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The Philadelphia Division would like to welcome all NMRA and MER members living within our boundaries to our most unusual meet to date. On Friday night April 13th and Saturday afternoon on the 14th we are scheduling **Model Railroad Open Houses** in various areas of the Division. You are invited to come to any of the open layouts and encouraged to bring guests. There will be no regular meeting with clinics this weekend, just the opportunity to see some of the finest layouts in the Philadelphia area. If you are participating in a Philadelphia Division activity for the first time, please identify yourself as such to the host.

Some of the layouts to be included are Rich Newmiller MMR's never before opened layout,

Dave Messer MMR's PRR based layout, and Steve Salotti's New York, Susquehanna & Western. There are many more to be open, but the list was not complete at press time. To access the list of layouts and directions, please visit the Philadelphia Division Website at www.phillynmra.org. The final list will be available soon. If you do not have access to the internet please send a Stamped Self Addressed Envelop to the Editor at the following address:

Steve Salotti
46 Meadow Road
Collegeville, PA 19426

In order to ensure mailed copies arriving on time, all requests must be received by Friday April 6th.

Philadelphia Division Steamtown trip!

Mark your calendars now! On Saturday, September 15th the Philadelphia Division is sponsoring a trip to the Steamtown National Historic site. This all day bus trip will depart from Fairview Village Church of the Nazarene (our normal September meet location) located at 3060 Germantown Pike in Fairview Village, PA. The bus will depart at 7:00 AM and return at approximately 5:00 PM. Why so early you may ask? At 9:30 they bring the locomotive out of the roundhouse onto the turntable and we want to be there to see it! This trip was one of the first to sell out at Independence Junction '06, and we expect it to sell out quickly. As a bonus, on the ride to the museum site we will be raffling off a cab ride in the locomotive! The cost for the trip is \$40.00 per person, and includes transportation and admission to the museum. Watch future issues of the Dispatcher for more information.

Schedules

Philadelphia Division Meet April 13 & 14

Layout tours in various locations.

See Division web site at:

www.phillynmra.org for more information

Philadelphia Division Meet

Saturday, June 9th Saint Alban's Church, Newtown Square. Clinics, contest, layout tours.

More details next issue.

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Do you need to renew? If the date on your mailing label is highlighted, please renew promptly. Thank you for renewing promptly.

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

8436 Perry Hwy, Rt. 19
Pgh., PA 15237-5228
10% discount
(412)-364-2913

Iron Horse Hobby Shop

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

Jenkintown Train & Hobby

Greenwood Ave & Leedom St
Jenkintown, PA 19046

10% in addition to discounted prices

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

128 South Line St.
Lansdale, PA 194446

5% in addition to already discounted prices

Bussinger Trains

Old Ambler Station, Ambler
10-12% off retail

Last Chance for Hercules Powder Cars

This may be your last chance to get a Hercules Powder car. We have sent notices to Model Railroader, Railroad Model Craftsman, and Scale Rails to make these cars available nation wide. With less than 100 left we do not expect them to last long. If you have not gotten yours yet I suggest you act quickly. Send your request to:

Philadelphia Division Cars
308 Walnut Street
North Wales, PA 19454-3323

Please make sure to mention in your correspondence that you want the Hercules car, since Val also handles sales for the GATSME club (<http://www.gatsme.org>).

The cars are \$15.00 each for one and \$14.00 each for two or more. They will also be available at future meets as long as the supply lasts. Please include \$5.00 shipping and handling.

