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Susquehanna Division 11 is pleased to announce the fall division meet and layout visit on Sunday, December 3rd at Howard Zane's Piermont Division of the Western Maryland Railroad in Columbia, MD. Howard Zane has a very large HO scale railroad and a large collection of brass trains. His railroad has been featured in 2 videos in Allen Keller's Great Model Railroad series and has also been featured in several of the model railroad magazines. Most recently his railroad was in the October issue of Railroad Model Craftsman. I would consider him one of the "big names" in model railroading.

If you will be attending this meet, please email Bob Martin (Division Director) at cprboss@comcast.net or call him at 717-848-3640. We need to have a head count for this meet to let Howard know how many to expect. We will be setting up car pooling from the York area. When you let Bob know that you will be attending this meet, please let him know if you can drive to the meet and how many extra people you can take or if you would like to ride with someone else. You will need to find your own way to the York car pool meeting place. We will meet at 11 a.m. on December 3 at place in the York area to be announced later. We expect to return to York around 4 p.m. at the latest. FYI, it's about one hour and 15 minutes travel time from York to Columbia, MD.

Mark your calendar now and make plans to join us for a fun day of model railroading!

Model Railroad Open Houses

The following model railroads will be having open houses. These are open to the public, so why not bring a friend (or two) or maybe your kids/grandkids and share your hobby with them.

Capital PenNScalers NTrak will be setup at the Mechanicsburg Museum Association's Passenger Station (former CVRR Station), 2 West Strawberry Alley, Mechanicsburg, 17055, during the holiday season as part of the Museum Association's "Trains for the Holidays" exhibit. The layout will be operation Saturdays 12pm - 3pm December 2nd, 2006 through January 6th, 2007. Admission is free.

The Mechanicsburg Museum Association's website is www.mechanicsburgmuseum.org

The Capital PenNScalers NTrak website is: www.pennscalers.org

Stiegel Valley Model Railroad Club in Manheim, PA. will be open the following dates: Sunday, November 26 December 3,10,17, & January 7 & 14, 2007. They model the Reading's Reading and Columbia Branch between Lititz and Lancaster in the 1950's and are located adjacent to the Manheim train station, 230 S. Charlotte Street, Manheim, PA 17545. You can view their web site at www.stiegelvalley.com

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For information about upcoming events, links to web pages for upcoming conventions, and for an electronic copy of this newsletter.

SUPER'S CORNER

By Scott Turner

I hope you had a good summer. For me, fall means getting back to working on the layout.

As most of you know, November is Model Railroad month. What did you do to bring new people to our hobby? If you had an open house at your home or club railroad or participated in take a train to work day, I would like to hear about it. As you saw on page 1, there are several open houses during the month of December. I hope that you take some time to visit these railroads and take someone with you. This is another great chance to introduce people to our hobby.

I was not able to attend the national convention in Philadelphia over the summer. Hopefully a lot of you were able to take advantage of having the national convention so close to home. If you were able to attend and you would like to share your experiences from the convention, please send them to me.

At the division meet in April, we held the elections for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk. The three incumbent officers ran unopposed and were elected for another two year term.

We are always looking for ideas for Division meets, people to help organize a meet, people willing to open their layouts for visits, or even to present a clinic. If you have any suggestions or are willing to help in any way, please contact me.

I hope that you will be able to attend the division meet on December 3rd. I look forward to seeing you then!

FINANCIAL UPDATE

Susquehanna Division #11
Mid-Eastern Region
National Model Railroad Association
Revenue and Expense Statement - Cash Basis
For The Fiscal Year July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006

Northwest Savings - Savings Account		\$1,209.73
Sovereign Bank - Checking Account		<u>367.70</u>
<u>Beginning Cash Balance - July 1, 2005</u>		\$1,577.43
<u>Revenue For The Fiscal Year</u>		
Susquehanna Dues	\$ 239.00	
Donations	46.00	
NMRA / MER Per Capita Reimb. (341 Members)	170.50	
Luncheon - 4/29 Meet - Donations	60.00	
Interest Income - Northwest Savings	<u>15.06</u>	
Total Revenue Received		<u>530.56</u>
<u>Total Cash Available</u>		\$2,107.99
<u>Expenses For The Fiscal Year</u>		
Postage	\$ 119.68	
Printing Supplies - Newsletter	271.89	
Luncheon Food/Drinks Cost - 4/29 Meet	20.00	
Total Expenses		<u>411.57</u>
<u>Ending Cash Balance - June 30, 2006</u>		<u>\$1,696.42</u>
Northwest Savings - Savings Account - Unrestricted Funds		\$1,224.79
Sovereign Bank - Checking Account - Unrestricted Funds		386.63
Sovereign Bank - Checking Account - Restricted Funds		<u>85.00</u>
Total Net Assets - All Funds		<u>\$1,696.42</u>

Respectfully Submitted,



Paul F. Tice, P.A.
Clerk/Paymaster - Susquehanna Division #11
July 15, 2006
York, Pennsylvania

Miniature Railroad Club Of York - Will have open houses on Sunday, Dec. 3, 10, 17, 31 and Jan 7 from 1:00 PM to 5:00 PM. They are located at 381 Wheatfield St., York, PA 17403.

Central Pennsylvania Railroad - Bob and Carole Martin invite you to the 16th Annual CPRR Open House, December 31, 1 to 5 p.m. The CPRR (Central Pennsylvania Railroad) is located at 45 W. Locust Lane, York, PA within 2 minutes of I83 or PA Route 30. The layout is handicap accessible IF the weather cooperates (no snow or ice in the yard). For directions, send an email to Bob Martin at cprrboss@comcast.net or call 717-848-3640.

A BUSINESS TRIP

By Scott Turner

Several months ago, I went to Little Rock, AR for a weeklong business trip. My company's headquarters is located there and they were moving to a new office building. I had to help move the office, hook up all their computers and servers to a new network, plus put in a new phone system. Talk about a busy week!



The new office was located on the 36th floor of a forty story building in the middle of the city. From this height you can see for miles on a clear day. Looking out one of the windows towards the river, I noticed a bridge with a train going over it. From this height and distance I could only make out that it was a freight train with a Union Pacific engine in the lead. I continued to watch the train cross this bridge (what did you expect me to do...get back to work??) and after it had cleared the other end, I noticed that part of the bridge that was closer to me was going up! Now I was really interested.

After working a few more days, I was able to take a day off. I was determined to go find this bridge. After finding my way across the river and down some side roads, I found the bridge and a Union Pacific train yard. I spent some time around this bridge and the yard (from public ground of course!) taking some pictures and watching the trains go over the bridge.



This was the first bridge like this that I have ever seen in person. This bridge has two tracks on it and I was



fortunate enough to see two trains on the bridge at the same time. The Union Pacific yard was on the same side of the river that I was on and is to the left of the picture above. I didn't have to wait long to see trains. They seem to come in groups, as to avoid having to raise/lower the bridge too much. Plus there was a fair amount of boat traffic on the river to make it interesting.

Not too bad of a way to spend a day off while on a business trip!

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR PIKE?

by Gerry Leone, MMR

The Pike Registry, part of the NMRA's Membership Services and Promotion Department, is one of the lesser known services of the NMRA, yet it's been around almost as long as the organization itself. By sending in an application to program manager Dick Schneider, along with a \$10 donation, NMRA members can register the name and reporting marks of their model railroad in the Official Register of Model Railroads (ORMRR) for two years. In return they receive an official registration certificate along with a CD of the current ORMRR. (Printed versions are also available to those without computers.)

The ORMRR is a tremendous resource for those who travel and would like to visit model railroads during their trip. The Register lists names, addresses and phone numbers of registrants, along with visitation preferences.

Studying the ORMRR is fun in and of itself. Currently it contains well over 500 pikes, some of which are as yet unbuilt. Among those appearing are prototypical names such as Union Pacific and Burlington Northern. But others have registered more whimsical names, such as the Kneedy & Lackamoney and the Downe & Owlte. It makes for great reading.

The Pike Registry was updated and streamlined last year and is now a self-supporting volunteer-run part of the NMRA Membership Services and Promotion Department. Besides the fun of receiving an official certificate and the ORMRR, it gives members a great way to make a small donation to the NMRA.

For details on how to get your pike registered, visit the NMRA website at <http://www.nmra.org/pikereg>.

Bring in a friend. Bring home a locomotive.

Sign me up as an NMRA member and enter me in the drawing!

____ Regular NMRA member: \$36/year, all rights and benefits but no *Scale Rails*

____ Regular NMRA member: \$48/year, all rights and benefits including *Scale Rails*

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4121 Cromwell Rd.
Chattanooga, TN 37421

From November 1 through January 31, when you get someone to sign up for a new NMRA membership you'll both come out winners! Each month we'll draw names of three new members. Those new members and the NMRA members who referred them will each win their own Atlas®, Kato®, Bachmann® or Life-Like® loco.

And even if your friend doesn't bag a prize, as a new NMRA member they'll still come out a winner because they'll have all the benefits of the greatest model railroad organization in the world.

So pass along this sign-up form along to a non-member today! Then start polishing those rails.

OFFICIAL RULES: Contest open to U.S. residents only who are either National Model Railroad Association, Inc. (NMRA) members in good standing on November 1, or individuals who haven't been NMRA members for 2 years or more. Properly completed Membership Entry forms must be received by 1/31/07 to be eligible. Names will be entered in drawing only after new membership has been fully processed. Renewals for existing memberships will not be credited as new memberships. NMRA officers and directors, paid or contracted NMRA employees and their immediate families are not eligible, nor are contest sponsors and business firms contracted by either the NMRA or those sponsors, their employees and their immediate families. Odds of winning random drawings are dependent on the number of eligible entries received. Contest void where prohibited by law. No substitution of prizes. Winners must execute an affidavit of eligibility and release, and agree that their names and/or likenesses may be used for advertising/publicity purposes by the NMRA without further compensation, except where prohibited. By participating, entrants agree to these rules and that the decision of the NMRA President in all matters relating to the contest shall be final. Winners' names may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: NMRA, 4121 Cromwell Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37421.



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