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# Fall 2015



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# SOUTH MOUNTAIN DIVISION ELECTIONS FOR 2015-2016

The annual SMD election of officers was held at our March 8<sup>th</sup> meeting. The following were elected:

Superintendent – Paul Rausch Clerk – Jim Fisher Paymaster – Ray Price

Bill Wilson agreed to serve as Assistant Super.

#### **FALL MEETINGS**

<u>September</u> – Sunday, September 13th, 2 to 5 pm. Quincy Village Model Railroad Club, 6596 Orphanage Road, Quincy PA. See attached story by Cliff Rau. For a virtual tour of their HO layout, see http://www.quincyvillage.org/page/9249-model-railroad-club

<u>Clinic:</u> A Quincy Village member will give a clinic on backdrop painting or milk train operations..

<u>October</u> – Sunday, October 11, 2015, 2 to 5 pm. Andrew Dodge's 1:48 fine-scale Colorado Midland in Olney MD.

November – Sunday, November 8, 2015, 2 to 5 pm. David Moltrup's HO scale Beaver Falls & Shenango Railroad and steel mill.

Clinic: Dave will talk about his model railroad.

# **FUTURE SMD MEETINGS**

December 13th – Dave Sweeney, Frederick

January 10th – John Madden, Mt Airy MD

February 21<sup>st</sup> – Roy Hoffman, Orrstown PA

March 13<sup>th</sup> – Rich Nemchik, Hagerstown

April 16<sup>th</sup> – Mini-con at Blue Ridge Summit

May 15<sup>th</sup> – Paul Rausch, Fayetteville PA

No meetings in June, July and August, 2016.

# QUINCY VILLAGE MODEL RAILROAD CLUB

by Clifton Rau

The Quincy Village Model Railroad Club (known familiarly as the QVMRC) formed in the spring of 2003. We started with a modest 9X11 foot HO gauge display located in a small corner space outside the Quincy Village Wood Shop. At that time, we had about 15 members with only 2 having had any previous train modeling history. Currently, we have a membership of 25, including 12 ladies who identify themselves as the ladies contingent of OVMRC or the "Caboose Club". In 2007, we were given 2 rooms in a single story old school house on the campus of the Quincy Village Retirement Community. Today, we occupy 4 rooms in the same building with total room square footage of about 2500 square feet. The displays include G, Std, O, S, HO, and N gauges. Most of the displays have been designed to run without interruption and operator attention.

The largest room holds an HO gauge display with two main levels connected through a 15 inch high helix. This display is the only display designed for operational sessions. We have not yet had time to utilize the operational features of this display as we are still in the development stage. Yes, we still are building after 8 years!

Our current project is an HO gauge display which will, we hope, include an airport which will fly a model of a Boeing 737 through a cloud bank. Unfortunately, the earliest this can become complete will be in early 2016, but progress is visable.

#### FROM THE SUPER'S DESK

Welcome Back! I trust all of you had a wonderful summer. Like everyone else, I was completing all my 'honey do's,painting/staining the deck,

landscaping and enjoying the family. One new great granddaughter and another one on the way. Also working in the basement, every chance I got. Two hidden staging yards were created, wired and turnout machines installed and wired. Currently running the main buss for the DCC unit. I forgot how boring it was to drop and solder feeder wires.

We have a great schedule planned for the year. A several new layouts are on the schedule and a couple that we have visited before, but not for a couple of years. In September we will visit the Quincy Home layout which features several scales in different rooms and Master Model Railroader Andrew Dodge has agreed to host the October Meeting. It would be worth the cost of your dues to see this layout. In November we will visit Dave Moltrup and see his amazing Steel themed layout.

I hope to see a lot of you participating, we have so much more planned to make this year better than last.

Don't forget about the fall convention in New Jersey. <u>WWW.delawarevalleyturn.org</u>

Happy Model Railroading.

Paul

#### STEAM INTO HISTORY

On June 7th, eight of us met for a picnic in a park on Main Street in New Freedom PA. Then we rode Steam Into History to the historic Hanover Junction Depot. Abraham Lincoln changed trains at this depot on his way to give the Gettysburg Address. We rode in the combine, close to the entertainment performing in the baggage end. Attending were Mike Reed, Stephanie Boss, Paul and Linda Rausch, Rich and Lynn Nemchik, Dave Sweeney and Richard Lind. Stephanie Boss organized the trip

# MAINLINE HOBBY PRESENTS: THE ANNUAL SMD SPRING MINI-CONVENTION

by Pete Clarke, photos by Tom Fedor



Bottom center: Ken Mazer builds turnouts. Crossing the center: attendees are building "make-and-take" kits. At the far wall: The Western Maryland Railroad Historical Society modular layout.

On Saturday, April 18, 2015 the South Mountain Division together with Mainline Hobby Supply hosted their third annual spring mini-convention. As has been true in the past, there was no cost to attend this event and all were welcome to attend.

Most conventions feature clinics in separate rooms



Bill Reynolds - Casting walls



David Moltrup - Easy truck weathering



Andrew Dodge - Scratch built 1:48 Colorado Midland Locomotive

# **MINI-CON, Continued**



Paul Rausch - Building a Walthers car float kit



Ron Polimeni - Rejuvenate flea market finds and Timesaver layout



Ken Mazer – Hand laying turnouts using Fast Tracks jigs



Jeff Adams - Locomotive tune up

and require that you select which to attend and therefore which you will not attend. Our mini-cons are different. Our clinicians sit at tables in one large room and speak on their topic. Attendees are free to roam from one to another and stay as long as they like. Questions are encouraged. Many speakers bring supplies to allow attendees to try their hand at the topic.

# **MINI-CON, Continued**



Sam Powell - Building models out of cardstock.



Brian Greenawalt running a "make and take" clinic



"Make and take" Cape Fear wood structure built, painted and weathered at the Mini-Con.

This year we had the following speakers and topics at our informal clinics:

Jane Clarke – NMRA Achievement Program Richard Lind - Building a model Dotti Caldwell - Structure painting Frank Benenati - DCC wiring made easy Harvey Heyser - Layout design Jeff Grove - Building Craftsman kits, as well as those shown in the photos

Brian Greenawalt and Jane Clarke led a make-andtake clinic featuring models from DPM (donated by Mainline Hobby Supply) and Cape Fear Company House kits (donated by Carolina Craftsman Kits -Jeff Grove)

# **MINI-CON, Continued**



The Dead Rail Society's 1:48 radio-controlled narrow gauge modular layout.

We had three modular groups set up and running trains:

The Western Maryland Railroad Historical Society The Dead Rail Society The Bricktown Model Railroad club

Several vendors had items for sale:

Jeff Grove displayed his Carolina Craftsman Kits
Larry Nyce had Railroadiana for sale
Bob Van Zant, Lee Scott, and Bob Meier had
various model railroad items for sale.



Cumberland Valley Model Railroad Club's display.

To remind folks that just because you don't have space for a layout at home does not mean that you can't have a model railroad, we had members of the following clubs on site:

Frederick County Society of Model Engineers
Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum at
Antietam Station
Winchester Model Railroad club
Northern Virginia Model Railroaders



Bob Johnson presenting "Believable Scenarios for Free-lance Model Railroads"



Andrey Dobson demonstrating the flexibility of thin extruded polystyrene insulation board.

#### **MINI-CON, Continued**

The informal clinics closed down at 1:00 PM and we switched to a more formal clinic format featuring the following speakers and topics:

Bob Johnson on Believable Scenarios for Freelance Model Railroads

Craig and Andrey Dobson on Modeling Rocks Using Exruded Polystyrene Foam Insulation Board

Bob Clegg on the upcoming Mid-East Region fall convention - MER Delaware Valley Turn convention October 22-25 2015 In Mount Laurel, New Jersey. For more information, see http://www.delawarevalleyturn.org/

Randy Anderson spoke and showed photos of the Western MD Railroad in the 1970's

Pizza, soda, snacks and baked goods (donated by SMD members) were available so no one went hungry.

Thanks to Brian Wolfe and Mainline Hobby Supply for renting the hall, thereby allowing this to be a free event, and lots of other help as well. Go shop there.

The first year we were really happy that we drew over 100 folks to this event. The second year we were ecstatic that over 150 folks came. This year over 200 attended this event.

We intend to hold a 4<sup>th</sup> annual "Mainline Hobby presents: The annual SMD Spring Mini-Convention" most likely in mid-April of 2016. Check the SMD web site for updates. If you would like to give a talk at that event, if you would like to be a vendor, or if you would like to advertise your tourist railroad or model RR club to over 200 railroad and model railroad fans – please contact Pete Clarke (ebtmx5@aol.com) who will take the lead on organizing this event.

#### 2016 MINI-CON

For three years now Brian and Bonnie Wolfe of Mainline Hobby Supply have paid to rent the hall for our mini-convention, supplied massive advertising, and given any other help we've asked for. They have offered do to it again. Go to Mainline, say thanks, and buy something.

The next mini-convention will be held on Saturday, April 16, 2016. Doors will open at 9:00 am and close at 4:00 pm.

The event will follow the proven plan of past events. The morning will include "informal" clinics, modular layouts, and a few vendors. Lunch will be available on site. The afternoon will be comprised of "formal" clinics. I have contacted several folks regarding formal clinics and hope to have some really entertaining ones.

The thing that excites me the most about this event is this: The theme and main formal clinic this year will be "You should model this railroad, and here's why." To make this happen we need you to participate. The clinic will start with a (hopefully) long line of SMD members speaking on behalf of the railroad of their choice. Because there will be so many speaking, the job for each gets easy. You only need and you will only be allowed, to speak for 5 to 7 minutes. So, you just need to collect a couple of photos (or videos) of your railroad and then write up a short list of the reasons why it is the perfect railroad to model. The list of reasons is likely to include things like how scenic it is, how unique it is, how many models of it are available, how interesting the operation on it is. I'd suggest that most photos/video be of the prototype, but some model shots would also be appropriate. You don't even have to prepare a slide show! Send those pictures or videos to me and I'll assemble all them from everyone into a single slide show. Oh, your perfect railroad to model does not have to be a real, existing railroad. Those wishing to speak out for freelance and proto-freelance are encouraged to join in the fun.

## 2016 MINI-CON, Continued

Once that portion is done, those that are willing will join in a "round table" discussion. Bob Johnson has agreed to be the moderator. He'll have a couple of questions which he'll let you know in advance so you can have well-thought-out replies. To make sure it stays lively he'll likely have a surprise question or two as well. We'll also encourage the panel members to ask each other questions and we'll encourage the audience to ask questions as well.

This should be great fun!

So reserve the date (Saturday, April 16, 2016) and contact me (Pete Clarke) to reserve your place in our discussion group.

More info will follow in future issue, and, yes, I will be looking for folks to give informal clinics in the morning. Why not contact me now and sign up for that as well?

Thanks,
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## **OPERATIONS AND OPERATORS**

by Richard Lind

Many of our regular meetings are hosted by people who have built large, fine layouts. If you ask, you will find that they all have operations and a group to operate the layout. These operating sessions are not, have never been and probably never will be SMD functions. They seem to be closed groups, unless you have the temerity to ask to be included as an alternate.

Long ago, Dick McEvoy's operating group morphed into a loosely organized group that meets on Friday nights, if there is a layout open for operation. This group operates in a traditional manner, where the layout owner personally controls what trains run

and when. The group has no officers, no dues and no rules, except participants RVSP the layout owner when they choose to attend. If you're interested in getting into operations, this is a place to start

Some members of the Friday night group became interested in timetable/train order (TT/TO) operations on model railroads, and were nurtured by convention clinics and labs, trips to operate Steve King's layout in Germantown MD and Dave Baker's layout in Johnstown PA, and Don Florwick's decision to convert his layout to TT/TO for the 2014 MER Convention. Don's operators have become a pool of experienced TT/TO operators that fill the slots on layouts that are operated with some form of TT/TO.

This year, they've had opportunities to operate on interesting layouts outside our immediate area. On May 9th, a crew of eleven, including Steve King, travelled to Boyds MD to operate John King's B&O Shenandoah Subdivision. On May 16th, ten travelled to Johnstown PA to operate Dave Baker's Cumberland & Lake Erie. On July 18th, Harvey Heyser arranged for a group of six to travel to Centerville VA to operate Marty McGuirk's Central Vermont. Then it was back to John King's in Boyds with a crew of thirteen on August 29th.

If you're interested in model railroad operations, there are opportunities.

# SPRING OPERATOR'S TRIP/1 SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2015

John King agreed to host a spring visit from SMD Operators on Saturday, May 9, 2015. John and his Railroad are located in Boyds, Maryland. The session was from 9 to 3.

Attending were Don Florwick, who organized the event, Mike Shockey, Ron Polimeni, Alex Polimeni, Jim Fisher, Bill Reynolds, Dave Thalman, Ray Price, Jason Weibel, Steve King and Richard Lind.

# **OPS TRIP/1, Continued**

John's HO Scale B&O Shenandoah Branch models the B&O Shenandoah Branch as closely as practicable from Brunswick MD to Strasburg VA in 1957. John uses NCE DCC and most of John's locomotives have sound. The operating scheme uses Time Table & Train Order and traffic is generated by Car Cards and Waybills. We are limited to 10 visiting operators because of space in the layout room.

# SPRING OPERATOR'S TRIP/2 SATURDAY, MAY 16, 2015

Dave Baker agreed to host a spring visit from SMD Operators on Saturday, May 16, 2015. Dave and his Railroad are located in Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The session was from 1 to 5 PM.

Dear South Mountain Operators,

The management of the Cumberland and Lake Erie Railroad would like to thank you for helping the railroad come alive May 16th.

That day we moved 24 trains on the C&LE, there were 6 light helper moves, and 7 trains ran on the PRR only for a total of 37 trains. This ties the record made in Aug. 2011 by Bob Prehoda's Retiree group from Westmoreland County. For comparison last year the South Mountain group moved 32 trains.

Thanks again.

David E. Baker Vice President of Operations

Attending were Bill Reynolds, Bill Wilson, Bob Meier, Harvey Heyser, Jim Fisher, Ron Polimeni, Alex Polimeni, Dave Thalman, Ray Price and Richard Lind. Don Florwick organized the event, but could not attend.

### PRESENT AN RPM CLINIC

Interested in presenting a clinic at RPM Valley Forge next spring? Contact Jim Dalberg at clinics@rpmvalleyforge.com or (610) 648-0089.

# A VISIT TO THE RENSSELAER MODEL RAILROAD SOCIETY

by Jane Clarke

Pete and I finally visited the famous layout of the Rensselaer Model Railroad Society in Troy, New York at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. We've often thought about visiting it on the way to ski in Vermont or bicycle in upstate New York. I contacted John Nehrich (<a href="mailto:nehrij@rpi.edu">nehrij@rpi.edu</a>) in July and he gave us a personalized tour.

The New England, Berkshire & Western has been in the same location since 1972 though the Society was formed in 1947. The model is set in 1950 in the local area up to the Canadian border. Although it is a model of a fictional railroad, it is based on the Rutland RR in Vermont and the Delaware & Hudson RR. The HO layout is approximately 33 x 123 feet broken into several rooms. This allows for discrete scenes and changes in season.



The city of Troy is modeled in exquisite detail. There are fire escapes on every building and you can even see where one building was removed from beside another. (Photos 1 and 2)

# RENSSELAER, Continued









Beyond Troy are the rural areas of New York and Vermont, then the Green Mountains in their fall colors. (Photos 3 and 4). It includes the iconic Burlington VT causeway and a fictional town of Chateaugay. (Photos 5 and 6) Yes, there were railroad boat ramps. (Photo 7)





The modeling is terrific, but the most amazing thing is the Society itself. There are approximately 60 student members and 60 non-student members. Only the student members have voting rights which determine the direction of the layout. In spite of the turnover that graduations cause, there are no abandoned scenes. Once a year they hold a massive operating session. About 50 people are required! Sometimes we can't recruit 7 people to operate our layout!

Visit them virtually on Facebook as "NEB&W" or at

http://railroad.union.rpi.edu/index.php?title=Rensse laer Railroad Heritage Website Better yet; go visit this wonderful model railroad!

#### **OPEN HOUSES & TRAIN SHOWS**

August 1-2, 2015. <u>Greenberg's Train and Toy Show</u>, Maryland State Fair Grounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium MD 21093 <u>www.greenbergshows.com</u>

August 22, 23, 2015. The Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania, Strasburg PA Model Railroading Day. Layouts, clinics, demonstrations and tour of the restoration area; in conjunction with the Susquehanna Division NMRA. See www.rrmuseumpa.org.

September 3-5, 2015. <u>Steel Mill Modeler's Meet</u>, presented by SMMSIG at The Ogelbay Resort and Conference Center, 465 Lodge Drive, Wheeling WV.26003 Go see some fantastic modeling. For more info, see http://www.smmsig.org/annual-steelmill-modelers-meet.html

September 6, 2015, 1 pm. Restoration Facility tour. B&O Museum. Includes train ride. \$11 with museum admission. Limited to 25 participants. See http://www.borail.org/railfest.aspx.

September 19, 2015. Cumberland Valley Model Railroad Club open house, 440 Nelson Street, Chambersburg PA 17201. 11 AM – 4 PM. For more info, see <a href="http://www.cvmrrc.com/">http://www.cvmrrc.com/</a>

September 19 & 20, 2015. <u>Mainline Hobby Supply, Inc Open House</u>, 15066 Buchanan Trail East, Blue Ridge Summit PA 17213. Saturday 9 AM till 5 PM, Sunday noon till 5 PM. Free model railroad/layout tours. See <u>www.mainlinehobby.com</u>

October 3-4, 2015, 10 am to 5 pm. <u>Brunswick</u> <u>Railroad Days</u>, Brunswick MD. MARC train rides, live music, carnival, pony rides; crafts, car, truck, motorcycle and train shows. www.brunswickmd.gov

October 3-4, 2015. B&O Railroad Museum, Civil War Steam Days Weekend. Ride behind St. Elizabeth No. 4 to visit the restoration facility and

the Mount Claire House Museum. See http://www.borail.org/railfest.aspx.

October 3, 17, 24 and 31, 2015. B&O Railroad Museum, Steamin' Saturdays. Steam train ride only. See http://www.borail.org/railfest.aspx.

October 22 -25, 2015. <u>Delaware Valley Turn.</u> Mid-Eastern Region NMRA Convention hosted jointly by the New Jersey Division at the Hotel ML at 915 Route 73, Mount Laurel, NJ 08054. For info, see <a href="http://www.delawarevalleyturn.org/">http://www.delawarevalleyturn.org/</a>

October 24-25, 2015. <u>Great Scale Model Train Show</u>, Maryland State Fair Grounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium MD 21093. Nine am to 4 pm on Saturday, 10 am to 4 pm on Sunday. See <a href="https://www.gsmts.com">www.gsmts.com</a>

November 1, 2015, 9 am to 2 pm. Waynesboro Lions Club Model Train Show, Mont Alto Volunteer Fire Dept., PA Route 997. Over 100 vendor tables, working model railroad, parts vendors. \$12 for first table, \$10 for additional tables. Contacts: Dave McCarney at dmccarney@iccci.com or Mike Toms at mike@tomsfam.com

November 1, 2015, 1 pm. Restoration Facility tour. B&O Museum. Includes train ride. \$11 with museum admission. Limited to 25 participants. See http://www.borail.org/railfest.aspx.

November 1, 2015, 9 am to 4 pm. 38<sup>th</sup> Gaithersburg Railroad & Transportation Artifacts Show & Sale, Montgomery County Fair Grounds, Gaithersburg MD (set up for dealers – Oct 30 afternoon & Nov. 1 morning). Adults \$8, children free. http://www.gserr.com/shows.htm

November 1, 2015, 9 am to 4 pm. 10<sup>th</sup> <u>Gaithersburg Model Train Show</u>, Montgomery County Fair Grounds, Gaithersburg MD. One admission charge allows entry to both shows.

## TRAIN SHOWS, continued

October 31 - November 1, 2015. <u>Greenberg's Train and Toy Show</u>, Harrisburg Mall, 3501 Paxton Street, Harrisburg PA 17111 <u>www.greenbergshows.com</u>

November 14, 2015. Winchester Model Railroad Club open house and train show. Train show in a new location: The Winchester Moose Lodge, 215 E. Cork Street, Winchester VA.

December 5-6, 2015. <u>Greenberg's Train and Toy Show</u>, Maryland State Fair Grounds, 2200 York Road, Timonium MD 21093 <u>www.greenbergshows.com</u>

#### TRAIN RIDES

Summer and fall Sundays, starting June 1st. Tour preserved Muddy Creek Forks village on the Ma & Pa: general store, roller mill and grain elevator — free. Section car rides: adults \$7, children \$5. <a href="http://www.maandparailroad.com/whatsnew.php">http://www.maandparailroad.com/whatsnew.php</a>

Steam Into History, New Freedom PA. Sept. 12-13, 17, 19-20, 23, 25-27; Oct. 3-4, 7-8, 10-11, 14-18, 21-26, 29-31; Nov. 7-8, 11, 14-15, 21, 27-28; and Saturday and Sunday in December in 2015.

<u>Cass Scenic Railroad</u>, Cass WV. Trains operate September 9-13<sup>th</sup>, then daily through October; November 1<sup>st</sup> and 7-8, 2015. <a href="http://www.cassrailroad.com/CASS\_schedule.pdf">http://www.cassrailroad.com/CASS\_schedule.pdf</a> for times and destinations.

The Cheat Mountain Salamander, Elkins WV. Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad. Nine-hour trips: daily starting Sept 10th; Tuesday through Sunday in October, except 26-2, 2015. Call 1-877 MTN.RAIL to reserve a seat. . See http://mountainrailwv.com.

The Durbin Rocket, Durbin WV. Climax powered trains operate Saturday and Sunday in September;

Daily except Tuesday in October, except 26th thru 28th. November 1, 7 and 8th, 2015. Trains depart Durbin WV at 10 am and 2:30 pm. Call for availability. Some trains sold out. 1-877-MTN-RAIL. See http://mountainrailwv.com.

<u>Lehigh Gorge Scenic Railway</u> autumn leaf excursions, Jim Thorpe PA. Steam: October 10-11<sup>th,</sup> 17-18<sup>th</sup>; \$69. Diesel: Oct 3-4, 24; \$39. High Bridge Oct. 3-4, 10-11, 17-18, 19-20, 24-25, 2015. Call 610-562-2102 for tickets. Advanced purchase only. See <a href="http://www.lgsry.com/">http://www.lgsry.com/</a> for their many events and their regular schedule. Jim Thorpe PA by itself is worth the trip.

New River Train, Huntington WV. October 17 & 18, 24 & 25 th, 2015. Check www.newrivertrain.com for available seating and turned back tickets.

New Tygart Flyer, Elkins WV. Durbin & Greenbrier Valley Railroad. Trains operate September 10- 13, 17-20 and 24-30<sup>th</sup>; plus daily except Monday in October, except 26- 28<sup>th</sup>; and November 1, 2015. Trains depart the historic Elkins WV depot at 11 am. Call 1-877 MTN.RAIL to reserve a seat. See http://mountainrailwv.com.

Potomac Eagle Scenic Railroad. Trains operate 3-hour trips on Saturdays only in September. Fall foliage trips operate daily in October starting October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2015. See <a href="http://www.potomaceagle.info/trips.php">http://www.potomaceagle.info/trips.php</a> for schedule, special events and seating options. Every train has a first class car.

Strasburg Railroad, 301 Gap Rd Ronks, PA 17572. Trains operate daily through November 1<sup>st</sup>, Nov. 7-8, 14-15; Friday, Saturday and Sunday Nov. 20th through December 13th and December 16-31, 2015. For info, see http://www.strasburgrailroad.com.

Walkersville Southern Railroad, Walkersville MD. Trains operate on Saturdays only in September, and on Saturdays and Sundays in October. Trains

# TRAIN RIDES, continued

depart from the historic Walkersville depot at 11 am and 2 pm. See <a href="http://www.wsrr.org/schedule.htm">http://www.wsrr.org/schedule.htm</a>.

Western Maryland Scenic Railroad. Cumberland MD. Internet Explorer blocks their calendar pop-up again. Call 1-80-872-4650, extension 105. See <a href="http://www.wmsr.com/">http://www.wmsr.com/</a> for info.

Saturday evenings. Walkersville Southern Railroad Diner Trains at 6:00 pm. October 3, 30-31; Nov. 7 and 21 are still available. Call 302-898-0899 or 1-877-363-WSRR toll free.

Steam powered Thomas trains operate with Day Out With Thomas, <u>Strasburg Railroad</u>. September 12 – 20 and November 20 – 22, 2015. regularly scheduled trains all day. See <a href="http://www.strasburgrailroad.com/day-out-with-thomas.php">http://www.strasburgrailroad.com/day-out-with-thomas.php</a> for tickets.

Santa's Paradise Express, <u>Strasburg Railroad.</u> November 27 – 29; Dec, 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 2015. regularly scheduled trains all day. See <a href="http://www.strasburgrailroad.com/day-out-with-thomas.php">http://www.strasburgrailroad.com/day-out-with-thomas.php</a> for tickets.

Santa Trains. Walkersville Southern Railroad, November 28-29, December 5-6, 12-13, 19-20, 2015 at 11 am, 1 and 3 pm. See <a href="http://www.wsrr.org/events.htm">http://www.wsrr.org/events.htm</a>.

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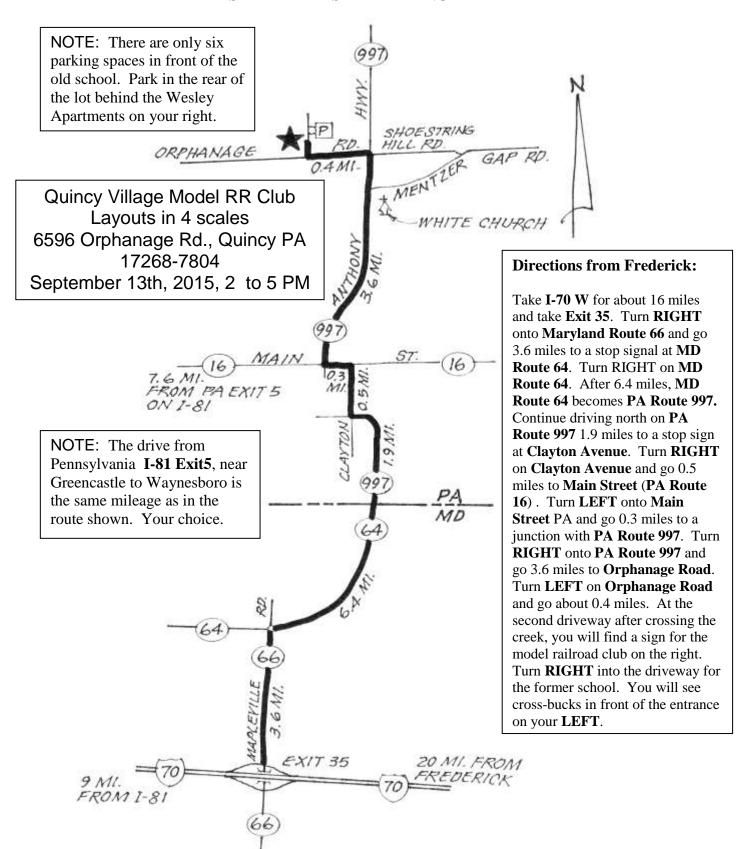
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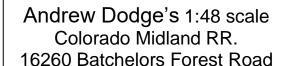
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#### SEPTEMBER SMD MEETING





Olney MD 20832-2630 October 11, 2 PM – 5 PM

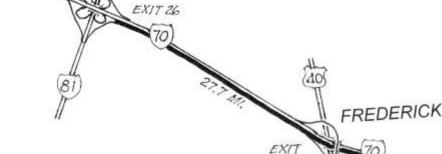
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**HAGERSTOWN** 

Directions from I-81 Exit 4 in Maryland:

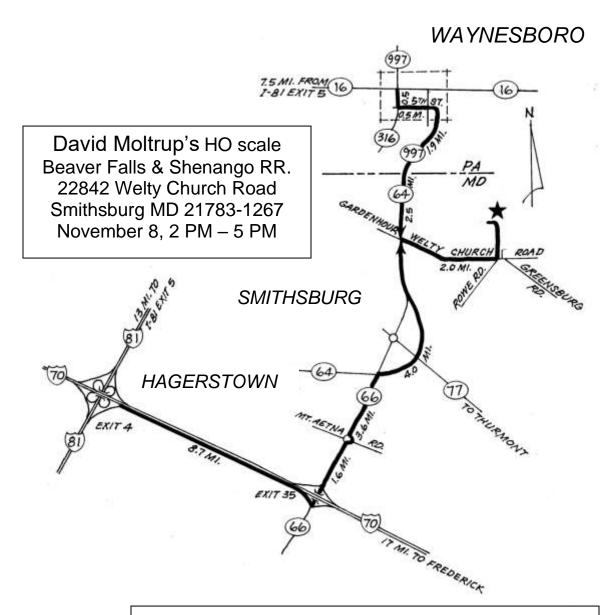
Merge onto I-70E via Exit 4 toward Frederick and go 50.5 miles

Take the MD-97 exit, Exit 76 toward Olney/Cooksville. Turn RIGHT onto MD-97/Roxbury Mills Rd. and go 7.2 miles to Brookville. At the Montgomery County line, MD-97/Roxbury Mills Road becomes MD-97/Georgia Avenue. Turn RIGHT in Brookville to stay on MD-97/Georgia Avenue and go 4.0 miles to Hillcroft/Batchellors Forest Road (no signal).

Turn LEFT onto BATCHELLORS FOREST ROAD and go 0.4 miles to the 16269 mailbox on your RIGHT. Turn LEFT into the long driveway. Park along the driveway where it turns LEFT and walk in, looking both ways at railroad crossings. You will find an areaway on the north side of the house with a stair to the basement.

NOTE: As I-70 passes Mt. Airy, you can exit onto MD Highway 27 South, drive to Damascus and turn LEFT onto MD Route 108, which goes more or less straight to Olney. It's 4 miles shorter, but takes 2 minutes more. Your choice. Watch your speed in and near Damascus, or they will send you a nice picture of your vehicle.

#### **NOVEMBER SMD MEETING**



Directions from I-81 Exit 4 in Maryland:

Merge onto I-70E via Exit 4 toward Frederick and go 8.7 miles Take the MD-66 exit, Exit 35 toward Smithsburg.

Turn left onto MD-66/Mapleville Rd. and go 5.1 miles through a roundabout to a stop signal at MD-64.

Turn right onto MD-64/Smithsburg Pike and go 4.0 miles to Welty Church Road on your right.

Turn right onto Welty Church Road and go about 2 miles to the intersection with Rowe Road.

At THE intersection with Rowe Road, turn LEFT into the long driveway.



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