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Hello fellow model railroaders. I hope all had a safe and enjoyable 4th.

Speaking about a safe time, I spent two days in Columbus Ohio at an OSHA Competent Person Training course for Habitat for Humanity. Driving back I was thinking about what I was going to write about in my Super's report and after two days of nothing but safety it came to me, **SAFETY**. So here are a few safety reminders that we all need to be keeping in mind while we are working on our hobby:

Hand tools, probably the one we use the most is the hobby knife. Always use a sharp blade and keep it covered when not in use. Always use the proper tool for the job.

Power tools, besides proper use of these tools, always wear safety glasses, never remove safety devices, check for damaged cords and do not wear loose fitting clothing around spinning devices. Never remove the ground prong from the plug so it will fit in an ungrounded receptacle.

Head/body protection, I am not going to say to wear a hard hat but I do suggest you be mindful of your head when working on or under the layout. When building benchwork, make sure your screws do not extend out through the boards and cause something to snag a body part on. Some layouts are in basements so watch out for low hanging pipes.

Fall protection, lots of ways to get hurt here, tripping over power cords on the floor, edge of mats or carpeting on floor, step stools or whatever used to reach that derailed car at the back of the layout. Ladders, your belly button should never extend to the side past the edge of your ladder when you are reaching.

Chemical Hazards, there are many hazardous chemicals we use when modeling. Ventilation, proper storage and eye/body protection are the big safety factors here. Use a spray booth or paint outside and wear a respirator or mask.

There are a lot of ways out there that we can hurt ourselves. Safety should always be on our mind no matter what we are doing. I just hope this will give you something to think about.

Enjoy the rest of the summer.

Howdy

JULY Event in the Division PORTLAND MILLS Sunday 16 at the home of Rich Kosakowski, 10:30am Clinic: Weathering Activity: Supplies for Mall Shows





Look for a White House with RED roof on the "High" side of the curve, away from the river.

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AMTRAK BUCKET LIST With Rolly Miller

We arrived at San Antonio, TX. the next morning. I got to spend 2 full day and night's there. Our hotel was right along the River Walk. You just walked out the back doors and you were at the River Walk. The River Walk is like a canal thru part of the city. It stretches for around 2 miles and runs about 1 story below the main street.

So I was able to leave my hotel and walk to a city mall, then to the Alamo. It was really nice in San Antonio. I knew nothing about the River Walk until I got there.



Spent time checking out the city. The night life there was festive. 2 days later boarding the train for New Orleans.

Our next major stop was Hou-

ston TX. This was where I got to see the Union Pacific heritage train. (see photo). We had a couple of little stops. our next exciting thing on that part of the trip was crossing the Mississippi River on the Huey P. Long bridge

and yes that is the name of the bridge. We pulled into New Orleans about 9 PM. You could see the Super Dome and it was all light up in red, white and blue. caught a cab for my hotel. Checked into the my room. Quite the hotel!

The next of the trip was by rental car?

From New Orleans to Orlando. With **Rolly Miller**

St. Marys Yard and....

its new stop signs.



Found this a little unusual.

Anyone else ever run across the end of the line stop signs?

Jim Hear





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Bits and Pieces

According to AL Crate...

"Building bench work is a matter of taking big pieces of wood, and creating piles of sawdust, with strips in between."

Rich McCarty is busy making Sawdust.

He has completed the base level grid around the perimeter of his basement, and the staging yard blob opposite the central core/stairway/work desk. His code 100 main line rail is flex track on cork, with the center tracks slightly raised, generous easements with graduated banking, and outside tracks raised to interlockings.

Switch work is all **hand done** with commercial patterns. He has become an expert in soldering, and exhibits the care of a civil engineer in every detail. He is certainly headed to an AP in that category.

There is yet no ballast or scenic detail beyond the roadbed, and within the four track roadbed, he maintains the prototypical 13' centers, spread at curves.

From six track turnback staging, through Mifflin Interlocking, and along graceful bends in the right of way, Rich is at the entry from the stairs, headed to the right, which on this layout is railroad East. Great design and attention to detail, very noticable to Pennsy fans!

BRAVO AL

PS: Since there is **NO BALLAST**, I will **NOT** offer advice

on track changes. The idea being, once the ballast is carefully spread and hard, it makes things much more meaningful had you listened to the advisor

On Fri, 2017-05-19 at 23:54 -0400, HOWARD F VEIHDEFFER JR wrote:

As of 10:55 pm 19 May 2017 Division 11 of the MCR of the NMRA will be comprised of the following counties in the state of Pennsylvania; Cameron, Clarion, Clearfield,

Clinton, Elk, Forest, Jefferson and Venango.

Ah well, easy come, easy go

Bob Netzlof a/k/a Sweet Old Bob (SOB)

PS: Finally back to normal Bill D Editor (BTF)

The Secret is Out

by Anonymous Observer

Recently, several photos of Our Superintendent's GG1 running on the Pittsburg and Shawmut and other

lines not equipped with 11,000 volt catenary have been posted on a popular Internet site. "How is this possible?" has been the question on every lip ever since these controversial photos made their appearance.

Due to tireless effort on the part of the Northern Counties Investigative Service, the answer is at hand

Our Superintendent's locomotive is one of the little-known GG1B units, introduced by the clever folks of the Juniata Shops shortly before the disastrous PRR – NYC merger. In these units, the heavy and PCB contaminated main transformer was replaced by a newly developed 750 volt alternating current battery. Since the purpose of the transformer was to convert 11,000 volt AC to 750 volt AC, the traction

motors of the GG1B labor on completely unaware that there is no catenary supporting their efforts. One trusts that this explanation will silence the mutterings of "Not prototypical." and "No way can that

work." which have been disrupting the Joviality and Warm Heartedness of recent operating sessions and restore the Fun and Good Fellowship which has been the hallmark of this division's activities.



It only took 122 of the new AC hearing aid batteries to Power this loco over Al Crates layout, from Freeport To Crenshaw. It recharged on the way down Sugar Hill, On the way to Brockway. AC batteries re charge faster than DC batteries. Everybody KNOWS that. BTF



Why do you need a bedroom? Rolly

ED note; There is no WE in this design. You are only YOU.

In the interest of keeping a long story SHORT. Don Mitchell And I were traveling through Western Conn, and the Albany area in the late 80's. On the trip to see the Franklin and Manchester, we visited a fellow who was D I V O R C E D. His layout was as you see in Howdy's FLOOR plan. It was an SP /UP layout depicting the Hermosa Tunnels area on the Rockies. O gauge, with NO TREES. The fellow was divorced and converted the place to nothing but a Layout.

Bill Drummond

Victorian Christmas

The committee is having a hard time putting a Victorian Christmas for 2017. More information on the Web site. BTF

The **Make and Take** committee wants to remind that we will be working diligently on items to replenish the DE-PLETED Make and Take supplies at Rich's in July. We desperately need rock molds as mine are becoming shop worn or rocks already cast and ready to mount.

I will bring materials such as foam, hot glue, plaster of Paris and cloth. The car kits will also need gone over to make them kid friendly. We have a show sometime in mid to later October and these need readied for that as well as Victorian Christmas. Gary (Nobody Likes You) Lasher (ED note)

Drill wound Pine Trees I have made wire/drill wound (bottle Brush) Trees in the past. They need cut in half and trimmed for use.

These need sprayed AND COLORED PRIOR TO ANY SHOWS. Odors are the problem.

We need to try others, as well. Let others see us make them even when they cannot be used at that event. Bill D.

WEED TRAIN On Fri, 2017-06-02 at 14:46 +, Al

Crate wrote:

Saw a vegetation spray train in DuBois yard this morning. B&P 2031 was the power. Next was UTLX 180, a tank. ATEX 0003, a box like car with a platform with nozzles on one end.

Then UTLX 579, UTLX 300473, and UTLX 300474, three more tanks. Last was KCS 152277, a 50 ft plug door box.

All six cars had hoses running between them. The ATEX car had "Asplundh" on the side.

The train was facing south bound.

What you didn't see was Mike Zollitsch running said weed sprayer south from J-burg.



MAY 25 OPS SESSION at Gary Lasher's

Since I decided not to dispatch but instead handle Westinghouse Yard and then The Steel Plant and stroll around and offer little tidbits of wisdom and advice, and after discovering that my advice was not needed or WANTED, Welllll Yuengling helps. Good job by all.

Only heard Rolly's name yelled out once or twice. Trains are where they belong, no cars kissed the floor and Sandy's meal was great. Gary

Many thanks for the special privilege of bidding into the 29th St. Job. Howdy;s absence created an exciting opportunity. Time flies when one shunts such a yard. boB (Rev.Robert McKay) a PRR FOAMER

Does this mean I lost my 29th street YM position? Howdy (You're Whining aren't you? ED...

So, not only did I miss the fun, but I was missed? And Howdy wasn't there to bring my name up. Good to hear everyone can do it without me? Only sorry I missed it. Rolly Howdy beat you to the whining. Get a life. ED:

BRING & BRAG for JUNE

 1^{st} Jim Heary - tool and supply car -6 pts

2nd Larry Brown PRR N5C kit-bashed fm Tyco – 5 pts
2nd Paul Kurutz – wheel car – 5 pts
2nd Gary Lasher – coke car – 5 pts
3nd Alan Morean – coil cars – 4 pts

Due to a family matter, a more complete report will appear next month.

Rich Kosakowski **B & B Chair**



Models 2017

Rural Structure July Aug Caboose Sept Bridge/Viaduct

Structure/Public Utility Oct

Public Transit Nov



6/12 ARR302,7822 pulling 11 empties out of Domtar headed to F/C.

6/13 Was over by the mall and ARR302 was pulling 18 salt cars to the unloading place at the salt pile. Later saw him dead heading back to the F/C yard.

6/19 3331,RCPE6410,3301,3323, (AMX1314 dead in tow from Brookville Equipment) pulling 193 cars headed north.

6/22 North Bound switching & picking up cars at F/C 2002,3301,3331,7822,6410,WCOR 301.

6/30 caught the south bound going thru Dubois 3333,452,462,3341,3119 pulling 75 cars all kind of freight.



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Notes from the Webmaster

From the Webmaster...

Once again, differences between browsers has tricked me. I added photos from a recent trip to the Lake Shore museum to the Miscellaneous Jul 7 B&S RR Symposium Reg Deadline it on the web site.

Came it an e-mail saving "Help! I can't see the pictures." Looked again. Everything showed up OK. Finally, I no- Jul 15 Trolley Museum PCC and LRV Day Rockhill PA ticed that I had made an error in the scripts displaying the new photos. An error, but one that didn't upset my browser, Jul 15-16ToyModel Train Flea Market Williams Grove PA but certainly messed things up for people using other Jul 16AlleghenyPlateauDiv11 Meeting Portland Mills PA browsers. It's fixed now, hopefully, it won't happen again.



The ELK COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY STRAWBERRY FESTIVAL, 15 June 2017 John Netzlof Chmn

Above were scenes of Larry Brown's Train Those who were there: Howdy Veihdeffer, Rolly Miller, Ray Cobbett, GaryLasher, Larry Brown, Harry Dunworth, Bob McKay, Bob Netzlof, who manned the Modular layout indoors. This was a 5-8 show Friday evening, only. Also... John Netzlof and Sasha Young, but they were doing historical society things. **Bob** Netzlof

The TIMETABLE By Bob Netzlof

DuBois PA Members Photos. Looked at the result, looked OK, posted Jul 14-15LycomingSummerOn30TrainShow Pennsdale PA Jul 15 B&O HistSocietyEastern MiniCon Eldersburg MD Jul 15 History Day & Antique VehicleShowCoolspring PA Jul15-16CarbonModelRRSocOpenHou Bowmanstown PA Jul 20CarbonModelRRSocietyOpenHosBowmanstown PA Jul 22-23CarbonMRRSocOpen House Bowmanstown PA Aside from that, nothing Jul 22-23GreenbergGreatTrain&ToyShowMonroeville,PA much to say. The pic- Jul 30-Aug 6 NMRA National Convention Orlando FL tures from the June Aug 4-5 Buffalo&SusquehannaRR SymposiumDuBois PA **National Train Show** Orlando FL as are the pictures from Aug 8-12National Assn of S Gaugers Conv Timonium MD Aug 10-13 CSXTHistoricalSocietyConvention Marion OH Aug 13 Allegheny Plateau Div 11 Meeting St Marys PA Aug 13-16 SteelMill Model Annual Meet Bethlehem PA N-Scale Weekend Aug 19-20 Altoona PA **Solar Eclipse** North America Aug 21 Troops and Trolleys Sep 9 Rockhill PA Sep 9-10 RR HeritageDaysRRMuseum of PAStrasburg PA Sep 9-10 Thousand Islands Model Train ShowClayton NY Sep 16 Trolley Museum Night Photo Shoot Rockhill PA Sep 16-17 Central VFC Train Show Elizabeth PA Clarion PA Sep 17 Allegheny Plateau Div!! Meeting Sep 22-23 Michiana Div Train Educ Conf. South Bend IN Sep 23YoungstownSteelHeriMusOpenHoYoungstown OH Train and Toy Show Sep 23 Canfield OH



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Minutes of June 2017 Meeting

Meeting was held June 11, 2017 at the home of Paul Kurutz in Shintown. Meeting called to order at 12:55 by Superintendent Veihdeffer. Motion to approve minutes of April meeting (there having been no business meeting in May). Moved Gary Lasher, seconded John Netzlof. Approved by voice vote.

Treasurer offered no report.

Superintendent extended thanks of the division to Paul and family for hosting the meeting (applause).

Executive Order: In order to reduce expenses, printed copies of the newsletter will be printed in black and white.

Bob Netzlof reported on his efforts to publicize the division cars. He has sent e-mail to as many divisions and regions as possible requesting notice in their newsletters or other publications. He is in correspondence with the NMRA magazine in the same regard.

Gary Lasher reported he had purchased 5 rolls of plaster cloth for Make and Take at \$5.25 per roll, requested reimbursement. Paul Kurutz advised that he has a quantity of trees and plaster cloth which he intends to donate.

Gary Lasher observed that there is much uncertainty surrounding this year's Victorian Christmas. He intends to stay in touch as much as possible.

John Netzlof reported that Carl Amidon is seeking an operating layout for the Erie show. After informal discussion, the consensus seemed to be that it was too far to go.

John Netzlof reminded that the Elk County Historical Society Strawberry Festival would be from 5 to 8 on the 16th of June. Superintendent Veihdeffer said he would have the trailer there Friday noon or a bit before. Set-up would be Friday.

Schedule for the next few meetings:

July 16 (3rd Sunday) Rich Kosakowski, John Netzlof to present weathering clinic, work session to make scenery land forms August 13 (2nd Sunday) Larry Brown work session as in July September 17 (3rd Sunday) Clarion Model Railroad Club work session

Bob McKay is to get in touch with the Indiana Mall to see about moving the proposed show from October 1st to a date later in the month.

Discussion regarding the DuBois show in 2018. Bob McKay has obtained 18 six foot tables, which will be stored at Harry Dunworth's. Howdy Veihdeffer reported that he had been approached by the pastor of the First Baptist Church who offered use of the church's gymnasium at no cost to the division. In the ensuing discussion, note was taken of the \$250 cost (rental + insurance certificate) of using the mall. Questions were raised regarding current practice, particularly as to whether or not the cost of car kits was being figured into the cost of the shows No decision was reached.

Newsletter Editor: Now accepting articles for newsletter. Publisher: Agreed to print paper copies in black and white. Membership: Have not been in recent touch with Ron Smith, who moved into the division recently. Intend to stay in touch with Dick Bradley

Sand house Chatter I'm listening

You can't think you're getting the best advice. Nobody is THAT gullible.

The trick here is to pretend I am calling you on the phone at 5 in the afternoon, wanting to take a survey About the quality of your windows. SLAM...

You get that attitude after you, of all people, will never let yourself get HACKED.

It's kind of like a car accident. Your in it before you know you are.

What does this have to do with modeling? NOTHING! Besides the ability to deal with it is only the size of your scale. Now that I think of it, perhaps there is a good reason for modeling "N" scale. Bill Drummond ED.

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Bob McKay reported that his baggage car project at Doolittle's is proceeding. HO track is in on upper level and helix, backdrops have been painted. Need to build structures, need people to build structures He noted that Dr. Rice has purchased 4 cars from the Barnum and Bailey fleet. They are expected to arrive sometime in the week following the meeting.

John Netzlof reported that the Clarion Club holds its monthly business meeting from 10 to 2 on the 3rd Saturday of each month.

Meeting adjourned at 14:39

Respectfully submitted by Robert Netzlof Chief Clerk

Inside

AMTRAK

NMRA MCR Division 11 C/O Robert McKay 1267 Treasure Lake Dubois, PA 15801

STOP

BITS

TO:

SHHHH

HOUSE PLAN?

Opinions of the Authors are not necessarily those of Division 11

JULY 16th Host: Rich Kosakowski 31432 Portland Mills Rd. Ridgway, PA 15853 Tele # 814-776-2004 kosabirdski@gmail.com B&B: Rural Structure Outdoor Picnic: Bring Pop and Snacks BRING CAR KITS AND SCENERY MATERIALS

Directions: In Ridgway, at the first light Rt 219 turns right (North). Turn left at that light on So. Broad St. to the 2nd stop sign. Turn right there on South St., which becomes Rt 949, Portland Mills Road. Proceed on 949 for nine miles. In Portland Mills, Rich's green house with red roof is the 7th house on the left. You will see his one remaining giant pine, and the railroad crossing sign.

AUGUST Larry Brown St Marys Lunch TBA

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