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# Susquehanna Sidetracks



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Susquehanna Division 11 July - September 2000

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## Division Meet August 12, 2000

We are going to the Robertsdale Coal Miner's Museum, on the 12th of August. The museum contains a history of coal mining in the Huntingdon and Broad Top Mountain Railroad and the East Broad Top Railroad areas among others. This was to be a joint meet with the South Mountain Division, but for the past two years, I have been unable to get a commitment from them. For those who wish to visit the East Broad Top Railroad, it is about 15 minutes away. For those individuals wishing to hunt for fossils, I will have maps available for them.

Car pooling is suggested, we could meet at the hotel just off the PA Turnpike at Carlisle, exit 16, at 8:30 AM. I have a van, which sits 6 individuals, and I have been told that other members are coming who also have vans. The drive to Robertsdale takes about 1.5 hours, depending on traffic. Bring your cameras and/or a lunch. I will have with me a 24 quart cooler with ice. I can be reached at [wnesbit@ddc.dla.mil](mailto:wnesbit@ddc.dla.mil) or 717-657-9476 after 9 PM.



## Down the Track

**August 12, 2000:** Joint Division Meet with South Mountain Division at the Coal Miner's Museum, Robertsdale, PA.

**August 26-27, 2000:** Ellicott City Scale Model RR Assn. Great Scale Train Show, Eisenhower Inn, Bus Rt. 15 South, Gettysburg, PA. Sat. 9:00 to 4:00, Sun. 10:00 to 4:00

**September 3, 2000:** Johnstown Day at Rockhill Trolley Museum, Rockhill Furnace, PA.

**September 3, 2000:** Reading Society of Model Engineers Monthly Open House, Noon to 5. Info: 610-929-5444.

**September 10, 2000:** Hamburg Dutch Train Meet, Hamburg Field House, 4th and Pine St., Hamburg, PA. 9:00 to 1:00

**September 16-17, 2000:** Greenberg Model Train Show, Show Palace Arena, Upper Marlboro, MD. Sat. 11 to 5, Sun. 11 to 4

**September 17, 2000:** Gilbertsville Train Show, at fire-house on Rt. 73, 1 mile east of Rt. 100, Gilbertsville, PA. 9:00 to 2:00

**September 24, 2000:** Railroadiana and Model RR Sale, Dieruff High School, Washington and Irving St., Allentown, PA. 10:00 to 4:00.

**October 5-8, 2000:** Juniata Junction, MER Fall 2000 Tri-Regional Convention, in Altoona, PA.

**October 7-8, 2000:** Great Scale Train Show, Maryland State Fairgrounds, Timonium, MD. Sat. 9-4, Sun. 10-4

**October 21-22, 2000:** Reading Society of Model Engineers' Fall Open House and Model Railroad Show, Reading, PA. Noon to 5 Sat. & Sun. Info: 610-929-5444.

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When remitting dues for the national and/or region, please provide photocopies of your current MER and NMRA member-

## A P News

*By Wm. Terry Nesbit*

Susquehanna Division has submitted AP paperwork for the following: Golden Spike: Mike and Brian Reilly of Elizabethtown, Clarence E. Nissley of Palmyra. While Jim Atkinson and myself were at Mr. Nissley's home, we also had Clarence complete the paperwork for his Master Builder Certificates in Scenery and Electrical Engineer.

Both Jim and I are always looking to see and review any of our members' work as it may apply to the NMRA AP Program. We can be reached at [atkinson17022@juno.com](mailto:atkinson17022@juno.com) or 717-367-5626; [wnesbit@dcc.dla.mil](mailto:wnesbit@dcc.dla.mil) or 717-657-9476 after 9 PM.

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## Forced Recycling of Electrical Goods in EU

*By Wm. Terry Nesbit*

Excerpted from "World Trade" magazine, August 2000, Trade Winds, Europe Section

The European Commission has proposed regulations that would force manufacturers of electrical goods - from small electrical toys such as trains to large consumer appliances such as refrigerators - to bear the brunt of recycling them when they wear out or consumers tire of them.

The manufactures would have to recycle at least 50% of the weight of toys and 75% of the weight of large appliances.

Of great concern, of course, is the cost to the manufacturers and, in the end, the consumer. Of greater concern is the possibility the European Commission will make the regulation retroactive and that the manufacturers will have to accept goods that were manufactured before the regulations go into effect.

All in all, a cautionary not for companies involved in sales and manufacture of electricity-driven household items of all types.

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ship 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.

# Previous Susquehanna Division Meetings

By Wm. Terry Nesbit

25 March 2000, joint meet with the New Jersey Division at Toms River, NJ. Several of our members came to this meeting. The New Jersey Division had a three part clinic on painting backdrops and the modifying of pre-printed backdrops. In the afternoon, there were maps provided to several open home layouts. This was a great joint meeting for those Susquehanna Division members in attendance.

10 June 2000, the annual business meeting and officer elections, were held at the South Penn Model Railroad Club, in Lancaster, PA. The meeting started at 10:05 AM and was closed at 10:30 AM, all of the Spring 1998 to Spring 2000 officers were at the South Penn Model Railroad Club.

Topics discussed were: Why we did not have a Spring Newsletter. The division has in excess of \$1200.00 in our checking account. The West-Tex catalog, which has printed color graphics in HO and N gauge, suitable to put on billboards or buildings, or other places. 12 August meet in Robertsdale, PA at the Coal Miner's Museum and a fossil hunt around the East Broad Top Railroad area, along with carpooling to this division activity. 11

November open home layouts in the York area. The Juniata Junction Tri-Region Convention in Altoona, PA on 5-8 October 2000, and the NEED for division volunteer's to help the convention committee. Volunteer needed for the Editor of the division's Newsletter, as Don has submitted his resignation. Don feels that after 10 years as Editor he needs a break to devote time to his family. A local web site named: [www.sellstufflocal.com](http://www.sellstufflocal.com) who is set up like other on-line auction services, but, only sells items within a 65 mile radius of Harrisburg, PA, free listings for two weeks, photo of item and other extras cost \$\$.

The Officers elected for Spring 2000 to Spring 2002 were: Superintendent, Brian C. Brandt; Assistant Superintendent, Jim Atkinson; Chief Clerk/Paymaster, Paul F. Tice, CPA.

Two clinics were given: "How to convert a Walther's Car Float into either a coal barge or intermodal container barge ... and still have a car float with the left over parts", by Wm. Terry Nesbit and "Use of the Digitrax DCC System", by Brian C. Brandt.

My thanks to the South Penn Model Railroad Club for allowing us to meet in their club building.

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## Missing April, May, June 2000 Newsletter

I, as Superintendent, had planned to meet with the Short Line Model Railroad Club, in Ephrata, PA. When I went to the club in mid-February, to make these arrangements, I could not find anyone at the club or upstairs at the restaurant. I made additional trips to Ephrata in late-march and again in mid-April, and I found the restaurant to be boarded up. That is the windows and doors had plywood nailed over them. There was no sign of fire or other damage to the building. I made a decision in late April to find another site for our annual meeting and elections. By this time the publishing date of the newsletter was overdue. I explained the situation to Don Yingling, our editor, at the MER Convention 27 - 30 April, at Portsmouth, VA. By the time I contacted the South Penn Model Railroad Club it was well into May before the June date was confirmed as being acceptable. I apologize to our members who may have gone to Ephrata, in May, for a meeting that did not take place and the lack of the division's April, May, June newsletter.

We must keep in mind that this is a volunteer organization, and from time to time problems, which are beyond anyone's control will and do happen ... this is called life.

Wm. Terry Nesbit, Superintendent, Spring 1996 to Spring 2000.

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## Down The Track *Cont'd from Page 1*

**November 11, 2000:** Open Home Layouts in York, PA

**November 22, 2000:** Conewago Valley Model RR Club Annual Thanksgiving Eve Auction, New Oxford Fire Hall, New Oxford, PA. 7 p.m. until ?

**March 29-April 1, 2001:** MER Spring 2001 Convention, Frazer, PA.

**October 5-7, 2001:** MER Fall 2001 Convention, Lancaster, PA.

# PA Transportation Commission Approves Enhancement Projects

By Wm. Terry Nesbit

The following is a listing by County, the specific project, the grant money, and the sponsor.

## **Blair:**

Horseshoe Curve National Historic Landmark scenic vista improvements, \$40,000, Railroaders Memorial Museum, Inc.

## **Bradford:**

Rehab the Lehigh Valley Railroad Station for use as a railroad museum and visitors center. \$250,000, Sayre.

## **Bucks:**

Wycombe Train Station restoration. \$208,000, Buckingham and Wrightstown Townships.

Quakertown Train Station restoration. \$594,000, Quakertown Alive and Quakertown Train Station Historical Society.

## **Centre:**

Lemont Historic Rail Line rehabilitation: replace 880 ties; 168 feet of switch ties; 640 feet of ditching; 100 feet of track. \$77,000, Bellefonte Historical Railroad.

## **Crawford:**

Atlantic and Great Western Rail Building restoration. \$195,000 Meadville Area Industrial Commission.

## **Dauphin:**

Acquisition and restoration of the historic Lykens Railroad Station. \$68,000, Lykens.

## **Huntingdon:**

Restoration of trolley car #355. \$150,000, Rockhill Trolley Museum.

## **Lackawanna:**

Site acquisition, property and three buildings adjacent to

and associated with the D&H Railroad. \$52,000, Archbald.

## **Lancaster:**

Christiana Freight Station restoration of a tool house and installation of a siding to display rolling stock. \$70,000, National Railway Historical Society.

Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania exhibits. \$219,000, Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania.

Manheim Railroad Station rehabilitation. \$80,000, Manheim Historical Society.

## **Lebanon:**

Union Canal Tunnel Park, restoration of the canal and walls on the tunnel's North portal. \$241,000, Lebanon County.

## **Washington:**

B&O Railroad Station exterior renovations. \$75,000, Washington County Council on Economic Development.

Pennsylvania Trolley Heritage Display Building. \$475,000, Pennsylvania Trolley Museum.

## **Wayne:**

Hawley Station, installation of a handicapped accessible trail platform adjacent to rails once used by the D&H Railroad. \$38,000, Wayne County Chamber of Commerce.

## **York:**

Rehabilitation of seven historic structures along the Heritage Rail-Trail County Park. \$450,000, York County Parks.

Ma & Pa Railroad restoration through Muddy Creek Valley: stream bank and erosion repair; rebuilding of bridge abutments; replacing steel stringers; and other necessary improvements for upgrading the rail line. \$325,000. Maryland and Pennsylvania Railroad Preservation Society and Authority.

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## Jerame's Model Railroading, G&L Hobby Shop, York, PA

A note to our members, that the new owner of the old G&L Hobby Shop is alive and well. I mention this, as

Jerame Norris did not get his listing into the yellow pages of the York telephone book for 2000-2001. Please stop by and introduce yourselves to Jerame, as he is the only full service model railroad hobby shop in York. His address is: 1706 West Market Street, York, PA 717-843-2520.

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

**30 JUNE 2000**

For the fiscal year ending 30 June 2000, the Susquehanna Division #11 has held the following events and all were well attended and ran smoothly.

19 September 1999, Joint meet with Philadelphia Division, held at Strasburg Railroad, Lancaster, PA. 6 November 1999, Columbia Historical Society, Model Railroad Display, Columbia, PA. 29 January 2000, Keystone Historical Model Railroad Society, Mechanicsburg, PA. 25 March 2000, Joint Meet with the New Jersey Division at Toms River, NJ. 10 June 2000, South Penn Model Railroad Club, annual business meeting and officer elections, Lancaster, PA.

Division Officer's elected for Spring 2000-Spring 2002 are: Superintendent, Brian C. Brandt, NMRA # 108112-00, MER LA 175; Assistant Superintendent, Jim Atkinson, NMRA 108033-00, MER 7158; Chief Clerk/Paymaster, Paul F. Tice, CPA, NMRA 0612001-00, MER LA 251.

The division's HO scale Modules, were set up and running at the July 1999, NMRA National Convention, St. Paul, MN.

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Through the meets the membership is at 73 members. This is an increase over FY 99. The "Subscriber dues" category was eliminated from the division's rolls during fiscal year 98. 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.

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Mr. Alan J. Frame  
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Alan has 35 to 40 scouts from Troop 50 in Spry, PA working on their Scouting Merit Badge in Railroading.

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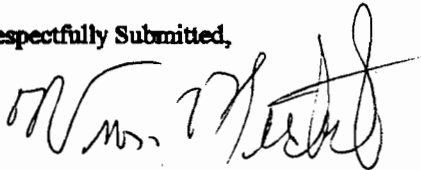
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Attachments:

- #1. A copy of the financial report for FY 2000
- #2. The inventory of resale items
- #3. The division's Door Prizes on hand
- #4. The divisional Property owned.

Respectfully Submitted,



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

**NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION**  
**Mid-East Region**  
**Susquehanna Division #11**  
**Revenue And Expense Statement - Cash Basis**  
**For The Fiscal Year 7/1/99 to 6/30/00**

<u>Beginning Cash Balance - July 1, 1999</u>	\$ 897.30
 <u>Revenue For The Fiscal Year</u>	
Susquehanna Dues	\$ 177.00
Postage Donation	.64
Sale Of Box Cars	162.00
PA. Sales Tax Collected	8.40
Interest Income	<u>15.51</u>
Total Revenues Received	<u>363.55</u>
 <u>Total Cash Available</u>	 \$ 1260.85
 <u>Expenses For The Fiscal Year</u>	
Postage	6.61
Rubber Deposit Stamp	21.42
PA. Sales Tax Paid Out	<u>8.32</u>
Total Expenses	<u>36.35</u>
 <u>Ending Cash Balance - June 30, 2000</u>	 <u>\$1224.50</u>
Restricted Funds - Mailing Permit	\$ 85.00
Unrestricted Funds - General	<u>1139.50</u>
Total	<u>\$1224.50</u>

Most of this past year's postage and paper for our newsletter was donated by Terry Nesbit and does not show on the above statement.

Respectfully Submitted,

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

July 14, 2000

**Susquehanna Division #11  
INVENTORY  
Fiscal Year End  
30 June 2000**

**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

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

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

**WHITE ROSE '95, HO Scale Athearn Collector boxcars**

Two colors, Tuscan Red or boxcar Brown... 38 Total @ \$7.00 each = \$115.00

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

**TOTALS:**

Tea Shirts	....	\$210.00
Hats	.....	\$205.00
Mugs	.....	\$270.00
Box Cars	.....	\$115.00
Total Inventory	.....	\$800.00

**Susquehanna Division #11  
DOOR PRIZES  
Fiscal Year End  
30 June 2000**

**O Scale**

[1] Undermountain, Box Car Kit

**HO Scale**

[11] Assorted Freight Car Kits

**N Scale**

[4] Boats

[1] 4 pack of Twin Tub, Coal Hoppers, different numbers

[1] 50 foot hoarse

**Susquehanna Division #11  
PROPERTY OWNED  
Fiscal Year End  
30 June 2000**

[2] Easels, wooden, home made

[1] Division map, listing locations of: Model Railroad Clubs, Model Railroad Manufacturers's within the division boundaries; Tourist related Railroad attractions.

[1] Yellow vinyl covering for a 30" by 96" table

[4] Modular Corners (HO Scale) fully operational and scotched

[1] Modular Straight section (HO scale) fully operational and scotched

[1] MRC #2800 power supply

[1] MRC Control Master VI transistorized throttle

[1] Red-Brown two piece skirt for the corner modular set-up

[2] Modular Straight sections, for division member's to complete, per the divisions All-Scale Modular Contract

**Hardware and parts for additional Modules:**

1/4 inch Thumb screws; 1/4 inch Fender washers; 1/4 inch Tee nuts; 1-1/4 inch, partial

box sheet rock screws; 1 inch, partial box sheet rock screws; Partial can, solvent, for

PVC pipe; [66] Ten block, terminal strips; [3] Extra 2 inch, Pink foam tops for

Straight modules.

[40] Insulated cups, 8.5 oz

[30] Plastic knife/fork/spoons

[90] Plastic cups, 8 oz

[90] Plastic plates

[1] 8 oz Coffemate [opened]

[1] 1 pound, drip coffee [opened] being kept in freezer

[2] Partial NIMRA promotional kits

[1] Former Lancaster City, O Scale Modular layout, being stored at Mr. Keyser's

home in Dauphin, PA. (To be transferred to the Susquehanna Division #11 upon

completion of a letter of donation to given to Mr. Keyser for income taxes)

**NOTE:** The Susquehanna Division's Property, Inventory and Door Prizes are being stored at Wm. Terry Nesbit's home.