

# SUSQUEHANNA SIDETRACKS

## November 16th at York

The Miniature Railroad Club of York will once again be hosting a Mini-Meet for the Susquehanna Division 11 on November 16, 1996 from 9 am to 2:30 pm. The club is located at 381 Wheatfield Street in York. Clinics were not finalized at this writing but there will be the usual agenda of activities: Favorite Model Contest and the Favorite Train Contest. Light refreshments will be available at the club. There will be a meeting after the lunch break and many items will be covered so please plan to attend. *Don*

## Summer Picnic

by *Wm. Terry Nesbit*

The Susquehanna Division 11 Summer Picnic was held on August 10th at the Strasburg Railroad. 21 division members, their wives and children attended the picnic. The day was warm and sunny, perfect weather for an outdoor event. The picnic was held on the picnic tables near the boarding complex at the railroad station. After lunch, some members visited the other nearby facilities of the Toy Train Museum, The Pennsylvania Railroad Museum, The Strasburg Train Shop, and the Depot Attic. From 2pm to 4pm, Mr. Linn Moedinger, Chief Mechanical Officer and Vice President of the Strasburg Railroad opened his HO<sub>n3</sub> home layout for our division members. The Susquehanna Division sends its thanks to Mr. Moedinger and his operators, who took the time from their busy schedules for us to enjoy this wonderful layout depicting the Rio Grande Southern and the East Broad Top Railroads.

## September Open Houses

by *Wm. Terry Nesbit*

Twenty-five Susquehanna Division 11 members, including guests visited the three open home layouts on September 21st. The trees in some areas of our visitations were just beginning to show signs of changing into their fall colors. Mr. William Fraley was awarded his Golden Spike Award during the visit to his layout. The limiting of our visits to 1 1/2 hours at each of the three homes was welcomed by those who attended, the

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## Coming Events

**November 16, 1996:** Susquehanna Division 11 Mini-Meet, York Miniature Railroad Club of York, 381 Wheatfield St., York, PA. 9am to 2:30pm

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

**December 1, 8, 15, & 22, 1996:** Stiegel Valley Model Railroad Club Open House, 230 South Charlotte Street (located next to the Manheim Historical Society, old railroad station), Manheim PA. 1 to 4 pm each Sunday.

**December 1, 8, 15, 22, 29, 1996:** 52nd Annual Model Railroad Show, Miniature Railroad Club of York, 381 Wheatfield Street, York, PA. 1 to 5 pm. Donations: Adults \$2, 6-12 \$0.50. Info: Ivan Frantz, 1126 Hanover Road, York, PA 17404. Ph: 717-225-5470.

**December 14-15, 1996:** Great American Train Show, Farm Show Complex, 2301 North Cameron St., Harrisburg, PA, 11am to 5pm, \$5 adm, Kids under 12 free.

**December 15, 1996:** Pennsylvania Rails Train Show, Memorial Hall, York Fairgrounds, York, PA.

**May 10, 1997:** Susquehanna Division 11 Spring Mini-Meet, Shamokin, PA.

**May 23-25, 1997:** Mid-Eastern Region Spring Convention, Asheville, NC.

**July 27 to August 2, 1997:** NMRA National Convention, Madison, WI.

**August 9, 1997:** Susquehanna Division 11 Summer Mini-Meet, Bellefonte and Lockhaven Model Railroad Clubs.

**November 7-9, 1997:** Mid-Eastern Region Fall Convention, Brandywine Junction 97, Chadds Ford Ramada Inn, Rtes 202 & 1, 1110 Baltimore Pike, Glenn Mills, PA 19342. Hotel Ph. 610-358-1700.

**November 22, 1997:** First Annual Susquehanna Division 11 Modular Meet, Zembo Temple, Harrisburg, PA.

**December 27, 1997:** Susquehanna Division 11 Modular Show, Hershey Medical Center's Children's Hospital Ward. (*Open only to children at the hospital and members with modules to setup*).

# Super's Corner

by Terry Nesbit, Division 11 Superintendent

It is my firm belief, "that, if the members become more involved in the operation of the Susquehanna Division 11; then the members have more ownership of the Division. This occurs when they are involved in the process(es) at hand...this is a way of building pride and quality in the field of Model Railroading..."

A meeting of the Divisional Officers, Chairpersons, and other division member guests was held on Saturday the 28th of September at the Ember's Restaurant in York, PA. During this

meeting, Mr. Jim Atkinson of Elizabethtown was welcomed as the Division's new Membership Chair. Welcome aboard Jim!! Other topics discussed were the lack of a Divisional Board of Directors; the Cub, Boy and Explorer Scout achievement and merit badge programs in Railroading and the Divisional All-Scale Modular Program.

As Superintendent, I created a Board of Directors in September of 1996 for Susquehanna Division 11. The following members have volunteered to serve, pending formal elections: Mr. Jim Miller of Mechanicsburg, until June 1997; Mr. Robert Reitzel of Harrisburg, until June 1998; and Mr. Alan Frame of York, until June 1999. Welcome aboard! These individuals will serve along with Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk as our Divisional Board of Directors.

On the evening of October 5, 1996, at the Mid-Eastern Region's Fall Jersey Limited '96 Convention held in Mount Laurel, NJ, Mr. Brian Kampschroer of Mechanicsburg, presented me with an original copy of the Division 11's long lost Charter from September 27, 1986. As an officer of the division, I have been trying to find a copy of this Charter since the Spring of 1994. Enclosed in this issue of the *Susquehanna Sidetracks* is a complete copy of this Charter.

Our Charter states, in Article I - Preamble, "...*The Susquehanna Division shall include the area in Pennsylvania bounded in the East by the Philadelphia Division in the South by the South Mountain Division, in the West by the Mid-Central Region, and in the North by the Northeast Region.*"

Since the time of our Charter, Northeast Region and the Niagara Frontier Region (NFR) have exchanged some counties and the NFR is now one of the Division's boundaries. All told, the Susquehanna Division has 36 counties in Pennsylvania.

There are several changes which need to be made to the Charter of 1986 to bring the Charter into alignment with the changes within both the Division, MER, and NMRA. These suggested changes will be published in the January issue and voted on via mail-in ballot in our April newsletter.

...So, watch out for those trains and have a rail fun day.

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## Sept. Open Houses *Cont'd from page 1*

operators, and the spouses of the operators. This also permitted the operators of any one layout the opportunity to visit the other two home layouts. Most members recommended that the division continue this practice in future open home layout visitations.

## Editor's Notes

Boy, has a lot of things been happening since I put out the last issue of the newsletter. We have another member of Division 11 on the staff of the Mid-Eastern Region, the modular program is taking off, our original charter for Division 11 has been found, and the NMRA's insurance company is taking a rather curious look at the way the membership is arranged in the divisions.

First of all I would like to congratulate Mr. Jim Atkinson for his appointment to the MER Staff as Chairman of the Photo Contest. Welcome aboard, Jim!

There was talk at previous Division 11 meets about the module program and now we are moving ahead. In the list of Division 11 events you will see quite a few items relating to the program. All will be explained at the next meet and in depth in the next newsletter. By the way, if you want to receive the next newsletter you need to be a current member. Please check the date, first two numbers of your membership number on the address label, and be sure that it is at least a 96 or later. This means your dues are up to date. If it is 95 or earlier then this will be the last newsletter you will be receiving as your membership will be dropped.

During the time that I served as Superintendent, I was also trying to locate a copy of our charter. I was not successful, but it has finally surfaced and surprised quite a few of us as to the size of our Division. All those counties that we said should be covered by a division and are not already part of our division; would you believe 36 counties in Pennsylvania?

On the last item, insurance company, well, we sometimes wish we could live without them but it seems we have to have them to be sure that our as are covered in case someone is hurt during a Division sponsored event. I have been in discussions and asked questions as to who wrote the policy, who negotiated it, who approved it, and "Is this really the way it has been from the very beginning?" Regardless of what has past under the bridge and some reservations that a number of people have, we have to abide by the way the general liability policy is set up with the NMRA. It requires 100% NMRA membership for all NMRA, MER and Division sponsored events. In other words, for Division 11 to sponsor an event and to be covered by the NMRA liability policy, we must all be NMRA and MER members. So, what to do now? We have until November 22, 1996 to sponsor an event without the 100% membership. We have come up with a plan that must be implemented immediately and the formalities of Charter and By-law changes must come later. Yes, this is putting the cart before the horse but we have no choice. If you take a look at your mailing label you will see either an 'R' or an 'S' inserted in to the numbers. If you are an NMRA and MER member then you have an 'R' as a regular member. If that letter is a 'S' then

you are now considered a 'Subscriber' and you will only receive the newsletter. You will be charged a nominal fee at the door of an event. Regular members will not be charged any fee at the door. How long will you be able to remain a Subscriber? There may be a limit set at a later date as to how long a person can be a Subscriber before being dropped from the rolls or becoming a Regular member. If you are an NMRA/MER member and the 'S' is in your number then you need to contact either Terry or myself to supply us with your numbers. Either your numbers weren't on your application (earlier ones did not have a space for them) or the roster we get from the NMRA is not complete. Let us know right away and I will correct the error. The bottom line is: join the NMRA and MER. They need your support too and the benefits are growing.



Do you remember way back when the NMRA Warrant symbol showed up on the packaging of so many hobby products? When I was younger, that was a major selling point. I always thought that it was a better product because it had earned that seal. Well it had gone by the wayside but it is coming back. The DCC manufacturers are earning theirs and putting ion their packaging. At a recent show, one of the other manufacturers asked what it was and how do you get one. They are starting to recognize it all over again. So watch for it as a number of companies apply for compliance with the NMRA Recommended Practices.

One more thing before I run out of fingertips, and that is the Logo selection for the Division. In this issue are three logos that have been submitted for consideration. We again need your input. Look these over and make suggestions to Terry or me by mail or at the November meet. Talk it over. The ballot for voting on these will be in the January issue along with any other suggestions or refinements.

I have said enough for now. Enjoyed the Jersey Limited '96 convention. If you missed it, shame. Need to join the NMRA and MER. Later guys and have a great Thanksgiving. By the way, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year! *Don, editor.*

## Members must be 100% MER/NMRA

by Wm. Terry Nesbit, Superintendent

I attended the NMRA National Convention this year at Long Beach, CA from July 12th to 21st. During this time frame the NMRA Board of Directors had a meeting and voted on many issues, one of which directly affects all of the NMRA regions and divisions.

Our division is able to hold public and/or member meetings and/or events under the commercial general liability insurance provided through the NMRA's national organization. The cost to the Susquehanna Division is \$10 to process paperwork at the national office for each set of events stated. This commercial general liability insurance is a member benefit of the MER and the NMRA.

Without this NMRA insurance coverage, there can not be any divisional public or member meetings. The Susquehanna Division 11 can not afford the annual cost to purchase its own \$2 million commercial general liability policy.

What does all of this mean to you the Susquehanna Division 11 members? It means that in order to be covered under the NMRA's insurance policy the members of Susquehanna Division 11 must also be 100% MER and NMRA members. Currently 53.4% of our division members also belong to the NMRA.

Our charter, under Article II, Membership, states in part,..."Regular membership, Must be a member in good standing of the MER and NMRA;..." In other words the Charter requires Regular members to be MER and NMRA.

You will find a change in your membership number this month. Example: 96000 indicates the following: dues paid through the end of 1996, member number 000. The new listing will be 96R000 or 96S000. The "R" is for Regular member, if we know your NMRA number. The "S" is for a Subscriber of the Susquehanna Division 11 newsletter only and we do not have either your NMRA and/or MER Membership numbers.

## Achievement Program Notes

by Wm. Terry Nesbit

Since the June 1996 Newsletter, three Golden Spike Awards have been earned by Division 11 members: Mr. Robert Keyser of Dauphin; Mr. William Fraley of Hershey; and Mr. Jim Atkinson of Elizabethtown. In Addition, the following Master Builders Certificates have been sent to the MER AP Chairman for processing: Mr. Robert Martin of York, Association Volunteer; Mr. Jim Atkinson of Elizabethtown, Electrical Engineer; Mr. Wm. Terry Nesbit of Harrisburg, Author and Volunteer; and Mr. William Fraley of Hershey, Author.

The updated Achievement Program regulations arrived August 1, 1996. The AP, unlike some other departments, is fluid. Its rules and regulations are changing with the times and technology.

Some examples of changes received are the addition of Command Control to the Electrical category and the elimination of the 50 feet of hand-laid track in the Civil category. A complete up-to-date set of the August 1, 1996 AP regulations can be obtained at no cost by contacting the AP Chairman.

## Membership Thermometer

**Current Membership 10/25/96: 97**

**New Regular Members:**

William Staudt, Wernersville, PA

**New Subscribers:**

Timothy J. Seabold, Lebanon, PA

Anthony S. Wasilewski, Elysburg, PA

Linn Moedinger, Strasburg, PA

Robert E. Keyser, Dauphin, PA

Jeff Faulkner, Reedsville, PA

Eric S. Kline, Lancaster, PA

David E. Weaver, New Holland, PA

Brian Hollinger, New Holland, PA

Gale W. Smith, Kempton, PA

Bill Vandermeer, Williamsport, PA

**Renewals:**

R. Dave Cray, York, PA

# SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION 11

## 1996 EVENTS CALENDAR

NOVEMBER 9: MODULAR CONSTRUCTION DAY IN YORK (POINT OF CONTACT, ALL-SCALE CHAIRPERSON)

NOVEMBER 16: DIVISIONAL MINI-MEET, MINIATURE RAILROAD CLUB OF YORK, 9AM TO 2:30PM. Meeting will include a review of Divisional All-Scale Modular Standards, presentation and suggestions on a logo for the Division, meet your Scouting Merit Badge Coordinators, All-Scale Modular and Membership Chairpersons, and two clinics: one on Making Ground Foam for Scenery and another on What Is Realistic Weathering.

NOVEMBER 27: CONEWAGO VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD CLUB'S AUCTION AT NEW OXFORD. The Division has a table and 2 or 3 volunteers are needed 6:30pm to 11pm.

DECEMBER 14/15: GREAT AMERICAN TRAIN SHOW AT THE FARM SHOW COMPLEX IN HARRISBURG, PA. The Division has a table and 2 or 3 volunteers are needed both days. Free entrance to the show both days.

DECEMBER 15: PENNSYLVANIA RAILS TRAIN SHOW IN YORK AT THE YORK FAIR GROUNDS, MEMORIAL HALL. The Division has a table. Call Don Yingling to help him out.

## Helpful Hints

by John Long

All of you who came to my open house in September must have noticed that I have a need to spread a lot of ground cover for a layout of that size. I have found several items and methods to help me cut down on the time required for this project. The larger containers that hold spices used in cooking usually have holes in or under the lid. Many have "spoon" or "shake" openings. Larger sizes available at Sam's Club or BJ's are also useful for coarse materials. The size of the holes is determined by the type of contents. Another source is the Kraft 8 oz. Parmesan Cheese container. I cut the label from the scenic material and tape it to the jar.

To get the ground cover into small isolated spaces and on to vertical surfaces, I use a method I read about a long time ago. I took a lid from one of the large jars and drilled two holes into it; one to accommodate a flexible straw and one to fit a plastic hose. I put the lid on the jar of material that I want to use and, after applying some white glue/water mix to the area that I want

to cover, I blow into the straw while pointing the tube at the spot. It doesn't take long to master the technique, just don't inhale while the straw is in your mouth. You will determine the length of the tube by where you want to reach. I got my tubing when I checked out of the hospital. Every time they administer oxygen, they use new tubing and discard the old (not mine, they don't). It is available at hobby stores for airplane models, pet stores for fish tanks or at auto supply stores.

Great applicators for white glue/water are the bottles that some hair products come in. The ones that have the flip-tops to dispense the contents are just the ticket. I use mine to spread glue prior to applying ground cover and to hold the ballast on the track.

I'm sorry that I couldn't spend more time with each of you at the open house. There was too much to do and too many people to spend time with individually. I was pleased with the turnout.

*Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year*  
*From the Staff of Susquehanna Division 11*

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FEBRUARY 1: MODULAR CLINIC "A". Base construction and quality control standards.

MARCH 1: MODULAR CLINIC "B". Basic electrical and trouble-free track work.

MARCH ??: MODULAR CONSTRUCTION DAY.

MARCH 29: MODULAR CLINIC "C". Basic scenery support, castings, and painting. OPEN HOME LAYOUTS IN YORK AREA.

APRIL 19: MODULAR CLINIC "D". Making ground foam scenery materials, water, and trees. OPEN HOME LAYOUTS IN LANCASTER AREA.

APRIL ??: MODULAR CONSTRUCTION DAY.

**MAY 10: DIVISION 11 SPRING MINI-MEET AT SHAMOKIN (largest model railroad club in Pennsylvania). DIRECTOR ELECTIONS, CLINICS, AND MODULAR CLINIC "E". Structure building and prototype weathering.**

MAY 23-25: MER SPRING '97 CONVENTION IN ASHEVILLE, NC.

JUNE 28: MODULAR CLINIC "F". Scenery and ballast application.

JULY 19: MODULAR CLINIC "A" OR "B".

JULY 27 - AUG 2: NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION IN MADISON, WI.

**AUGUST 9: DIVISION 11 SUMMER MINI-MEET AT BELLEFONTE AND AT LOCKHAVEN MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS. MODULAR CLINIC "C" AND "D".**

SEPTEMBER 27: MODULAR CLINIC "E" OR "F".

OCTOBER 25: MODULAR CLINIC TO CHECK QUALITY STANDARDS OF ALL OPERATING EQUIPMENT AND INDIVIDUAL MODULES NOT CERTIFIED.

NOVEMBER 6-8: MER FALL CONVENTION IN PAOLI, PA.

**NOVEMBER 22: FIRST ANNUAL SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION 11 MODULAR MEET IN HARRISBURG AT THE ZEMBO TEMPLE.**

NOVEMBER 26: CONEWAGO VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD CLUB AUCTION AT NEW OXFORD. The Division has a table and 2 or 3 volunteers are needed from 6:30pm to 11pm.

DECEMBER 6: MODULAR CONSTRUCTION DAY. Point of contact: All-Scale Chairperson.

DECEMBER 14: PENNSYLVANIA RAILS TRAIN SHOW AT THE YORK FAIR GROUNDS, MEMORIAL HALL. The Division has a table and 2 volunteers are needed to help out Don Yingling. from 9am to 3pm.

**DECEMBER 27: MODULAR SHOW AT THE HERSHEY MEDICAL CENTER'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WARD. (Not open to the public or other division members, just children at the hospital).**

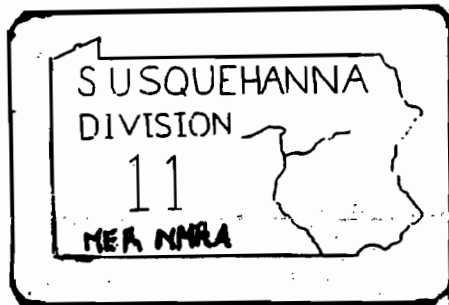
The following three logo's were presented to the Susquehanna Division #11 in the Logo Contest which closed on 31 August 1996.

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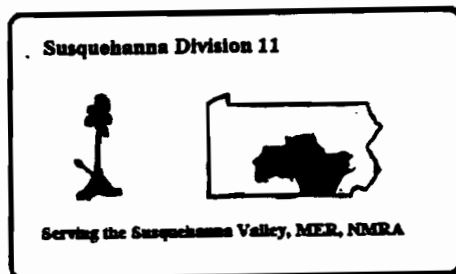
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Logo #2



Lettering in Blue, Background White outline of state in Red, Patch border in Blue.

Logo #3

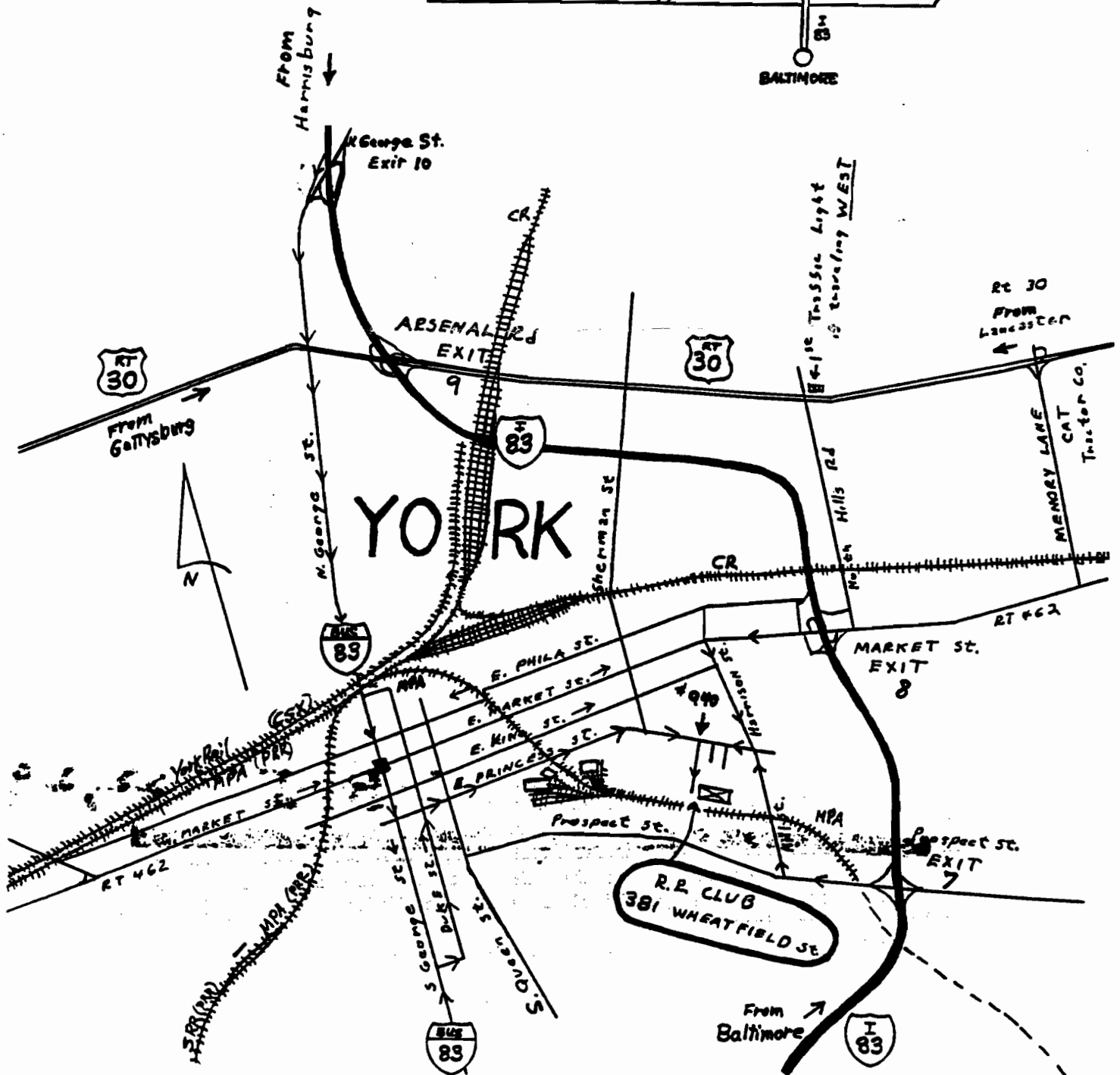
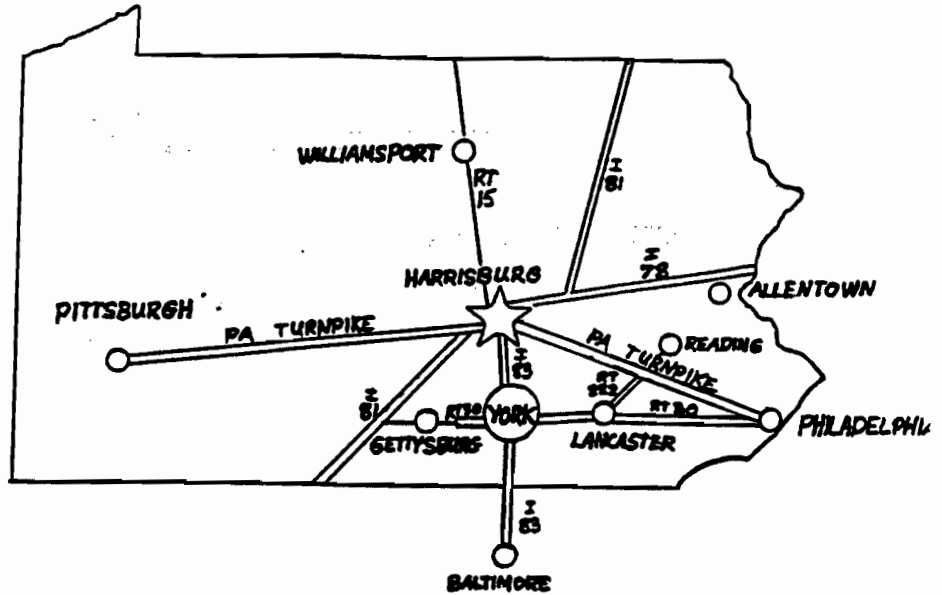


Lettering in Blue, Background Yellow, State and Switch Mast in Red, Border Red, Division Area in Blue

Voting on the selection of a Divisional Logo will take place in the January issue of Susquehanna Sidetracks. The selected logo will be used on all Official Susquehanna Division #11 material, including, but not limited to the following items: Handbook Covers, Correspondence, Patches, Pins, Cars, and Advertising.

# Miniature R R Club of YORK

381 WHEATFIELD ST.  
(turn South at 940 E. Princess St.)





27 Sep 1986

CHARTER FOR THE SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION, DIVISION 11  
OF THE  
MID-EASTERN REGION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.

ARTICLE I-Preamble

The Susquehanna Division of the Mid-Eastern Region of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. serves to promote the hobby of model railroading through educational, historical and social activities in accordance with the policies and actions of the MER, NMRA, Inc. The Susquehanna Division shall include the area in Pennsylvania bounded in the east by the Philadelphia Division, in the south by the South Mountain Division, in the west by the Mid-Central Region and in the North by the Northeast Region.

ARTICLE II-Membership

Membership in the Susquehanna Division shall be given upon receipt of an application and dues. Membership may be terminated upon resignation, non-payment of dues, or by two-thirds vote of the entire membership. Membership is open to any person regardless of geographical location in two categories:

Regular membership-Must be a member in good standing of the MER and of the NMRA;

Associate membership-Open to any person or organization who does not choose or does not qualify for regular membership.

A regular member may vote and hold office; an associate member may neither vote nor hold office.

ARTICLE III-Officers

There are three officers of the Susquehanna Division: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk. They shall be elected for two year terms in September of even-numbered years. The Superintendent will assume the duties of a president, the Assistant Superintendent will assume the duties of a vice-president and the Chief Clerk will assume the duties of a secretary-treasurer. All officers must be members of the NMRA, the MER and the Susquehanna Division.

ARTICLE IV-Conduct and Practices

There shall be one general business meeting each year in September. Business shall be conducted in accordance with Robert's Rules of Order, the MER by-laws, this Charter and any by-laws adopted subsequent to this Charter. Each year in January the Division Superintendent shall submit a report on the state of the division to the Vice-President of the MER, NMRA, Inc. and shall make the report available to all members.

The officers and any committees they may appoint shall do their utmost to arrange and present to the members and the general public programs and activities that foster the hobby of model railroading. They shall work cooperatively with the other divisions of the MER, with the MER and with the model railroad clubs in the geographical area of the Division in planning model railroading activities.

The Division members may establish dues to cover administrative expenses, dues not to exceed one-half of the dues of the MER, NMRA, Inc. Associate and Regular members shall pay the same dues.

This Charter may be amended by a two-thirds vote of the regular membership, the amendment to take effect after approval by the MER, NMRA, Inc.

# All-Scale Modular Program

by Wm. Terry Nesbit, Superintendent, and Mike Caum, All-Scale Modular Program Chairperson

An "all-scale" modular program using a standardized "platform base" as a means of actively involving more Susquehanna Division 11 members in actual railroad modeling, was established at the September 28th meeting of the Division 11 Board of Directors. This all-scale modular program will be fully developed and will lead to an annual Modular Train Show open to the general public, for a fee, sponsored by Susquehanna Division 11. The first All-Scale Modular Train Show is scheduled for November 22, 1997 at the Zembo Temple in Harrisburg, PA. This is the weekend before Thanksgiving.

The All-Scale Modular Program will then become a member benefit for current 100% Division/MER/NMRA members. First, the module platform will be constructed by the Susquehanna Division of material that will "speak of quality" and be a piece of furniture, welcomed in a small home or apartment. Second, the platform will allow the modeler major flexibility in developing their ideas in any scale. Third, all scales will have standard corner modules constructed and owned by the Susquehanna Division 11. Fourth, all module platforms must conform to the NMRA Modular Standards for interface, height and electrical wiring. Lastly, the modular platforms will be provided free to interested current Susquehanna Division 11 members who fulfill a four part "Contract" in the first year of possession. The \$38.00 modular platform will then become the member's property.

This "Contract" requires the following conditions:

1. Within 90 days of receiving the modular platform, the modeler will have the mainline tracks in place, wired and operational.
2. In the same time period, a plan will have been developed, by the modeler, for the completion of the module, including additional trackage, structures and scenery.
3. The participant would bring the module to one of the division's monthly clinic for a "show and tell". (There are six different clinics that meet ten times a year)
4. Participate in two scheduled public modular setups within one year from receiving the modular platform.

The elements of pride, quality, standards, achievement, recognition and ownership are built into the Susquehanna Division's All-Scale Modular Program. Upon completion of the "Contract by the Division Member", a handsome identification plate with a serial number will be placed on the module by the All-Scales Modular Program Chairperson. The serial numbers will be recorded, along with a description of the module for use in future setups.

A detailed description of the All-Scale Modular Program and the six Modular Clinics will be in the January 1997 issue of the *Susquehanna Sidetracks*.

## Scouting Merit Badge Program

By the AP Chairman, Wm. Terry Nesbit

The Boy Scouts of America have an established program of achievement for their Cub, Boy, and Explorer Scouts. The Susquehanna Division has reviewed these programs and has provided to our Scouting Coordinators a suggested standardized format to introduce the scout into the field of Ferroequinology (the study of iron horses), more commonly known as model railroading.

The Cub Scouts have the *Big Bear Trail Achievement Program #21, Build a Model*. On page 132 of the *Cub Scouts' Big Bear Cub Scout Book*, Stock #33228, the introduction states, "Did you know that you might still be putting models together when you grow up? Many grownups like to build models as a hobby. They build ships out of wood, or large model train layouts they call 'pikes'".

This *Achievement #21* consists of 5 different elements of which the Cub Scout must meet three items. The Susquehanna Division recommends the following items:

- a. Build a model from a kit. Follow the directions and

customize it the way you like it. (Build a piece of rolling stock and add Kadee, Intermountain, or McHenry couplers).

- b. Build a display for one of your models. (Have the Cub Pack become a division member and receive as "all-scale module").
- c. Make a model of a mountain, meadow, canyon, or river. (Complete the "all-scale module" as a group effort).

The Boy and Explorer Scouts have the "Merit Badge in Railroading". The NMRA was instrumental in rewriting the 1992 issue of the *Railroading Merit Badge Book*, Stock #33292, and has a write-up at the bottom of page 6. Within the Susquehanna Division, there is at least one Explorer Post which is 100% HO Scale modular model railroaders. They are Model Railroad Explorer Post #902 of Reading, PA, who will have a setup at the Reading Society of Model Engineers' Model Railroad Show held on November 2 and 3, 1996 from noon to 5:00 pm.

The next issue of the *Susquehanna Sidetracks* will contain details of the Divisional Boy and Explorer Scout Merit Badge Program.

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**APRIL 19: MODULAR CLINIC "D".** Making ground foam scenery materials, water, and trees. OPEN HOME LAYOUTS IN LANCASTER AREA.

**APRIL MODULAR CONSTRUCTION DAY.**

**MAY 10: DIVISION 11 SPRING MINI-MEET AT SHAMOKIN** (largest model railroad club in Pennsylvania). **DIRECTOR ELECTIONS, CLINICS, AND MODULAR CLINIC "E".** Structure building and prototype weathering.

**MAY 23-25: MER SPRING '97 CONVENTION IN ASHEVILLE, NC.**

**JUNE 28: MODULAR CLINIC "F".** Scenery and ballast application.

**JULY 19: MODULAR CLINIC "A" OR "B".**

**JULY 27 - AUG 2: NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION IN MADISON, WI.**

**AUGUST 9: DIVISION 11 SUMMER MINI-MEET AT BELLEFONTE AND AT LOCKHAVEN MODEL RAILROAD CLUBS. MODULAR CLINIC "C" AND "D".**

**SEPTEMBER 27: MODULAR CLINIC "E" OR "F".**

**OCTOBER 25: MODULAR CLINIC TO CHECK QUALITY STANDARDS OF ALL OPERATING EQUIPMENT AND INDIVIDUAL MODULES NOT CERTIFIED.**

**NOVEMBER 6-8: MER FALL CONVENTION IN PAOLI, PA.**

**NOVEMBER 22: FIRST ANNUAL SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION 11 MODULAR MEET IN HARRISBURG AT THE ZEMBO TEMPLE.**

**NOVEMBER 26: CONEWAGO VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD CLUB AUCTION AT NEW OXFORD.** The Division has a table and 2 or 3 volunteers are needed from 6:30pm to 11pm.

**DECEMBER 6: MODULAR CONSTRUCTION DAY.** Point of contact: All-Scale Chairperson.

**DECEMBER 14: PENNSYLVANIA RAILS TRAIN SHOW AT THE YORK FAIR GROUNDS, MEMORIAL HALL.** The Division has a table and 2 volunteers are needed to help out Don Yingling from 9am to 3pm.

**DECEMBER 27: MODULAR SHOW AT THE HERSHEY MEDICAL CENTER'S CHILDREN'S HOSPITAL WARD.** (Not open to the public or other division members, just children at the hospital).

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

Phone: H ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ W ( ) \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail Addr: \_\_\_\_\_

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Silver Spring, MD 20904-1703

**YOU MUST BE A MEMBER OF THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION TO BE A MEMBER OF THE MID-EASTERN REGION**

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Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA # \_\_\_\_\_ Expire Date \_\_\_\_\_

MER # \_\_\_\_\_ Expire Date \_\_\_\_\_

Scale \_\_\_\_\_ Birthday \_\_\_\_\_ Tel # \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to the Mid-Eastern Region

### Remittance Enclosed for:

**National Dues:** New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_  
1 year: \$30.00 2 years: \$60.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Life Membership cost is based on your age.  
Send your Birth Date to the NMRA for a quotation.

**Region Dues:** New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_  
1 year: \$8.00 2 years: \$16.00 \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Life Membership cost is based on your age.  
Send your Birth Date to the MER for a quotation.  
Lapel Pin/Tie Tac @ \$3.75 ea \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Region Cloth Patch @ \$1.50 ea \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
Donation \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL ENCLOSED** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

## JOIN THE NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

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Regular, One Year..... \$30.00  Youth, One Year..... \$20.00  Sustaining, One Year..... \$60.00  
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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Scale & Gauge \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street \_\_\_\_\_ Charge to:  Master Card  VISA  American Express  
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 Telephone \_\_\_\_\_  
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# MER CONTEST RESULTS

## Diesel

1. Charles L. Evans, On3 Craig Valley Diesel #200
2. Charles L. Evans, On3 Craig Valley Diesel #201
3. **Paul F. Tice, HO Bangor & Aroostook BL-2's #51 & #54**

## Steam

1. John Aaron, G 2-4-2 Narrow Gauge Camelback Loco & Tender

## Structure, On-Line

1. Thomas D. Lowry, HO Arbuckles Ground Coffee
2. Karl A. Sholz, HO Small Flagstop "Cobbler"
3. Leonard R. Beck, HO NYC Handcar House

## Structure, Off-Line

1. Karl A. Sholz, HO Small Town Block

## Diorama

1. Thomas D. Lowry, HO Lackawanna Structures at Northumberland, PA
2. Glenn Nilsen, HO Abrahamsen's Welding Co.
3. Leonard R. Beck, HO New Egypt Depot

## Freight Car

1. Charles W. Flichman, On3 D&RGW Box Car
2. Mark Rosstedt, HO Great Northern Express Reefer #2090
3. John Aaron, G 21' Narrow Gauge Stock Car

## Passenger Car

1. James E. Dalberg, HO Lackawanna Business Car #99
2. James E. Dalberg, HO DL&W Open Vestibule 79' Full RPO
3. John Aaron, G 32' Narrow Gauge Postal-Baggage/Combine Car #3081

## Non-Revenue Car

1. Robert E. Bird, HO Derrick Car "PU"
2. Robert E. Bird, HO Flat Car
3. Bruce Barrett, HO Boom Car

## Caboose

1. Thomas D. Lowry, HO S.V.R.R. Caboose
2. Dave Albertson, HO CNJ Caboose
3. Nick Caccavo, HO Conrail Caboose #21103

## Favorite Train

1. **Alan Mende, HO CNJ Freight Train**

## Interlocking Tower Contest

1. Robert Malberti, HO Micro-Scale Models PRR Tower

## President's Award

1. Joseph R. Natale, HO Philadelphia & Atlantic City Railroad Station, circa 1890

## Blue Lantern Award

1. Richard W. Kitz, HO Narrow Gauge Engine House Diorama
- Best in Show: Charles W. Flichman, On3 D&RGW Box Car Photo

1. Robert Shepard, "Setting Sun On the Sante Fe"

2. Paul A. Backenstose, "PRR Switching Tipple"

3. Robert Shepard, "Susie Q's Spring Snow"

3. Robert Shepard, "Braking Off the Hill/Bayview Junction"

3. **Robert W. Charles, "Diesels in Morning Mist"**

## Craft

1. Barbara Teer, Counted Cross Stitch Dollhouse Picture

2. Hank Force, Freehand Drawing

3. Lois Aaron, Wreath with Burgundy Flowers

Entry Stats: 43 Models, 12 Merit Awards

15 Photos

6 Craft

1 Favorite Train

Judges

**Charlie Potter**

Jim Teese

Al Philips

**Brian Kampschroer**

**Wm. Terry Nesbit**

**Bob Charles**

Names in bold type indicate Susquehanna Division 11 members.

*Don Yingling,*

*MER Model Contest Chairman*

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