

# *Susquehanna Sidetracks Express*

Official Newsletter of the Susquehanna Division

Mid-Eastern Region, National Model Railroad Association

June 2014

## From the Super's Corner

Greetings All,

This short Sidetracks Express issue is focused on our Division Officer elections for the term July 1, 2014 – June 30, 2016. All instructions for completing the voting process are presented on the enclosed ballot (p. 5). Like previous elections, e-mail voting is authorized and encouraged. Please be sure your vote is received by the Nomination and Elections Committee Chairman by June 23, 2014. Members of the Committee are: Chairman, John Wissinger (MMR), Richard Wurst, and David Collison. The new officers will be announced in the July 2014 Sidetracks.

We had an excellent series of morning clinics and afternoon club layout visits on May 10 at the Masonic Village Welcome Center Brossman Ballroom – a truly superb facility. Accordingly, we extend our special thanks to the Masonic Village and Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club for sponsoring this annual event. And I also want to extend my gratitude to those who made it such a successful happening – Lee Rainey for his great East Broad Top Railroad presentation, Steve Sherrill for enlightening us about the future operating system called Dead-Rail, and John Wissinger (MMR) for leading another excellent Model Showcase program. And a special thanks to the members of the Masonic Village and Elizabethtown Model Railroad Club, the Columbia Model Railroad Club, and the Ephrata Short Line Model Railroad Club for opening their layouts to our program attendees.

We officially announced the September 6 Model Railroad Day at the Railroad Museum of PA in our May Sidetracks and further discussed it at our May 10 Masonic Village Welcome Center meeting. However, who to contact to make your reservation for this program was still being finalized. If you have questions or wish to register now contact either Rich Wurst at [rjwurst@comcast.net](mailto:rjwurst@comcast.net) or 717-392-5023, or John Wissinger at [jwissinger@susquehannamra.org](mailto:jwissinger@susquehannamra.org) or 717-628-1767. The Museum has provided us a great special admission rate for this event. NMRA members and family will pay a \$9 pre-registration fee, Friends of the Museum will pay \$5, and non-NMRA attendees will pay \$12. To receive those special rates you must register and pay by August 15. Also, please be advised, those rates include the back-shop tours which will not be available to walk-in customers. And finally, this event will be limited to the first 100 who pre-register due to facility limitations so register now to enjoy all that will be offered.

And don't forget to register for the great visit to the East Broad Top Railroad and the Rockhill Trolley Museum on Saturday, June 28 and the road trip to Bowser Manufacturing, English's Model Railroad Supply, and Weaver Trains on Thursday, July 10. To register for the EBT outing contact Lee Rainey at [leerainey@aol.com](mailto:leerainey@aol.com) or 814-867-7878. Registration for the free Bowser-English's-Weaver must be made by July 3 by contacting Howard Oakes at [hoakes@susquehannamra.org](mailto:hoakes@susquehannamra.org) or 717-632-5990.

I had sincerely hoped to present you with several choices for this election. Unfortunately, my six month plea for candidates has fallen on deaf ears as no one came forward to run for any of the three officer positions. So if you are frustrated when you see the ballot with the same three names you were presented with two years ago and no other candidates are offered for your consideration know that I also share your frustration. Hopefully over the next two years you and your fellow members will give serious thought to becoming more involved in running this railroad and offer your talents to make a quality crew change in 2016.

Happy Modeling!

*Barry*

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In accordance with Division by-laws, the positions of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk are open for the term July 1, 2014 to June 30, 2016. Below are the only names provided to the Nomination and Election Committee for these positions.

Division by-laws allow for electronic (email) voting. It is not necessary for you to email this form for your vote. You only need to indicate who you are voting for in any convenient format, such as "I vote for the 3 listed candidates."

Please send your email vote to John Wissinger, Nomination and Voting Committee Chairman, at the following address: [jwissinger@susquehannanmra.org](mailto:jwissinger@susquehannanmra.org). Be sure to write "NMRA Elections" in the subject line to assure your e-mail is processed. John will confirm receipt of your vote by a return email within 3 days of receipt. If you voted by email and do not receive an email response within 5 days from when you sent it please resend another email vote. You may also mail your vote by sending this appropriately marked ballot back to: John Wissinger (MMR), Attn: Division Election, 23 Thorndale Drive, Myerstown PA 17067-3128. Results will be presented in the July Sidetracks.

<u>POSITION</u>	<u>NOMINEE</u>	<u>VOTE</u>
SUPERINTENDENT	BARRY SCHMITT	_____
ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT	WAYNE BETTY	_____
CHIEF CLERK	PAUL TICE	_____

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