

## South Penn Club to Host Next Mini Convention

### Lancaster Mini-Convention

Bring your camera, bring your engines, bring your rolling stock, but most of all bring yourself and a friend to the final year for the current South Penn Railroad. The Susquehanna Division 11 will have its Fall Mini-convention at the South Penn Model Railroad Club, 139 Nevin Street, Lancaster, PA on Saturday, December 2, 1995 from 10 am to 4 pm.

The building that houses the club has been sold. The new owner wants them to stay but what does the future hold? The future holds a new railroad. After this mini-convention and this year's open houses are over, the layout will be coming down. It looks like a new one will be built here. So the club is inviting the division membership to bring along any HO engines or rolling stock they would like to see on the railroad.

There will be two clinics presented. The morning clinic will consist of an open forum or discussion on ideas for a new layout. Have you any ideas? Are there points on your railroad that you really like and would like to describe them for ideas for the club? How about other layouts you have visited? Anyway, you get the idea of the forum. The club wants to hear your input. The afternoon clinic will be "Marker and Classification Lights

and Their Proper Usage" presented by Terry Nesbit. He will also give a short talk on the new award in the MER Model Contest. It is the Blue Lantern Award and is sponsored by Susquehanna Division 11.

Here is what will be going on. There will be a Favorite Train Contest along with Favorite Model contest (i.e. popular vote) and Merit judging for AP Awards will be available. There will also be a TV and VCR there for showing videos. Got a favorite? Bring it along. Souvenirs from the White Rose '95 MER Convention will be available that day: Convention Cars, Hats, T-shirts, and mugs. There will be a car raffle in the afternoon along with a short division membership meeting. The South Penn Model RR Club will have light refreshments there and since it is usually a little chilly in the club room that time of year, the coffee goes down really well.

As to cost to get in, regular admission is \$3.00 which includes one year membership dues to the division. If you are a Susquehanna Division 11 member, your admission is free with paid up 1995 dues. Your 1996 dues will be extra.

So come out to the Fall 1995 Mini-Convention and help the South Penn Club's layout go out with a bang. See you December 2.

### White Rose '95 Items

Some of the company store items from White Rose '95 are still available and will be on display for purchase at the Conewago Valley Model RR Club Annual Auction on November 22 and at the Mini-Convention on December 2. Check out the list and prices.

Box Cars, \$8 each or 2 for \$15; Coffee Mug and Hat Combos, \$8 each; and T-shirts, \$5 each (sizes limited). As soon as boxes and postage requirements are compiled, they will be available by mail order. So get them now to be sure of adequate inventory. Watch for others items available soon from the Mid-Eastern Region through your Division.

## Calendar

**Dec 2, 1995:** Susquehanna Division 11 Fall Mini-Convention, at the South Penn Model RR Club, 139 Nevin St., Lancaster, PA. 10 am to 4 pm.

**Oct 29, 1995:** Lancaster/Strasburg Train and Toy Show, Lancaster Host Resort, Rt 30. 9 am to 2 pm. Adm. \$3 & under 12 free.

**Nov 4, 1995:** 14th Annual Mt. Clare Division Train Flea Market & Auction. Arbutus Town Hall, off Southwestern Blvd. (US Rt 1) at Arbutus Fire Station, Arbutus, MD. 10 am to 3 PM.

**Nov 22, 1995:** Conewago Valley Model RR Club Annual Auction. New Oxford Fire Hall, New Oxford, PA. 7 PM until ?

**Nov 24 to Dec 24, 1995:** Glen Rock Fire Company Train Display, Social Hall next to fire station, Fri 6 to 9 PM, Sun 1 to 6 PM, Christmas Eve 10 PM to 2 am. Adm. free. Glen Rock, PA.

**Nov 25, Dec 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, and 30, 1995:** South Penn Model RR Club Open House, 139 Nevin Street, Lancaster, PA, 1 to 4 pm. Last show for this layout. Brian Brandt, Ph 717-560-9542.

**Dec 3, 10, 17, 23, 30, 1995:** Miniature RR Club of York Open House, 381 Wheatfield St., York, PA, 1 to 5 PM, adults \$2, children 50 cents.

**Dec 10, 1995:** Pennsylvania Rails Christmas Train Show and Meet, Memorial Hall, York Fairgrounds, York, PA, 9 am to 3 pm. \$4 under 12 free.

**April 25, 26, 27, 28, 1996:** MCR/MER Joint Regional Convention, Monroeville, (Pittsburgh), PA.

If your model RR organization has an event coming up, such as an open house, auction, train meet, etc., please send us a note with the information so it can be included in our Calendar.

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## Super's Corner

First of all I need to mention that November is National Model Railroad Month. What are you doing to promote the hobby? Give it a thought. We are going to miss it by just 2 days for the mini-convention. But that's pretty close to November, isn't it?

The 50th anniversary MER convention at Hunt Valley was just the spark I needed to get my \_\_\_\_\_ in gear. With the help of Brian Brandt of the South Penn Model Railroad Club we got a fall mini-convention together. Everything fell right in to place on this one. This should prove to be a great get-together and I am excited about it. I have to dust off some of my equipment and bring it along. I also have to remember my camera, there are some areas on that layout that gave me some ideas and I want pictures.

The MER convention also gave me the spark to do some track planning of my on. My partially constructed layout will be moving to another room of the house so a redesign is in order and I think I can

make it fit. Most of my inspiration came from the contest room. Karl Sholz entered 3 dioramas that were just fantastic. His first place model also won Best-in-Show. It was an HO diorama of the Savoy Hotel that was complete from the curtains being blown out the windows to the newspaper nestled onto the curb and into the gutter. He scored 116 points out of a possible 125. There was a number of inspiring models in there. Northern Virginia NTrak was there also with a very large and good looking layout. I'm ready to get going!

You may notice that we have included our financial report in this issue. As you may see, we are in the black. We have received the additional funds owed to us from White Rose '95 after this report was filed.

Anyway, come on out for a couple hours on December 2nd. You will get a chance to take a closer look at the South Penn Railroad and give them some ideas. You will also find out what we have planned for the future. See you there, Don.

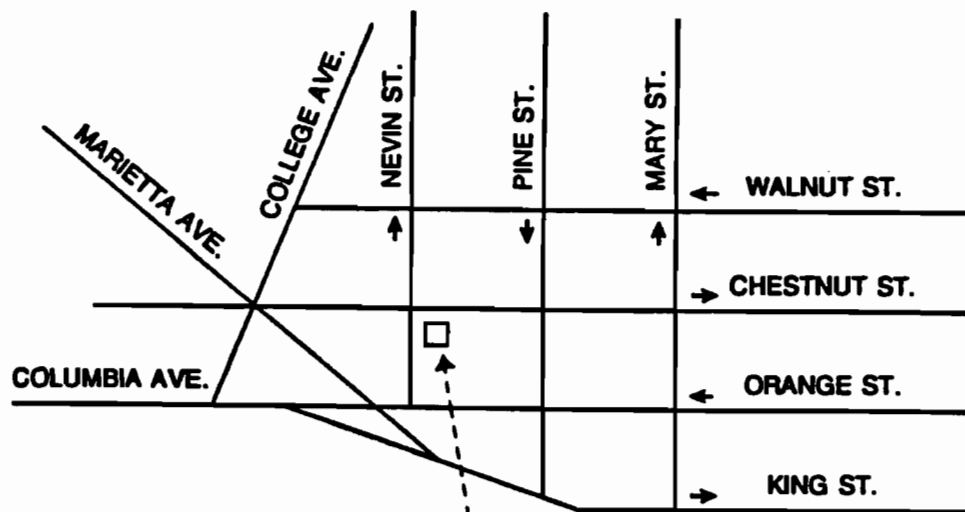
## South Penn Club Map

To the right is a map for the South Penn Model RR Club. Note that Marietta Avenue is Route 23 and Columbia Avenue is Route 462. Please note the one-way streets and plan accordingly. Parking is limited in the area so you may have to park "around the corner".

Coming from the west: Columbia Ave, to College, to East on Chestnut and go around the block of Pine, Orange, then Nevin, or turn North on Nevin from Chestnut and park in that block.

Coming from the North, East, or South you will be coming west on Orange St. to Nevin and turning north past the club.

The club will be on the right hand side. Watch for the crossbucks outside the club room. The club is on the second floor.



**SOUTH PENN MODEL RR**  
139 NEVIN STREET  
LANCASTER, PA

National Model Railroad Association  
Mid-Eastern Region  
Susquehanna Division 11

Revenue and Expense Statement for the Fiscal Year 7/1/94 to 6/30/95

Beginning Balance (cash) July 1, 1995		\$ 208.02
Revenue for the Fiscal Year		
Dues - Received in Mail	\$ 12.00	
Interest Income	\$ 8.57	
York Meet - November 1994	\$ 54.00	
Donation - Valley Forge Express	\$1000.00	
New Oxford Meet - April 1995	\$ 55.00	
Change/Petty Cash: Redeposited - Mini-Conventions	\$ 60.00	
Sales Tax Reimbursement - White Rose '95	\$ 176.06	
Loan Repayment - White Rose '95	<u>\$ 374.55</u>	
Total Revenue Received	\$1740.18	
Total Cash Available		\$1948.20
Expenses for the Fiscal Year		
Postage	\$ 52.20	
Office Supplies	\$ 9.97	
Change/Petty Cash for Mini-Conventions	\$ 60.00	
Pennsylvania Sales Tax - White Rose '95	\$ 176.06	
Loan to White Rose '95 - November 1994	\$ 500.00	
Loan to White Rose '95 - February 1995	<u>\$ 500.00</u>	
Total Expenses	\$1298.23	
Ending Balance (cash) June 30, 1995		\$ 649.97
One (1) car remaining in raffle inventory		\$ 5.28
Loan Receivable - White Rose '95		<u>\$ 625.45</u>
Susquehanna Division 11 Organizational Net Worth		\$1280.70

Reminder: Susquehanna Division 11 has a checking account. Please make all checks payable to "Susquehanna Division 11".

Respectfully Submitted,

Paul F. Tice, P.A., Clerk/Paymaster, 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, Clinton, Cumberland, Dauphin, 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: \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone (optional) Home: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Work: (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Please return completed application, with a check payable to Susquehanna Division, to:

Susquehanna Division, 1709 West Market Street, York, PA 17404

**NMRA**

**MER**

**SUSQUEHANNA**  
**MINI-CONVENTION**

**DIVISION 11**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2, 1995**  
**10 am to 4 pm**

**Hosted by the South Penn Model Railroad Club**  
**139 Nevin Street, Lancaster, PA**

**Operating Layout, Videos, Favorite Model and Favorite Train Contests, Clinic, Car Raffle, NMRA AP Judging available for Merit Awards. Light Refreshments will be available.**

**Admission: \$3.00 (includes 1 year Division 11 dues).**  
**Current Division 11 members: No Charge.**

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