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THE SUPERS REPORT

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This is the year for **Division elections**. I have been the Super for four years and its time to step down and let someone else lead the division down the road. **Rolly Miller** and **Harry Dunworth** are running for these positions. **Ballots** are in the **March** newsletter for **full NMRA members** to vote. Make sure you cast your ballot and mail it to our election ballot counters.

We met at Bill & Nora Drummonds for our February meeting. There were 16 members and guests that attended. Nora prepared an excellent meal of Lasagna, Coleslaw and all the good desserts. What a superb meal. They always do an outstanding job.

Bill had his layout ready to run at about 10am. Rolly had a set of 4 PC diesels running a train. and Pete had a trio of B&P units with full sound. They looked impressive along with other members running their trains. Bill and his crew worked hard to make the BR&P layout operate for our meet.

March meeting will be at **Howard Heltman's** in **Chicora Pa.** Howard models the **Western Maryland** in HO with **Digitrax DCC**. Hope to see everyone there. We will be operating from about **10am to 1pm** break for lunch & a short meeting and continue to operate after our meeting.

Thanks Nora for hosting us.
PAUL




DIAMOND JIM BRADY SAYS


"When I get up from the table, I've spent more on that one meal than your newsletter costs for a whole year. So why are you delaying?"

DIVISION BALLOTS THIS MONTH

All current NMRA members in Division 11, MCR receive an enclosed ballot for officers. If you receive a ballot this month, please fill it out and return it. Just fold the form after marking your ballot and drop it in the mail. The division sends this newsletter in Jan, Feb, Mar to all current NMRA members in our division whether or not a subscriber or meeting participant. We ask your participation in our elections every other year. It is a privilege, and we believe, your duty. Thanks.




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2011/12 Station Stops and Host

JAN	Brookville	Gary Lasher
FEB	Punxy	Bill Drummond
MAR	Chicora	Howard Heltman
APR	StMarys	Larry Brown
MAY	Dubois Mall	JAMBOREE
JUN	Renovo	Paul Kurutz
JUL	TBA	
AUG	Reynoldsville	Galon Tonell
SEP	St. Marys	Alan Morean
OCT	NewBethlehem	Rolly Miller
NOV	Treasure Lake	Bob McKay
DEC	Dubois	BANQUET

RETIREMENT

From: "Roland Miller" <redbankrr@yahoo.com>

Retiring Early!!!!

Yea, to retire early and all that free time to work on the layout and just do whatever you want? Well let me tell the ones that haven't.

There's not that much free time! True I've been working on my layout every chance I get. I just have more **time to watch the glue dry.** I think things are happening on my layout, but I guess it's not happening as fast as I'd like. So here is my progress report;

Things in the New Bethlehem section of the layout. The Redbank Mills buildings are pretty much complete. Working on a new station, put in the switch track for the Fairmount tipple and painting the back drop for New Bethlehem.

At Climax, I am working on the tunnel and the road coming down off the side of the hill.

At Sligo and the C&K tipple did some scenery work and track work.

In Summerville and the LEF&C staging area, raised it up 2 and a quarter inches to give me more room underneath for the Falls Creek staging area. With me raising that area up from Summerville. I had to make a grade up 2 1/4 inches in only 5 ft. which made the grade a little bit less than 4%. This part is now in and working.

Oh yea, and did I mention that while waiting for the glue to dry. I am weighting and checking coupler heights. Other then that I have very little to do on my retirement. And I start again tomorrow.

Don't get me wrong? I am enjoying retirement, but where is all this free time? How's the song go; I've been working on my railroad all the live long day.

...and day dreaming in the process.

Rolly

The other day a older friend of mind and I was talking and he asking me if I was still modeling the PS&N ? I said I was not doing nothing. Nothing right now cause I was redoing the shed so every thing was out. Well He said the PS&N fit me great and I said why, He said look at you, your just like it. **Perty Slow & Noisy** , and I said **THANKS !**

Later Jake

ELECTIONS

It is time to think about electing new officers for the following two years.

Gary Lasher and Bill Drummond have volunteered to oversee the selections. We have contacted members that have the time, and skills to oversee the direction we will be taking in the coming years.

I want to remind everyone at this point, You **MUST** be a card carrying member of the NMRA to hold the offices of Super and Asst. Super. Only those carrying NMRA registration may vote for these Officers. All other persons may hold positions at the discretion of the Elected Officers.

This issue contains Ballots for Division 11 offices.

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SILOS.

A practical application for modeling

In a warmed discussion, modelers with long memories may recall that I said there was an installation of four coal silos somewhere along Black Lick Creek.

BZZNNNT! Error. Two silos, not four.

Attached, silos.jpg is from the State Map at www.pasda.psu.edu. The photo is, as noted there, from some time in the range 2003 to 2006. I see no bridge from the hillside out to the silos, but when I saw them (whenever that was) there was such a bridge. Thinking on it, I think the trucks dumped into a hopper, from which a horizontal conveyor carried the coal out to the silos. Silos2.jpg is from Google, date unknown but apparently more recent than 2006. Alas, the silos are gone. I must now cancel the plans for the Division 11 Silo Measuring Field Trip which I was going to propose for the July meet.

The discussion was for the purpose of adding a Siglo at the CLOE Location on Bill Drummond's layout at the "Lady J" cleaning plant. The original thought was to add a coal stack. Modern thinking by Al Crate came up with the better idea. The STACK. The Cleaning plant takes in loaded hoppers, dumps, and blends coal, then reloads in one smooth movement. The same operation is performed at the Clarion Tipple of Steve Waltman on Gary Lasher's EP&O in Brookville.

At Cloe a long building will also be added as a Thaw Shed. All coal moves through the complex, weighed and then is further shipped from the Riker Yard, in Punxsy, on Bill Drummond's BR&P layout.

-- Bob Netzlof a/k/a Sweet Old Bob
ED NOTE: Who says you can't teach an old dog new tricks. BTF

Sunday Operating Session

By Zack Roush

I had lots of fun. I did not get the pin system. But I know after Drummy told me how the colors worked, I'd have no trouble. Running was another thing. I did good until a small hill then I spun up the hill once the whole train was up the hill.

With the right amount of cars, the rest of the layout I had no trouble going up or down hills.

When we brought our own train, Grandpa and I did not know how it worked. But we found out how to work it. But it was fun running the cars around and delivering them to different places.

Great Grand son, Tanner McDivitt ran trains too that day. He didn't know anyone at first. Confusion reigned supreme for he and Howdy for some time. Later Tan got to moving trains from the overloaded places on the layout to the "Beyonds." I am hoping to have him attend the fall show and train rides at St Marys with ZACK next fall. All I have to do is turn him loose with Zack, who knows his way around, and just keep out of their way. Tan is no slouch at things. He got his second deer this season with a Muzzle Loader, at age 12. He also raises cows for SHOW. Bill D.



Jamboree Happenings


Space has been secured for the May 12 Jamboree at the DuBois Mall. We will have a different room and some hall space for activities in a location closer to the center of the Mall. We will have advertizing and our signs out to help draw visitors. We will also be sharing the day with other activity vendors. We will need more of our Mini Scenes tor participants; as last year we actually ran out of materials. Honest Amos is already receiving materials and items for the ticket Raffle.

This event supplied prizes and awards to members and family at the banquet in December, so lets show support for this all important function, sponsored by the members of the NMRA MCR DIV 11. The few, but mighty, when it comes to promotion Of the Hobby of Model Railroading.


From: "Gary Lasher" <sglash@windstream.net>
Date: Monday, February 13, 2012 6:12 PM

Honest Amos is hoping we will have another stellar raffle at our Jamboree May 12 2012 at the DuBois Mall. So far, we have donations from **Microscale, Exactrail, Woodland Scenics, Blair Line, Bob Ginter Rix Products, and Tomar.**


A real Big THANKS from Amos for this early support of our efforts. Amos




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MODULE GROUPS

Two modular groups, ours and the Large Scale NCPMGRS will set up module layouts in the large activities from of the DuBois Nursing Home. The date is **April 21st, Saturday, from 10-4**. The two groups will kill two birds simultaneously.

At 2:30, some very excited residents of DNH, the Village, and Personal Care will come to see the trains run. They are eager to have us. And we have an opportunity to interact with some great folks with some great memories!

We begin at 10:00am bringing in the modules, setting up separate HO and G guage layouts, and making sure everything is ready for the May 12 Jamboree at the DuBois Mall. We will have lunch at the Nursing Home, and plenty of time to run trains, tweek scenery, and have fun. Everyone is welcome for all or part of the day.

The Division meet **April 15th at Larry Brown's** will be a work session for the HO modules. We have new modules to incorporate.



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March 23-25 Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet-Valley Forge at the Desmond Great Valley Hotel, Malvern, Pa .Registration \$35 Prototype clinics, vendors' room, model display room, Friday Op Sessions, Sunday layout tour. Contact Paul Backenstose, at PRRpaul@aol.com, 610-269-2763, or visit www.phillynmra.org for details

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to Pittsburgh 2012

Sign up SOON for our Region Conv. In Pittsburgh on April 26-29, 2012. Hotel is Radisson Center, Greentree.



Super Paul Kurutz and Asst. Galon Tonnel operate the BR&P at DuBois on the layout of Bill Drummond.



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Rearrange the letters to form the name of a railroad or other company at least vaguely connected with Division 11

Rearrange the letters below to form the name of a railroad company, a name which you will still see from time to time.

7 words

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B 'n' B



PUZZLED? Bob Netzlof a/k/a SOB has a new feature this month, above right. "What's the Name?" Give it a try. Thanks, "Sweet Old Bob"

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Clerk's Report



by Steve Waltman

Meeting called to order at 2:05 pm by Supt. Kurutz
Supt. Kurutz called for and received a round of applause for Nora Drummond's efforts in providing a fine meal. A similar call regarding CPO(ret) Drummond's efforts in hosting the meeting received a markedly less enthusiastic response.

Approval of minutes of January meeting Moved by Howdy Veiheffer, second by Alan Morean, passed on voice vote.

Treasurer's report:

Cash and checks on hand: \$24.00 Beginning balance, checking acct: \$1549.56 Deposits: \$226.00

Savings acct: no change

Publisher Bob McKay presented a bill for \$90.00 postage. Treasurer Bob McKay reminded Publisher Bob McKay that there is a standing motion that the newsletter people can buy postage as needed. Publisher McKay remarked that he was aware of that but did not wish to spend money without directing attention to it.

Motion to accept treasurer's report: Rolly Miller, second: Larry Brown Passed on voice vote.

Old business: Bob McKay reported that a check for \$200 room rent is in the hands of the mall business office, who will not cash it until the day of the event. Galon was given a copy of the contract with the mall, he is to obtain the insurance certificate from NMRA/Chattanooga.

As part of the deal, the mall will post a notice of the jamboree on the mall marquee.

Paul Kurutz reported that he was informed that there is a way to get a free plug in the NMRA magazine, which he will try to do.

New business: Paul Kurutz received word from Lou Millard that he will not be coming to division meetings, as he finds travel too difficult. Lou did extend a tentative invitation to have an operating session in the Fall.

The Webmaster asked for clarification as to places of several future meetings, and of the November Bring and Brag theme. Most but not all of his questions were answered.

Webmaster pointed out that directions to the March meeting site are now up on the division's web site.

Bob McKay advised that he has committed to staging a train show at the DuBois Nursing Home on Saturday, March 24. which may be subject to change. He hopes to set up the modules, and to have some G Scale/Gauge/whatever running. Set-up to start at 9:00 am, show in the early pm. He solicits assistance in this deed.

Motion to adjourn: Rolly Miller, second: Galon Tonell Meeting adjourned at 2:28 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Bob Netzlof

Sandhouse Chatter




by Wm Drummond

I just can't get in the mood without snow. Oh, sure it's there in the evening and gone by noon the next day. How does one do anything with the thought of NO SNOW. I remember the good old days like in 77' when it snowed on the 6th of November 76' and plugged all the roads shut. The state cut coal production all over our area due to the fact the High Lifts were out digging the roads out enough to get the plow trucks To where they needed to be. Frontier Yard at Buffalo shipped snow in hoppers, South to get rid of it. The snow didn't melt till about the second week in April. I got some modeling done that year.

Two ditches in the driveway, full of potholes is not good modeling weather. Might as well go to Florida and take my Golf Cart with me. Bill D.



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Bring & Brag for 2012 Steve Waltman Chairman

We begin a new year with a few reminders. (RULES)
 All modelers **MUST** register their models on the sign up sheet.
 You will be assigned a number for your Model card.
 Make sure to fill out a brief description of your entry.
 Each modeler is permitted to enter ONE (1) Model each month.
 Your cooperation with this will enable the B & B Committee to keep accurate records for this competition.

There were 8 entries in the February Bring and Brag.
 Theme was "Anything IGMO". There was a tie for first place.

1st Place **Bob Ginter** **Covered Gondola**
Bob McKay **Warehouse**
2nd Place **Harry Dunworth** **Grain Unloading Shed**
3rd Place **Larry Brown** **Grain Mill**

Standings so far this year:

Name	Points
Harry Dunworth	7
Bob Ginter	7
Bob McKay	7
Larry Brown	6
Bill Drummond	5
Chris Lasher	5
Bob Netzlof	5
Gary Lasher	4
Rolly Miller	4
Paul Kurutz	3
Zack Rouch	2

Bring & Brag Categories for 2012

Jan Private Name RR car.
 Feb Anything IGMO Related. *See web site.*
Mar Passenger car train
 Apr Anything Kitbashed
 May Locomotives
 June Something Scratchbuilt
 July Modern freight cars (90's and later if possible)
 Aug Open Loads
 Sept Maintenance of Way Equipment
 Oct Prototype RR Photo
 Nov TBA
 Dec Banquet

This is the standing schedule for the B & B for 2012
 Please note any changes to this schedule as desired by members of the Division. Meeting place changes may also modify the schedule.

Steve Waltman B & B Chair.

The TIMETABLE

By Bob Netzlof

Mar 4, Rainbow Gardens Train Show Erie PA
 Mar 4, Conrail slide show - Schlow Library
 State College PA

Mar 11 NMRA DIV 11 MEET

Howard Heltman **Petrolia PA**
 Mar 11, Youngstown MR Association Flea Market
 Niles OH

Mar 17, Annual Toronto RPM Meet Toronto ON
 Mar 17, RR Show & Collectors Market

Harrisburg PA

Mar 17-18, Railfest 2012, NMRA MCR Division 5 Kirtland OH

Mar 23-25, Valley Forge RPM Meet Malvern PA
 Mar 25, Central Clinton MRC Spring Train Meet
 Mill Hall PA

Mar 23-24, East Coast Large Scale Train Show
 York PA

Apr 7, Bunker Hill Train Club Show
 Ranson WV

April 15 NMRA DIV 11 MEET

Larry Brown Host **St Marys, PA**
 Apr 12-14, Central Ohio Prototype Modeler Meet
 Marion OH

Apr 14-15, The Great Scale Model Train Show
 Timonium MD

Apr 19-21, Train Collectors Association Show
 York PA

Apr 21, Module Set-up DuBois Nursing Home Apr 26-29, NMRA MCR Convention

Greentree PA

May 4-6, New York Central Hist. Soc. Convention
 Elkhart IN
 May 5, MD-WV Model Railroad Association Show
 Cumberland MD

MAY 11 NMRA DIV 11 JAMBOREE

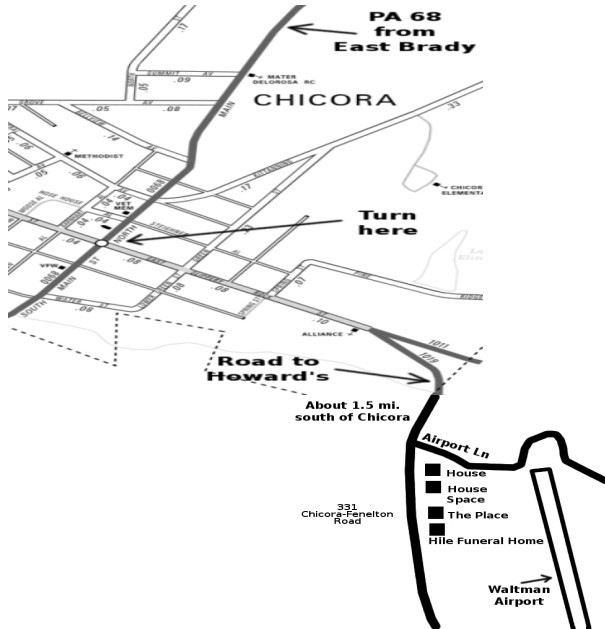
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 May 12, Great Lehigh Valley Train Meet
 Allentown PA
 May 17-20, PRRT&HS Annual Meeting
 Camp Hill PA

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