



# THE PHILADELPHIA DISPATCHER

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The Philadelphia Division is pleased to announce that they will be holding their next meeting on Saturday, November 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting will be held at the Brandywine Town Center Community Building, which is located north of Wilmington Delaware just south of the Pennsylvania State line. For directions see page 7 of this issue of The Dispatcher.

The doors for the meeting will open at 9:00 AM, with the meeting scheduled to begin at 9:30. Our speakers for this meeting are presenting an interesting variety of topics for your entertainment and education and may include YOU! Read on.

Our first clinic for this meet will be by division member Karl Seifert. Karl does DCC decoder installations, and he will be sharing a number of tips and the tricks he uses to get those pesky things into the small spaces often encountered in the locomotives we enjoy so much. (He will not be covering sound installations, but that may be the topic of a future discussion.)

For our second clinic, we will be doing our popular "Show and Tell" program again, with the emphasis on assembling and weathering resin car kits. We did this a number of years ago and it

was very well received. Here is your opportunity to get 15 minutes or so of fame. Bring some of the resin cars you have built over the years and tell us about the steps you took to achieve such fantastic results. Did you learn new skills, develop unique techniques, and learn what not to do? We want to hear about it. So often others have learned something the hard way, and if we take the time to listen, we can save ourselves a lot of grief. We are particularly interested in learning how you weathered the model after it was done. No real freight or passenger cars stay clean for long.

As you may have guessed, our contest for this meet will be Resin Cars. It was wonderful to see so many cabooses at our last meet, so let's see if we can keep the momentum going. I know a lot of resin kits are sold, but how many of them are actually built? Here's your chance to finish that model you've been working on and put it on display for others to see and admire.

Also returning this meet will be Door Prizes! We have a number of items donated, and these aren't the kinds of things no one really wants. We will also be doing our popular 50/50 again. Here's a chance for you to get a

little cash to spend at one of the hobby shops listed on the mailing page of this and every issue of The Dispatcher. Please be sure to thank these dealers for their support of the Division.

After the meeting, you are invited to take a number of the layout tours listed in the November Open House list. Please bring your copy, as we will not be able to provide them. If you do not have a copy, stop at any of the hobby shops listed and they should have them available.

See you in November!

## Election Results

At the September meet, the following were elected to serve as board members, and at the board meeting they were elected to fill the positions as indicated.

Dick Foley	Superintendent
Jim Dalberg	Assist. Superintendent
Dick Landt	Treasurer
Steve Salotti	Clerk
Rich Newmiller	Board member
Dave Messer	Board member
Val Pistilli	Web-master

Steve Salotti was also re-appointed as Dispatcher Editor (sorry). Please see page 3 for some important news about the Division.

Once again the calendar has moved much too quickly around to November, which as we all should know by now is National Model Railroad Month. Across the country and throughout our area clubs, individuals and other organizations are holding functions to promote the hobby of model railroading. Have you made plans to do likewise?

The November open house list is out in hobby shops and other locations throughout the region. I hope you've gotten your copy and plan to do a little visiting this year. I noticed the list is a little shorter this year than last, and in at least one or two instances, I know it is so the owner can have a little more time to get ready for next years convention. I can't believe its less than ten months away! If you haven't thrown your hat into the ring yet, there is a volunteer form on page 8 of this issue. It is mind boggling to think of how many people it takes to make a convention a success. We need you to get involved now. Please cut out or photocopy the form and send it to Bill Palmer, our volunteer coordinator.

Also included in this issue is an unabashed advertisement for our up-coming Railroad Prototype Modelers meet. We held this just under two years ago, and are having our second one in March of 2006. Attendance went beyond our wildest expectations, and from the feedback we received it was judged a resounding success. And you don't have to be a "rivet counter" to benefit from an RPM meet. The clinics planned cover the spectrum of modeling topics and you are sure to find something that will improve your modeling skills. Set aside March 24, 25, & 26 now and plan to join us at the

Desmond Great Valley Hotel & Conference Center. The facilities are fantastic, and the clinics will be among the finest you can find anywhere. For hotel information see page 6 of this issue.

I am happy to notice that attendance at the division meets seems to be on the upswing. With all the demands placed on our time today it's great to see so many out. What can we do to continue that trend? We are constantly looking for new clinics, and want to hear from you about what you want to see us do. The recent survey was very helpful to give the board ideas of topics to be discussed, and we are using that list to develop the schedule for the next year. Please keep the comments coming, and if you have a clinic you would like to give, then please speak up, we will find a place for you!

And to the one of you that expressed disappointment that my layout wasn't open last meet, sorry, but I just couldn't find time to finish up enough projects. But GOOD NEWS, the railroad is back in operation! We held the first session in almost 6 months last week, and the railroad performed very well for being dormant for so long. If you would like to see it before next September, I am on the November open house list. The dates I'm open are November 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and 20<sup>th</sup>. So if you're in the area on those dates, feel free to stop by. And don't be afraid to bring the children, the trains are only toys, and I'm always glad to put a throttle in their hands and let 'em run a while. So far no fatalities and only a broken coupler or two.

Happy Railroading,

Steve

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## From the Superintendent

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Division members,

I've recently taken over as the superintendent from Jim Dalberg. Jim's done a great job during the last several years, as is shown in the steadily increasing attendance at the division meets. When you see him at the next meet, make sure that you thank him for a job well done!

Our next division meet will be November 12th, at the same venue we used last year in Delaware. The board has decided to try to use the same locations for the meets as we have for the past year. The New Jersey division has been doing this for a number of years, and it works well. Speaking of November, we all know that it's model railroad month (why haven't the card companies caught on to this?) and with the layout brochure that Bruce Friedman puts out, it's a great time to see layouts in the region. One thing that Bruce has done is to schedule layouts that are open during the week, not just on the weekends. For a weekend visit, it's a good opportunity to

take the kids, or if they're gone, take the wife. I've done this several times on a Sunday, after we've seen several layouts, we stop for dinner.

As you all know. We have a national convention coming to Philadelphia next July. The committee has done a good job with planning a number of good tours and clinics. What are needed now are volunteers to make it happen. The committee is working with the national to try to help volunteers with transportation and parking costs. But please sign up. There are lots of jobs, both inside, and as tour guides. As time goes on and we are not getting enough volunteers, I'm going to start to whine a lot in this column, and I don't think anyone wants to see that happen, so volunteer!

Dick Foley

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## Important Membership Renewal/Subscription changes

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Well, it's official. At the September meet the membership unanimously approved the new Bylaws. These will take effect on January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2006. All NMRA members within the 5 county Philadelphia area are automatically members of the Division. Recognizing that the Division will still have expenses, we can charge fees to cover them. At its October meeting the board voted to charge a \$7.00 per year subscription fee for the Dispatcher. You may download an electronic copy for free by going to the GATSME web site and following the links to the Division and newsletter. We also will begin to charge \$2.00 per meet entrance fee at the door.

The Editor

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## Important Subscription Information!

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It is once again time for all division members to check their subscription date. If your label shows 2005 or earlier, you need to renew your subscription by the end of 2005 in order to continue receiving The Philadelphia Dispatcher by mail. We will not be sending renewal notices, but will include a subscription form in the last two issues of the Dispatcher for the current year. Please mail the form to the Clerk, or bring it to any division meet to renew. We hope all members will renew early in order to continue receiving their newsletter. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any board member. It is also important to note that due to the cost of printing and postage, the Division can no longer afford to carry those members who do not renew promptly. Your name will be moved to an inactive list.

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## Subscription Renewal Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
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Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail: \_\_\_\_\_

NMRA #: \_\_\_\_\_ MER #: \_\_\_\_\_ Div. #: \_\_\_\_\_

Subscription: \$7.00 per year. Please mail to the Clerk or bring to the next meeting:

## **RPM Meet**

# **Railroad Prototype Modelers Valley Forge**

Sponsored by Philadelphia Division, MER, NMRA

**March 24-26, 2006**

at the

**Desmond Great Valley Hotel & Conference Center  
Malvern, PA**

- **Clinics**
- **Model Displays**
- **Vendors' Room**
- **Home Layout Tour (Sunday)**

**FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION AND UPDATES**

**[www.phillynmra.org](http://www.phillynmra.org)**

OR

Paul Backenstose  
103 West Uwchlan Avenue  
Downingtown PA 19335  
*(Please include an SSAE for a reply)*  
prrpaul@aol.com or (610) 269-2763

**INTERESTED IN PRESENTING A CLINIC?**

Jim Dalberg  
610-648-0089 or jedalberg@aol.com

**VENDOR INFORMATION**

Bud Kaiser  
856-428-6898 or budkaiser@comcast.net



## TIMETABLE

### Friday March 24

- 4 p.m. Early registration – Desmond lobby
- 6 p.m. Registration open
- Vendors Room and Models Display Room open **FOR SETUP**
- 7 p.m. Clinics begin, Vendors Room and Models Display Room open
- 11 p.m. Clinics end, Vendors Room and Models Display Room closed

### Saturday March 25

- 8:30 a.m. Registration open
- 9 a.m. Clinics begin, Vendors Room and Models Display Room open
- 5:30-7 p.m. Buffet dinner (see description below), Vendors Room and Models Display Room closed
- 7 p.m. Clinics resume, Vendors Room and Models Display Room open
- 10 p.m. Vendors Room and Models Display Room closed

### Sunday March 26

- 9 a.m. Registration open
- Clinics begin, Vendors Room and Models Display Room open
- 10:30 a.m. last Clinics begin
- 12:00 Vendors Room closed ---teardown
- Models Display Room closed ---**ALL MODELS MUST BE PICKED UP BY NOON**
- 12:30 p.m.- 4 p.m. Home Layouts open
- Maps will be provided at the registration desk
- You must wear your RPM-Valley Forge name badge to visit these layouts**

## VENDORS INFORMATION

Tables are 2 ft. X 5 ft. (please note size)  
\$10 per table-indicate number desired on registration form  
Vendors must pay registration fee.

## DINNER

On Saturday, a dinner (not a banquet) will be held. There will be no speeches or awards. The dinner will be buffet style, with a cash bar available. The cost is \$30. Only 60 tickets are available.

## HOTEL

The Desmond Geat Valley Hotel & Conference Center  
One Liberty Boulevard  
Malvern, PA 19355

Hotel phone: (610) 296-9800

Reservations: 1-800-575-1776 between 8:30 a.m. and 6 pm., Monday thru Friday

NOTE: The Desmond is sold out this weekend. We have a block of rooms set aside for RPM. You MUST tell the reservations clerk you are with Railroad Prototype Modelers. E mail reservations are not available.

Room rate is \$99 per night plus tax

**You must mention Railroad Prototype Modelers to receive this rate.**

### Hotel directions:

From Route 202 Northbound: Take the Great Valley/ Route 29 North exit. Turn right at the traffic light, then right at the first traffic light onto Route 29 North. At the second traffic light, turn right onto Liberty Boulevard. The Desmond is on your left.

From Route 202 Southbound: Take the Great Valley/Route 29 North exit. At the end of the ramp, proceed through the traffic light onto Liberty Boulevard. The Desmond is on your right

From the Pennsylvania Turnpike, east or westbound: Take Exit 24, Valley Forge. After the toll booth, take Route 202 South, West Chester. Follow the above directions.

## REGISTRATION

- Registration cost is **\$35**
- Make check payable to: Phila. Div., NMRA - RPM
- Mail check to: Paul Backenstose  
103 W. Uwchlan Ave.  
Downingtown, PA 19335

You will receive a confirmation by e mail (preferred) or U. S. Mail.

**NOTICE: The last day to mail registrations is March 15.**

Walk in registrations will be available Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

**REGISTRATION FORM**  
**Railroad Prototype Modelers-Valley Forge**  
**March 24-26, 2006**

Please print

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

E Mail: \_\_\_\_\_ (print neatly, please!)

Registration \$35

Vendors tables # \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 = \_\_\_\_\_

Dinner \$30 \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ \_\_\_\_\_

MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO: Phila. Div., NMRA - RPM

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office use, do not fill in

rec'd \_\_\_\_\_ reg. no. \_\_\_\_\_ ck. # \_\_\_\_\_ conf. sent \_\_\_\_\_

## Independence Junction 2006 Volunteer Survey Form

Independence Junction 2006 needs a large group of volunteers to perform a host of functions in preparation for, and during the convention. Please indicate on the form below what you can bring to this effort. Thanks for your willingness to participate to make IJ2006 the best ever.

### Administrative Functions

- Registration/Information \_\_\_\_\_
- Publications \_\_\_\_\_
- Door Prizes \_\_\_\_\_
- Publicity \_\_\_\_\_

### Outside Activities

- Layout Tour Guides \_\_\_\_\_
- Prototype Tour Guides \_\_\_\_\_
- Railfan Tour Guides \_\_\_\_\_
- Tour Departure Mgr. \_\_\_\_\_

### Inside Activities

- Clinics Staff \_\_\_\_\_
- Non-Rail Activities \_\_\_\_\_
- Auction Staff \_\_\_\_\_

To assist us in assigning volunteers, please indicate your previous convention (National, Division, Region) experience, as well as professional skills (computer literacy, word processing, administrative, etc).

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Send to:  
William Palmer, Volunteer Coordinator  
818 George Street  
Norristown, PA 19401



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## Weathering Flat Car Decks

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The following is another piece from the Weathering chat group. It is based on Tichy's excellent instructions.

The most obvious feature of a flatcar is the wood decking and as such deserves careful painting. Creating "wood" from a plastic part sounds formidable, but actually breaks down to several simple steps. As usual, there are several options - one, simple; paint the entire car body color, then apply washes and dry-brushing to the deck to indicate use. However, most prototype decks are not painted, but are pressure treated creosote or left natural. Here again are several options. Wood weathers to a "silvery grey black", often with raw wood gouges from load shifting. Many modelers, however, prefer a more "woody" color. Our recommendation is half way between - grayish-brown. And here's how to get it - Plan to paint the deck first, then mask off for the body color, usually freight car red, or black. Allow plenty of time for each coat to dry, or at least until no odor can be detected. Although we do not normally recommend a specific product, in this case, the technique works simply and effectively, so we will. Many of you will no doubt have perfected a system for wood, so if it's different by all means use yours.

### Materials:

FLOQUIL (do no use Polly S)

R-84 Foundation (or R-81 Earth)

R-70 Roof Brown

R-12 Reefer Grey (optional)

Dio-Sol Thinner

TAMIYA hobby acrylic paint

X-1 Black

X-20A Acrylic thinner

Medium #0 or #1 brush

Piece of 120-150 grit NoFil or wet/dry sandpaper

#0000 steel wool

1) Mask side sills, over stake pockets, to prevent a buildup of overspray onto side sills. NOTE: When mixing Floquil for spraying on plastic use less thinner than normal, and spray a little "dryer", to prevent crazing the plastic. (I had no problems) Test each mix on a scrap piece of sprue to make sure. Also, perform each operation that follows on scrap to check your technique. When you're finished, the sprue will look like telephone poles!

2) Spray a light even coat of Foundation (or earth) over the entire deck. LET DRY THOROUGHLY. This is the most important step, and success depends on this coat being truly dry.

3) Fold a small 1/2" square of coarse sandpaper to form a cutting edge. Lightly sand or "grain" each board in a random pattern, just breaking thru the Foundation into the grey plastic. Don't over do it - leave about 75% of the painted surface untouched. This will add traps for the washes at a later stage.

4) Using Roof Brown/DioSol wash, grayed a little with the Reefer Grey if desired, streak the individual boards in a random pattern. This is a semi-transparent wash, not "wood grain". Start light; you can always darken it later. Also, do one board, skip 5 or 6, do another, and so on to end of deck. Then vary your mix and technique and fill in some more boards, then complete with even another mix. The result should be an overall "family" of color, but made up of individual boards. They should be darker in the areas you sanded, but you should also see the Foundation color through the brown. Don't forget the board ends!

5) When the brown has dried, again lightly sand thru brown to the foundation, and a little grey plastic. Try to leave most of the brown intact. Hint: if the Foundation was dry, you only have to wait about 15 minutes for the brow to set up. But as always, TEST!

6) Using Tamiya Color Acrylic and thinner, apply several thin washes to entire deck. Don't get it too dark, but do try to get it into the grooves and areas that were sanded. Acrylic dries very quickly, so work fast. Remember to test first on your sprue scrap!

7) When dry, lightly steel wool the surface to even out the finish and add subtle graining. The final result is a "brown" (or grey-brown) deck, somewhat transparent, with the Foundation undercoat providing a background. The black washes have collected in the grooves and details, as well as the areas that have been sanded, completing the effect of wood grain. When the deck is finished and completely dry, mask off and spray the body color.

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## 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.

<b>Kenwood Model Hobbies</b>	<b>Herb's Hobbies and Crafts</b>
8436 Perry Hwy, Rt. 19 Pgh., PA 15237-5228	200 W. State St. in Doylestown
10% discount (412)-364-2913	\$25 of free merchandise for every \$250 spent
<b>Iron Horse Hobby Shop</b>	<b>Nicholas Smith Trains</b>
60 S. 6 <sup>th</sup> St. in Reading	2343 West Chester Pike (3) in Bromall
10% discount with \$10 min purchase	10% discount (excludes O & G items)
<b>Jenkintown Train &amp; Hobby</b>	<b>Lin's Junction</b>
Greenwood Ave & Leedom St Jenkintown, PA 19046	128 South Line St. Lansdale, PA 194446
10% in addition to discounted prices	5% in addition to already discounted prices
<b>Mitchell's Family Store</b>	<b>Bussinger Trains</b>
2119 Concord Pike (202) in Wilmington DE	Old Ambler Station, Ambler
10% discount on train department items	10-12% off retail

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## November Meet Directions

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Getting to the meet location is actually quite easy. Curiously, describing how to get there is a little harder. But, here goes . . . . .

The **Brandywine Town Center** is a large shopping complex located on an “ell”-shaped piece of property near the intersection of the Concord Pike (U.S. 202) and Naamans Road (Del 92). You may remember this as the former site of a race track. One leg of the “ell” joins the Concord Pike. The other leg joins Naamans Road. The complex includes the Regal Cinema, Lowe’s, Michael’s Arts & Crafts, Target, and many other stores. The main structure is surrounded by a maze-like parking lot which, in turn, is surrounded by a road which circles the perimeter.

The Center’s **Community Building** (our meet location) is separate structure with a prominent central atrium. It is located next to a large decorative fountain, on the south side of the complex near the Naamans Road entrance.

**From Concord Pike (U.S. 202) going south** – a fraction of a mile south of the PA/DE state line, turn left into the Brandywine Town Center (the marker is the sign for Lowe’s and Target, among others). Follow the perimeter road in either direction until you see the Community Building (near the decorative fountain).

**From I-95 going south** – at the state line, there is a three-way split – I-95, I-295, and Naamans Road (Del 92). Stay to the extreme right, and take the exit to Naamans Road. ~~At the top~~ At the top of the ramp, turn right (west) on to Naamans Road. After a little over four miles, turn right into the Brandywine Town Center (it is opposite Shipley Road, which comes in from the left only). Turn right on to the perimeter road, and then left into the parking lot near the Community Building (which is near the decorative fountain).

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## Schedules

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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.

**Philadelphia Division Meet**, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup>. Brandywine Town Center Community Building (just off 202 right below PA/DE line) Clinics, contest, layout tours. Details elsewhere in this issue of The Dispatcher.

**MER Fall Convention**. October 27 - 30, 2005  
Rails to Raleigh, Raleigh, NC  
Layout tours, clinics, contests, modular layouts and more. See the MER Local for more information.

**Joint Philadelphia & New Jersey Division Meet**.  
January 20 & 21, 2005 Haddon Twp. area. Clinics 9 – 12 Saturday, layout tours Friday night and Saturday afternoon. Contest: Steam Locomotive

**GATSME**. 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 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup> & 18<sup>th</sup>, 2005. January 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, & 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2006. 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 at 215-646-2033 on Thursday evenings. GATSME is a non profit organization.

### **Cheltenham Model RR Club Open House**

November 26 & 27, 2005, January 7 & 8, and 14 & 15, 2006 (Snow dates: Jan. 21 & 22) 12:00 noon till 4:00 PM  
8000 Old York Road (at railroad bridge)  
Adjacent to Elkins Park Square, Elkins Park, PA 19027  
Call: 215-635-9747 for Information  
No admission cost, donations gratefully accepted.

### **February 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> Timonium Train Show**

Great Scale Model Train Show  
Timonium, MD

**Del Mar Va Model Club** Eighteenth annual holiday open house, December 3 & 4 2005, January 7, 8, 14 & 15, 2006. Hours are 11 AM to 5 PM on Saturdays and 12 noon to 5 PM on Sundays. The club is located at 103 E. State Street, Camelot Hall, second floor in Delmar, DE. Large permanent display with N, HO, O-scale and O tinplate, G gauge plus N-Track. For information, in MD (410) 742 9325, or DE (302) 856 9250.

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## Department of Corrections

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From time to time we all have mental lapses. Unfortunately, on occasion they are very visible, and on this day, this one is VERY visible. In the last issue of the Dispatcher I inadvertently omitted the directions page. The page was prepared and saved, just not included. Trying to cram 11 pages of material into 10 pages of space, and it just doesn't work. I am very sorry for the omission, and hope the enclosed page is helpful.

Now that I have your attention, let me take this moment to encourage you to attend this meet. In addition to two very interesting clinics, there are 33 layouts open in the Delaware Valley on this date, so there are sure to be some that will be of interest to you. We will not have tour lists available at the meet, but they are available at hobby shops throughout the area, or you can download a copy from the author's homepage at: <http://www.chessiesystem.com>. Follow the link to the open house schedule. Bruce does an outstanding job on this list every year.

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