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SPRING MEETINGS

March – Sunday, March 11, 2012, 2 to 5 pm. Brian Wolf's HO scale Western Maryland Railway.- Blue Ridge Division. Brian's layout occupies a 20x45-foot area and is designed to replicate actual Western Maryland operating practices in 1970 between Hagerstown and York PA. The layout utilizes staging areas to represent Baltimore in the east and Cumberland/Cherry Run on the west end.

Clinic: To be determined.

April – Sunday, April 15, 2012, 2 to 5 pm. John King's HO Baltimore & Ohio Shenandoah Division. John's layout was featured in *Model Railroad Planning 2005*. John's layout is focused on the industries and operations of the B&O at Winchester VA and looks like and operates like the prototype. John also created a dispatchers office with period décor and appropriate vintage telegraph and telephone equipment.

Clinic: TBD

May – Sunday, May 20, 2012, 2 to 5 pm Art Selby's O scale Blue Ridge Midland. Art has a 25x35-foot multi-level layout in its own building next to his house. The Blue Ridge Midland was designed by John Armstrong and features mainline and branch line operations in a Cumberland Valley setting.

Clinic: TBD

2012 – 2013 ELECTIONS

We will be electing officers for the South Mountain Division in April. Therefore, nominations need to be made at the March meeting. To be an officer you must be a member of the NMRA in good standing and reside in the SMD area. Contact Mike Shockey or Bob Proctor if you're interested.

SMD SPRING OPERATOR'S TRIP

by Don Florwick

We had such a good time operating on Dave Baker's HO, Cumberland & Lake Erie RR last spring we contacted Dave to see if he could have us back again this year. We were in luck and our operating date is set for Saturday, May 19th.



What we are doing:

Saturday, May 19, 2012, From 1 to 5 PM, having an operating session on David Baker's HO freelanded Cumberland & Lake Erie Railroad. David models the Laurel Division between Johnstown and Cumberland and two branch lines as it might have been in 1957. This NCE controlled HO layout uses Time Table & Train Order for its operating scheme and traffic is generated by car cards and waybills. We are limited to 10 visiting operators because of space in the layout room. Dave and a few assistants will be on hand to dispatch the railroad and to help in the classification yards.

Last year we met for lunch in Johnstown before the session and the crew stopped at Ed's Steakhouse in Bedford, PA for dinner on the way home.



Dave is located about 51 miles NW from Breezewood, PA. That takes about an hour and ten minutes to travel that portion of the trip. Dave's address is 118 Laurilis Lane, Johnstown, PA if you would like to map quest his location.

Sign up is first come first served. You can e-mail Don Florwick at DJFlorwick@comcast.net or call him at 717-352-8759 to get on the list. So check your calendar and let Don know if you would like to join us.

KALMBACH'S MODEL TRAIN INDEX

Kalmbach has a Model Train Magazine Index on the Internet. So, if you can remember an article you want to read again, you can find it on this index.

To get to Kalmbach's Model Train Index, start with www.trains.com. At the bottom center of the page under "Resources" is a link to "Magazine Index." Click on that, and you can start searching after you establish an account.

THE SMD ON THE WESTERN MARYLAND SCENIC RAILROAD

By Pete Clarke

Join the SMD this summer on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad.

When - Saturday, June 2nd.

Where – The Western Maryland Scenic Railroad
13 Canal Street
Cumberland, MD 21502

What – A great train ride!

Who – SMD members and their families or friends.

How much – SMD will pay for the train ticket for you and one guest if you hosted a meeting or gave a clinic at a division meeting Since August 2011 or worked on the November SMD “Mini-Con”.

If you did not do any of the above but are a member, the SMD will pay for you, but not a guest. The cost for a coach ticket for those not covered by the SMD is \$33.00 for adults, \$31.00 for those over 59 years old, \$16.00 for children under 13 years old. Note that those prices include the pre-order discount we’ll get by ordering early. On-site ticket prices are higher. If we get enough reservations by May 20th, we can also qualify for a group discount.

What’s the plan? Drive there on your own or in a car pool. It’s about an hour’s drive from Hagerstown. At 11:00 am we’ll meet on the station platform for the 11:30 train departure. Lunch is available in Frostburg (the train’s destination) at the station, you can walk into town and eat at any restaurant, you can “brown bag” it and bring your own lunch. The cost of lunch is not covered by SMD.

Although the SMD will pay for only one or two of your tickets, the officers hope that you’ll bring your whole family. Bring some friends as well! This is on a first come, first served basis and the SMD will

limit its maximum cost to \$550.00. Depending on the age of those who sign up, the first 17 who sign up for all the event will be covered. So, sign up now!

What you must do to participate – We must order tickets in advance. SMD will pay for 1 or 2 people in your party, but we will purchase all tickets as one block

So, complete the attached registration form and get it to Richard Lind. Give Richard the total count, even those not to be paid for by the SMD. Since we’ll be purchasing tickets in advance, you’ll have to give Richard money for any additional tickets.

Refund policy –SMD will refund whatever the WMSR refunds. If we qualify for a group rate, SMD will refund the difference

We will place our order the day after the May 20th SMD meeting, so please sign up (and pay, as applicable) by the May meeting. Don’t wait to the last moment. Do it now or risk missing it. You don’t want to miss this. The train is pulled by a 2-8-0 loco and it has to work hard going up to Frostburg. Then you’ll have the rare chance to watch from above as a steam locomotive is spun on a turntable. Bring your camera and video recorder!

The Western Maryland Scenic Railroad’s website is www.wmsr.com

Start setting up those car pools now.

HENRY MOEHRING PASSES

Henry Moehring of Chambersburg passed away February 21st. He was 83 and an NMRA member since 1960. Services will be held at 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 28th at the Menno Haven Chapel, 2075 Scotland Avenue, Chambersburg PA 17201. Memorial donations may be made to the Menno Haven Benevolence Fund, c/o Menno Haven, Inc. 2011 Scotland Ave, Chambersburg PA 17201. Check should be marked for the Benevolence Fund.

FROM THE DESK OF THE SUPER

It seems hard to believe that it is time for the spring Wheel Report since we haven't had winter yet. But we have reached the time when the SMD winds down its 'active' season. Many of you will be taking time away from your railroads to take care of summer duties. Myself, I tend to do more work in the summer than winter. I have recently decided to dismantle most of my existing layout and work on a new plan. I will be retaining Hillyard and the Hillyard industrial district, but will rebuild the rest as a double decked layout with the current yard as the mid point between the two decks. I will be documenting the destruction and reconstruction for an article that may make its way into a future Wheel Report.

With the March meeting we will be taking nominations for officers. My time is up and I feel I have not been able to put in the time needed to run the SMD. Between new job and work schedule and other personal reasons, I have had to focus my time in other directions. So, if you are interested in running for a position in the SMD, please feel free to contact me. The vote will be at the April meeting. I would like to thank everyone who has helped pull in the slack for me.

We will be visiting Brian Wolfe's Western Maryland layout for the March meeting. Brian is located directly across from Mainline Hobbies, so head up early and stop by the shop before the meeting. Also remember that SMD members receive a 10% discount at Mainline Hobbies, so that makes it worth stopping in. Then in April we will be visiting John King's B&O Shenandoah sub. John will also do a presentation on the line he is modeling. We will finish up 2011/2012 at Art Selby's for the May meeting.

I hope to see most of you at these meetings.
-mike

CLASSES, OPEN HOUSES AND TRAIN SHOWS

February 26, 2012. Cumberland Valley Model RR Club toy, doll and train show. Scotland Community Center, Main Street, Scotland PA. 9am to 2 pm. Directions: Take Exit 20 from I-81. Go north on PA 997. Turn left at M&T Bank. Community Center is on the right. Watch for show sign. .
www.cvmrrc.com/events.htm

March 10, 2012. Winchester Model Railroad Club show and sale at the Friendship Fire Company meeting hall at 627 North Pleasant Valley Road, and open house at 430 North Cameron Street. The open house is from 9 am to 2 pm and is free. Admission for adults at the train show and sale is \$3.00. See www.wmrrc.org for info.

March 17, 2012. 25th Annual Harrisburg Railroad Show and Collector's Market. I. W. Abel Union Hall, 200 Gibson Street, Steelton PA 17113. 9 am to 3 pm. \$5 donation at the door. See <http://harrisburgnrhs.org/>

March 22-25, 2012. Railroad Prototype Modelers Valley Forge. Desmond Great Valley Hotel and Conference Center, 1 Liberty Boulevard, Malvern PA. Forty-five clinics on prototype models and operations, model displays, Sunday home layout tours, operating sessions, and vendors' room. Registration \$35. The meet will be from 5:30 PM on Friday through noon on Sunday, with a operating sessions on Thursday evening and Friday from 10 until 2. Layout tours on Sunday. Call Desmond Great Valley Hotel and Conference Center at 800-575-1776 and mention "Prototype Modelers Meet" to reserve a room at a rate of \$109 plus tax. For more information and registration form, go to <http://www.phillynmra.org/RPMMeet.html> .

March 25, 2012. Cumberland Valley Model Railroad Club open house, 440 Nelson Street, Chambersburg PA 17201. Noon – 5 pm. For more info, see <http://www.cvmrrc.com/>

April 7, 2012. Bunker Hill Train Club Show, Ranson Civic Center, 431 West 2nd Avenue, Ranson WV 25438. For more info, see www.bunkerhilltrainclub.org .

April 14-15, 2012. Great Scale Model Train Show, Maryland State Fair Grounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium MD 21093 www.gsmts.com

April 26-29, 2012. High-Line to Pittsburgh 2012. Mid-Central Region NMRA Convention, hosted by the Keystone Division at the Double Tree by Hilton at Greentree PA, across the road from P&WV's Rook Yard. For more info, see <http://www.highlinetopittsburgh.org/> . If you're interested in steel making, check out Tour 4: Rivers of Steel Heritage Area. They are now giving hard-hat tours of the Carrie Furnaces in Rankin.

June 23-24, 2012. Great Scale Model Train Show, Maryland State Fair Grounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium MD 21093 www.gsmts.com

June 24, 2012. Cumberland Valley Model Railroad Club open house, 440 Nelson Stret, Chambersburg PA 17201. Noon – 5 PM. For more info, see <http://www.cvmrrc.com/>

July 29-August 4, 2012. Grand Rails 2012. The NMRA's Annual Convention, Grand Rapids MI. For more info, see <http://www.gr2012.org/> .

August 3-5, 2012. National Train Show, Devos Place Convention Center, 303 Monroe Avenue NW, Grand Rapids MI 49502-2233. see <http://www.nationaltrainshow.org/2012/grandrapids.html>

July 29, 2012. Cumberland Valley Model RR Club train show. Scotland Community Center, Main Street, Scotland PA. 9am to 2 pm. Directions: Take Exit 20 from I-81. Go north on PA 997. Turn left at M&T Bank. Community Center is on the right. Watch for show sign. . www.cvmrrc.com/events.htm

October 18-21, 2012. Milepost 40. Mid-Eastern Region NMRA Convention hosted by the Tidewater Division at the Hilton Garden Inn in Suffolk VA. For info, see <http://mer.nmra.org/MERConv/MERConv.html>

TRAIN RIDES

March 10, 2012. Start of Sat. Sun Weekend service on the Strasburg Railroad, 301 Gap Rd Ronks, PA 17572 <http://www.strasburgrailroad.com> for info.

March 24, 2012 start of daily service on the Strasburg Railroad, 301 Gap Rd Ronks, PA 17572. <http://www.strasburgrailroad.com> for info

Strasburg Railroad Wine and Cheese Trains, 301 Gap Rd Ronks, PA 17572. Saturdays at 6 pm starting April 14, 2012. For schedule, see <http://www.strasburgrailroad.com/wine-and-cheese.php>

May 5, 2012. Operating season begins for the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad. See <http://www.wmsr.com/static.php?page=84>

May 5, 2012 Opening Saturday. Walkersville Southern Railroad, Walkersville MD. See <http://www.wsrr.org/schedule.htm> for schedule.

Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad. See their schedule at <http://www.potomaceagle.info/trips.php>

East Broad Top Railroad, Rockhill Furnace (Orbisonia) PA. See their schedule at <http://www.ebtrr.com/events.html>

June 9 and 10, 2012. The Locomotive Esperience. Operate a GP-30 on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad. See <http://www.wmsr.com/static.php?page=84>

June 16-24, 2012. Day Out with Thomas. Strasburg Railroad, East Strasburg PA. <http://www.strasburgrailroad.com> for info.

TRAIN RIDES, continued

July 5, 12, 19, and 26, 2012. Senior Days. Seniors ride half price on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad. See

<http://www.wmsr.com/static.php?page=84>

August 2, 9, 16, 23, and 30,, 2012. Senior Days. Seniors ride half price on the Western Maryland Scenic Railroad. See

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Central Pacific switch stand on the Niles Canyon Railway



Registration form for June 2, 2012 Western Maryland Scenic Railroad event.

Print your name (First and last. Be sure it's legible) _____

Print your address Street _____

City _____

State _____

Zip _____

Print your phone number (_____) _____ - _____

Print your email address _____

Total number in my party _____

Train ride:

# in my party aged 0 – 12	_____	X	\$ 16.00 =	_____
# in my party aged 13 – 59	_____	X	\$ 33.00 =	_____
# in my party aged over 59	_____	X	\$ 31.00 =	_____

Total train ride cost = \$ _____

Check if applicable:

I qualify for the 2-person SMD discount. If so, reduce the total by the two most expensive tickets selected.

I qualify for the 1-person SMD discount. If so, reduce the total by the one most expensive ticket selected.

My final cost is \$ _____

Write a check to the South Mountain Division for that amount and send it and this completed form to:

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Ex-B&O/W&W caboose in Clear Spring (VA) Park owned by Winchester Chapter NRHS