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Winter SMD Meetings

December: Sunday, Dec. 10, 2017, 2 to 5 pm.

Roy Hoffman; Orrstown, PA

See Roy’s Penn Western in S/Sn3.

Clinic: Fun with Raspberry Pi's and Arduino.

January: Sunday, Jan. 14, 2018, 2 to 5 pm.

John Madden; Mount Airy, PA

See John’s B&O Mainline Division in HO.

Clinic: TBD

February: Sunday, Feb. 11, 2018, 2 to 5 pm.

Rick Keller; Martinsburg, WV

See Rick’s Pennsylvania Railroad under steam.

Clinic: TBD

•Maps can be found at the back of this newsletter. Versions posted on the SMD web page have no maps. Please contact the [Superintendent](#) for directions.

•Future meetings will be listed in the winter edition of the Wheel Report and on-line at smdnmra.org.

On the cover: An ALCo RS-2 leads a train on Robert Morningstar’s Western Maryland Railway, Hagerstown Subdivision. (Tom Fedor)

Learn more about Bob’s layout at <https://www.wmrwy.com>.

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“Clutter from the Super's Desk”

For the record, there's a reason why I chose this title for my Superintendent's column!

It's been a hectic few months on my end, but like the stories I've heard of an engineer's first run with an unfamiliar locomotive, I think I'm getting a feel for things. Granted, I may have spun the wheels a few times, and my fireman (also known as our Wheel Report editor) is cursing my name while bailing like hell, but it should be all down grade from here.

In particular, I did not line up meeting hosts over the summer, leading to a last-minute scramble for volunteers. The real problem this created was, our second and third meetings weren't listed in the last Wheel Report, and I did not make certain our mail-only members were notified, and for that oversight, I apologize. I sincerely hope we'll get the chance to catch up with you over the winter.

These past three months have seen some really good meetings at Bill Reynold's Denver & Rio Grand Western in Waynesboro, PA, Andrew Dodge's Colorado Midland in Olney, MD, and Bob Morningstar's Western Maryland in Greencastle, PA. While turnout was low for the

first couple of meetings as folks wrapped up their summer activities, we saw 25(!) people at Bob's in October, and I have no reason to think we won't continue to see this level of participation over the winter. Although the business meetings can be a drag, we've had some really great conversations these past few meetings and I'm happy to see our members getting involved with the Division's concerns.

Looking ahead, we're gearing up for the upcoming Mini-Con sponsored by [Mainline Hobby Supply](#) in [Blue Ridge Summit](#), set for Sunday, April 7th. I'm really quite excited about it, as the past few Mini-Con's have only gotten better and this one promises to be the best yet. I believe [Pete Clarke](#) is still looking for folks to give informal clinics, and extra hands are always welcome; if you're interested in pitching in, just get in touch with [Pete](#) or myself.

Speaking of contributing, we had a very interesting conversation during the September meeting about how to make the *Wheel Report* the most engaging membership publication it can be. In particular, the idea was floated that we should consider submitting spot pieces about our hobby- a precedent I've attempted to follow with my Citadel Snapshot article. Seriously, let us know what you're working on! Maybe you've recently wired a switchboard, ballasted a yard, or finally added all those trees to that bare hillside. Even if you've hosted a

meeting before, it may be a couple of years before we visit again. The best way to learn is from your fellow model railroaders- so share what you know.

Until next time,
Alex Polimeni
Division 10 Superintendent

Reminder: Propose your SMD Bylaw changes!

During our October meeting, the Division voted to approve a number of “housekeeping” changes to our bylaws, suggested to us by [MER Vice-President Kurt Thompson](#). Looking ahead, I would like to hear what you think about making any further changes to our Bylaws. Is there something you'd like to see changed or clarified? Please, bring it up at the next meeting or contact me directly. You can find both the current bylaws and [my email address](#) on our website, www.smdnmra.org.

Thanks!
Alex Polimeni



On Saturday, April 7, 2018, [Mainline Hobby Supply](#) presents: The SMD/SD Spring Mini-Convention. The meet continues to grow, and now in it's sixth year this event will include support from the Susquehanna Division (SD). The doors will open at 9:00 am and close at 4:00 pm. Mark your calendar now for this popular event.

As in recent years, the Mini will be at the [Blue Ridge Mountain Fire Co.](#), located at [13063 Monterey Lane, Blue Ridge Summit, PA 17214](#). This venue is directly across the road from Mainline Hobby. Since this is a busy state highway, it is recommended that attendees park, free, to the north side of the fire hall nearest the convention entrance.



SMD member Frank Benenati shares decoder installation tips during an informal clinic at the April 2017 Mini-Con. (Tom Fedor)

The 2018 event follows the same proven plan from the past. "Informal" clinics will take place in the morning. It is our intention to reprise the very popular make-and-take clinics. Trains will be running on some fine modular layouts. Plans also include a few vendors. Brian Wolfe, of Mainline Hobby is working to get a representative from [ESU](#), maker of the [Loksound](#) line of sound decoders,

to attend. As of publication, SMD members Harvey Heyser, Ron Polimeni, Alex Polimeni, Andrew Dodge, Jane Clarke, and Frank Benenati have signed up to give informal clinics. Wayne Betty of Susquehanna Division has also offered to present.

Throughout the day we are raffling chances for a gift certificate for Mainline Hobby Supply!

In the afternoon all the activity in the hall is halted and formal clinics will commence. These presentations begin with Lee Rainey. He will speak on the topic, "Shortline Operating Patterns." Lee's clinic will help us understand how railroads decide what trains to run and when. That's information which can directly impact how you design your own model

railroad. Next up, Steve King will speak to the topic, "Expanding the horizons of your model railroad; Making it more guest friendly by adding operations." Well, he assures me he will not use the title as I've suggested, but that gives you an idea of the track his talk will take.

Food will be available on site. However new this year, all eats will be supplied by [Venturing Crew 97](#). Last year the troop only sold morning and afternoon snacks. This April they'll handle all food and drink. So eat well knowing you are supporting a Waynesboro, PA area youth community organization.

It's very important to note that all of this is possible for two reasons. The **first** is because, for the past five years, Brian and Bonnie Wolfe of Mainline Hobby

Supply have rented the hall for our mini-convention, supplied massive advertising, and have given the SMD any other assistance that we needed. They have offered do to it again in 2018. Folks, when you go to [Mainline Hobby Supply](#), please say thank you to Brian and Bonnie and purchase something. While the Wolfe's promote and support the event, it's me, [Pete Clarke](#), who organizes it.

So if you have any questions please do not bother Brian and Bonnie. They are busy running the store. Contact [me](#) directly.

And **second**, the Mini -Con happens because of volunteers like you, the members of the [South Mountain](#) and [Susquehanna](#) Divisions who offer to give informal clinics, show up early to set up the hall, run the make-and-take clinics, greet attendees at the registration table and do the 101 other things that come up before and during the event.

While this all sounds good, we still need more SMD/SD folks to contribute. So please contact me, [Pete Clarke](#), to sign up to give a clinic.

Don't know what to do? It can truly be as simple as just bringing a model or project to work on. People love that. Honestly. Model railroaders are interested to see what you are working on, and they will want to stop and ask you about it. If you ask anyone who's done this in the past, they will tell you it's **fun**. Our format does not require you to be comfortable with public

speaking. You are just sitting at a table talking to only a few people at any time. There is no need to memorize a speech. It's just chatting about a part of the hobby that interests you.



NMRA member, Dane Badman (left) of Fayetteville, PA talks with Bill Wolf of the Steel Modelers Special Interest Group during the 2017 Mini-Con. (Tom Fedor)

I also would like to encourage more local clubs and railroad historical societies to join us at the Mini. We will allocate space for them to inform the public, solicit members, and ask for donations. I am aware of the following:

- [Brunswick Heritage Museum](#)
- [Cumberland Valley Model Railroad Club](#)
- [Four County Society of Model Engineers](#)

- [Frederick County Society of Model Engineers](#)
- [Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum at Antietam Station](#)
- [Hagerstown Roundhouse Museum](#)
- Quincy Village Model Railroad Club

- [Rockville Model Railroad Society](#)
- [Waynesboro Model Railroad Club](#)
- [Winchester Model Railroad Club](#)

If you know of the best email contact for these groups please let me know. Or, if you know of additional groups please pass that information along with a contact email address.

So save the date (Saturday, April 7, 2018) and contact me, [Pete Clarke](#), to reserve your place in the fun. Do it now! Floor space in the hall is limited and you won't want to miss out. Plus, if you all volunteer

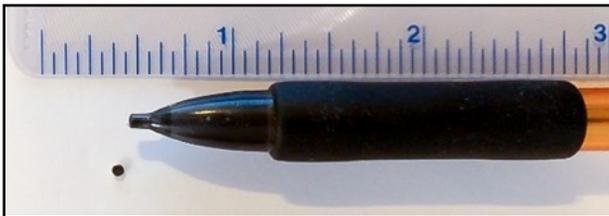
now then you won't have to listen to me appeal for more folks in the future!

To contact Pete Clarke, please use email: Ebtmx5@aol.com, or telephone at (301) 253-4913.

[Additional information will follow in the spring edition of the SMD Wheel Report. -Ed.]

I have been thinking about how to latch turnout points to the stock rail without resorting to powered switch throws (i.e. [Circuitron](#)) or commercially available manual throws (i.e. [Caboose Industries](#)). I prefer to use a skewer or finger to move the points. I especially wanted to “lock” the points in place in my yard and on industrial tracks that are within 24” of the layout fascia. While [Peco sprung turnouts](#) are available, I prefer the look and price of [Atlas code 83](#).

I was watching my son put together some gaming figures recently and noticed that he used very small [neodymium magnets](#) (below)



to attach the arms and legs so they could easily be repositioned. After some testing I found these magnets to be adequate for my turnout point latching purposes. They keep the point rails tight against the stock rails but not so tight that, if you were to run a train through a misaligned turnout, a derailment would occur. It is of note that I do not rely on the points for electrical connectivity. I add feeders to the point rails and use [Tam Valley Depot Frog Juicers](#) to keep the entire turnout reliably powered up to the Digitrax DCC booster.

I obtained my magnets on [ebay.com](#), the particular item I purchased was listed as “[100pcs VERY Small Tiny Neodymium Disc Magnets 1/16" x 1/32" Warhammer 40K New](#)”. The price was \$6.99 for 100 pieces.

To create my magnetic point locks, I attach 2 or 3 magnets to each end of the throw bar. Using two part epoxy, place just a dab where the magnets will be placed. Then with the epoxy cured, push a small steel nail, pin, or brad into both sides of the roadbed, aligned at a point where the magnetic forces will drive the points over to contact the steel fastener but not close enough to prevent the point from sitting smoothly along the stock rail.



Above is a picture where the magnets are contacting the pin [*Attached magnets are only on the lower side of the throw bar for illustration purposes. - Ed.J.*]

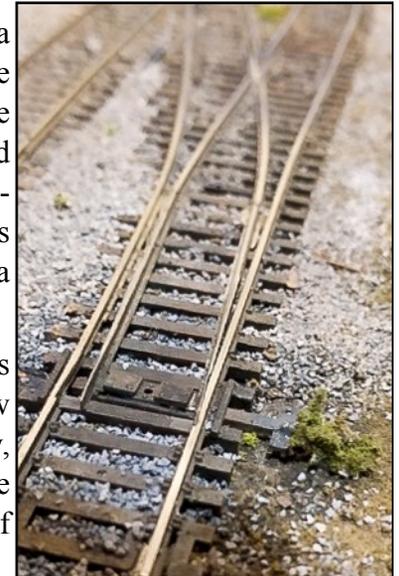
It is crucial the points move freely without binding or interference from ballast.

Adjust the amount of “pull” by adding or subtracting magnets. I found that 3 magnets per side generate enough strength to pull the points over when the throw bar is midway. Two magnets were enough to hold the points to either side when positioned manually.

To see the magnets in action, go to my [youtube.com](#) pages, here: <https://youtu.be/sp3AnhsIm54>, and here: <https://youtu.be/kLHxJe80JRI>.

To the right is a picture where the magnets are painted to blend into the trackwork. The pin is hidden with a piece of foliage.

The appeal of this method is low cost, simplicity, and a relative miniaturization of the solution.



I am working now with my 3D printer to make inoperable scale ground throws to place over the fasteners, as I find the commercially available ground throws to be grossly oversized for HO scale.

I hope this article was useful. Please email [me](#) questions or constructive comments.

During the mid 1960's, *Model Railroader* magazine reprinted Frank Ellison's series "the Art of Model Railroading." The six part series had originally been published beginning with the March 1944 issue and ending in August, the year and month I was born. This was my introduction to the famed Delta Lines. Model railroading on a grand scale. Delta Lines featured two divisions, three yards and multiple villages with passing sidings and industries along the line.

Frank had once been a stage set designer in the course of his varied working career and naturally tended to see things in a theatrical light. To Frank's way of thinking, model railroading could be likened to a play performed in a theater. The train room is the theater, the layout the stage, the trains the actors and the schedule the script. Nothing left but to put on the play. True to his background in theater, Frank succeeded in recreating the drama of railroading in miniature with his Delta lines.

In truth, the Delta Lines preceded the Brook Valley by a good many years. Indeed, the Delta Lines was in operation before many of us were born. Doug Smith had built on things he'd

learned from Frank Ellison's writings. For me however, this was all new and incredibly exciting.



The author at work in Somerset Yard on Don Florwick's TT/TO Pittsburg & South Pennsylvania.

Add to this the railroad lore that I discovered as put forth by Freeman Hubbard in the old *Railroad* magazine. The fiction stories by such authors as Harry Bedwell and Frank Spearman, that were featured in *Railroad*, captured my imagination. Through these authors and the tales they told, I became aware of the dramatic aspect of railroading. The movement of trains involved skilled individuals solving problems on the run. Moving freight and passengers, weaving trains past one another, often on single

track mainlines and sometimes without benefit of signals. There were dispatchers and operators as well as engineers, conductors and brakemen. White flag extra's and green flag multiple sections. There were time tables, schedules, "flimsies", train orders, train registers, form 19's and form 31's and a trainman's rule book with every rule numbered for reference. Everyone had to know the rules and be on his toes to keep the railroad fluid and above all, safe.

And all this could be incorporated into a model railroad. *Operation* could go far beyond the simple switching of cars as guided by the car cards and/or switch lists. One could actually operate a railroad in miniature just the way the real railroads were operated. The possibility of recreating, on my model railroad, the drama of railroading expressed in these tales, fascinated me. In my imagination my layout became a real railroad. My trains were moving freight and passengers, manned by railroaders as I'd come to know them through the tales I read in *Railroad* magazine.

To this day I am fascinated by the idea of operating a model railroad as if it were a real railroad.

Be it TT/TO (Time Table/Train Order), CTC (Centralized Traffic Control) or a variation of Track Warrant control, it all piques my interest. The choice of which traffic control method to use depends on the type of railroad one models as well as the era and personal preference.

While I'm interested in all manner of prototype operation, TT/TO holds a special fascination as, unlike most of the other methods of traffic control, it involves the train crew in the decision making process. It also relieves the layout builder from having to signal his entire railroad. And I'm no big fan of wiring (sorry Mike).

Despite my lifelong fascination with prototype operation on a model railroad, it has only been recently that I've been able to experience it first hand thanks to the South Mountain Division of the NMRA. My membership in the SMD led to making friends among the area model railroaders who practice TT/TO operation on their layouts. Many thanks go to Bob Johnson, Don Florwick, Pete & Jane Clarke, Bill Reynolds, Steve King and others for tutoring me and inviting me to participate in operating sessions on their wonderful model railroads. I'm having the model railroading time of my life. I would encourage other model railroaders, if they've never tried TT/TO or other forms of prototype operation, to give it a try. It's not nearly as overwhelming as it may appear and it really does bring a model railroad layout to life.

For those who may be interested, I would recommend the following reading.

[Model Railroad Magazine articles:](#)

- “The Art of Model Railroading” by Frank Ellison, March thru August – 1944. Reprinted August 1964 thru January 1965.
- “Operation” by Douglas Smith, October 1957
- “Card Operation” by Douglas Smith, December 1961
- “Concept of Operation” by John Allen, March 1963

To learn more of the drama and folklore of railroading I would recommend the following books:

- [The Boomer by Harry Bedwell](#), University of Minnesota Press
- [Headlights & Markers – Donovan & Henry](#), Golden West Books
- [Railroad Avenue – Freeman Hubbard](#), McGraw-Hill Book Co.
- [A Treasury of Railroad Folklore – B.A. Botkin & F. Hollow](#), Bonanza Books N.Y.
- [All Aboard with E.M. Frimbo by E.M. Witaker & Anthony Hiss](#), Grossman Publishers Division, Viking Press
- [Stations by Michael Flanagan](#), Pantheon Books.

Reminders and Announcements

SMD Yahoo Group...

In response to a discussion at the May 2017 business meeting, Andrew Dodge and Tom Fedor established a [Yahoo group](#) forum for the SMD. This site is intended for the use of South Mountain Division members and other NMRA members to exchange information about events of interest, discuss all aspects of model railroading, and to serve as a resource of information from other divisions, the region, and at the national level. Its goal is to share modeling information of all types and various techniques used in the hobby ranging from the freelance designed layout to those representing the prototypes. All exchanges are to be civil and are expected to focus only on modeling and railroading. Also, this site will support photos of prototype railroading as well as models. This group will be only as good as we all want to make it. Enjoy and have fun.

Link: <<https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/SMDNMRA/info>>.

NMRA Renewal...

Your NMRA membership can easily be renewed online at: <http://www.nmra.org/membership-application-and-renewal>. There are hyperlinks at the bottom of the web page for the online “U.S. Renewal Membership Application” and a two page Portable Document Format (PDF) that can be printed, filled in by hand, and mailed to the address included at the top of the PDF document.



For those of you who missed my September meeting clinic or haven't stopped by my Mini-Con table these past couple of years, I'd like to introduce you to my new, ongoing *Wheel Report* contribution, the Citadel Snapshot, where I'll be taking a closer look at some of the projects I've completed with the [Citadel paint range](#).

Old Farm Tractor

On my friend Bob Winkler's HO layout, there's a quaint scene with a small family farm. He's got the farmhouse, the white picket fence, the kids doing chores hanging laundry, the farmer's tool shed with his truck parked outside, some cows, and... a bright, shiny, brand-new tractor sitting smack in the middle. I had to do something.



The tractor on the right is box stock; the tractor on the left is my repainted version. For this weathering job, I used ...

- Citadel Shade [Agrax Earthshade](#) (brown wash)
- Citadel Shade [Nuln Oil](#) (black wash)
- Citadel Layer [Ironbreaker](#) (silver metallic)
- Citadel Layer [Dawnstone](#) (medium gray)

To recreate this paint-job yourself, you won't need Ironbreaker or Dawnstone - any silver and medium gray will do- but you absolutely will need Agrax Earthshade and Nuln Oil.

To begin, I brush painted the seat with Ironbreaker and the tires with Dawnstone. Metal seats on industrial equipment are often polished silver with use, and sun-baked hard rubber tires will age to a gray instead of black. Observing details like this can add incredible realism to a vehicle or scene.

After those colors dried, I brushed the tractor all over with Nuln Oil, taking care to prevent heavy pooling in any recesses. When using Citadel Shades like this, it's important to remember it's both a wash and a shade. This coat will dull the bright red down to a darker maroon.

From there, I gave the red- leaving the seat and tires alone- another wash of Agrax Earthshade, giving the red a dirtier feel. Afterward, I revisited specific areas- the engine, wheels, grill, and other details- with alternating spot washes of Agrax Earthshade and Nuln Oil, working to give the model more depth and grunge. I applied some Agrax Earthshade to the tread of the tires to imply dirt, and splattered some on the seat to give the impression of rust. Because successive coats of Shade will produce a darker color, this allowed me to give the impression of grease on the engine block, and caked dirt around the wheels.

By the end, it took me maybe 45 minutes- including waiting for paints and washes to dry- to finish detailing the tractor. Furthermore, this same basic weathering method could be applied to all manner of farm, industrial, and construction equipment. Play around with it! It's not an exact science and most anything will look better than shiny plastic.

What is the [Citadel paint range](#)?

Citadel is made by the UK tabletop wargaming miniatures manufacturer [Games Workshop](#) for use with their own products. Developed as a complete system meant for gaming pieces, Citadel paints are water wash-up and formulated with a thick pigment meant to cover any surface with no more than two coats, dry within minutes, and withstand handling without wearing off. This makes them significantly different from brands such as Floquil or Polly Scale, which are typically very thin and may require many coats to completely cover.

The range comes in several different types of paints, as well: "Layer," meant for normal applications, "Base," with extra-thick pigment meant for base-coating, "Shade," a thin translucent formula which stains and shades, "Dry," with super-thick pigment meant for dry-brushing, "Air," which is largely Layer and Base colors meant for use with an airbrush, and "Technical," which are custom formulas meant for a variety of effects such as brass oxidation and thick mud.

- **Greenberg's Great Train and Toy Show**
Show: December 2 & 3, 2017.
Times: 10 AM to 4 PM.
Address: Maryland State Fair Grounds, 2200 York Rd. Timonium, MD 21093.
Web: trainshow.com
- **Cumberland Valley Model Railroad Club**
Open house: December 10, 17, 23, & 30, 2017. Open house: January 7 & 14, 2018.
Time: 12 PM to 4 PM.
Address: 440 Nelson Street, Chambersburg, PA 17201.
Web: cvmrrc.com
- **KofC, 4th Annual Brunswick Christmas Train, Toy, & Collectibles Sale & Show**
Show: December 16, 2017.
Time: 9 AM to 3 PM.
Address: Brunswick Volunteer Fire Company, 1500 Volunteer Drive, Brunswick, MD 21716.
Web: facebook.com/KOC11715/
- **Waynesboro Model Railroad Club**
Open house: December 17 & 30, 2017.
Open house: January 6, 13, & 20, 2018.
Time: 1 PM to 5 PM.
Address: 3291 Waynescastle Road, Greencastle, PA 17225.
Web: waynesboromrrc.com

- **Frederick County Society of Model Engineers**
Open house: January 7, 14, 21, 28, & February 4, 2018.
Time: 1 PM to 4 PM.
Address: 423 East Patrick Street, Frederick, MD 21701.
Web: facebook.com/Frederick-County-Society-of-Model-Engineers-Fcsme-266885386669323/



- **Hagerstown Model Railroad Museum**
Open house: January 7, 14, 21, & 28, 2018.
Time: 1 PM to 5 PM.
Address: 17230 Shepherdstown Pike, Sharpsburg, MD 21782.
Sale: February 10, 2018.
Time: 9 AM to 2 PM.
Address: Washington County Agricultural Education Center, 7313 Sharpsburg Pike, Sharpsburg, MD 21782.
Web: antietamstation.com
- **DCNRHS RR presentations**
Presentations: January 19, & February 16, 2018.
Time: 8 PM.
Address: Various. See website.
Web: dcnrhs.org
- **Great Scale Model Train Show**
Shows: February 3 & 4, 2018.
Times: Sat: 9 AM to 5 PM; Sun: 10 AM to 4 PM.
Address: Maryland State Fair Grounds, Cow Palace, 2200 York Rd. Timonium, MD 21093.
Web: gsmts.com

[If you don't see your activity listed, please send future press releases to tjfedor@gmail.com -Ed.]

• **B&O Railroad Museum**, Baltimore, MD.

Phone: (410) 752-2490

Web: www.borail.org

- Magical Holiday Express, December 1-31.
- Historic Roundhouse Turntable Demonstrations January 13, Noon.
- Celebrate Black History Month at the B&O, February 1-28.
- For more events, see website.

• **Ma & Pa Railroad Heritage Village**,

Airville, PA.

Phone: (717) 927-9565

Web: www.maandparailroad.com

- Christmas City Express, December 8-10 & 15-17.
- For more events, see website.

• **Mountain Rail Adventures**, Includes rides out of Elkins, Cheat Bridge, Cass and Durbin, WV.

Phone: (877) 686.7245

Web: www.mountainrailwv.com

- Polar Express; Elkins, December 1-3, 5-10, & 12-17.
- Elf Limited; Cass, December 1-3 & 8-10.
- For more events, see website.

• **National Capitol Trolley Museum**,

Colesville, MD.

Phone: (301) 384-6088

Web: www.dctrolley.org

- Holly Trolley Fest, 2-3, 9-10, 16-17, 23, & 30.
- For more events, see website.

• **Potomac Eagle**, Romney, WV.

Phone: (304) 424-0736

Web: www.potomaceagle.com

- Christmas Trains, December 1-2, 8-9, & 15-16.
- For more events, see website.

• **Rockhill Trolley Museum**, Rockhill

Furnace, PA.

Phone: (814) 447-9576 *weekends*

Phone: (610) 428-7200 *weekdays*

Web: www.rockhilltrolley.org

- Polar Bear Express, December 1-2 & 8-9.
- Santa's Trolley, December 2.
- For more events, see website.

• **Steam Into History**, New Freedom, PA.

Phone: (717) 942-2370

Web: www.steamintohistory.com

- Tannenbaum Christmas Tree Trains, December 2-3.
- Santa Singalongs, December 1, 7-9, 14-17, & 21-23.
- For more events, see website.

• **Strasburg Railroad**, Ronks, PA.

Phone: (866) 725-9666

Web: www.strasburgrailroad.com

- Night Before Christmas Trains, December 1, 7-8, 14-15, & 21-22.
- Christmas Tree Train, December 2.
- Santa's Paradise Express, December 2-3, 9-10, & 16-17.
- For more events, see website.

• **Walkersville Southern Railroad**,

Walkersville, MD.

Phone: (301) 898-0899

Web: www.wsrr.org

- Santa Trains, December 2-3, 9-10-, 16-17, & 23.
- For more events, see website.

• **Western Maryland Scenic Railroad**,

Cumberland, MD.

Phone: 1-800-872-4650, x105.

Web: www.wmsr.com

- Christmas City Express, December 1-3, 8-10-, 15-17, & 22-23.
- Romance on the Rails, February 10-11 & 17-18.
- For more events, see website.



[Highlights are posted below each listing. Call or visit on the web for comprehensive, up to date schedules and ticketing information. -Ed.]