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The Philadelphia Division is pleased to announce that we will be conducting a meet on Saturday, September 21st at the Fairview Village Church of the Nazarene, located at 3060 Germantown Pike in Fairview Village, PA. For directions to the church, please see the map located elsewhere in this issue of The Dispatcher. The doors will open at 9:00 AM, with the scheduled events beginning at approximately 9:45.

As of press time the final clinic schedule has not been decided, but the board is working to bring you an interesting and varied program. If you would like to give a clinic at this or any future meets please contact one of the board members and they will be glad to sign you up.

Our popular vote contest for this meet will be maintenance of way cars. We will also be having our usual door prize drawings and raffle. If you have items you would like to donate for use at future meets, please bring them to the meet and give them to the clerk.

Coffee and donuts will be available for a small donation, and there are numerous fast food establishments in the area for your lunch selection.

After the morning activities there will be a break for lunch, with layout tours for your enjoyment during the afternoon. If you have a layout you would like to include on the tours, please contact the Editor as soon as possible. We have some scheduled, but are always looking for new ones to add to our list.

New Board of Directors Elected

The Philadelphia Division is pleased to announce that a new Board of Directors has been elected at the May meet in Newtown Square. The Board, made up of 7 division members, took office immediately following the meet. While a busy summer schedule has prevented a meeting of the entire group, work has started on getting organized and planning out the future of the Division. Please give these gentlemen your full support. It takes all the members working together to keep the Division moving in a positive direction. For a list of the members, please see page 2 of this issue. We will provide contact information in a future issue of The Dispatcher.

Cherry Hill Depot

Have you made your plans yet to attend Cherry Hill Depot? Our neighbors, the New Jersey Division are hard at work putting the final touches on what promises to be an exciting weekend of model railroad activity. The dates for this convention are October 4, 5 & 6, with the location being Cherry Hill, New Jersey.

Among the many activities planned are:

- Cape May Seashore Lines
- Homasote Plant tour
- Operations Callboard
- Great Pumpkin clinic
- Rail clinics
- Contests
- Door Prize room

The list could go on, but you get the idea.

If you have never attended a Mid Eastern Region convention in the past, here is your opportunity to experience one right out your back door. For more information, please see the Local, or contact them at:

Cherry Hill Depot
PO Box 9012
Collingswood NJ 08108

With this long, hot summer finally drawing to a close, it's time to start thinking about your inside activities. Do your plans for this fall include any time for model railroading?

How about giving some time to the Division? With a National convention in the early planning stages, surely there is something you can do to help make things go smoothly. An activity like this requires a tremendous amount of manpower.

How about giving a clinic? There must be something in the hobby you can talk about. The list could go on and on. But you've all heard it said before, now what are you going to do about it? In order to keep the Division moving in a positive direction, the Board needs all of you to be involved. Even with a seven-member board there is a limit to the number of topics we can come up with. Remember that you don't have to be a great orator. If the topic interests you, then you can talk about it. At our last meet, we did a series of mini clinics as each contest entrant described how they had built their particular craftsman kit. All seemed to have a good time, and there were interesting techniques to be learned from each.

With November only a couple months away, have you started thinking about how you are going to promote model railroading this year? My schedule does not allow me to do much this year (you know, the "Honey-do" list (hope my wife doesn't read this)), but I'm still going to try to find ways to promote. How about letting us see your railroad? It doesn't matter how big it is. Most people don't have room for the giant layouts. Seeing how someone has

conquered the space issue to create their own empire may inspire a guest to stop dreaming and start building. There must be layouts we haven't seen yet or recently that would be a treat for other division members to see.

By now, you get the idea. In this great hobby of ours there are many ways you can get involved and be a motivator to someone else. Let's keep the Philadelphia Division moving and growing.

On a slightly different note, you will notice that as of this date, the Division does not have a Superintendent. Due to busy summer schedules the Board has not had time to meet to complete the election process. Some of the offices have been filled, so the Division is functioning and we will be having our regular meet schedule. As these issues are resolved and positions filled, I will keep you up to date through these pages. If you have any questions or would like to offer to help in any way, you can contact any of the Board members. They are:

Ray Bilodeau
 Jim Dalberg
 Dick Foley
 Dick Landt
 Dave Messer
 Tim Palmer
 Steve Salotti

A future issue of the Dispatcher will contain a brief statement from each member (take notice guys). I hope you will get behind them and help to keep the Philadelphia Division growing. This is a great time to be in model railroading, so let's all get out there and spread the word.

Happy Railroading
 Steve Salotti

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Membership: \$5.00 per year. 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. Make checks payable to "Philadelphia Division, NMRA."

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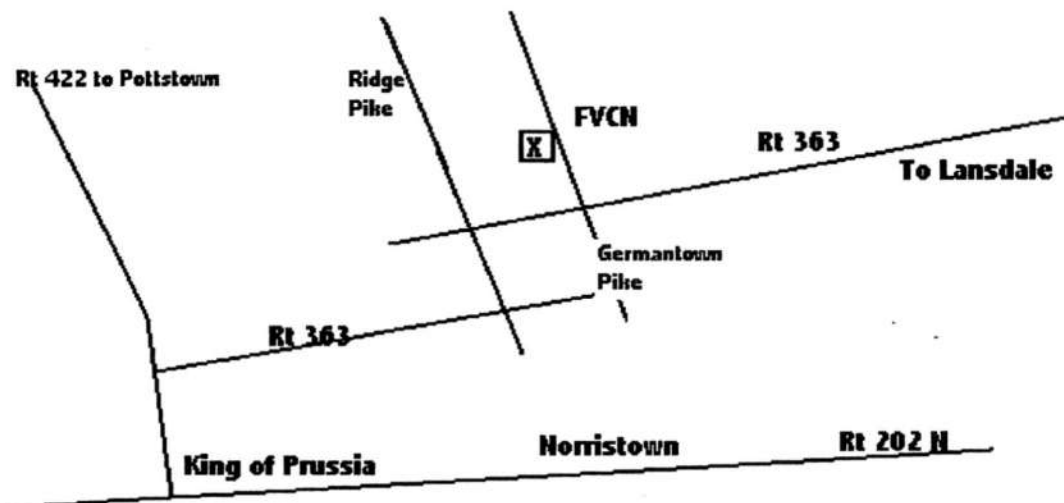
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November Meet Directions



Schedules

The Philadelphia division is pleased to offer the following activity dates for your planning. If you have an item you would like included, please contact the editor. They will be included on a first come, first served space available basis.

See a 50' by 60' HO & Hon3 Scale view of '50s railroading in the Northeastern United States. Many museum quality buildings and trains will be on display and operating. Located in Fort Washington, PA and open the following dates: December 6th from 7-9 PM, December 7th & 8th from 12-4 PM. January 4th, 5th, 18th and 19th from 12-4 PM, and January 17th from 7-9 PM. GATSME Lines open house in the basement of the New Horizons Montessori School, Prospect and Madison Avenues, 12 Noon to 4 PM. Admission by donation. For info: Ed Wilson or Paul Bryant at 215-646-22033 on Thursday evenings. GATSME is a non profit organization.

Pennsylvania, Elkins Park, Cheltenham Model Railroad Club. Open house, November 30th and December 1st, 7th & 8th, and January 4th & 5th. Snow date January 11th & 12th. 8000 Old York Road, Elkins Park, PA. 12 noon to 4 P.M. Admission donations accepted. For more information; Bruce Binder, 7430

Bingham Street, Philadelphia, PA 19111, 215-722-4542 or 215-635-9747

Philadelphia Division events:

September 21st: Fairview Village Church of the Nazarene, see details elsewhere in this issue.

November: Joint meet with the Susquehanna Division. Date and location to be announced.

January 17 & 18: Joint meet with the New Jersey Division, Haddon Twp. Details to follow.

New Jersey Division NMRA events.

September - No Meet

October 4-6, 2002 - MER Convention, Cherry Hill

November 16, 2002 - Atlantic City

January 17-18, 2003 - Haddon Twp. (Cherry Hill area)

March 15, 2003 - Trenton

May 17, 2003 - Toms River

Discounts for Division Members at Local Hobby Shops

Be sure to patronize the area's hobby shops that are now offering discounts on model railroading purchases to members of the Philadelphia Division.

Kenwood Model Hobbies

Various train shows throughout the division
10% discount
Call (610) 532 2253 for details

Iron Horse Hobby Shop

60 S. 6th St. in Reading
10% discount with \$10 min purchase

Nick Logothetis

(Abracadata)
2 Buck Run
Thornton, PA 19373
(610) 399 3469

Mitchell's Family Store

2119 Concord Pike (202) in Wilmington DE
10% discount on train department items

Herb's Hobbies and Crafts

200 W. State St. in Doylestown
\$25 of free merchandise for every \$250 spent

Nicholas Smith Trains

2343 West Chester Pike (3) in Bromall
10% discount (excludes O & G items)

Lin's Junction at Henning Scale Models

128 South Line St.
Lansdale, PA 194446
5% in addition to already discounted prices

Bussinger Trains

Old Ambler Station, Ambler
10-12% off retail

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