

The Rusted Rail

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Welcome back for another edition of the world famous, well would be nice, PenNScalers newsletter. It has been a busy couple months for the club. We have been busy showing what we have to offer for quite a number of weekends. I hope everyone had a very enjoyable holiday season and lets keep our New Years' Resolutions of buying more train stuff.

For every weekend of the month of December, we set up shop at the Mechanicsburg Museum Association's Cumberland Valley Railroad (CVRR) passenger station in Mechanicsburg, PA. We had a great time there and are very appreciative of everyone at the Museum, for allowing us to setup and run. We had plenty of good exposure during this show as we helped to bring more than 600 people into the station. It was nice to have a semi-permanent home for a while. Was great to be able to show up and run and not have to worry about multiple setups and teardowns as happens with show life.

Our most recent showing was in York on January 13th and 14th at the GTE Train Show at the York Fairgrounds. This is the second year the club has participated in the show. We had a good show and talked with many people attending the show. We seemed to spark a lot of interest in the club and handed out many business cards and applications. The club has some upcoming events scheduled, starting with the next show in Steelton, PA on March 17th. At this time the next showing will be at Pennsy Days at the Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania on June 1st-3rd.

A big thank you to Bill and his wife for hosting the Sunday February meeting at their house in York. All that attended enjoyed the food and the Pennsylvania Railroad Museum in the house. We had a good lengthy conversation and brainstorming session on how we can increase the membership within the club. If anyone has any ideas on how we can cash-in on all the interest we seem to generate at shows, please make it a topic for an upcoming meeting. We are open to any and all ideas.

Red Line Ramblings

There are no complete topics this month for the Red Line Ramblings. Some topics of conversations for upcoming meetings: Concerns increasing the club membership, Continual work on new modules and existing ones under construction, and the preparations for the upcoming show in Steelton. This is a one day show with a possible Friday night setup. If anyone has information they would like to submit for use in newsletter, please email them to newsletter@pennscalers.org.

ATTENTION CLUB MEMBERS:

The Sunday meetings will continue on a rotation to various members houses. Mark has graciously hosted these meetings to date and will continue to host the Tuesday meetings. This option was suggested a few months back. Contact Mark at mfriend@pennscalers.org to sign up for the Sunday meeting of your choosing.

Club Participation Events

These events are events the club has agreed to participate in.

March 17th, 2007

NHRS 21st Annual Harrisburg Railroad Show and Collectors Market

I.W. Abel Union Hall

200 Gibson Street

Steelton, PA 17113

Saturday 9-3, Adults \$5, Children under 12 FREE

June 1st-3rd, 2007

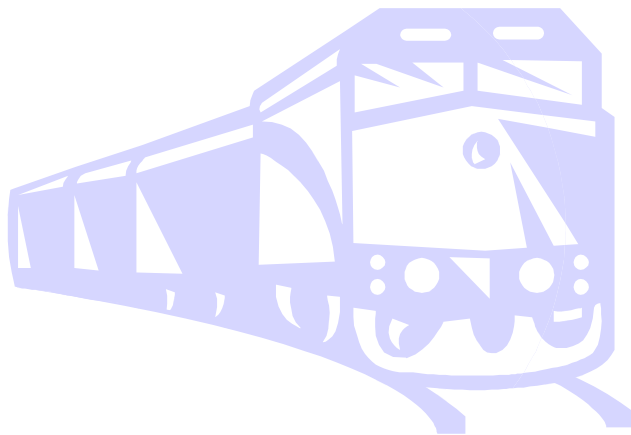
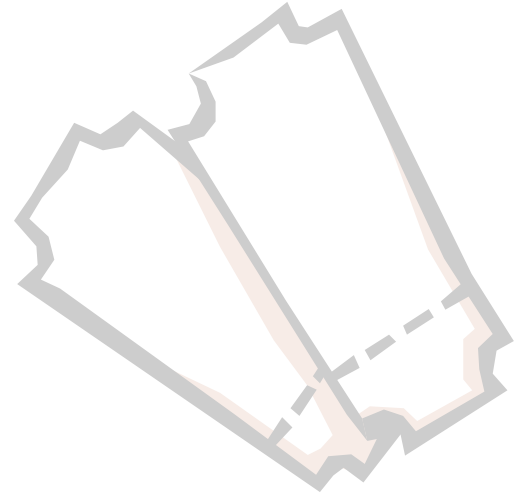
Pennsylvania Railroad, Pennsy Days

Railroad Museum of Pennsylvania

Route 741

Strasburg, PA 17579

www.rrmuseumpa.org



Other Events

Great Scale Model Train Show

April 14th & 15th,

June 23rd & 24th,

October 13th & 14th

Maryland State Fairgrounds

Timonium, Maryland

[Website](#)

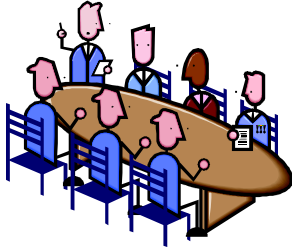
Great Train Expo

July 14th & 15th

Pittsburgh Expo Mart

Monroeville, PA

[website](#)



Meeting Schedule

Meetings are scheduled for the first Tuesday and Third Sunday of every month. Unless otherwise noted below:

Tuesdays (6:30pm to 8:00pm)

- March 5th, 2007
- April 10th, 2007, **2nd Tuesday
- May 1st, 2007

Sundays (1:00pm to 5:00pm)

- March 18th, 2007
- April 22nd, 2007, **4th Sunday
- May 20th, 2007
- Check website for up to date meeting days, as they may differ from those published here.
- Tuesday meetings to be held at Mark's house as normal. (See website for directions)
- Sunday meetings will be on a rotating basis with various members hosting. Please see the website for meeting locations and directions.

Club Financial Statement

Previously Reported Balance: \$291.79

Income:

Dues:	\$40.00
Show Proceeds:	\$100.00
Shirt Purchases:	\$177.00
Raffle Proceeds:	\$35.00

Other Income:

Year end special	\$11.09
Dividend from PSECU:	

Expenditures:

Long Sleeve Shirts	\$(245.00)
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Interest:

As of Jan 31st:	\$0.84
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Ending Club Fund Balance: \$410.72

Additional Information:

None at this time.



Suggestions, Inquiries, Comments?

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Railroad Spotlight



The Canton Railroad Company (1906-Present)

“The Canton Railroad Company, located in Baltimore City and County, Maryland is a rail logistics provider that offers freight services to industrial, manufacturing and port related shippers. Formally founded in 1906, the Canton Railroad was born of a tradition which stretches back to Peter Cooper and the founding B&O, the nation's first railroad, in 1828. Eventually the Canton Railroad Company would be created to serve the industrial heartland of Baltimore. Nearly 100 years later the Canton Railroad Company still offers its customers, fast and reliable rail service, distribution and logistics options, while, at the same time, doing it safely and efficiently.” The Canton Railroad Company operates as a Class III railroad serves many customers and the Port of Baltimore and provides switching service with Norfolk Southern and CSX Transportation.

This information was obtained directly from www.cantonrr.com on January 13th, 2007.



Product Review

Pikestuff Buildings, a Division of Rix Products

The Pikestuff buildings are plastic model building kits that are available in N Scale and HO Scale. These kits are easily recognizable because of the blue and white parts in bag. The kits are unassembled and require basic modeling skills to complete. The buildings can be sized to desired height by cutting the wall sections at the cut marks on the walls. The door and window openings are precut with optional additional openings, which are pre-scored. The model goes together pretty easily and can be built in an afternoon. As with all models, the longest part of building these kits are waiting for the glue to dry.

The size of the finished structure is listed on the outside of the package. The true dimension is larger than the product is described to be in ads. I found this out after test fitting the building on my module and it did not fit how I wanted it to. Other than that, I would recommend these kits if you are looking for an easy, commercial looking building for your layout.

[Pikestuff Building Kits](#)

**The above mentioned product review, is not an endorsement for the mentioned company. This is the view of a PenNScalers club member and is not a reflection of the views of the Capital PenNScalers.

Imperious Leader Report

Hi folks,

Well, here we are in the middle of the "Model Railroading Season", if you will. Working on Model Railroading activities indoors and train shows abound this time of the year.

We certainly did close out 2006 (and into the beginning of 2007) on a high note. Starting out right after Thanksgiving with a show at the York Fairgrounds, we followed up the next 6 Saturdays (and a few days in-between during Christmas week) at the Mechanicsburg Museum Association's Passenger Station. We then finished up the run with the GTE show at the York Fairgrounds. An 8 week run... quite a lot of work and fun, and again, I can't thank everyone enough for their participation and help in pulling this off.

That is a prelude to the real thrust of my diatribe for this issue: membership. Over the last almost 3 years we have handed out innumerable business cards and information sheets, had organizational notices in RMC, MR and Scale Rails (the NMRA publication), advertised ourselves in forums, websites and talked to a lot of folks who express interest. Turnout at our showing has been very good and enthusiastic.

But, in that three years our membership has not grown significantly, and I'm not really quite sure why. The downside is putting the burden of the workload on the 'core' group, somewhat less flexibility than would be desired in our activities and the inevitable desire of new ideas and perspectives.

So what do we do?

That's where I need your help. If there's an idea I or we haven't tried, and believe me, marketing is not my bag, let's hear it, and let's try it.

And, if you're reading this, and you aren't a member or have never attended a meeting, come on out. We don't bite, most of us keep up on our medications, and we're not kidding when we say new members are always welcome. Model Railroading IS Fun and it's great to share that fun.

Mark



Membership Interest???

New members are always welcome and anyone interested in joining is free to attend meetings to get to know us. The club is a fairly laid back group and we are all here for fun and to enjoy the hobby. The club participates in many showings per year at various local and regional venues. Attendance is not mandatory, but is encouraged. Currently the club meets two times a month. Members have the option to construct their own modules using the N-Trak standards of construction. Members are free to create a unique theme or to model similar to current club modules. Existing club members are available for any questions or constructive suggestions for ideas. If you should decide to join the group, we do have annual dues of \$20 per household. This helps to offset group expenses somewhat and it is prorated depending on when you join. Details are on the club website.

Look for the club events listed in this newsletter and on the club website and feel free to stop by and talk to us. We are more than happy to talk to everyone we meet.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact us @ info@pennscalers.org

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