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Division Cosponsors the Great American Train Show on January 6 & 7, 1996

The Philadelphia Division will be a cosponsor for the Great American Train Show's (GATS) scale train show on January 6 and 7, 1996, at the Fort Washington Expo Center. GATS puts on over 100 scale train shows per year, mainly in the West and Midwest. This is their first entry into the Philadelphia

market, and the Division is very excited about the opportunity to cosponsor such an event. Let's do our part to make the show a success, and hopefully, an annual event.

At the show, the Division will be staffing a table to offer information about the Division and sign up new

members. The Division HO Module Team will also be present showcasing their award-winning modules. Additionally, the Division will have its 20'-long timed switching module available so the general public can try their hands at switching and car spotting.

As a benefit for cosponsoring this event, enclosed you will find show flyers. Everyone who brings a flyer to the show will receive a *free* gift. Take the extra flyer and bring a friend or family member. Additionally, for each flyer that comes through the door, the Division will receive 10% (\$.50) of the admission fee. This is a great opportunity for the Division. If you need extra flyers for your club, please contact the Superintendent, John Nawn, at (610) 461-8644 and we will get them right out to you.

We also have *free* passes for 30 lucky Division members. If you are interested in visiting the show for free, the only thing we ask is that you volunteer one to two hours of your time at the Division table or switching layout on either Saturday or Sunday to receive your pass good for both days. If you're interested, you must pre-register with the Superintendent prior to the show. Passes will be mailed out to the volunteers.

Start the new year off right, and come out to the show.

Register Now for Brandywine Junction '97

On November 7, 8, and 9, 1997, the Philadelphia Division will be hosting the Fall '97 Mid-Eastern Region Convention in Chadds Ford, PA. This will be an outstanding model railroading event featuring over 40 clinics, 45 layout tours, fan trips, prototype tours, family and non-rail tours, judged NMRA contests, a train show, and more. The convention will bring together over 300 model railroaders from throughout the Mid-Eastern Region. More information about the Convention will be forthcoming throughout the year and a slide presentation will be made at our September meet.

As a benefit to Division members, the Convention Committee is making available an exclusive discounted early registration program to Division members. The "Brandywine Club" represents

over a 20% savings off the regular convention fees. However, you must act quickly, for "Club" membership closes after the first 100 registrants or on May 3, 1996. Use the enclosed form and send in your registration today.

From the Superintendent

BY JOHN NAWN,
DIVISION SUPERINTENDENT

As we look forward to the new year, it was our pleasure to share this fine hobby of model railroading with everyone this past year. On behalf of the Division officers I would like to wish all members a happy and safe holiday season and an exciting and promising new year.

Timetable

DIVISION EVENTS

Great American Train Show. January 6-7, 1996. Fort Washington Expo Center, Fort Washington PA. Cosponsored by the Philadelphia Division. Featuring the HO Module Team, the Division switching layout, a Division membership table and car sales, and free gifts for attending Division members.

Philadelphia Division Spring Meet. March 23, 1996. St. Alban's Church, Newtown Square PA. Featuring clinics, contests, home layout tours, and the St. Alban's Railroad.

Philadelphia Division Family Meet. May 18, 1996 (tentative). Northern Delaware location. Featuring clinics, layout tours, shopping at the Christiana Mall, and the Wilmington & Western Railroad.

Philadelphia Division Train Show and Sale. September 21, 1996 (tentative). Upper Darby PA. Featuring 100 dealer tables, operating layouts, "Kids' Corner," clinics, and door prizes.

Philadelphia Division Fall Meet. November 2, 1996. Fairview Village

PA. Featuring clinics, contests, and home layout tours.

MODULE TEAM EVENTS

Greenberg's Show. December 9-10. Fort Washington Expo Center, Fort Washington PA.

Great American Train Show. See above.

Philadelphia Hobby Show. March 30-April 1, 1996. Fort Washington Expo Center, Fort Washington PA.

NMRA & MER CONVENTIONS

Joint MER-MCR Spring Convention. April 25-28, 1996. Pittsburgh PA. Contact Loren McCullough, 159 Donora Rd., Monongahela PA 15063; (412) 379-8596.

NMRA 1996 National Convention. July 15-23, 1996. Long Beach CA. Contact Bill and Irene Mergard, 5210 Carmelynn St., Torrance CA 90503; (310) 371-1955.

The Timetable column is open at no charge to anyone planning a model railroad- or railroad-related event. Submissions should be labeled "Timetable," and must include the name, address, and telephone number of the person making the submission.

All Aboard!

Welcome, new members:

Ed Fiss, Radnor; Steven Lomax, Philadelphia; Bernard O. Wilkerson, Philadelphia; Frank Wurtz, Norristown; Walter B. Curll, Norristown; Dennis Taylor, Philadelphia; Charles T. Stimson, West Chester; Scott Pearce, West Chester; Paul Smalser, Phoenixville; Patrick Wright, Morrisville; Jim Witte, Phoenixville; Donald Renner, King of Prussia; Joseph Tenaglia Jr., Wildwood Crest NJ; Mario Tenaglia, Wildwood Crest NJ; and Vincent Tenaglia, Rosemont.

Last Run

The Division regrets to note the passing of member W. B. Estep, Jr., of New Castle, Delaware, in December of last year.

Filmsies

BY NATHAN ASHBY-KUHLMAN

I'd like to briefly explain the shortness of this *Dispatcher*. The purpose of this special issue was to publicize the Great American Train Show, and to keep costs down, the Superintendent prohibited a longer publication. The normal length will return in March.

When doing your "holiday shopping," remember to patronize the area hobby shops which are offering discounts on model railroading purchases to members of the Philadelphia Division:

Ardmore Hobbies, Ardmore
Iron Horse Hobby Shop, Reading
Mitchell's Family Store, Delaware
Brandywine Hobbies, West Chester
J.C. Musser Hobbies, Reading
Nicholas Smith Trains, Broomall

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Next issue: March 1996. Due out mid-February. Deadline: February 1.

Membership: \$3.00 per year. Neither NMRA nor MER membership is required, although recommended. Address all membership applications, renewals, address changes, etc. to the Clerk. If the date in the upper-right corner of your mailing label is highlighted, your membership will expire soon. Please pay at the next meet or mail payment to the Clerk.

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