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From the Superintendent's Desk – Tim Himmelberger

It is May and that means it is time for our Division Director election. With three of our current Directors deciding not to run again it made for a challenging time to work on a slate of candidates. After a lot of conversations and emails we have come up with five individuals who are running for the four positions. Two of which have accepted positions with the MER. Personally, I feel that we have an excellent field of candidates. Please see the article on page 03 with their bios and the procedures for voting. A big thank you to Bob Charles for being our election official. Now the challenge is picking out four to vote for.

May 4th was a day to remember. We have not had the event follow up meeting yet, but Chris Vera has informed us that there were over 200 riders on the trolley. This was excellent exposure for the Division and the hobby in general. Unfortunately, it will be a while until we see if there has been an uptick in new members signing up. I received many positive comments during the day. Yes, I had a shifter sandwich and mine was very tasty.

With all the effort going into the May event the other ideas for additional events for the summer months fell through. Unfortunately, it was the same individuals who were working on the Columbia event. Preliminary work has begun for a more traditional event in August. The event will be on August 17th in the Denver area. We are planning on two clinics along with the model showcase in the morning and as of now 4 layouts will be open.

As soon as this is finalized, we will do an email blast so you can plan. Also, I hope to have the details for the July Sidetracks. So, stay tuned.

I am also excited that our AP program continues to show real progress. There were four certificates presented at Columbia. At last year's convention I took the judging training. They had enough judges there, so I did not get to help judge. However, at the February meeting I did help judge. The experience was very enlightening. You gain an understanding of how points are awarded and what it is that will help you make a model that will make the grade.

Looking ahead this September we will again be joining in sponsoring Mainline Hobbies open house tour. Then in October 10 – 13, the MER regional convention will be in King of Prussia. Later in October 25 – 26, is the annual LSOP or operate until you drop. If you ever wondered what people are talking about when they say operations, this is your chance to find out. The first three weekends in November is our annual division wide layout tour. So, mark your calendars and make plans for some great modeling activities.

Let me close by saying that I know we are heading into summer. Which typically means that model railroad projects tend to get neglected. Let's be honest we all want to be outside and enjoying the good summer weather. But there are those occasional rainy days which are good for tackling a small project or two.

Board of Directors Election Information

It's May which means it's time to elect four Division Board of Directors (BOD) members for the next two years: July 1, 2019 – June 30, 2021. Our Division by-laws establish a seven-member BOD - three elected Officers (Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk), and four at-large Directors. At-Large Directors are elected to a two-year term in odd-numbered years and hold office from July 1 of that year to June 30 of the following second year. The three BOD Officers are elected to two-year terms in even numbered years with our current officers serving the term July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2020.

The five Director candidates and their bio-sketches are presented below in alphabetical order. Their email addresses are provided if you would like to contact them.

Restating the ballot guidance: **you can only vote for four candidates.**

Director Candidate Bio-Sketches (in alphabetical order)

Dennis Blank (RDGK1se3019@hotmail.com)

I've had a fascination with trains since the age of 2, even before I could say the word train.

I've been in the Susquehanna Division since January 2013, when I decided to rejoin the NMRA after a many year absence.

I would like to be more involved with the Susquehanna Division and I thought what better way than to run for a director's position in the division.

I have a few ideas for more division meets and field trips for my fellow division members to partake in.

James Mattern (jmattern41@comcast.net)

I've been to many of your homes where you were gracious enough to open your house for an open house or host an operating session. I've gotten countless ideas from these visits, and I thank you. Operating sessions are a place where I really enjoy the camaraderie of getting together to run trains. With your support in voting for James Mattern, I want our division to continue to share ideas with open houses and operating sessions and where we can share our affinity for trains together. Be it through our traditional meets, social media, or any outlet that can help our members grow in this hobby. I know I want to continue to grow, and can't think of a better way than volunteering and serving as a director for the division.

My modeling and prototype interest is with the short line Cornwall Railroad. I've been modeling this Pennsylvania Iron Ore hauler since 1992. I also have an interest in the Reading, and a slight interest in the Pennsylvania Railroad. I'm currently working on building the Cornwall Railroad Shops that were located in West Lebanon in HO scale, and numerous other modeling projects.

Pat Mulroney (padywgn@comcast.net)

My name is Pat Mulroney and I am currently serving as a Board Member for the Susquehanna Div. I would like to have your support to continue in that position as I feel I can contribute to the Div. and I enjoy working with the members and helping the Div. grow. I started in model railroading around 1950, after my brother returned from WWII. He had been in HO modeling before going to war and after returning home and marrying he needed an excuse to get back into the hobby and apparently, I was it. He started me off with a roll of fiber ties, a bundle of brass rail, some spikes and a track gauge. Derailments were many and successful loops with the Varney Dockside were few and even fewer with the NYC Hudson. I continued until High School days when I discovered cars and females.

After getting married and starting a family my wife bought me a little camel back switcher of dubious origin one Christmas and we proceeded to have a loop around the tree at Christmastime. That continued until I was in my 40's, the kids were older, and I started to get more serious about modeling. I really love the hobby and while I'm far from a MMR I enjoy my time in the basement, working on scenery, lighting, and trying to build a railroad that is operations friendly even though I have a long way to go before I reach that point. I'd appreciate your vote as I have enjoyed serving in this capacity this past term. Thank you

Phil Peters (pwpetersjr@embarqmail.com)

My name is Phil Peters. I am running for director. As a Life Member I have attended many national and regional conventions over the years and have benefited greatly from the knowledge of the members who shared their experience. I bring a fresh perspective to working with the members of our division and am looking forward to helping us further the enjoyment of our hobby.

I guess I have always enjoyed trains. My father put up a large scenicked American Flyer layout that covered one entire wall of the basement and included every animated feature available (he was an electrical engineer, go figure!) We moved on to HO and I finally settled on N scale when I got my first basement/house in the mid-sixties. I have built several layouts over the years and just recently added a large extension to my current Hanover Valley Railroad which occupies most of a 13' x 26' room. I also operate on several HO layouts in the area.

I subscribe to the belief that good modeling is our goal and that scale is the means we use to achieve it. I am looking forward to working with the division and helping us move forward. Thank you for your consideration.

Jeff Thompson (jeff.thompson@harley-davidson.com)

Hi – I started my interest in trains at the age of 3 when my dad set up an American Flyer layout in our basement. I have those trains today. Through my formative years I took the trains out (usually at Christmas) and set them up in my bedroom. Girls, boats, cars and school got in the way and the trains went by the wayside until the Bi-Centennial brought us Tyco sets decorated for the same. I was back. I've dabbled in the hobby since. Subscribed to *Model Railroader*, *Railroad Model Craftsman* and joined the NMRA. Then along came Bob Martin who invited me to an Ops session in 2007. Now I'm really hooked.

2 4x8 layouts and various modeling projects, ops sessions, volunteer for the Susquehannock event 2 years ago coordinating clinic activities with Barry Schmitt and a trip to the Fine Scales Expo in Altoona. Train shows – Gilbertsville, Timonium and managed to get to Milwaukee for Trainfest. I'm not exactly what you'd call an MMR, but I am learning. My current job keeps me way busier than it should which cuts into my modeling time. That is changing.

Tim asked me to step up for this position. I'm a 'newbie' and, I'm a hard worker.

Board of Directors Ballot

NMRA SUSQUEHANNA DIVISION 11 (MER) 2019 DIRECTOR BALLOT

Your BOD has approved electronic (email) voting for this election cycle in addition to traditional USPS ballot mailing. You do not have to use the below ballot form – use whatever format works best for you. Send your ballot to Bob Charles, at rcharles@aol.com or Bob Charles, c/o NMRA, 115 Winfield Drive, Camp Hill, PA 17011-1348. Bob will confirm every received ballot with either an email or post card response based on your delivery mode. Deadline for *receipt* by either delivery method is June 16, 2019. Results will be presented in the July Sidetracks.

ONLY VOTE FOR FOUR (4) CANDIDATES

_____ Denis Blank
_____ James Mattern
_____ Pat Mulroney
_____ Phil Peters
_____ Jeff Thompson

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Your Name (print): _____

Email Address: _____

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(Questions – call Tim Himmelberger at 717-454-8033)

Sidetracks Editor Position

The last couple of issues have been a struggle to get put together and out to the membership. I was promoted in January of 2018, as a result my travel has increased and my free time has decreased.

With that said we are looking for someone to take the reins of Sidetracks.

I currently create the newsletter using Microsoft Publisher, I have found it is very easy to use vs the Microsoft Word format I received it in. Publisher is straight forward and fairly easy to use, don't worry if you don't have a copy. There are funds available from the NMRA to purchase a copy of any software desired.

If you are interested, please let us know.

Thanks

Tedd

On behalf of the entire Susquehanna Division I want to personally thank Tedd for the excellent job he has done as the editor of Sidetracks. We all to well understand his current employment situation makes it very difficult to put together the newsletter in a timely manner. Which means we now have some big shoes to fill. I remember thinking the same thing when Ron Smith moved A little over two years ago and then Tedd stepped forward and did an outstanding job. We are now looking for our next editor to step forward.

Thanks, Tim

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February 14, 2019

The Mid-Eastern Region's position of Archivist will become vacant effective April 1, 2019 due to the retirement of Chris Conaway. We are seeking Chris' replacement for this volunteer position.

The Archivist is responsible for maintaining the historical records belonging to the Mid-Eastern Region. These would include MER meeting agendas and minutes, budgets and financial reports, copies of The Local as well as Division newsletters, etc.

Specific responsibilities:

1. The archivist maintains an electronic copy of the archives and updates it as necessary. At the end of each year, the Archivist makes a copy to a CD for the MER President and the MER Business Manager.
2. Periodically writes a short column for The Local (i.e., In the Region 30 Years Ago).
3. Prepares an annual budget request to cover anticipated Archivist expenses, if any, for the coming year.

For those participating in the Achievement Program and working toward their Association Volunteer Certificate and MMR, the Archivist position is a quick way to accumulate required volunteer time units. Please contact MER Director Jack Dziadul with any questions or expressions of interest.

Have you visited the NMRA website? As a member you have access to a world of information on our hobby! I have included just one item that is available to each of us with our membership.

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Sidetracks welcomes contributions from the Division membership. Letters, articles, photos and other items may be sent to the Editor at the e-mail address listed below or the street address above. Deadline for submission for the next issue is June 22, 2019 formatted in Times New Roman font 12.

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Second Section – Tedd Pounds

Hello everyone!

I encourage all members to consider submitting an article or some photos of your layout or modeling projects to our newsletter. Do you have something that you have discovered that may be of interest to others? Put something on paper, include a few pictures and we will make it work. Thanks!

Tedd



NEW MEMBERS

Mark Hagy	Sunbury PA
John King	Analomink PA
Jeff Krause	Macungie PA
Paul Sternitzke	Hallstead PA

Mid-Eastern Region Information

Invitation to Authors and Photographers
Jack Dziadul, Director
Mid-Eastern Region

Do you have a modeling tip, a how-to article, a step-by-step scratch-build, kit-bash, or kit build to share with your 1,800 friends in the Mid-Eastern Region? Perhaps you have photo exhibits of a recent train show, from a layout tour, or of an operating session. With our e-Local, we have an expanded page count available to publish your contribution and sharp color to give some pop to your photographs.

Among our Region's objectives are:

- Expand interest in and publicize the hobby of model railroading
- Promote membership growth (and retention)
- Support the National Achievement Program

Each member can play a role in achieving these objectives.

We have a great deal of talent in the MER as evidenced by so many Master Model Railroaders in the Region, and in the variety of high-quality contest entries at our conventions. Let us all share those talents more broadly.

For those participating in the Achievement Program and working toward their Railroad Author Certificate and MMR, the Region and Division level requirements below are excerpted from the NMRA web site. Refer to www.nmra.org Education tab for the full statement of requirements that encompass clinics, etc.

To qualify for this certificate, you must:

1. Prepare and submit material on any of the following subjects:
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The material being claimed must be the work of the author, photographer, artist, draftsman, etc. applying for the certificate. A total of forty-two (42) points must be earned. This is material that appears in printed media, such as newsletters and may include text, photographs, drawings, etc. Material that has been published or accepted for publication may be claimed. A copy of the published material or of the acceptance receipt from the publication must be submitted as proof.

Item	Region	Division
Article or Column	2	1
Photos or Art Work	2	1
Scale Drawing of Prototype	4	2
Scale Drawing of Track Plan	2	1

A "page" is approximately 1200 words. Credit may be claimed for partial pages down to quarter pages. No more than half of the total required points (21) may be claimed for Division or 100% NMRA Club publications.

You will note that your article does not need to actually even be published before submitting your Region level points for credit. You only need certification from the Editor that your work has been accepted for publication. For guidance or questions pertaining to the Achievement Program, please contact Region AP Coordinator Dave Chance or your Division AP Coordinator.

What is the next step? Submit your article, photographs or inquiries to Editor Clint Hyde (local-editor@mer-nmra.com) with a copy to Jack Dziadul (jdziadul@mer-nmra.com). Other information including the publication schedule and deadlines can be found in The Local.



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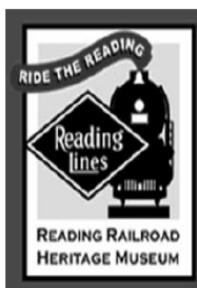
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Tim Himmelberger receives his
Association Volunteer Certificate

Brian Kampschroer receiving his
Scenery AP certificate



Alan Mende receiving his
Structures AP certificate

Scott Unger also earned His scenery AP certificate but was not present.

2019 Division Calendar of Events

August 17— Event planning stages, will be held in Denver, Pa.

September 16 – 17, Mainline Hobby Open House Weekend

October 10 – 13, King of Prussia, PA, MER Convention, Philadelphia Division

Oct 25 - 26, LSOP

Nov 4 – 5, 11 – 12, 18 – 19 Section wide Open House Tour

We feel that we have put together an interesting program plan for this year. There are many of the events that have been part of our program in the past and have been very popular. Also, some interesting new ones. Some items need to have the details completed. So, keep a lookout in future Sidetracks for details as they come available. Please note that the *italicized* items are not Susquehanna Division events but are very popular with many Division members. Also, I would like to call your attention to our web page. Wayne Betty has posted a listing of Mid-Atlantic Train Shows for 2019.

Tim Himmelberger



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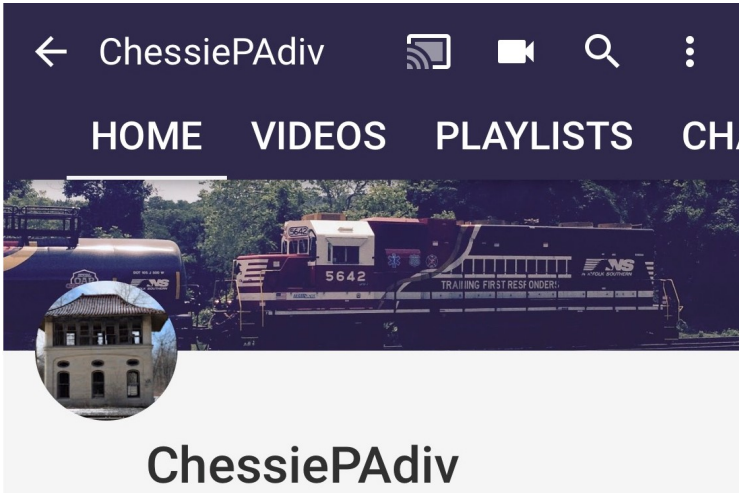
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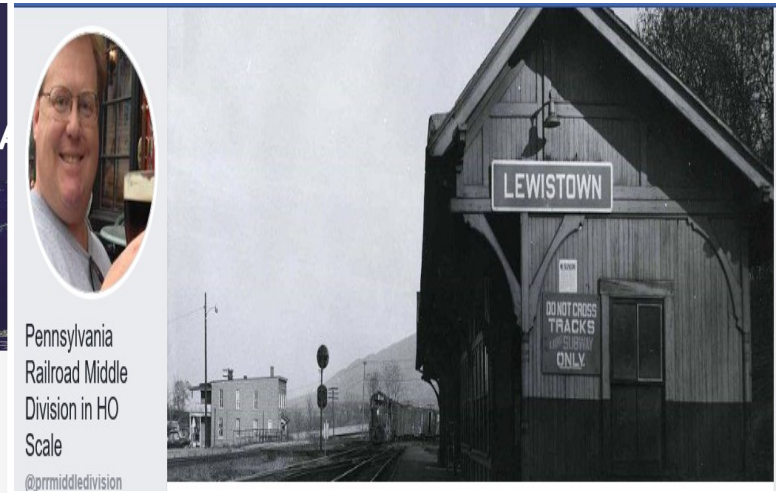
Also, it has been suggested we have a classified section for our members to post items that are searching for new homes.

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