]. NOTE: The "subscriber dues" are to be eliminated in FY 1999.

**Scouting Merit Badge Program Coordinator for York and Adams Counties:**

**Alan J. Frame**  
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Alan has 35 scouts from Troop 50 in Spry, PA working on their Scouting Merit Badge in Railroading.

**Scouting Merit Badge Coordinator for Lancaster, Berks and Lebanon Counties:**

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**Mr. David Buchannan**  
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The Mid-Eastern Region, NMRA, provides to the Susquehanna Division every 6 months, a NMRA printout #MAO23 membership status. The Superintendent, uses this information for recruiting new divisional members and to use the "Classes" data in finding proven persons for special projects in the promotion of the various aspects of Ferroequinology and Model Railroading.

Newsletter, "*Susquehanna Sidetracks*", Editor

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**Attachments:**

- #1. A copy of the financial report for FY 98;
- #2. The inventory of resale items;
- #3. The divisional Property owned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wm. Terry Nesbit  
Superintendent  
Susquehanna Division #11,  
MER, NMRA

CC  
Division Handbook

**SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION #11  
INVENTORY  
FISCAL YEAR END  
30 JUNE 1998**

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**WHITE ROSE '95, T-Shirts:**

Fruit of the Loom, White 50% Cotton & 50% Polyester

26 Large ... 14 Medium ... 2 Small ... [42 Total] @ \$5.00 each = \$210.00

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**WHITE ROSE '95 Hats ..... 41 Total @ \$5.00 each = \$205.00**

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**WHITE ROSE '95, 12 oz Coffee Mugs ..... 54 Total @ \$5.00 each = \$270.00**

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**WHITE ROSE '95, HO Scale Athern Collector Box Cars**

Two colors, Tuscan Red or Box Car Brown ... 103 Total @ \$7.00 each = \$721.00

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**NOTE: If the items are shipped, there is the UPS shipping charge and packaging added. This averages around \$4.50 per item. These are available at our meets throughout the year. The inventory is stored at the Superintendent's home.**

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**TOTALS:**

Tee Shirts ...	\$210.00
Hats .....	\$205.00
Mugs .....	\$270.00
Box Cars ....	\$721.00

**Total Inventory ..... \$1406.00**



**Susquehanna Division #11  
PROPERTY OWNED  
Fiscal Year End  
30 June 1998**

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- [2] Easel's, wooden, home made
  - [1] Division map, listing locations of: Model Railroad Clubs; Model Railroad Manufacturer's within the division boundaries; Tourist related Railroad attractions.
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- [1] Eight foot long by 40 inches wide, wooden table, with removable legs
  - [1] Yellow vinyl table covering
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- [4] Modular Corners (HO Scale) fully operational and scenicked
  - [1] Modular Straight section (HO scale) fully operational and scenicked
  - [1] MRC #2800 power supply
  - [1] MRC Control Master VI transistorized throttle
  - [3] Modular Straight sections, for division member's to complete, per the division's All-Scale Modular Contract
  - [3] Extra 2 inch, Pink foam tops for straight modules
  - [1] Red-Brown skirt for the corner modular set-up
  - [66] Ten block, terminal strips
  - [54] 1/4 inch Thumb screws
  - [54] 1/4 inch Fender washers
  - [54] 1/4 inch Tee nuts
  - [1] 1-1/4 inch, box partial sheet rock screws
  - [1] 1 inch, box partial sheet rock screws
  - [1] Partial can, solvent, for PVC pipe
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- [40] Insulated cups, 8.5 oz
  - [30] Plastic knife/fork/spoons
  - [90] Plastic cups, 8 oz
  - [90] Plastic plates
  - [1] 8 oz Coffeemate [opened]
  - [1] 1 pound, drip coffee [opened] being kept in freezer
  - [2] Partial NMRA promotional kits
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- [1] Former Lancaster City, O Scale Modular layout, being stored at Mr. Keyser's home in Dauphin, PA. (To be transferred to the Superintendent's home during FY 99, after a letter of donation is given to Mr. Keyser for taxes)
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The Division's property is being stored at the Superintendent's home.