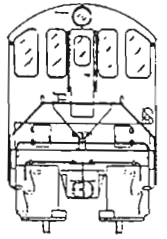




PHILADELPHIA DIVISION
MID-EASTERN REGION, NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION

NEWSLETTER



OCTOBER 1993

ANNOUNCEMENT

DIVISION MEET

The Philadelphia Division of the National Model Railroad Association is pleased to announce that we will be having a Division Meet on Saturday, November 6, 1993, at the Fairview Village Church of the Nazarene, 3044 Germantown Pike, 1/4 mile north of the intersection of Route 363 and Germantown Pike, in Fairview Village, PA. The Meet will start at approximately 9:30 AM and will conclude at 1:00 PM for Layout Tours. Three or four area model railroaders have agreed to allow us to tour their railroads concluding the Meet. A map will be distributed following the Meet. All Division Members are encouraged to attend and bring a friend. Entrance to the Meet will be free to all Division members with a current dues card. All others will be charged a nominal \$3.00 entrance fee which includes a one year membership in the Division. The Meet will begin with a clinic presentation by Division AP Chairman, Dave Messer, MMR on one or two of the specific Achievement areas of the NMRA Achievement Program. This follows Dave's presentation at past Meets and will be continued at future Meets. Following Dave's presentation, Steve Salotti, our Assistant Superintendent, will present a Clinic on **Track Planning**. Incidentally, Steve is a member of the Layout Design Special Interest Group (SIG), of the NMRA, so his clinic is expected to be very beneficial for all. This will be followed by Eileen Lambert's clinic presentation on **How To Give A Clinic**. We will also have available for viewing, the Stewart Hobbies video on the Lehigh and New England Railroad. There will, of course, be door prizes given out through-out the meet. The ever popular, popular vote contest will be conducted and the category this time will be Passenger Equipment. The winner will, as always, receive a door prize, so

grab one of those passenger cars off your model railroad and bring it to the next Meet. In addition, flea market tables will be available to interested members for a nominal \$5.00 fee. If you would like to reserve a table, please contact John Nawn @ 461-8644 prior to October 31st. As stated earlier, following the meet, area model railroaders will have their railroads open until 5:00 PM. We will be distributing a map of the open Model railroads after the Meet. While your in the area, you may also want to visit some of the many fine hobby shops in the area including Penn Valley, Hennings and The Train Room in nearby Lansdale and J & D Whistle Stop in Quakertown. So mark your calendar and be sure to join us for the Division Meet on Saturday, November 6, 1993.

PLEASE NOTE: Food (Coffee, Soda, Pastries, and Hot Dogs,) will also be available at the Meet for a small donation.

THE PHILADELPHIA DIVISION, NMRA

DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

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If the date in the upper right corner of your mailing label is highlighted in color, your membership dues are renewable. Please pay at the next meet or mail check or money order for \$3.00 to Mike Hazzard, 12 Pickering Court, Downingtown, PA 19335

Saturday, November 6, 1993
Philadelphia Division Meet
Fairview Village, Pa.

TENTATIVE

Saturday, March 19, 1994
Philadelphia Division Meet
Delaware County Location

Watch upcoming issues of the
Newsletter for more information on these
events.

A WORD ON CONTESTS

We try to offer contests at Division Meets to give the members a chance to show off their modeling skills and also a chance to win some recognition for their work. However, it is disheartening to see so few members take part in the contests.

We try to keep the contests as simple as possible and the categories as broad as possible to encourage participation. No limits are placed on scale, ability, etc. For instance, our upcoming contest, *Passenger Equipment*, could be any scale from Z to No. 1 Gauge, could be a built up kit or completely scratchbuilt, and could be any type of equipment as long as it ran in a passenger train. So why not participate? The judging couldn't be easier. No one is going to critique your work, it's simply a popular vote of those who attend the Meet. What could be easier.

You say you don't have any passenger equipment. We get this excuse alot. So why not use the contest as an incentive to finish that particular modeling project, a goal to shoot for. I realize that this is a Hobby, and we can't get too tied up in deadlines, we have enough of them at work. But, one day we have to make an effort to finish some of those 100 some odd projects that we have started and yet to finish. And if you don't have any unfinished projects, why not the contest as an opportunity to start something new rather than just "armchairing".

It is our desire one day to also offer judged contests at the meets in addition to the popular vote contest, but we have to know that enough Division Members are interested in participating. So grab that passenger car off your layout or finish that baggage car you've been working on for the last two years, and bring it to the next Meet. It could be very rewarding (\$\$) for you.

MEMBERS CLASSIFIED

As a continuing service to the membership, we are now offering through the Newsletter a Members Classified section. If your Club, group, organization, local Historical Society, etc. has news or information to report, upcoming events, or is conducting a fund raiser, than send it in, care of the Surpeintendent so that we can share it with all Division members. If this feature becomes successful, we may consider extending it to individual members. Items will run for one issue and we ask that you limit it to 100, words or less.

LOST, STRAYED, OR STOLEN -

from display area 803 after the NMRA Valley Forge '93 Train Show.

A "Xerox" box containing three IHC "Painted Ladies" models of San Francisco Victorian houses in 1:48 scale and prototype O-Gauge solid "T" rail samples consisting of a turnout, a section of ballasted track and various miscellaneous parts. Keep the houses, if you like, but please return the prototypes. Their owner in England is most distressed by the loss!

Postage will be refunded by:

Neil K. Yerger, Co-ordinator
Delaware Valley Tinplate Trackers
7 Farm Road
Wayne PA 19087-3303
(215) 688-0689

Thank you, and -

Happy Railroading!

Service Anniversaries

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Congratulations are due to the following Division Members who have maintained at least 25 years of continuous membership in the National Model Railroad Association. Certificates will be given out at our November Meet.

Paul A. Burrough
G. Brouse, Jr.
John A. Dorsam
Edward Fonder
E. Winfield Gross
William P. Kachel, Jr.
David R. Morrow
Dr. H. Parker Stamford
Thomas Zuber

Congratulations are also due to the following members who previously received their Certificates.

Robert J. Beebe
David W. Messer, MMR
Andrew J. Hart

I think we all know this, but what are YOU doing for November ?

November is our month, as model railroaders, to show those who aren't, what the Hobby is all about. November is our opportunity to show others how rewarding and fun the Hobby can be. We should strive every November to encourage and showcase the Hobby. After all, the more modelers in the Hobby, the greater the availability of products and services. So what are you doing about it this year ?

For those that have a Layout, why not conduct a couple of Open Houses during the month. No matter how big or small your layout is, it may inspire another Hobbyist. Even a four by six HO layout can be a real treat for a non-model railroader. Advertisement for your open house could be as simple as a few signs tacked up on the local power pole or in the local school, library, or Hobby Shop. Or if you would prefer greater control over your Open House, why not invite a few neighbors over, or perhaps, the local youth group, such as a local Boy Scout Troop.

If you don't have a layout, why not organize a trip to one of the many Club Open Houses of Train Shows that will be available during the month. Or perhaps, just take a few non-railroad friends to one of the layouts or shows. Or maybe you could offer a Beginners Clinic at one of the local Hobby Shop's or Library's. Perhaps you could set up your own model railroading display at the local library, school or Town Hall. Many Libraries and Schools are receptive to the idea, in fact, many local Libraries usually have display space for various hobbies, clubs groups etc. You say you have two copies of the same book in your railroad library. Why not donate the spare copy to your local Library for National Model Railroading Month. The possibilities are endless.

The Hobby will only continue to grow if we attract new members and increase public awareness. November is our opportunity to do this. Make sure you do your part. And, in honor of National Model Railroading Month, lets all try to bring at least one new member to the next Division Meet.

(Incidentally, The Division Superintendent has available reproducible copies of various handouts for beginners from Kalmbach, Atlas and the NMRA. If you would like some to hand-out at your local Hobby Shop, library, or whatever, please contact the Division Super, and I will be glad to send some out to you.)

SEPTEMBER DIVISION MEET REPORT

On Saturday, September 18, 1993, the Philadelphia Division conducted our biggest meet to date. Almost 50 division members met at the West Chester, Church of the Nazarene for what was quite possibly, our most ambitious and comprehensive Meet program. Those participating had over 13 tables of model railroad equipment available for purchase and 6 door prizes where given out including 2 gift certificates donated from Brandywine Hobbies.

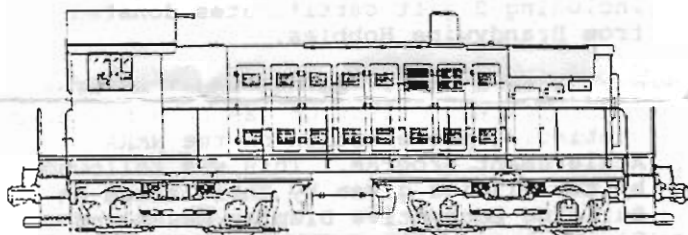
A total of five individual clinics were offered. First up was Dave Messer's continuing presentation on the NMRA Achievement Program. This was followed by two clinics given by Chris Yocum on Building Locomotive Display Cases and Diesel Locomotive Weathering. This was followed by our own Chief Clerk, Mike Hazzard's slide clinic on the History and Geography of Philadelphia area railroads, which traced the development of the Philadelphia Area Railroads, paying particular attention to the way the various railroads crossed the Schylkill River to access the city. The meet concluded with a slide presentation on the New Hope & Ivyland Railroad by Bill Lambert.

Steve Salotti was the winner in the popular vote structure contest. Also available for viewing at the meet was the Division's video tape on the New Hope and Ivyland Fantrip.

Following the meet, those in attendance were treated to five layouts available for viewing. These included some of the best home layouts in the Philadelphia Division, including Paul Backenstoe's PRR Pittsburg Division layout, Jack & John Chester's club sized, Pittsburg, Cleveland & Buffalo, Bob Davis's PRR Blue Mountain Division, Jim Pond's, Jersey Pacific Railroad, and Bill Katchel's Pennsylvania & New Haven Railroad. John Van Scoyk's outdoor railroad was also scheduled to be open, but had to be cancelled due to the weather.

All in all, it was an excellent meet. Many thanks to those who participated, especially those who gave clinics and the members who allowed us the opportunity to see their home layouts.

In this issue, as in almost every issue, you will find a "Meet Announcement", in addition to the article on the upcoming Meet. The Meet Announcement is usually printed on the last page with nothing on the back except your mailing label. Why not take this Meet Announcement to your local Hobby Shop and/or Club Room and post it for all to see. Our Meets are always open to everybody, and we like to get the word out about our Meets. The more people that attend keep dues down and attract more dealers. So take the flyer along on your next Club night or your next trip to the Hobby Shop and help us get the word out.



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT

The September meet was perhaps one of our best meets ever. Many thanks to all of those who attended and contributed to it's success.

The officers and I are pleased to announce the upcoming Fall Meet. We are pleased because this represents our first annual meet. It was the first Saturday in November, 1992, that the current officers put on our first meet as a group. Since that time, we have been quite pleased with the progress of the Division. Thank you for bearing with us and supporting us. 1994 is shaping up to be an even more ambitious year with your continued support. So why not join us in November and help us celebrate.

This will be the last time that the word "NEWSLETTER" will adorn the masthead. We have received a few suggestions for a name, and the winner will receive his door prize at the November Meet. Look for the new name in February.

In the last issue of the Newsletter, we alluded to a special Convention Wrap-up in this issue. Well, I only received two formal written reflections on the Convention. I did talk to alot of division members, and everybody agreed that it was an excellent event, but the less said about it, the better. Time to move on, I guess.

In the last issue, we also indicated that we would have more details on HO Modular Railroading in this issue. Well, the details are still not worked out. However, it appears that our March Meet may involve some type of Modular feature. Watch for more details in the next issue of whatever this publication may be called.

Finally, I would like to talk a little bit about membership and dues. Those of you who are also members of the Mid-East Region and/or the National by now, have probably heard that membership in the Region now also requires membership in National. This was decided at the Region's August board meeting. However, number one, this was not extended to Divisions, thankfully, and number two, the officers of this Division have no intention, now, or in the future of requiring membership in the National or Regional organization as a requirement of Division membership. Although the officers, and over half of the division are members of the Region and the National, and we recommend and strongly encourage membership in both the Mid-East Region and the NMRA, division membership is not contingent on membership in the NMRA. It should be noted, however, that if you are interested in participating in the Achievement Program, membership in the National is required. Just wanted everyone one to be aware of this before the rumors started to fly.

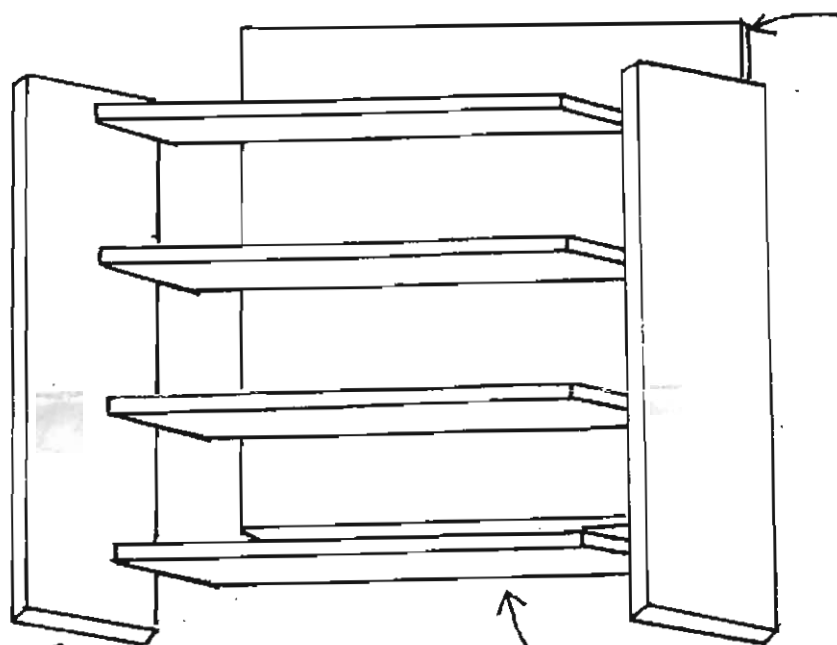
Hope to see you in November. Happy Railroading.

John A. Nawn
Division Superintendent



by: Chris Yocum

QUICK, INEXPENSIVE DISPLAY SHELVES



Backing can be any $\frac{1}{4}$ " to $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick material - plywood and masonite are naturals.

Uprights should be the height of your backing piece.

The length of the shelves is the width of the backing piece minus the thickness of the two uprights.

Prime and finish paint all materials prior to assembly. It is much easier to have the shelves and the backing different colors if you prepaint.

Be sure your backing piece is square. As long as it is, all the shelves and uprights can be mass cut to standard measurements.

The key to easy shelves is lattice - available at lumber yards and building supply centers in a variety of widths. Choose your width depending on the scale of the models to be displayed.

Plan the distance between shelves based on the size of the models to be displayed. Leave enough room to get your fingers in there, but too much space between shelves is wasteful.

Attach uprights and shelves to backing with glue and short brads. I have built some units with almost no brads - the glue will give sufficient strength.

Attach completed unit to the wall by driving screws right through the backing.

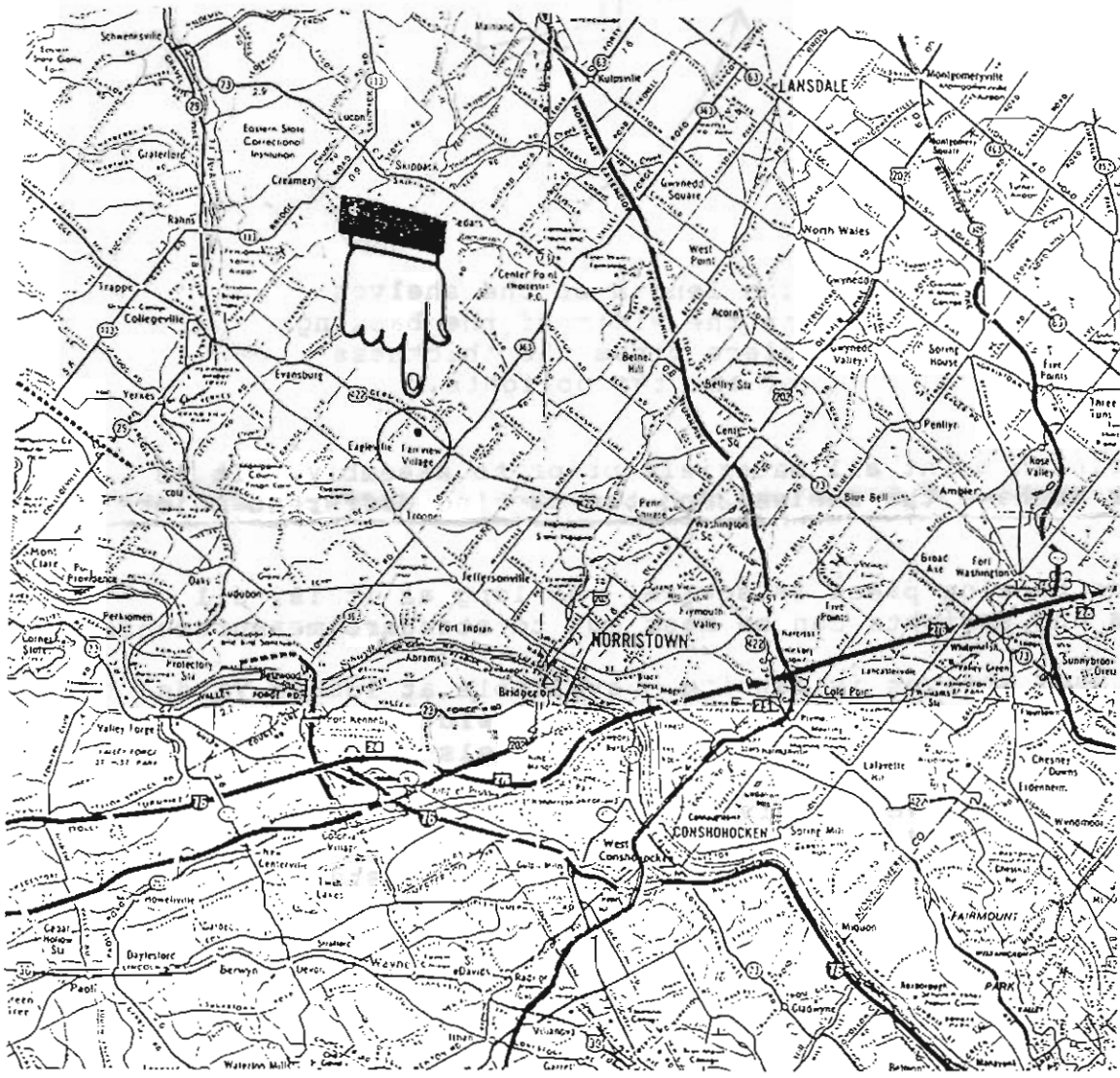
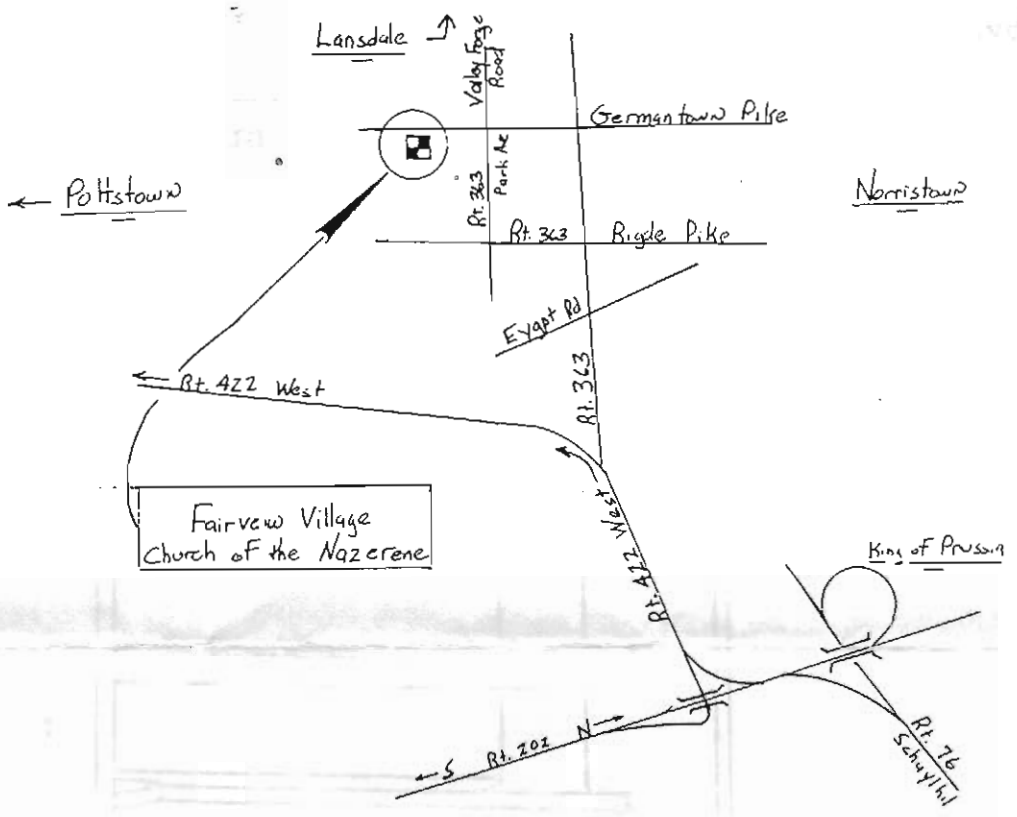
DIVISION MEET

SATURDAY

NOVEMBER 6

1993

9:30 AM



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TRAIN MEET

SATURDAY

NOV. 6, 1993

FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, CHURCH OF THE NAZERENE
3044 GERMANTOWN PIKE

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FAIRVIEW VILLAGE, PA

9:30 AM TO 1:30 PM

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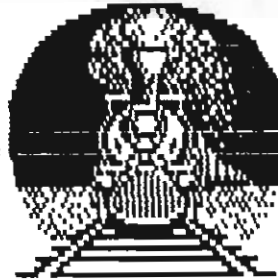
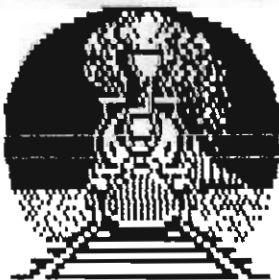
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- *DOOR PRIZES*
- *FLEA MARKET TABLES*
- *FOOD*
- *LAYOUT TOURS*

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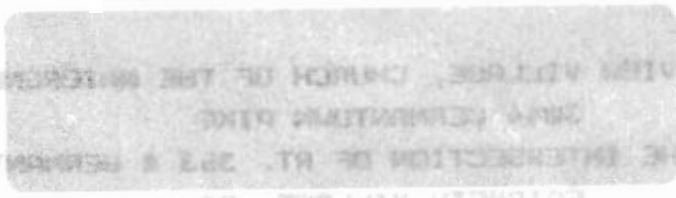
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FRIARVILL VILLAGE, PA
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DIVISION MEET
SEPTEMBER 18, 1993

TIMETABLE

- 9:30 AM Registration, Flea Market Tables, Contest Entries, Contest Voting, Introductions, Remarks.
- 10:00 AM CLINIC: "The NMRA Achievement Program" ...the continuing series.
by: Dave Messer, MMR, Division AP Coordinator
- 10:30 AM CLINIC: "Diesel Locomotive Weathering and Building Diesel Locomotive Display Cases."
by: Chris Yocum
- 11:15 AM **Door Prizes** and Industrial Structure Contest Award.
- 11:30 AM CLINIC: "History & Geography of Philadelphia Area Railroads."
by: Mike Hazzard, Chief Clerk, Phila. Division
- 12:15 PM SLIDE PROGRAM: "The New Hope & Ivyland Railroad, and the Division Fan Trip."
by: Bill & Eileen Lambert
- 12:45 PM Closing Remarks and New Hope & Ivyland Fan Trip Video Showing.
- 1:00 PM **HOME LAYOUT TOURS BEGIN**
- Be sure to pick up a copy of the tour map.
- **Bill Katchel's** Layout will close at 5:00 PM
all others will be open until 6:00 PM.
- 1:30 PM Meet Closes.
* Be sure to visit the Flea Market Tables during the Meet and before leaving.
* Be sure to thank our Layout Hosts for allowing us the opportunity to visit their layouts.
* Be sure to stop by at Brandywine Hobbies during your Layout tours and thank them for the donation of the door prizes.

NEXT MEET
Saturday, November 6, 1993, Fairview Village, PA

Thanks for coming, have a safe trip home !