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RPM East Recap Jerry Britton

I recently attended RPM EAST held in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. This event is held in odd-numbered years to offset the RPM Valley Forge held in Malvern, Pennsylvania in even-numbered years. This was my first time at the Greensburg event and it did not disappoint. A "shout out" to Eric Hannsman, Don Coulter, and the rest of the crew that put this event together.

There were eight model railroads open for operating sessions on Thursday evening, though I did not arrive until Friday. There were 14 model railroads open on Sunday for open houses; due to time constraints, I did not make it to any of these either. So, that all said...

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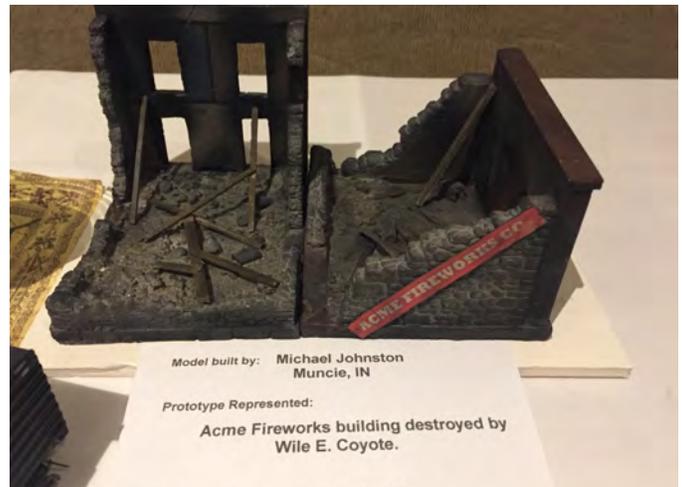
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As with any event, it is a great time to meet up with acquaintances and friends from former meets. There was no shortage there -- Kaylee Zheng,



Model built by: Michael Johnston
Muncie, IN
Prototype Represented:
Acme Fireworks building destroyed by
Wile E. Coyote.

Dave Hopson, Jerry Jordak, Don Coulter, Eric Hansmann, Brian Carlson, Matt and Amanda Hurst, Bill Carr, Ron Hoess, John Snyder, Jim Hunter, Bill Neale, Jack Consoli, and Ramon Rhodes. I also finally met J. Alex Lang whom I have crossed paths with online for the past 15 years or so! Through these folks I met their friends and so on. It was a great social opportunity!

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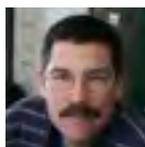


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On page 1, at the top, is a gas station, from the model contest at 2018's convention. Bruce Blackwood, modeler.

The Local welcomes articles, photographs and model railroad related material as contributions to members' mutual enjoyment of the hobby. Materials should have a wide appeal. The Editor will exercise all due care of submissions, but contributors should not send paper/photo originals without having back-up copies of both. Editors, by definition, reserve the right--and have the responsibility--to make corrections, deletions, and changes to accommodate space. Upon receiving any submission, the Editor will confirm receipt, and, at a later date, indicate the anticipated edition the submission will appear in The Local. If you do not receive a postcard or email within two weeks, please resend your submission or contact the editor by email.

If your item is time-sensitive in any, these dates are the relevant deadlines you need to look out for. Otherwise stories and photos are used in approximately the order they are received.

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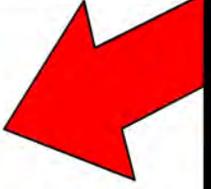
Jan/Feb	Dec 1st of previous year
Mar/Apr	Feb 1st
May/Jun	Apr 1st
Jul/Aug	Jun 1st
Sept/Oct	Aug 1st
Nov/Dec	Oct 1st

Guy	Antonides	Carolina Piedmont
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Lelita	Braiterman	Chesapeake
Frank	Coat	South Mountain
Barry	Cruthers	Tidewater
Ken	Gibson	Tidewater
Ted	Kunstling	Carolina Piedmont
Art	Mayer	James River
Frederick	Miller	Potomac
Dennis	Owens	Carolina Southern
Daniel	Parmelee	Potomac
Matthew	Robie	Carolina Southern
Nicholas	Sabella	New Jersey
Jesse	Seegmiller	
Joseph	Stapleton	Potomac
Robert	Steele	Tidewater
Steve	Tkaczyk	South Mountain
Marvin	Wyant	Carolina Southern

Welcome all new members!

Apologies if you joined recently and I missed your name here. The way join dates are handled in our database makes for slight imprecision on this.

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President's Column



Kurt Thompson, MMR

**Who's on first?
What's on second?**

If you're going to attend the Liberty Bell convention and have a Go Pro, please contact MER President Kurt Thompson. He's looking for four folks for a special project. There is the possibility of there being one of those old-time "dunk the President" episodes, so Kurt has a new super-suit that won't shrink so much while he's wearing it.

When you get to read this, the Board of Directors will have just met for our Mid-Year meeting, held at the site of the upcoming Liberty Special Convention in King of Prussia.

I won't bore you with the full report of the Board meeting. But some of the highlights, I do want to bring to your attention.

In 2021, the MER will be celebrating its 75th Anniversary as a chartered Region of the NMRA. With that in mind, there are two new initiatives: a 75th Anniversary region logo contest and a new MER mission to raise the membership of the Region. Details on both of these are printed elsewhere in this issue. I am also asking the cadre of MMRs to help with the 75th anniversary celebration.

In 2022, the NMRA will be holding the National Convention internationally. Since some of us won't be able to attend, I am working with the Southeastern Region (SER) and Niagara Frontier (NRF) Presidents about a joint convention. This is in the early planning stages, but the work will need to be started soon. My hope is that we make that convention extraordinary, possibly like a mini-National.

Also, the upcoming election (see page 8!) is for the three Director positions. Michele Chance will not be running again for Director since she is term-limited as of this cycle. Bob Charles, MMR, and Jack Dziadul have decided to not run again.

The Board is a great place to serve your fellow Mid-Eastern Region modelers. I want to thank all those who have agreed to run in the upcoming election. If you are willing to help by running for a position on the MER Board or as a volunteer, I am always looking for help.

As my older sister once had a poster that read, in essence, I'm looking for "availability, not capability." Each of the jobs on the Board have certain tasks and therefore may need some talent in specific areas, but none of them are arduous or time-consuming. For the Directors, that means they each oversee certain areas of the MER's operations, including our newsletter, the webmaster, the election and nominating committees, fund raising, Boy Scouting, and more. The various volunteers report to a Director, the Treasurer, Vice-President, or to me directly.

Kevin O'Connor, Archivist

Kevin O'Connor of the Carolina Piedmont Division was appointed to the position of MER Archivist at the Board of Director's meeting held April 27. The Board unanimously approved the appointment. The Board of Directors welcomes Kevin to the position, which reports to Director-At-Large Jack Dziadul.

The Board also expressed its appreciation to Chris Conaway for his many years of service as MER's Archivist.

MODEL RAILROAD DCC STUFF FOR SALE!

I'm trying to move the whole package in one for \$750. If you want individual parts, the price is listed after each item:

- 1 RRAmp Meter V.4 (new), \$100.00
- 1 Digitrax PS2012 20 Amp power supply (used for about 1 hr.), \$150.00
- 1 NCE Power Pro 5 Amp system (new in the box), \$500.00
- 2 NCE Cab04p (one new in the box, one lightly used), \$50.00 each
- 2 UTP panels (one digitrax, one NCE), \$10.00 each
- 1 NCE Decoder Test Kit, \$25.00
- 1 NCE D13SR decoder (wired version, no plug), \$15.00

Total package is \$750.00. Paypal preferred, checks accepted but held to clear. USPS Money Orders good for quick shipping. Shipping is extra.

Contact Kurt Thompson, kurtrain@verizon.net

THE MER NEEDS YOU!

Yes, you! If you are a member in good standing and want to support your region with good ideas and real involvement, we need you to volunteer to serve as one of the three Directors for the region. The MER Board of Directors generally meets 3 times per year, with one at the convention. The deadline for nomination is May 30, 2019 and term of office is two years, with a limit of two terms. This year there are three Director slots up for election.

Any MER member in good standing can nominate him/herself by contacting and supplying to any member of the nominating committee the required photo and a 200 word (max) statement outlining his/her interest and qualifications for the position by May 30. Additionally, candidates may supply a 500 word statement suitable for placement on the MER Web site. Nominees who meet criteria and the submission deadline with all of their required materials shall be placed on the ballot.

You can make a difference by giving something back to the hobby you thoroughly enjoy. This is your chance. Successful completion of three years in office fulfills most of the requirement for the Achievement Program "Association Official" certificate. Please respond in one e-mail to all three committee members to insure reception of your nomination!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE:

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Jerry Ritter (jbritter@comcast.net)

Bob Charles, MMR (rcharles@aol.com)

Deadlines and Schedules for 2019 Nominations and Balloting

Our by-laws require the publication of deadlines and schedules for nominations and balloting for every year to be published in the first issue of The Local of that same year. The dates schedule for nominations, ballot and election results are in Executive Handbook, Section 5, Policies, Article VI. The dates for 2019 are:

May 30, 2019 -- Deadline for receipt of self-nominations sent to the Nominations Committee. Date for Nominations Committee to notify Board of Directors of slate of nominees validated by the Business Manager.

July 7, 2019 -- You must be a member in good standing (paid up NMRA dues) based on the membership report supplied to the MER Business Manager from NMRA National as of 07/07 (the 7th of July) of every election year to be eligible to vote. If an individual is not a member or if membership has expired as indicated by that record supplied to the MER, and the MER officials have not been informed by NMRA National of a valid renewal of membership by 07/07 (the 7th of July), such individual will not receive a ballot nor be permitted to vote in that year's election.

August 1, 2019 -- Deadline for mailing paper ballots to members and for commencing electronic voting; could be mailed earlier depending on other deadline requirements.

September 3, 2019 -- Deadline for electronic voting, also last day as shown by postmark for mailing paper ballots.

September 7, 2019 -- Deadline for receipt by Balloting Committee of paper ballots sent by mail.

September 14, 2019 -- Deadline for Ballot Committee to transmit results to President, the Director overseeing this committee, and the Business Manager.

September 21, 2019 -- Deadline for The President to communicate the election results to candidates. The Business Manager also notifies the MER Web Master and the NMRA of the election results.

October 10, 2019 -- Deadline for publishing election results on MER-NMRA website

RPM EAST RECAP, continued from page 1

There were a dozen or so vendors there, including Bob's Photo and Funaro & Camerlengo. There were about 220 attendees and I believe they said over 400 models on display. However, the meat of an RPM meet is the clinics. There were three concurrent sessions at any given time and the following are the highlights of those I attended.

Eric Hansmann gave an overview of "The B&O Allegheny Yard Branch", located on the north side of the Allegheny River opposite Pittsburgh. He plans to model the branch in his new garage and he provided prototype history and modeling opportunities and a rough idea of his track plan.

Ken Hanawalt presented "Model Railroad Prototype Operations" and gave attendees some ideas to think about when designing for operations. Bill Hanley presented "Demystifying Resin Freight Car Kits".

Rich Mahoney presented three clinics, of which I attended two -- "Perishable Operations in the 1950s" and "Tank Car Industries".

Neal Schorr, who models the Pennsy Middle Division in O scale, presented on "Engineering the Right of Way", and did an excellent job of reminding people that the geography and geology of the landscape preceded the railroad. A good reminder and some excellent techniques shared!

And now my top three:

Ron Hoess spoke on "Tools and Techniques for Prototype Modeling of the Urban Landscape". Ron models two small branches in Philadelphia and relies heavily on valuation maps, Sanborn maps, and current and historical photos. In his modeled era, row homes abut industries. He demonstrated how he uses a "scrap-booking" cutter to cut brick material -- not only for shapes, but also for windows and doors from Tichy. I first became aware of these devices at the Valley Forge RPM a few years ago when Tom Jacobs demonstrated the Cricut cutter. I've been pondering it ever since. Ron uses the Silhouette cutter and I see one in my future (RPM expense #1!). The retail is \$299 and Ron related MicroMark selling them for

This article was recommended to The LOCAL, and because of the specific timing of it reporting about a recent event, The LOCAL is using it immediately. It originally appeared on Jerry's blog.

\$249, but I see Walmart has them online for \$205.

Bob Sprague, known for his track plans, spoke on "If I Could Turn Back Time: Modeling the MA & PA in 1924". He provided background on how and why he chose to model the Maryland & Pennsylvania, provided a high level description of the prototype with historical photos, then shared his track plan and photos of progress. Not unexpected, but Bob is doing a superb job of capturing the look and feel of various locations along the right of way. Sign me up for operations!

Finally, David Bott presented "A Friendly Ghost Story: Adding White Laser Printer Toner to My Custom Decal Toolkit". Dave found a new solution for creating white decals where folks previously used Alps printers (which are no longer available). Ghost White Toner is a European company that provides OEM toner cartridges filled with white toner. When you want to print white, you remove the black cartridge from your color printer and insert the white cartridge. When you are done, you switch back. There is no "latency" or conversion period; it's an instant change. The company offers cartridges for most popular color laser printers; Dave uses an HP Color LaserJet Pro. The cartridges are not cheap (about \$220; RPM expense #2!), but they provide a lot of mileage. The company states 1,500 prints; Dave has been on his first cartridge for about 18 months.

To wrap up, the following are a bunch of photos from around the meet.

Enjoy!

Jerry's BLOG is at <https://pennsyrr.com>.

Here we are again, having run out of space in the print LOCAL.

Jerry's photos are all in the E-LOCAL, in GLORIOUS TECHNICOLOR!

Keeping In Touch...



Howard Oakes
MER Business Manager

I'm a member of several railroad Facebook groups; some historical, some prototypical and some model. There is an interest in railroading at all levels, and with the baby boomers retiring I see many turning to model railroading as an outlet to soak up some of their newly available hours. As I look at the model questions that are thrown out to the groups I am grateful that I joined the NMRA many years ago. The answer to so many of those questions can be found within NMRA publications, on the NMRA website and even in model railroad magazines. Using these resources would save the questioners so much time, money and aggravation. Every week there are questions such as these – what's the difference between code 100 and code 83 track, what kind of ballast should I use and what's the best way to apply it, can I run an engine with a decoder on a DC layout and vice versa? And what seems to be the mother of all questions – what DCC system should I buy? Which brings various replies plus several responses that say they have so many engines they would go bankrupt buying decoders. You get the picture. The NMRA has so much useful, accurate information plus the other real benefit - helping modelers to get together and share their experiences. Sometimes you don't have to spend hours searching for a solution, just ask someone at a division meet, mini-con, regional convention or at an operating session. Most are more than willing to answer your question with pros/cons and do's & dont's with maybe a funny experience thrown in. Now let's see - Lenz, NCE, Digitrax, CVP.....

As always *Keep in Touch* with any questions or changes in your subscriptions or addresses. A current address on file saves the MER some money.

Achievement Program



Achievement Program Update *By Dave Chance*

Since the last report in *The Local*, the following Achievement Program certificates were earned and awarded:

Division 1 – New Jersey

P.J. Mattson -- Model Railroad Author
Robert Price -- Model Railroad Author

Division 2 – Potomac

Nicholas Kalis – Association Volunteer
Alex Belida -- Master Builder Scenery
Alex Belida – Golden Spike Award
Frank Benenati – Golden Spike Award

Division 11 – Susquehanna

Scott Unger – Master Builder Scenery
Tim Himmelberger – Association Volunteer

Division 12 – Carolina Southern

Seth Gartner – Model Railroad Author
Ed Smith – Master Builder Scenery
Ed Smith – Golden Spike Award
Douglas Algire – Association Volunteer
Henry Reeves – Golden Spike Award

Division 13 - Carolina Piedmont

James Babcock – Master Builder Scenery
Charles Rausch -- Master Builder Scenery
Edward G. Bond - Association Official
Steve Benzra – Civil Engineer
Kevin O'Conner – Golden Spike Award

In a perfect world, this information will appear soon in the **NMRA magazine**. This should not deter you from giving recognition locally. Normally you will be able to recognize AP accomplishments long before the names appear in the **NMRA magazine**.

PROBLEM - PLEASE HELP ME. National does NOT accept R&V forms except for AUTHOR. Please don't send these any more.

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The Reading Railroad Prototype Modelers' Meet will be held September 20-22, 2019 at the Reading Railroad Heritage Museum, at 503 S 3rd St, Hamburg, Pa. Friday social hour, & clinics, Saturday clinics, vendors, white elephant table, door prizes. Sunday home layout tours. For information and a registration form go to:

readingrrmm.com

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Martin Brechbiel receives his MMR award at the MER Board meeting in April.

MER has approx 85 MMRs. Kurt and Martin among the most recent.

It's an interesting day railfanning when you're going 80 mph on I-95 next to the catenary in Delaware and the AMTRAK special passes YOU.

- UPCOMING CONVENTIONS
- 2020 Charlotte, NC
- 2021 Baltimore
- 2022 James River Div?

Coupler Comments



Clint Hyde, Editor

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It all turned out ok, although a shade late in the mail (largely mitigated by using first-class).

Last issue's cost was \$1.75 per copy, because the envelopes were slightly more expensive, and the postage cost was up 10 cents. That will improve this issue because I have cheaper envelopes.

So it turns out that becoming your own printer operation isn't as easy as you think it will be...I should have guessed that.

The print (hard copy) subscription copy count decline continued, as we know: March/April was 155. May/June is 140--you see the trend. The bottom number is 83 or so, for the remaining MER Life Members.

The Jan/Feb issue was printed as usual, bulk-mailed on the permit. March/April began the new process where I print and mail first-class.

The first (and weird) lesson was that I should have thought harder about making sure the laser printer was ready. I had only been doing 11x17 test prints, I think I never actually printed an 8.5x11--so naturally I did something wrong right away, and it wouldn't feed paper.

That was discovered at the last minute, resulting in a small panic about what printer(s) to use. I have some secondary printing that is better, but slower, and slightly more expensive to use--with "slower" being the real problem, along with "not designed for that volume of paper."

So to avoid printing double the amount of sheets, I tried to use one to do double-sided laser. This looks like it is going well, but this is really a bad idea. One printer fused a paper sheet to the heat-roller, and then it wouldn't do anything properly. That printer went in the trash, and I had to go hunt for more printers. A little Craigslist and EBay investigation later, and I now have double the printing capability that I need, but I also have adequate backup and parallelism. I almost bought a color laser, but that couldn't have been for production.

As I wrote last time, both variations of The LOCAL have been merged, so that I only produce a single document, where the print LOCAL is the first 12 pages from the E-LOCAL. This means those pages will be common to both, and the E-LOCAL will have more pages after the first 12.

The Future of the Print LOCAL, Part 4

Ten people dropped print since last issue. If you are reading this on a dead tree extract, please look at your mailing label--it will say "LIFE" or when your subscription expires, or LAST if this is it. Please try the E-LOCAL, it has become a

distinctly better document, with color all over, and way more content--stories that cannot and will not appear on paper. Please also consider letting go of the paper version, and let me know directly.

In the E-LOCAL are additional/longer stories and photos, as usual, and COLOR!, with more to come while I experiment with fancier layout aspects. A couple of months ago Martin gave me a color print he had made of the Jan/Feb E-LOCAL (he reviews it using a color-laser-printed copy) -- VERY nice looking. MER cannot afford to do that for you, but if you do it yourself, well, it'll look good.

The E-LOCAL is always available for download from the MER website:

<http://mer-nmra.com/MEReLocalsCurrent.html>

One unfortunate thing about merging the print and PDF versions is that I may not be able to use my favorite typeface any more--it's a serif'd print typeface, it's beautiful in high resolution, on paper, but doesn't work well on a screen, in a small size. I'm going to try it, but it might not get used again.

The Liberty Bell Special 2019 Mid-Eastern Region Convention

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October 10-13, 2019



Come celebrate trains in the cradle of liberty!

Happy Spring!

by Chip Stevens

The baseball season has started, in some parts of the region the grass is greening and yard work is fast approaching. And all over the region, Liberty Bell 2019 is also fast approaching. We've been busy on your behalf readying a memorable fall get-together. The clinic schedule is filled, 41 layout owners have agreed to sponsor open houses, and several operating sessions have been scheduled. There is still room for layout owners outside the Philly division who want to open their layouts for travelers to let us know their intentions to rest weary travelers. Those interested should email Bill Fagan at wfagan@comcast.net. There is also ops information available on the convention website at libertybellspecial.org. Note, you can sign up for automatic updates on the convention status on the site.

In our last communication, we described the extensive, behind the scenes Saturday trip available on the former Reading branch now



www.LibertyBellSpecial2019.org

called the Colebrookdale Railroad. This all-day trip will demonstrate everything from locomotive startup through duties of the various crew members and will include opportunities for photo run-bys. Sign ups for this trip are on the convention website at libertybellspecial.org. Please note, there is a capacity limitation for this trip, so register early.

Remember that the host hotel has extended their room rate discount to attendees due to the Columbus Day holiday on the Monday after the close of the convention. With this in mind, there are a couple of NON NMRA-SPONSORED/NON NMRA-ENDORSED attractions will available to attendees after our wrap-up Sunday morning. The historic Norfolk & Western (Norfolk Southern) steam engine #611 will be offering trips under steam Sunday and Monday on the Strasburg Railroad. We have reserved a block of discounted tickets for the Sunday afternoon trip which is available through the convention registration page. Tickets are \$10 for adults, \$6 for children. Please note, this reservation must be made by July 31, 2019 as the remaining tickets must be returned to the railroad on August 1st. Strasburg is approximately 65 miles west of the convention hotel. Also situated at Strasburg is the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, dedicated primarily to the Pennsylvania Railroad, but of major interest to all train enthusiasts. More information on either of these attractions can be found at www.strasburgrailroad.com and rrmuseumpa.org. In a different direction, weekend operations are scheduled on the Reading and Northern Railroad and the Lehigh Valley Gorge Railroads.

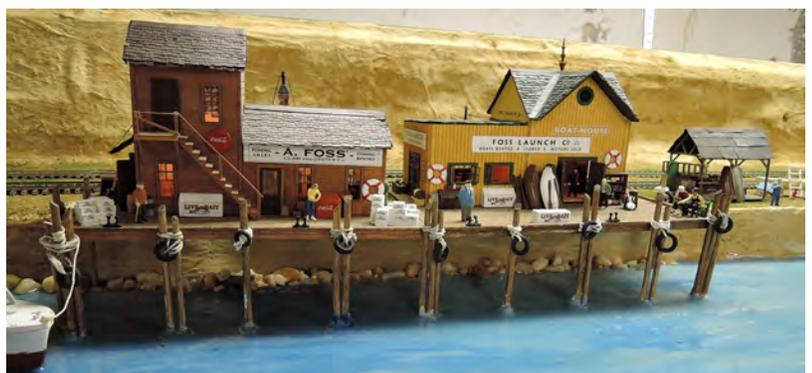
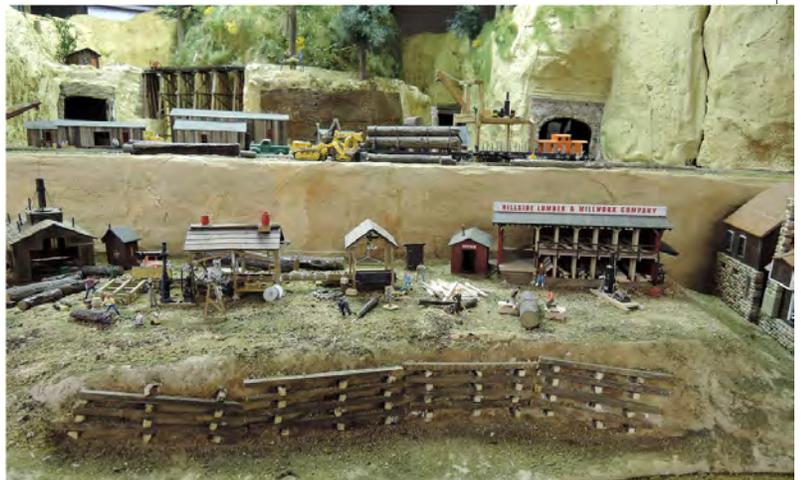
As you can see, we have a lot planned at the convention and there are many opportunities to have a total railroad experience while you are in Pennsylvania. As we said before, all roads lead to King of Prussia!

Photos by Howard Kaplan

Layout by Norma Toll, Philly Division. Open this fall during the convention.



That's a familiar-looking name on that one.



We need more waterfront scenes.



Mid-Eastern Region, NMRA 2019 Convention

Liberty Bell Special



October 10th to 13th, 2019
www.LibertyBellSpecial.org

Use Online Registration for Secure Payment and Better Up To Date Activity Availability. See Info below.

Please enter (print legibly) all names as you wish them to appear on your registration badges. They will not be changed at the convention.

Primary Registrant: _____ MMR? Y / N, Any Title for Badge? _____
 Significant Other Attending (living at same address): _____
 Children Attending (18 & under – list all): _____
 Address: _____
 City: _____ State: _____ Zip + 4: _____
 Phone #: _____ E-mail: _____
 NMRA #: _____ Region: _____ Division: _____
 Favorite Scale: _____ Is this your first MER Convention? _____ Putting Items In Sale/Auction? _____

Description	Act. #	Cost	#	Paying
Early Registration (through August 31)	E	\$50		
Basic Registration (September 1 thru October 3)	B	\$55		
At Door Registration (October 10-12)	D	\$60		
Non-NMRA Member Extra Fee	N	\$20		
Significant Other & Children Under 18	O	\$0		No Fee
Banquet – Saturday Night	401	\$50		
Friday Breakfast, price includes tax	402	\$15		
Saturday Breakfast, price includes tax	403	\$15		
Sunday Breakfast, price includes tax	404	\$15		
Supers/Editors - Breakfast, Circle 1, Division Super 405 Division Editor 406	405/406	\$0		No Fee
Call Boards / Ops – Expanded Call Board Info Available on Website	-----	-----	----	-----
	801	\$5		
Coming Soon	802	\$5		
	803	\$5		
	804	\$5		
	805	\$5		
	807	\$5		
Prototype Tours – More Info on Website When/If Available	---	----	---	-----
Coalbrookdale RR Excursion/Tour, Friday, All Day w/Lunch Included	201	\$75		
Extra Fare Clinics – Registration Required, Info On Website When/If Available				
	601	\$		
Made in the MER Tours – More Info on Website When/If Available	---	----	---	-----
	701	\$		
General Interest Activities – More Info on Website When/If Available	---	----	---	-----
	501	\$		
Would You Like To Be A Contest Judge At The Convention – Circle YES or NO		----	---	-----
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 Checks payable to: MER Conventions, Send to: MER Conventions, PO Box 426, Sykesville, MD 21784-0426

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Any Questions and/or additional information, e-mail to MER-registrar@mer-nmra.com, or 410-422-0446 (leave a message)

Hotel – Crown Plaza Philadelphia-King of Prussia, 260 Mall Blvd., King of Prussia 19406
Reference - Mid-Eastern Region-National Model Railroad Assoc., Hotel Reservations: 610-265-7500
Online Reservations use - <https://www.tinyurl.com/MER2019>
Room Rate - \$109.00 night + tax, Room Rate applies 10/7/18 to 10/16/18

LOCAL
May/June



Model built by: Michael Johnston
Muncie, IN
Prototype Represented:
CMWX 1001 Chateau Martin Wine Co.
box car for bulk wine transport

One of these items is not at the proper scale.



See anyone you know?

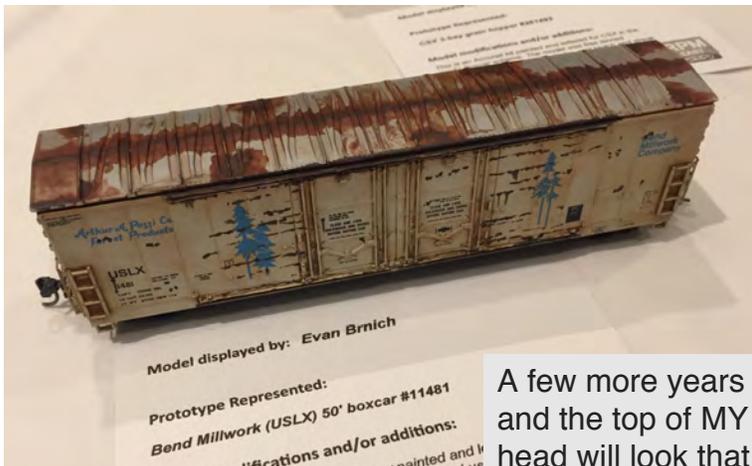
RPM is a weathering clinic-at-a-glance.
Photos by Jerry Britton. Captions by Clint.



OK, I haven't figured out what the camo paint is for...



Somebody has missed bath-time again.



Model displayed by: Evan Brnich
Prototype Represented:
Bend Millwork (USLX) 50' boxcar #11481
Modifications and/or additions:

A few more years and the top of MY head will look that bad too.



Model displayed by: The P&WV HiLine JZ.
Prototype Represented: P&WV Wood MOW Gondola

This one looks like camo DIRT. Is that a paint scheme?

Mid-Eastern Region Blogs

Compiled by Nicholas Kalis

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Listed in alphabetical order by last name

Revised November 26, 2018

If you know of a Mid Eastern Region (NMRA) member who maintains a personal model railroading-related blog, please contact Nick Kalis at nkalis@verizon.net with the member's name and blog address so that we may include that blog on our list. Thank you.



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Ted Fort, Philly Division
Open House at 2019 MER Convention.
photos by Howard Kaplan.



Annual Reports from the Divisions.

Compiled by
Ken Montero

This is the story of what all the various divisions were up to over the past year.

You can use it to learn what they do that is different that you might want to either visit and participate in, or bring to your division.

Personally, I have always found that visiting the other Divisions was enjoyable, and worth my time.

These reports are produced by each Division, based on a questionnaire template, so they aren't all formatted the same. Way too much time involved in my fixing that, so they all look different. I think next time we need photos, too.

-- clint

MID-EASTERN REGION NMRA

DIVISION YEARLY REPORTS

Each year, each Division in the MER is required to file a report of its activities for the year. The following are those reports for 2018 as filed by the superintendents of each of these Divisions:

Division 1 – New Jersey Division

Yearly Division Report

Division: New Jersey Division

Reporting Period: January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018

Meeting Times and Places:

We schedule 5 meets per year, with all meets starting at 9:00 am and ending at 12:00pm. We try to move the meets around the division for member's convenience.

We gladly welcome visitors from other divisions, also seeing regular visitors from Philadelphia and Susquehanna Divisions in MER, and Garden State Division of the NER.

January 2018 was held at Grace Church in Merchantville, NJ. Also home to Cherry Valley Model Railroad Club. We host a joint meet at this location with the Philadelphia Division.

Clinics were Off Layout Car Float Storage, and Tree Construction for Western Railroads.

March 2018 was held in Hamilton Twp., NJ

Clinics were Helix Design and Construction, and DCC Design and Installation.

May 2018 was held at Camp Evans in Wall Twp., NJ. Home of the Marconi Radio Museum, several other museums, and also home of the Garden State Central Model Railroad Club. When we meet at this location we host the Garden State Division of the NER, as a joint meet.

Clinics were Model Layout Design Based On Historic Events, and Anthracite Mines.

September 2018 was held in Deptford Twp., NJ

Clinics were John Allen's Gorre & Daphetid Layouts, and Passenger Train Service: A Prototype Perspective.

November 2018 we attended a joint meet hosted by the Philadelphia Division, at the Brandywine Town Center in Delaware.

Clinics were Scratch-Building a Jordan Type J Spreader, and Using 3D Printing to Produce Casting Masters for Parts.

Our meets usually consist of Division Business, 2 Clinics, NJD Bookstore, Model Contest, Sales Tables, and Door Prizes. Following the meets we have 7 to 10 very generous members, near the meet locations, open their layouts for tours from 1pm to 5pm.

Change in Officer from last year (including AP Coordinator): We had no changes in Officers in 2018.

Achievement Program highlights:

Bob Hubbard, a long time NJ Division Member, has received his 6th AP Certificate. He has accomplished this at 90 years old, and is now making progress toward number 7 and his Master Model Railroader Certificate.

We had one member, Joe Zebrowski, receive his Gold Spike Certificate.

Activities from the past year:

2018 was New Jersey Division's 50th Anniversary, so we had several activities to recognize the achievement. During April we held a 50th Anniversary Luncheon at Mastoris' Restaurant in Bordentown, NJ. Certificates of Appreciation were presented to our surviving Charter Members during the luncheon.

NJ Div. 50th Anniversary, collectible rubber drink coasters were custom printed and presented to all members.

We worked with Tangent Scale Models to design and order a New Jersey Division Gondola Car in 2 numbers, NJDX 1968 for our start year, and NJDX 2018 for our 50th year. The model is a Bethlehem Steel Company, 52'6" 70-ton Drop-end Gondola. These gondolas are available for anyone to purchase, \$35 for first one, and \$30 for the second, choose number(s) you want. Contact a NJ Div. Board Member if interested.

Special Projects or working with other organizations:

We plan at least 2 joint meets per year to expand the availability of activities, clinics, and layout tours for our and our neighboring members.

We will host or be hosted by the Philadelphia Division, MER, and the Garden State Division, NER.

Any successful or new ideas your division has

tried that might be helpful to other divisions:

We received a member suggestion to look into providing a new, larger, ID Tag to be worn by our members at meets, layout tours, conventions, and train shows.

Following the idea of the new ID Badges used at the 2018 MER Convention, we purchased the same set of supplies and printed new credit card size ID tags for every member.

We also designed and ordered custom printed lanyards to present to each member to use with the new ID tags. They are double sided print with New Jersey Division, NMRA, along with our NJ Div. Caboose Logo.

Ordering in bulk and printing our own ID's has helped keep the cost per member low, under \$2, but has had a very positive response. Our members have appreciated receiving these items from the Division.

In your opinion, where could the MER provide support to your division?

Find a way to begin funding the RailPass Program again. Our Division has been paying the cost of the trial memberships through 2018, directly to the NMRA, or by reimbursing the Garden State Division of the NER for a number of them they initially paid, for members within our Division

Division 2 – Potomac Division

Potomac Division
Mid-Eastern Region NMRA
ANNUAL DIVISION REPORT 2018

2018 MEETING TIMES AND DATES

1/6/18	Board of Directors Meeting
3/24/18	Annual Business Meeting
4/6/18	Meeting of the Board of Directors
4/28/18	Local Convention Committee
5/5/18	Board of Directors Meeting
5/21/18	Board of Directors Meeting (e-mail)
6/28/18	Board of Directors Meeting (e-mail)
7/28/18	Local Convention Committee and Board of Directors Meeting
9/22/18	Local Convention Committee and Board of Directors Meeting
12/15/18	Meeting of the Board of Directors (e-mail)

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HIGHLIGHT OF ACTIVITIES 2018

1/13/18 Layout Tour Dale Latham's Piedmont Southern and Glenn Paulson's Conrail Allegheny Division

2/10/19 Layout Tour Christopher Smith's Norfolk and Western Fuel Satisfaction

3/24/19 Meeting Annual Business Meeting. Discussion of ways to increase member participation, guest remarks from MER VP Kurt Thompson. Manassas, VA

3/24/18 Layout Tour Bryan Kidd's Chesapeake and Ohio Railway - Alleghany Sub-Division, Ernie Little's Norfolk Southern Connector, John Paganoni's Central Vermont - New London to Montville CT, and Mat Thompson's Oregon Coast Railroad Gainesville, VA

4/14/18 Layout Tour Northern Virginia Model Railroaders (NVMR) Western North Carolina Railroad Vienna, VA

5/5/18 Layout Tour Bruce Greenberg's Bessley Railroad Alexandria, VA

6/2/18 Layout Tour John King's Baltimore and Ohio Shenandoah Subdivision Boyds, MD

7/14/18 Layout Tour Stan Burroughs' V&T Division of the Norfolk & Western Railroad

8/11/18 Layout Tour Jim La Baugh's N-Scale Narrow Gauge

10/4-7/18 Meet MER Regional Convention Rockville, MD

10/20/18 Layout Tour Thomas Washburn's Miss Katy's Forrester Yard (circa 1974) Burke, VA

11/24/18 Layout Tour Charlie Young's Chesapeake Crossing MD

12/29/18 Layout Tour Albert Pugliese's Pugsburg Rail Road Ellicott City, MD

PLANNED ACTIVITIES 2019

2/16/19 Layout Tour Frank Benenati Damascus, MD

3/16/19 Layout Tour James Zarnick (to be rescheduled) Ashburn, VA

3/16/19 Meeting Mini-Convention together with Chesapeake Division Laurel, MD

4/27/19	Layout Tour	Richard Kafka	Silver Spring, MD
5/18/19	Layout Tour	Gil Fuchs	Silver Spring, MD
6/22/19	Layout Tour	Bob Rodriguez	Prince William, VA
6/22/19	Layout Tour	PWMRC	Prince William, VA
7/19/19	Layout Tour	Douglas Hess	Burke, VA
8/17/19	Layout Tour	Paul Hutchins	Waldorf, MD
9/21/19	Layout Tour	Mark Gionet	Alexandria, VA
10/12/19	Layout Tour	Michael Glen Keith	Falls Church, VA
11/9/19	Layout Tour	Glenn Downing	Reston, VA
12/14/19	Layout Tour	Doug Gurin	Alexandria, VA
12/14/19	Layout Tour	John Teichmoeller	Ellicott City, MD
Alternate	Layout Tour	Brad Trenkamp	Vienna, VA

NEW IDEAS THAT MIGHT HELP OTHER DIVISIONS

We have formed “teams” of division members who live close by one another. The idea is that members could carpool, help each other with their layouts, and thus increase participation. A group of volunteer leaders was formed, but participation of other members has at this time been limited. We are looking for ways to increase participation.

Our Layout Tour Coordinator has scheduled layout tours monthly into 2021. This activity has spurred members to get to work on their layouts, increasing the “stock” of viewable layouts in Division territory.

ADDITIONAL SUPPORT REQUESTED FROM MER

Nothing identified.

Division 3 – Philadelphia Division

Philadelphia Division Annual Report to the MER Region

Meet Dates and Places:

January 13th: (Joint Meet with NJ Division)

Grace Episcopal Church, Merchantville, NJ

25 Phila. Division Members, 76 NJ Division Members, 6 Other Division Members, 1 Non-NMRA Guest.

Total: 108

April 7th: Southhampton Twp. Community Center, PA

29 Phila. Division Members, 6 Other Division Guests, 4 Non- NMRA Guests,

Total: 39

June 9th: First Church of the Brethern, Wynmore, PA

33 Phila. Division Members, 2 Other Division

Guests, 2 Non- NMRA Guests

Total: 37

September 8th: Perkasio Fire Company Perkasio, Pa
31 Phila. Division Members,
9 Other Division Guests, 3 Non- NMRA
Guests.
Total: 43

November 10th: (Joint Meet with NJ Division)
Brandywine Town Center Com. Cntr.,
Wilmington, DE
32 Phila. Division Members,
31 NJ Division Members,
3 Other Division
Guests, 1 Non-NMRA Guest.
Total: 67

The average division meet attendance was 30 Phila. Division Members. There continues to be a strong attendance to our meets.

The Board: (Elected)

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2019 Convention Chairman: Rob Hinkle

The Dispatcher Editor, Webmaster: Howard Kaplan

Membership Outreach: Charles Butsch, Bill Fagan

Membership Records: Mark Wallace

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Achievement Program Awards Earned in 2018:

Cars: Joe Walters

Civil: Jeff Witt
Electrical: Nick Brownberger, Don Borden, Glynn
Thomas, Joe Walters, Jeff Witt
Prototype Models: Glynn Thomas
Scenery: Nick Brownberger, Glynn Thomas, Jeff Witt
Structures: Glynn Thomas
Volunteer: Adam Eyring, Charles Stevens, Mark Wallace
Golden Spike: John Trout, Jeff Witt

Activities During The Year:

The division's newsletter *The Dispatcher* was issued five times during the year. It is the main contact to members via e mail and snail mail to a few as required. Special events and notices are also sent out this way as required.

The average issue is 25 pages includes articles by division members, upcoming events, directions to our next meet, advertising of division apparel and member's own **For Sale** items.

The MER 2019 Convention Committee led by Assistant Super, Rob Hinkle was introduced at the 2018 Convention by Chip Stevens at the Convention Dinner. The *Liberty Bell Special Convention* will be held at The Crown Plaza Phila. in King of Prussia just outside of Philadelphia. Activities include, but not limited to, clinics, layout tours, modular layouts, model judging & displays, Open sessions, white elephant tables, door prizes and Full Banquet Dinner with a keynote speaker.

Division Meets: Typical Program

Sign in with coffee, donuts and Philly pretzels
Introduction by the Superintendent: Welcome of guests & new members and announcement of future events

A/P Awards: by the A/P Committee Chair

First Clinic: introduced by the Clinic Director

Break for Refreshments and Fellowship

Door Prize Awards: by a board member

50/50 Prize Award: by a board member

Second Clinic: introduced by the Clinic Director

Show and Tell (where members can share their hobby by showing or tell what they have been doing)

The meets usually run from 9 am to 12 noon Saturday mornings. Maps and directions are distributed, before an independent lunch, for home layout tours of several

local member's layouts that will be open from 1pm to 4pm that afternoon.

Division Successes:

The attendance at our meets continue to remain strong not only with our own members and their guests but also from our adjacent divisions members.

The A/P program remains a very strong program in our division with two members approaching completing their MMR goal with in early 2019.

The video recording of layouts continues to not only within our division but also neighboring divisions divisions layouts and across the country.

Bill Fagan has provided a link to our members to other layouts and their skills. These layouts have also been part of our meets as well.

Our news letter *The Dispatcher* continues to be extremely successful in maintaining a link to our members as well as other present members prospective members.

Our web site has also been a link with in the NMRA not only to members but also to non-members who have found informational links to the hobby that was not easily found else where. Howard Kaplan, who is the editor of *The Dispatcher* as well as the web master continues to maintain two vital communication elements of our division.

Where in our opinion could the MER provide support to our Division?

Continued financial support for special projects and tools insures the success of the division.

We always welcome MER Board members to our meets throughout the year. We appreciate Kurt Thompson attendance at several meets this pass year. It is extremely important to have a link between division and their regional representatives.

Division 4 – Tidewater Division

Subject: Yearly Division Report

Reporting Period: January 2018 - January 2019

Division: Tidewater (#4)

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Division web site address: <https://nmra-mer-tidewater.org/>. The website was reconstituted in 2018 by Roger Bir.

Membership: 157, down from 2017 (162)

Membership recruitment: Recruiting display at Tidewater Division Annual Train Show. Distribute back issues of Scale Rails, Model Railroader, Railroad Model Craftsman, and newsletters to waiting rooms, hobby stores, etc., with Division contact information sticker applied. Also use weekly local newspaper supplement to list Tidewater Division in Hobbies section.

Division Events: Regular Division meetings during the year with dates, times, locations, contest, and clinic announced on the Division website. Planned and held our 29th Annual Model Trains & Sales Show in October. Show advertised in hobby related magazines, newspaper advertising, and website. In November (National Model Railroad Month) Division holds meeting with operating exhibit that is open to the public at Virginia Beach Central Library.

Charitable and Educational Activities: (1) Annually, made substantial donation to "Toys for Tots." This is an annual donation that started 29 years ago. (2) Made a cash donation to the Virginia Railroad Museum in Portsmouth, VA to help support its model railroad exhibit. (3) Made donations to facilities that provided space for meetings, to help cover costs for utilities, trash collection, etc.

Achievement Program Activity: None this year. Norm Garner, however, achieved MMR #625.

NMRA and MER Convention Activity: No plans discussed in 2018. Pat Mahoney attended the National in Kansas City, MO.

Future Directions: Formed partnership with Dayton Hobbies, Inc. (HOBBY TOWN STORES) to have some Division meetings in the Virginia Beach store, open to the public, with Q & A sessions about the hobby, demonstrations (clinics), etc. A large floor to ceiling glass show case has been made available to the Division to exhibit structures, motive power, rolling stock,

kit bashing, and other hobby related topics. Also, a generous discount on model railroad related supplies is given to Division members.

Successful or new ideas that your division has tried that might be helpful to other divisions:

- Host public operating session during November (National Model Railroad Month; answer questions and help diagnose problems with motive power and recommend good sources of repair parts. (Generates good will and personal satisfaction when locomotives work again).
- There are 7 model railroad organizations in our area, representing G, O, S, N, LEGO, and live steam operations. Division is reaching out to them (including their participation in Annual Show) that we are all model railroaders. Working to gradually change perception that Tidewater Division is for HO scale only.
- Work with BSA Merit Badge program.
- John Robey, with the generous cooperation of Walthers, made a batch purchase of a Cornerstone kit (Import Motors #933-4023) to be purchased by members and redesigned into a diorama scene. The dioramas were entered into a contest at our annual show. Winners were selected by attending Division members, except for a special "People's Choice Award" to the diorama receiving the most votes by all attendees.

Where in your opinion could the MER provide support to your division? More media exposure to promote the art and science of model railroad hobby. For example, PBS "Tracks Ahead" series shown on television. It was popular in Charlotte, NC and Richmond, VA areas.

Our local PBS told me that there is not enough interest in model railroading, but it received a half page in the Wall Street Journal in 2016 and according to last survey by Hobby Industry Association, it was the number one hobby in the USA. Also, connect with "Teens for Trains" which has replaced the defunct "Teen Association of Model Railroaders."

Division 5 – James River Division

Yearly Division Report

Division: James River Division

Reporting Period: 2018

Meeting Times and Places: Every Odd Numbered Month on the Second Saturday. Places are moved around the division. Meetings generally start at 930 AM.

Change in Officer from last year (including AP Co-ordinator): Ross Hunter left office due to a relocation to another division. Replacement will be elected in 2019

Achievement Program highlights: Several members continued to earn AP certificates and 6 articles were published by Rod Vance (AP Chair) in our magazine Crossties about AP Program and Certificates.

Awarded 3/10/18 at Orange, VA
John Siegle – MMR #601 (dated October 2017)
Ken Montero – AP Author (dated October 2017)

Activities from the past year: Regular meetings. Tour of High Bridge Museum and corresponding Rails to Trails Park with Docent Richard McClintock. Layout tours after most meeting. Sales of deceased members estates for family as part of division service to members. Meeting at the Quarry Gardens in Schuyler which contains an O Scale display layout of scenes of the Nelson and Albemarle railway and the Soapstone Quarry. Meeting at the Richmond Railroad Museum which has numerous artifacts plus an HO scale layout.

Any successful or new ideas your division has tried that might be helpful to other divisions:

Modeling Theme still yielding results with increased member participation

In your opinion, where could the MER provide support to your division?

Updated list of available clinicians and topics. Please include those from outside the region who could do a remote clinic if we could procure fast enough internet connection on our end.

Division 10 – South Mountain Division

Yearly Division Report

Division: South Mountain Division 10 Mid-Eastern Region NMRA

Reporting Period: September 2018 - May 2018

Meeting Times and Places:

September - Cancelled due to complete officer unavailability (end of summer activities, multiple railroad related conventions)

October 14th - Rich Randall's home in Gettysburg, PA

November 11th - Bob Johnson's home in Jefferson, MD

December 8 - Frank Benanti's home in Damascus, MD

January 13 - Pete & Jane Clarke's home in Damascus MD

February 10th - TBD

March 10th - TBD

April 14th - No meeting scheduled due to Mini-Con

May 12th - Bob & Elizabeth Law's home in Frederick, MD

Change in Officer from last year (including AP Coordinator):

None

Achievement Program highlights:

Bob Morningstar, Bruce Blackwood

Activities from the past year:

Newsletter published once-per-quarter by editor Tom Fedor, Mini-Con organized by Pete & Jane Clarke, numerous clinics by members, for members both at the Mini-Con + membership meetings

Special Projects or working with other organizations:

Webmaster and newsletter editor are collaborating to overhaul the division's online and social media presence

Any successful or new ideas your division has tried that might be helpful to other divisions:

Not this year, but have plans for next year. Will let you know how they turn out. Our April 2018 Mini-Con was incredibly successful regarding membership turnout and public interaction, however.

In your opinion, where could the MER provide support to your division?

Nothing comes to mind. All interactions with MER have been very satisfactory.

Superintendent’s Name and Signature (Electronic or typewritten signature OK):

Division 11 – Susquehanna Division

Yearly Division Report

Division: #11 Susquehanna Division

Reporting Period: 2018

Meeting Times and Places:

2019 Calendar

February 23 – Allentown – Scott Unger

March – Tedd Pounds is going to work on a program on rail container shipping

April 6, Blue Ridge Summit, Mini-Con w/ SMD

May 4 – 5, Railroads in Columbia – Barry Schmitt, Tony Sergo

June – Barry Schmitt will look into having an event at the Portage Museum possibly with a family picnic

September 14 – 15, 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

Change in Officer from last year (including AP Coordinator):

Assistant Superintendent – Tedd Pounds

Achievement Program highlights:

Activity in the Achievement Program has in-

creased in the past few years. We are very excited about our most recent MMR recipient: Jerry Lauchle, I have not found any one who will confirm or deny it but we think that this is the first one in the Susquehanna Division since Bob Charles.

Golden Spike

Phil Peters

Robert Bucklew

Pat Mulrooney

Association Volunteer

Barry Schmitt

Robert Bucklew

Author

Jerry Lauchle

Motive Power

Jerry Lauchle

Prototype Model

Jerry Lauchle

Activities from the past year:

Feb 3, Clinics and Layout Visits, St. Andrew’s Presbyterian Church, Lebanon

Apr 7, Mini-Con, Blue Ridge Summit, Co-sponsored with South Mountain Division

June 9, Lewistown Station – PRRT&HS Archives and Observation Tower

Sep 15-16, Mainline Hobby Weekend Layout Open Houses, Blue Ridge Summit.

Oct 3-7, Crossroads of the MER Convention, Rockville, MD

Oct 26-27, LSOP10, Lancaster-Harrisburg and Allentown-Lehigh Valley.

Nov 3-18, Division Grand Layout Tour, Division-Wide

Special Projects or working with other organizations:

Yearly we participate with the South Mountain division Mini-Con in April. We partnered with the Bricktown Hobby Club in Mt.Union. This was a very successful event with over 100 people in attendance.

Building on that success this year in May we have partnered with the Columbia Historic Preservation Society to co-sponsor Columbia Railroad Day. This has quickly grown to also include as sponsors the Columbia & Reading Railroad, the Lancaster Chapter of the National Railway Historic Society, and as word gets out other groups are wanting to join in.

Any successful or new ideas your division has tried that might be helpful to other divisions:

Working with other groups has brought in different ideas and people with different contacts. It also broadens the base of people you are reaching out to

Division 12 – Carolina Southern Division

**Yearly Division Report
Reporting Period: 2018**

Division: Carolina Southern Division 12, MER

Meeting Times and Places:

Regular member meeting third Saturday each month
February 17th Annual Business Meeting;
February Board Organizational and Planning Meeting

Change in Officers from last year (including AP Coordinator):

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Activities from the past year:

“Brass Pounder” Division Newsletter; (10 editions)

Division promotion display with operating Timesavers at Train Shows
Hickory, NC in April, Spencer, NC in May, Gastonia, NC July

12th annual Railroad Modeling University (RMU), January

Division Picnic, September- Postponed to October due

to Hurricane.

Members Swap Meet, November
Wades Train Town Open House (2nd Saturday monthly)

11 members and spouses attended MER Convention.

Monthly activities

January, Worlds Greatest Hobby, Charlotte, NC 1/13/18
Annual Meeting. BOD Meeting 1/20/18
RMU, Railroad Modeling University. 1/27/18

February, Layout visit and Op session at Seth Gartner

March, Monthly meeting with Guest Speaker, Todd Arnette, NWHS Director talking about the convention.
BOD Meeting, approved 2020 MER Convention.

April, Layout visit and Op session at Superintendents Alan Hardee’s home

May, Display at North Carolina Transportation Museum train Show, Clinics for train show attendees. Display at NWHS convention at NC Transportation Museum in Spencer

June, Layout visit to Jack Monette, MMR 613

July, Layout visit and OP session at Neal Anderson

August, Visit to NC Transportation Museum, Spencer NC for Guided tour and Layout visit to Marcus Neubacher.

September, Postponed due to Hurricane weather.

October, Annual Picnic and layout visit to Jack Parker’s Piedmont & Western Railroad.

November, Monthly meeting. Annual swap meet and show. Hickory, NC

Special Projects or working with other organizations

Sponsor Boy Scout Model Railroad Merit Badge with multiple Councils
Maintain & repair model train display at Levine Museum of the New South.

Any successful or new ideas that your division

has tried that might be helpful to other divisions.

The Division has held a Railroad Modeling University for 12 years. This event has been a half or full day collection of classes, clinics, demonstrations, and hands on work sessions on many aspects of the hobby. It is scheduled for January and always includes some classes targeting beginners. Some of the beginner classes have been run every year and consistently get 8 to 12 attendees. We often have several people who had their first exposure to model trains at Christmas and are curious about what more they can do with them. We typically have 4 to 6 concurrent one-hour classes at all levels of expertise, so anyone can learn something from the day. Attendance has been in the range of 60 to 80.

Division 13 – Carolina Piedmont Division

Yearly Division Report

Division: CPD-13 Carolina Piedmont

Reporting Period: January 2018 to January 2019

Meeting Times and Places: 4th Tuesday of Every Month January to October, then 2nd Tuesday only for November and December New 2019 Location is Cambridge Village Retirement Community, Apex NC

Change in Officer from last year (including AP Coordinator):

Re-elected in January 2018—John Sokash as Superintendent, Charlie Rausch as Assistant Superintendent, Gene Sing as Paymaster, Bob Bridges as Clerk—However due to Bob relocating out of the area he resigned at end of February was replaced by Bill Hanley who moved up from BoD. Daniel Fisher was elected to the BoD January 2018 replacing Steve Miley. Will Seehorn continued as BoD (to 2020). Kevin O’Conner was elected to BoD to fill Bill Hanley’s BoD membership in February 2018 and re-elected to full term in January 2019. Vic Bitleris continued as AP Coordinator.

Achievement Program highlights: Rob Rousseau in April for Civil Engineering and in December for AP Scenery/Builder

Activities from the past year: Model contest every month. Home Layout Tours in April, Train Shows at NC State Fairgrounds in April and November—Raffle Layout. Annual Yankee Swap at December meeting.

Special Projects or working with other organizations: Holiday Trainsets for Kids which is funded via

the Raffle Layout.

Any successful or new ideas your division has tried that might be helpful to other divisions: Regarding Monthly modeling contests—have expanded numbers of winners from just one to multiple depending upon total numbers of entries. This has encouraged many more participants to the contest.

In your opinion, where could the MER provide support to your division? Continue as previous.

Division 14 – Chesapeake Division

Yearly Division Report

Reporting Period: Calendar Year 2018

Division: Chesapeake (14)

Meeting Times and Places:

The Chesapeake Division does not hold regular meetings throughout the year, with the exception of the Annual Group Meeting (AGM), instead focusing on hosting activities for the membership on a generally monthly cadence.

The Division AGM was held November 3, 2018 at the Baltimore & Ohio Historical Society facility. In addition to the normal membership, the AGM was attended by MER President Kurt Thompson (Region member) and MER VP Ken Montero.

Change in Officers from last year (including AP Coordinator):

Effective January 1, 2019, the Division officers are as follows:

Superintendent: Mike Zitzmann

Asst. Superintendent: Tom Casey

Director at Large: Travers Stavac

Director at Large: Rick Uskert

Paymaster: David Arday

Clerk: Tim Beaty

AP Chair: Kurt Thompson

Newsletter Editor: Kirk Bateman

2021 MER LCC Chair: Rick Uskert

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Achievement Program highlights:

Tom Casey: Association Volunteer, Scenery

John Stralka: Association Volunteer

Kurt Thompson: Structures, **Master Model Railroader #619**

Activities from the past year:

Baltimore Society of Model Engineers Open House, January 21, 2018

Modeler's Day In & Public Showcase, March 31, 2018 (Dave & Michelle Chance, Martin Brechbiel and Brian Kampschroer attended)

B&O Railroad Historical Society Visit, April 14, 2018

MER Regional Convention attended, October 4-7, 2018

Annual Group Meeting (AGM), November 3, 2018

Severna Park RR Club Tour, December 9, 2018

Special Projects or working with other organizations:

Within 2018 the Board of Directors rewrote and approved the current revision to the Chesapeake Division

Bylaws. This revision shortened the total period a member will serve on the BoD and eliminates the Director/Asst Super/Super progression for a committee-selected BoD position. A copy may be found on the Division website.

The Division volunteered to host the 2021 MER Convention and was accepted. Rick Uskert volunteered for the Chair position and was approved by the Division Board of Directors. Planning for this event will begin in 2019.

2019 will also bring about the joint Mini-Convention, hosted by the Potomac and Chesapeake Divisions, to be held March 16th at Emmanuel United Methodist Church, 10755 Scaggsville Rd., Laurel, MD 20753. The event will consist of morning and afternoon clinics, AP Model judging, white elephant sale area, a lunchtime speaker and operating modules.

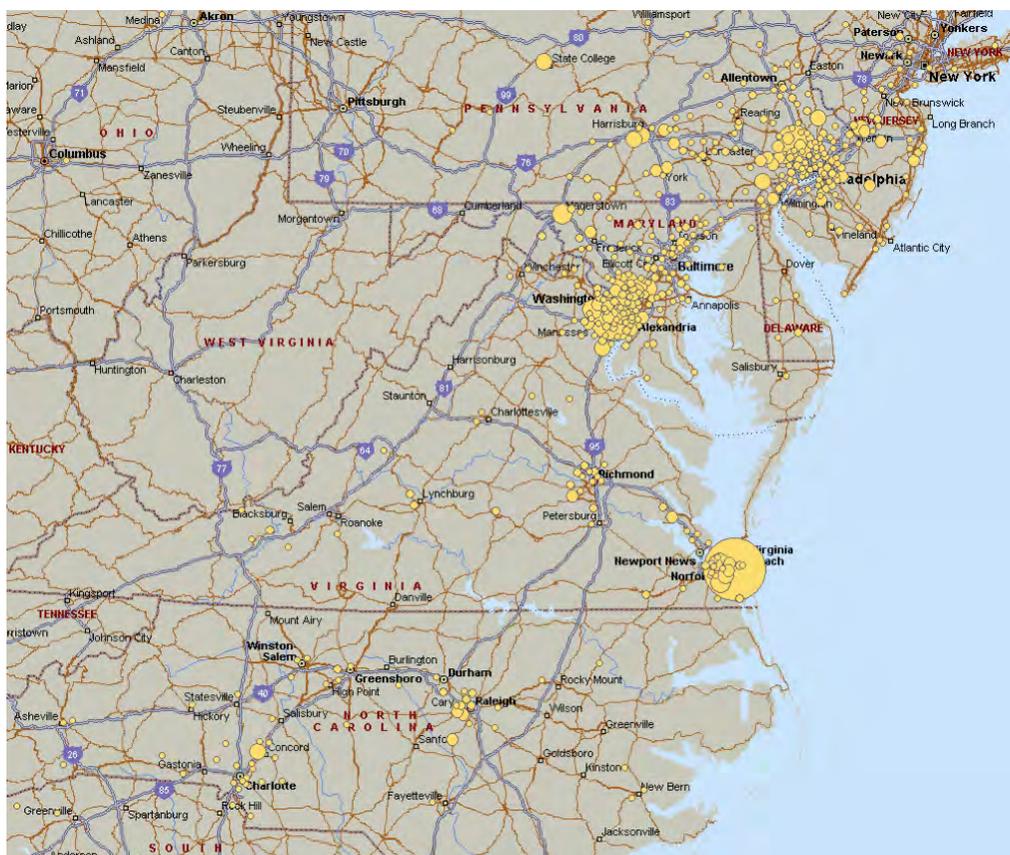
Any successful or new ideas that your division has tried that might be helpful to other divisions:

The Modeler's Day In (MDI) continues to be an event which entices members to work on their hobby. MDI is simply a day set aside in a locale suitable for members to bring a project (or more) to actively work on in a group setting. When anyone needs a break, they wander about looking at the projects others are working on, sharing ideas and methods.

New ideas are being developed for the 2021 MER Convention. The results of these will be shared as they reach a point of proven usefulness.

Where in your opinion could the MER provide support to your division?

It may be beneficial to understand which members within our organization would be willing to assist Divisions through their professional expertise (electrical engineers, marketing specialists, web designers, legal), such that we may reach out and ask questions when we are having trouble with an item / function / task within our organization.



Clint sez: I made this map about 2004, based on the membership info at the time (~2100 members). The size of the circles corresponds to people-per-zipcode. So that one zip at Virginia Beach is kinda dense....otherwise, it tells us the fairly obvious, that our membership is very concentrated three places, and thin elsewhere. All about the big cities...

I'd forgotten having this map. I used Microsoft MapPoint to create it. Does that still exist?

**Think Regionally, Act Locally
Growth by 75%
How 75 Equals 2021**

Kurt Thompson

In 2021, the Mid-Eastern Region will be 75 years old. Our original charter date was April 1946. What an amazing piece of history that is for me to consider. As a relative latecomer to work at the Region level, I'm struck with a bit a awe that the MER has grown over the years and still is in existence and that I'm part of it.

In light of our upcoming anniversary, I am making it the mission of the MER as of the 2021 Fall Regional Convention to increase two significant numbers by 75%: our region membership and the number of Master Model Railroaders in our Region. That is 30 months from now.

According to the October 2018 regional roster, we had 1996 members and 63 Master Model Railroaders (with several more added recently). So the target numbers are 3500 active members of the Mid-Eastern Region and 105 MMRs.

To make this mission a reality, we don't need rocket science. We only need to build on the very thing all of us have about our hobby: enthusiasm. Our region motto used to be the "Most Enthusiastic Region." With our enthusiasm showing, we need to take a more active role in presenting and inviting people to join us in our hobby and in the NMRA.

How does the title work with this mission. Just as stated. The Region will help out in all ways that we can to achieve the goal. I do need everyone's help.

The local divisions have always been where everything comes together. The Region Board and staff will be working with the Division Superintendents and the divisions to move this.

Where the results will come from will be the local level. Before we get bogged down in huge numbers, remember I'm speaking about this from the regional perspective, not the local one. Acting locally would mean that you and three of your friends would need to each find 75% of an interested newcomer. Or more realistically, the four of you should find three newcomers.

This "invite a newcomer" project will take many directions. Chief among them is using all of them. Each fall at the Convention, the Division Superintendents sit down for a working breakfast to discuss their successes and their needs to be more successful. This mission will be part of that discussion.

If you have any suggestions on ways to further this mission, please contact me, your Division Superintendent, or a member of the MER Board of Directors. Along with your suggestion, please come along with a solution and a willingness to help implement it.

So here are the interim milestones as well. A 15% increase by year's end 2019. 35% more by the end of 2020, and the balance by convention time in 2021. Remember the motto about eating the elephant.

Growth by 75% is a worthy, and I believe, achievable goal for the MER. As Robert Browning said, "Ah, but a man's reach should exceed his grasp, Or, what's a heaven for?"

2019 Elections are for
DIRECTOR.
Please consider running for that
office--it's always worthwhile to
have new participants.



Three photos by Howard Kaplan, taken on the layout of Glyn Thomas. Glyn had a story in The LOCAL a couple issues back about brass etching, and received Master Model Railroader status a couple of months ago.

I really want to go see this one in October.



Membership has its benefits...

Your NMRA membership entitles you to all these benefits, plus the fellowship and assistance of more than 18,000 members across the globe.

Partnership Program

The NMRA has partnered with model railroad manufacturers of all sizes who have agreed to give discounts to NMRA members. Discounts range from free shipping to 20% off all purchases. From Micro-Mark to Rusty Stumps, more manufacturers are being added every month. To see the current listing, see our website's Partnership page in the Members Only section.

Model Railroad Directory

Whether you're at home or traveling, you can contact other NMRA members for a layout tour, to talk trains, or even to join in an op session! There are maps, descriptions, photos, videos, and more.

NMRA Online Archives

More than 10,000 photographs, slides, plans, drawings, erection elevations, paint schemes and more, with additional scans being added all the time. High-resolution files are available for download at a discount to members.

Achievement Program

The AP helps modelers get more out of the hobby by providing an incentive to learn and master the skills necessary. Those who have completed the AP receive Master Model Railroader (MMR) certification.

Liability Insurance for Clubs

\$1 million liability insurance is available to model railroad clubs in which every member is an NMRA member. \$50 administration fee and completed application required.

Special Access to Places and People

As an NMRA member, you'll have access to all kinds of railroad locations you'd never otherwise see. Often National and Regional conventions will tour prototype facilities such as yards and maintenance shops, and will charter special excursion railroads that are usually never open to the public. You'll have the chance to see top-of-the-line model railroads that usually don't accept visitors. And you'll be able to spend time talking with some of the most famous personalities in model railroading today.

Bi-monthly NMRA eBulletin and NMRA Turntable

Every other month we publish the electronic NMRA

eBulletin, containing late-breaking news and reports of happenings in the organization. The NMRA Turntable is a monthly electronic publication that rounds up some of the most interesting model railroad websites, videos, blogs, and articles on the web. We do the searching so you don't have to! Every member with a valid email address receives a copy of both publications.

Clint sez: This was in NMRA Magazine in 2017. I asked for permission to reprint it here. Theirs was prettier, but this is important information to tell folks in recruiting them. More info on the NMRA website.

NMRA Magazine

NMRA Magazine is the monthly publication of the NMRA, and features news about the organization and its Regions and Divisions, along with modeling articles, product performance reviews, and other information. Because the subscription rate/postage depends on where you live, check www.nmra.org for your rate.

"Members Only" Company Store

The NMRA's Company store offers many items, from apparel to mugs to gauges, available only to NMRA members.

Online Video Library

The Members Only section of www.nmra.org features dozens of helpful "how-to" videos produced by professional video companies, as well as over 50 videos of clinics presented at national NMRA conventions.

Annual NMRA Calendar

Features spectacular model photographs, as well as dates for Regional conventions and more. Free to every U.S. member. Additional copies can be ordered for \$5 each from HQ. Outside the U.S., contact HQ.

Liability Insurance for Meets and Shows

This insurance covers liability claims for all Region, Division, and NMRA SIG-sponsored events up to a specific limit of liability provided for in the policy. (For clarity and assurance of coverage, we prefer that SIG events be co-sponsored by National, a Region, or a Division.) Please see the website for important details.

Conventions

The annual National convention runs one week and usually features about 100 clinics, more than 50 layout tours, and dozens of prototype tours. The National Train Show runs for the final three days of the convention.

Regional conventions vary in duration from two to five days. Many feature prototype and layout tours, plus clinics and other activities.

Modeling With The Masters (MWTM)

This is an intense, multi-day regimen of direct instruction by Master Model Railroaders. Modelers get hands-on experience in beginning and intermediate modeling techniques. MTWM classes are usually offered at the National convention, but MTWM courses have also been offered in various cities and at Regional conventions across the country.

Discounts and Advance Registration on New KML Books

Kalmbach Memorial Library periodically offers special books and book reprints to the general public. NMRA members receive a substantial discount on the retail price and can reserve copies in advance.

Local Divisions

There are more than 150 local Divisions in the NMRA, located in large and small communities across the U.S., Canada, Australia, New Zealand, and Britain. Most hold regular meetings and meets featuring clinics, presentations, layout visits, and more.

Standards and Conformance

The NMRA constantly researches and sets Standards and Recommended Practices for all scales and gauges of train models, as well as adjunct items such as DCC and modules. The NMRA continually checks new products for conformance to Standards and RPs.

Private Insurance

This service offers NMRA members group property insurance for collections, layouts, live steam, tools, slides and photographs, books, magazines, railroad memorabilia, and more. This insurance also covers an individual's property if it resides on a club layout. Members receive NMRA Group Rates.

• Free quote or brochure, contact J.A. Bash & Co: 1-800-654- 2256 or 300 Mt. Lebanon Rd., Suite 225, Pittsburgh, PA, 15234.

NMRA Standards Gauges, Data Sheets CD ROM, and Turnout Templates

NMRA members can purchase Standards Gauges at significant price reductions over retail prices. Data Sheets CD and Turnout Templates are available only from the Company Store. Many data sheets are being updated and will appear in NMRA Magazine, as well as available for free download from the Members Only section of www.nmra.org.

Beginners' Guide

The Beginner's Guide pages on www.nmra.org offer those new to the hobby help in learning the basics of track, wiring, scenery, and more.

www.nmra.org/beginner/



Spanish mission-style station, with palm trees...

Howard Kaplan photo. Bob Koury's Tehachapi layout.

INVITATION TO AUTHORS AND PHOTOGRAPHERS. BY JACK DZIADUL, MER DIRECTOR

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 prepare and submit material on any of the following subjects:

- 1 Model Railroading
- 2 Prototype Railroading, Applicable to Modeling
- 3 NMRA Administration (e.g. Officers or Committee Reports)

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).

As the E-LOCAL is expanding, there is room for more writing and photography by YOU!

This prints better than it looks on screen, for me.

Announcing our 27th Annual Spring



East Coast Santa Fe Modelers Meet



May 9 – 11, 2019 in Doylestown, PA

Student Center of Delaware Valley University

700 Butler Avenue, Doylestown, PA 18901

<http://www.delval.edu>

You can find all of the Meet information at: <https://groups.io/g/ECSFM>

See the Files Section once you have registered

This year we are bringing in well-known Santa Fe experts and modelers.

Lance Garrels :

- 1) Santa Fe mainline action in Kansas in the late 70s ~ mid 80s, with emphasis on the scenic action and nighttime artsy photography.
- 2) Santa Fe Middle Division branch line action, primarily the Strong City, Salina and Minneapolis District branches. (He worked numerous times on these branches during his nine years with the Santa Fe).
- 3) An all-Gibson collection (father Bill & son Art) show with NUMEROUS Santa Fe goodies from the 50s and 60s, including zebras, lots of Red & Silver and a very limited amount of steam around Amarillo ca 1955.

Stuart Forsyth: Helper Operations on Cajon Pass – Seven Days in May 1945

Jon Harrison:

- 1) Modeling Summit Topography
- 2) Jon will be discussing some of the more unusual aspects of his layout, such as spring switches, working turnout targets, and Central Valley track and turnouts.

Bill Van der Meer: Modeling a Bridge Over the River Dry - From Design to Finish

Mike Davis: Modeling Cajon bridges from photographs

Thursday night Earl Paine will host an open house

Friday Registration and setup at DELVAL: 3:00 PM

Saturday Door opens/registration at DELVAL: 8:00 AM

REGISTRATION: **ECSFM Members** **\$25.00 before April 15, 2017**
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Reservation name: "East Coast Santa Fe Modelers"

The block rate is \$85

Block reservation ends May 9th

