

# Holiday Season Model Railroad Open Houses

November 2019 - March 2020

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### **Abington Lines Model Railroad Club**

**Admission Free, Donations Appreciated**

Location: **2066 Second Street Pike (PA Rt 232), Richboro, PA 18954** (2miles north of PA332, on the right)

Phone: (215) 598-7720 Website: <http://www.abingtonlines.org> Scale: HO (standard, narrow gauge & traction)

Information: Come see multiple trains with digital radio control and sound, operating on our 20' x 60' two-track mainline exceeding 1,000 feet in length. Enjoy the scenery depicting the PA rolling hills. Marvel at our trolleys, life like village, detailed buildings, operating roundhouse, industrial switching areas and waterfront complete with rail car ferries. Also enjoy our extensive narrow-gauge section with old time operating engines.

**Open 12-4 PM on Dec. 7, 8, 14, 15, 28 & 29; Jan. 4, 5, 11 & 12; Feb. 1, 2, 8 & 9**

### **Black Diamond Society of Model Engineers Admission - \$5 Donation Appreciated; 12 & under free**

Location: **900 E. Macada Rd, Bethlehem, PA 18017** (we share an ample parking lot with St. Thomas' UCC)

Phone: (610) 867-2591 Website <http://www.bdsme.org> Scale: HO, O (scale and 3-rail), On30 and S.

Information: Come see 2 floors of multiple trains in continuous operation with Legacy, Bluetooth, DCS and DCC systems and plenty of smoke and sound. Organized in 1965, join us as we mark 55 years of model railroading! The first floor 650 square foot display nicely blends O, On30 and S scale action. The 2nd floor 800 square foot HO display showcases trains traveling thru rolling hills, rugged mountains and industry, and past parks and towns. We suggest those with children under 40 inches tall bring a step stool.

**Open 1-4pm on Dec. 7, 8, 14&15; Jan. 4, 5, 11&12; Feb. 8&9**

### **Burlington County Model Railroad Club**

**Admission Free, Donations Appreciated**

Location: **Basement (right side), Burl. Co. Footlighters Playhouse, 808 Pomona Rd, Cinnaminson, NJ 08077**

Phone: (856) 733-0010 Website: <http://www.bcmrc.org> or find us on Facebook! Scale: HO

Information: We call our miniature railroad the Rancocas Valley Lines based on our physical location in NJ. We represent portions of a freelanced railroad that goes from tidewater to mountains, running through the typical stations and industrial areas of a large city, then countryside, while serving industries. We run 5-8 trains simultaneously on a double track mainline along with several other trains operating in various yards using an NCE DCC system along with JMRI. We ask that adults bring a step stool for children under 40 inches tall.

**Open 12-5 PM on Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 14, 15, 28, 29; Jan. 4, 5; Feb. 8, 9, 15, 16**

### **Coopersburg Area Society of Model Engineers/C.A.S.M.E. - Admission Free, Donations Appreciated**

Location: **Basement of Borough Building, 5 North Main St. Coopersburg, PA 18036**

Website: <http://www.casme.org> Scale: HO

Information: Our layout dimensions are 35' x 44' and when finished there will be more than 3500 feet (58 scale miles) of track and over 100 switches. A computer assisted dispatching program using JMRI software, controlling our Digitrax DCC system, allows up to 12 trains to be operated through beautiful scenes and past operating signals over the layout.

**Open 12-5PM on Dec. 7, 8, 14, & 15; Jan. 4, 5, 11 & 12**

### **Cheltenham Hills MRC**

**Admission Free - Donations Greatly Appreciated!**

Location: **8000 Old York Rd. (Route 611), Elkins Park, PA 19027** (located in former Old York Rd. station)

Phone: (215) 635-9747 Website: <http://www.cheltenhamhillsmrr.org> Scale: HO

Information: Join us for our 72nd year! Highlights include 1750 ft. of track, 300 car freight yard, steam and diesel locomotive facility with operating turntable, and industrial yard. The centerpiece is our operating lift bridge, which allows trains to cross between parts of the layout. Our DCC control system allows us to run multiple trains on the mainline and yards with realistic sound. Wheelchair accessibility available by appointment—please call any Thursday evening to schedule this access.

**Open 12-4 PM on Dec. 14 & 15; Jan. 4, 5, 18 & 19; Snow Dates: Jan. 25 & 26**

**Note: All Dates are Saturdays and Sundays unless otherwise noted. Not responsible for errors or omissions in the schedules.**

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**GATSME MRRC - located at the Rockledge Model RR Museum.**

Location: **323 Montgomery Ave. Rockledge, PA (corner of N. Sylvania & Montgomery Aves.)**

Websites: [www.gatsme.com](http://www.gatsme.com) and [www.rockledgemr.org](http://www.rockledgemr.org) Also see our Facebook page! Scale: HO

GATSME has renovated a 1920s mill building into a new permanent home. Featuring a 3000-square foot operating walk-through layout, which will include parts of the PRR Schuylkill Branch and the Reading Company's line to Shamokin, the museum also has displays of railroad & model railroad history **and is handicap accessible**. The layout is progressing, with over 700 feet of operating main line. Memberships are open, join us as we continue to grow!

**Open 12-3 p.m. on Oct. 12, Nov. 9, Dec. 14 & 15, Jan. 11 & 18, Feb. 8 & 9, then on the 2nd Saturday of each month. See our web sites or Facebook for additional news and events.**

**Keystone N-Trak**

**Admission & Parking Free - Donations Appreciated**

**New Location: 100 North Second Street, North Wales, PA. 19454. (GPS: 113 N. 2<sup>nd</sup> St)**

**Parking: Municipal Lot behind St. Luke's Church**

Facebook: <http://www.facebook.com/keystonentrak> Scale: N

Information: Keystone is a modular N Scale club modeling to N-Trak international standards. This enables each member's modules to link to form model railroads at public and private events. We travel to various N scale events and are a participating member of The Eastern N Lines Partnership. New members are always welcome. Meetings are every Tuesday at 7pm. Please check our Facebook page for any last-minute schedule changes.

**11am-4pm Nov. 2, 3, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23, 24; Dec. 8, 15, 21 22, 2019; Jan. 4, 5, 18, 19, 25, 26; Feb. 1, 2, 8, 2020; 10AM-2PM Dec. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019**

**Royersford Modular Model Railroaders Admission – Greenberg's Train Show - Donations Appreciated**

Location: **The Greater Philadelphia Expo Center 100 Station Dr. Oaks, PA 19**

Phone: (610) 888-4306 Website: <http://www.royersfordmodular.org> Scale: HO

Information: Movable modular railroad layout, on display at the Greenberg's train show.

**Jan. 11 & 12 (10 a.m. - 4 p.m. both days). There is an admission fee to enter the Greenberg's show, which also includes other layouts, vendors and manufacturers.**

**Schuylkill Valley Model Railroad Club CLOSED FOR 2019-2020 SEASON**

Location: **400 S. Main Street (rear entrance), Phoenixville, PA 19460; diagonally across from Library**

Phone: (610) 935 1126 Website: <http://www.svmrcc.com> Scale: HO (standard and narrow gauge)

Information: We will not be holding open house this year and would like to thank the people that have attended open house for the past 40 years. Currently the building is undergoing major renovations and we plan to be back on board in a year. Please refer to the website about any changes or upcoming events that we may hold or attend.

**Thanks from the Schuylkill Valley Model Railroad Club!**

**Saint Alban's Railroad Fellowship STARR Admission Free - Donations Appreciated**

Location: **Saint Alban's Episcopal Church, 3625 Chapel Rd. Newtown Square, PA (Under Thrift Shop)**

Website: <http://www.StARR-MRC.org> Scale: HO

Information: Layout fills 4000 square feet with 200 feet of 4 track mainline with working signals, 3 branch lines, large steel mill, coke plant, oil refinery, three working classification yards and a large passenger terminal. We use a Switch list system for freight and passenger operations that routes over 1100 pieces of equipment throughout the system. New layout sections constructed this year. The layout is controlled by DCC with computer enhancement. Special layout w/Thomas the tank engine for kids to operate.

**Open 1-4PM on Nov. 16, 17; Dec. 28, 29; Jan. 4, 5, 18; 19, Feb. 1, 2, 15, 16; 7-10PM on Dec. 26 & Jan. 2**

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