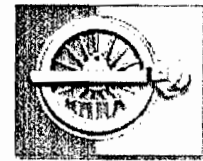


# Susquehanna Sidetracks

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Susquehanna Division 11 July - September 1999

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## EBT Given New Life

### Super's Corner

by Wm. Terry Nesbit

In a ceremony at Orbinsonia, Huntingdon County, on May 19th, Lt. Governor Mark Schweiker officially marked the extension of the boundaries of Allegheny Ridge State Heritage Park to incorporate a corridor within the county that includes the East Broad Top Railroad.

Allegheny Ridge State Heritage Park, designated in 1992, celebrates the iron, steel, coal, railroad and canal heritage of the Allegheny Ridge through the conservation and promotion of cultural, historic, educational and scenic resources. This heritage area covers the Huntingdon, Blair, Cambria, and the Windber area of Somerset Counties. Included in this region is the Horseshoe Curve, Altoona Railroaders Memorial Museum, Allegheny Portage Railroad, Hollidaysburg's Canal Basin Park, Windber Coal Heritage Center, Johnstown Flood Museum and now the East Broad Top Railroad.

This is great news for eastern narrow gauge fans as the East Broad Top Railroad is now eligible for regional public-private funding to conserve and enhance its operation.

Please take the time to thank the people at the Allegheny Ridge Corporation for their assistance on this extension at 814-942-8288 or [www.dcnr.state.pa.us](http://www.dcnr.state.pa.us) (select heritage parks). Watch out for those trains and have a rail fun day.

## Coming Events

**July 17-14, 1999:** NMRA National Convention, Minneapolis/Saint Paul, MN.

**August 7-8, 1999:** The Great Scale Train Show, Eisenhower Inn, Bus. Rt. 15 South, Gettysburg, PA, Sat. 9-4, Sun. 10-4.

**September, 1999:** Joint Division Meet with Philadelphia Division in Strasburg, PA, Ride the Strasburg RR, picnic and home layout tour.

**October 16-17, 1999:** Division Modules at Great American Train Show, Greensburg, PA.

**November 6, 1999:** Open Home Layouts in Lancaster, PA.

**November 11-14, 1999:** Hub City Limited, Fall 1999 MER Convention, Ramada Inn Convention Center, Rt. 40 East, Hagerstown, MD.

**January 29, 2000:** Division Meet at Mechanicsburg, PA

**March 25, 2000:** Joint Division Meet with New Jersey Division.

**April 28-30, 2000:** MER Spring 2000 Convention in Hampton, VA

**May 20, 2000:** Division 11 Elections at Division Meet in Ephrata, PA

**August 12, 2000:** Joint Division Meet with South Mountain Division at EBT RR.

**October 6-8, 2000:** MER Fall 2000 Convention, Quad Regional with NFR, NER, and SER in Altoona, PA

**November 11, 2000:** Open Home Layouts in York, 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, 33 or 66 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.

## Editor's Notes

by Don Yingling

Well it seems our vacation is over for this summer and the Fourth of July is behind us. However our trip was to Florida will be remembered for quite a while. Instead of flying to Orlando, we took the train, the Amtrak Silver Star from Baltimore to Kissimmee. That was very relaxing. We had one of the deluxe bedrooms and our son Gregory spent the whole trip, both ways in the upper berth. It was great not having to rush through airports or walk a mile to your gate or to the baggage claim. It was good first class service and the food was really good.

We definitely will travel that way again but the next time I will add in the cost of the rental car plus parking in the Penn Station garage in Baltimore to the cost of this trip and compare it to the AutoTrain.

The trip took 21 hours. We were on time out of Baltimore and because of having to wait for other connections to meet our train we were 1 hour late pulling out of Washington, D.C. We arrived in Kissimmee only 15 minutes late.

Going south we had 1 Amtrak Genesis engine for power but coming back we had 2. Our return consist was 1 Material Handling Car, 1 baggage/mail, 1 dorm lounge, 2 Viewliner sleepers, a diner, a cafe lounge, and 3 coaches. At Jacksonville, FL, we added on 7 Amtrak Roadrillers, 2 engines, 18 cars! The attendant said he thought the Roadrillers were headed for Philadelphia.

The only real disappointment on the trip was the weather. Too many people signed up ahead of me plus the rain caused me to miss going around Daytona Speedway at 160+ MPH. It's a 3 lap ride along for \$99. Well, maybe next time.

Have a good summer and stay cool in the house were the trains are.

### Maryland & Pennsylvania Railroad

Bibliography for sale, 54+ pages listing everything ever written about the railroad for \$10.50.

Looking for Ma & Pa memorabilia.

Paper, photographs, passes, models, newspaper articles, date nails, etc. Will pay cash. Write to Alan Frame 2430 Opal Rd., York, PA 17404



## Annual Business Meeting

The Annual Business Meeting was held on May 8, 1999 at the South Penn Model Railroad Club. A quorum of officers was present. The meeting started at 10:30 a.m. and ended at 12:00 noon. Items discussed were the Division's modules, dues, paid advertising, MER Board meeting in February, the MER logo contest, and upcoming MER conventions through the year 2001. The proposed by-law changes were discussed, reviewed and voted upon. There were no changes from what was published in the April 1999 newsletter. A clinic was held on kit bashing Bachmann water tanks.

## Membership Thermometer

Current Membership 01/01/99: 70

New Members:

Renewals:

Are your dues about to run out?

## HUB CITY LIMITED

1999 MER Fall Convention - November 11-14, 1999  
(Thursday evening through Sunday)

Hosted by the South Mountain Division, NMRA

### Clinics for all Interests:

The Tunnel at Towntalk  
Electronic Circuits  
Rolling Stock  
DCC Installation  
Wood to Retail  
Painting Figures  
Detailing Vehicles  
How the Real RR's Do It  
More Clinics to Come!

### Non-Rail Events:

Tote Painting Class  
Historical Hagerstown Tour  
Shuttle to Primo Outlets

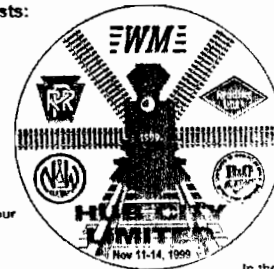
### Layout Tours:

30 Or More Home and Club Layouts  
Scales Include HO, HOm3, Sn3, O, On3, Gm3  
Several have been published in the hobby press!  
All layout tours are "drive-it-yourself"

### Cash Bar Saturday 5-6PM

### Buffet Dinner from 6 to 7:30

Top Round of Beef  
And Baked Scrod  
And Glazed Teriyaki Chicken  
Salad-Veggies-Desserts  
Beverages



South Mountain Division

### Operations Call Board

Participate in Hands On  
Layout Operation Sessions  
on Friday, November 12  
Two 3-Hour Sessions  
Limited to 60 People

### Prototype Tours

CSX Cumberland Station  
MARC Branches Tour  
On-Line Rail Museum

### Module Displays

In the Convention Center Ballroom  
Many Scales Will Be Represented

### Saturday Night Entertainment

"Prototypes on Track" with  
with John Amstrong, Tony Meehan,  
Marty McGuirk and Bill Schuchman  
Moderated by Bob Charles  
(NMRA Dev. Board)

### Contests and Displays

Model Contest  
Photo Contest  
Non-Rail Craft Contest  
Diner Diner Showcase  
"Chartreuse Caboose" Displays

At the Ramada Convention Center  
Rt 40 East of Hagerstown, Maryland  
Easy access from Interstates 70 or 81

For Information contact Paul Rausch at 304-754-3716  
or e-mail to: [pdrausch@aol.com](mailto:pdrausch@aol.com)

Visit our website at <http://www.fred.net/richardb/smd.html>

## Steam Locomotive Engineer Operating Seminar:

Have you ever wanted to have your hand on the throttle of a real steam locomotive, to feel the power, hear the sounds of its operation and take in all that it is to sit in as a steam engineer running their locomotive?

Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Association, has the last fully operational former Pennsylvania Railroad steam locomotive. An 0-6-0 with tender, model B4a, #643, built at the Altoona Works in June 1901. This locomotive will again be available for a few individuals to actually run this year. Up and down hill, out over the flat sections, a four mile plus run. From August 30th through the 3rd of September. Contact: Bill Medlin at 717-473-5659 to reserve your 30 minute operating seminar with a Certified Instructor.

For those individuals who would like to be a locomotive hostler, to know what it takes to get steam up in the morning and to get locomotive #643 ready for its daily run. Contact: Wm. Terry Nesbit at 717-657-9476, leave your name and phone number.

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## Registration - Hub City Limited Convention - November 11-14, 1999

Name of Primary Registrant: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ NMRA Number: \_\_\_\_\_

City/State/Zip+4: \_\_\_\_\_ M.E.R. Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Early Full Registration (before 8/1/99)	\$30.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
Early (non-NMRA member)	\$45.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
Full Registration (after 8/1/99)	\$35.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
Full (non-NMRA member)	\$50.00 x _____ =	\$ _____

Name of Spouse: \_\_\_\_\_

Spouse	\$10.00	\$ _____
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Children's Names: \_\_\_\_\_

Each child 12 to 18 years old (children under 12 are free)	\$10.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
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Buffet dinners (pre-registrations only) (top round of beef, baked scrod, and teriyaki chicken)	\$15.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
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Operations Call Board	\$15.00 x _____ =	\$ _____ (limited to 60 people)
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Extra fare rail clinic (iPainting Figures)	\$15.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
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Extra fare non-rail clinics:

Friday night Tole Painting	\$15.00 x _____ =	\$ _____ (limited to 20 people)
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Saturday morning Historical Tour	\$5.00 x _____ =	\$ _____ (limited to 15 people)
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**NOTE: October 21, 1999 is the LAST date to pre-register for the Extra Fare Clinics!**

CSX Cumberland Shop Tour (Sat. morning)	\$20.00 x _____ =	\$ _____ (limited to 47 people)
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MARC Brunswick, Md facility tour (Sat.)	\$20.00 x _____ =	\$ _____
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**NOTE: Steel-toed shoes, safety glasses and hard hats are required for the CSX & MARC tours!**

Cement Plant tour (Friday morning)	\$10.00 x _____ =	\$ _____ (limited to 30 people)
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Feed mill/warehouse tour (Fri. afternoon)	\$10.00 x _____ =	\$ _____ (limited to 30 people)
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**NOTE: No wheelchair access available for the Cement Plant or Feed Mill tours!**

**GRAND TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Enclose your check payable to Hub City Limited and mail this portion of the form to

Paul Rausch, 3101 Jefferson Drive, Martinsburg, WV 25401 (304-754-3716)

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For room reservations at the convention hotel, call them or return this portion of the form to the Ramada Inn Convention Center - 901 Dual Highway - Hagerstown, MD 21740 - 301-733-5100

Group Name: Mid-Eastern Region NMRA, November 11-14,1999 Room Cost: \$69.00 plus tax

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Work Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Arrival Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Departure Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Reservations Must Be Received By: October 21, 1999

Single Room	Double	Smoking	Non-Smoking
Number of Rooms _____	Number of Adults _____	Number of Children _____	
MC VS AMX DS DI	Number _____	Exp: _____	

Check In After 3 PM - Check Out 11 AM. Arrivals after 4 PM must be guaranteed by credit card or pre-payment.

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

**30 JUNE 1999**

**For the fiscal year ending 30 June 1999, the Susquehanna Division #11 has held the following events, all were well attended and ran smoothly:**

**15 August 1998, Williams Grove Historical Steam Engine Association, Mechanicsburg, PA; 12 September 1998, Reading Society of Model Engineers and Boy Scout Explorer Post # 902, Reading, PA; 7 November 1998, open home layouts in Mechanicsburg, PA; 30 January 1999, Keystone Historical Model Railroad Club, Mechanicsburg, PA; 20 March 1999, Joint meet with Philadelphia Division in Newton Square, PA; 8 May 1999, South Penn Model Railroad Club, annual business meeting; 26 June 1999, joint meet with Shermans Valley Live Steamers, Shermansdale, PA.**

**The division's HO scale Modules, were set up and running at: July 1998, NMRA National Convention, Kansas City, MO; November 1998, Train Show, Philadelphia, PA; April 1999, MER Spring Convention in Lynchburg, VA.**

**The division's By-Laws from September 1986, were updated at the May 1999 business meeting. This was needed to come, in-line with the changes which have taken place in both the NMRA and MER By-Laws since the 1986 timeframe.**

**Division Officer's:**

**Superintendent ..... Mr. William Terry Nesbit  
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eMail: wnesbit@dcc.dla.mil**

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**Paymaster/Chief Clerk ..... Mr. Paul F. Tice, CPA  
RD #1, Box 258A-3, Moul Road, Thomasville, PA 17364  
717-255-1688 (H) NMRA 061201-00 MER LA 251  
717-843-9572 (O)**

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**48 Oakwood Drive, Delta, PA 17314**  
**717-862-3937 NMRA 089230-0A MER**

**Membership Chair ..... Mr. Jim Atkinson**  
**120 Colebrook Drive, Elizabethtown, PA 17022**  
**717-367-5626 NMRA 108033-00 MER 7158**

**Director at Large ..... Mr. Alan J. Frame (Through Spring 1999)**  
**2430 Opal Road, York, PA 17404**  
**717-767-4998 NMRA Life 5505 MER LA 213**

**Achievement Program Chair ..... Mr. Wm. Terry Nesbit**  
**5760 Union Deposit Road, Harrisburg, PA 17111-4708**  
**717-657-9476 NMRA Life 884 MER Life 301**

Through the meets the membership is at 70 members. This is a decrease over FY 98. The "Subscriber dues" category was eliminated from the division's rolls this fiscal year. The majority of members not renewing are not current members of either the NMRA or MER. The dues for the Division are \$2.00 per year. A newsletter is published four times a year, for each quarter January, April, July, and October.

The division has a web site at: <http://trainweb.com/mvmra/nmra11.htm>

The Mid-Eastern Region, NMRA, provides to the Susquehanna Division every six months, an NMRA printout #MA023 membership status. The Superintendent, uses this information for recruiting new divisional members and other data in finding proven persons for special projects in the promotion of the various aspects of Ferroequinology and Model Railroading.

**Scouting Merit Badge Program Coordinator for York and Adams Counties:**  
**Mr. Alan J. Frame**  
**2430 Opal Road, York, PA 17404**  
**717-767-4998 NMRA Life 5505 MER LA 213**

Alan has 35 to 40 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:**

**Mr. Jeremy Griffith**  
**352 Broad Street, Tera Hill, PA 17581**  
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**Scouting Merit Badge Coordinator for Cumberland, Perry, and Dauphin Counties:**

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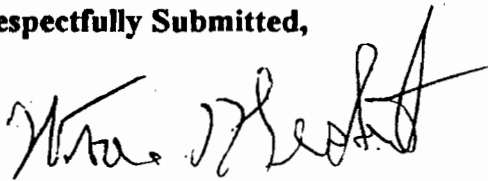
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**Attachments:**

- #1. A copy of the financial report for FY 99;**
- #2. The inventory of resale items;**
- #3. The divisional Property owned.**

**Respectfully Submitted,**



**Wm. Terry Nesbit**  
**Superintendent**  
**Susquehanna Division #11,**  
**Mid-Eastern Region,**  
**National Model Railroad Association, Inc.**

**CC**

**Division Handbook**

**SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION #11  
INVENTORY  
FISCAL YEAR END  
30 JUNE 1999**

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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 ... 101 Total @ \$7.00 each = \$707.00**

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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:**

<b>Tee Shirts ...</b>	<b>\$210.00</b>
<b>Hats .....</b>	<b>\$205.00</b>
<b>Mugs .....</b>	<b>\$270.00</b>
<b>Box Cars ....</b>	<b>\$707.00</b>

**Total Inventory ..... \$1392.00**



**Susquehanna Division #11  
PROPERTY OWNED  
Fiscal Year End  
30 June 1999**

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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.
  - [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
  - [2] 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 two piece skirt for the corner modular set-up
  - [66] Ten block, terminal strips
  - [51] 1/4 inch Thumb screws
  - [51] 1/4 inch Fender washers
  - [51] 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 00, 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.

**NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**  
**Mid-East Region**  
**Susquehanna Division #11**  
**Revenue and Expense statement - Cash basis**  
**For The Fiscal Year 7/1/98 to 6/30/99**

<u>Beginning Cash Balance - July 1, 1998</u>	\$ 570.88
<u>Revenue For The Fiscal Year</u>	
Susquehanna Dues	\$ 187.00
Car, Mug, T-Shirt Sales	70.00
General Donations - Cash	89.64
Individual Donations - Modules Supplies	594.87
Module Sales	40.00
Newsletter Advertising	35.00
Sales Tax - Lehigh Valley MER	31.63
Sales Tax - Chadds Ford MER	98.97
Interest Income	<u>9.97</u>
Total Revenue Received	<u>1157.08</u>
<u>Total Cash Available</u>	\$ 1727.96
<u>Expenses For The Fiscal Year</u>	
Postage	\$ 151.50
Printing	- 0 -
PA. Sales Tax - Paid For M.E.R.	129.29
Modular Materials	539.87
N.M.R.A. Insurance	<u>10.00</u>
Total Expenses	<u>830.66</u>
<u>Ending cash balance - June 30, 1999</u>	<u>\$ 897.30</u>
Restricted Funds - Mailing Permit	\$ 85.00
Unrestricted Funds - General	<u>812.30</u>
Total	<u>\$ 897.30</u>

Respectfully Submitted,

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

July 7, 1999