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*The location of the start of the Annual Light & Sound Show: Jenny's house. Photo by Carlos Langezaal.*

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## Clearboard Commentary By Carlos Langezaal

Welcome to the December issue, the last for this year. Ten issues of *The Clearboard* were published in 2005, two of them double issues. A "public content version" of each issue was also published on the TMRCI website.

More than 1800 visitors passed the ticket window during the Annual Show. Although there were less visitors than in 2004, preliminary figures suggest that we made a decent profit. While the BOD has not yet concluded analyzing the data, it appears the experiment of opening at noon on the Friday after Thanksgiving, as well as the earlier Saturday and Sunday start times seem to have worked out. The earlier closing hours, by contrast, seem to be less successful. Thanks to all members who worked the show and adjusted their schedules to accommodate the new times.

We had a good year at the door during our regular Saturday public hours. As of December 17, exactly 1,100 guests have visited the Club with two Saturdays to go before the end of the year.

As usual we have the N-scale report and the approved BOD meeting minutes for October and the draft minutes for the November meeting. Also, as usual around this time of the year, there are announcements for the annual meetings for the activity departments and the general membership meeting. Anyone who is interested in running for one of the six BOD positions (the four officers and two director positions) may contact Mike Bowler, who is the Nominating Committee Chairperson (the two remaining BOD positions are filled by the HO & N activity departments at their respective annual meetings).

In a few weeks, the January issue of *The Clearboard* will come out. Department heads are urged to submit their reports as soon as possible, so that they can be published in advance of the Annual Meeting.

Finally, allow me to wish you and your family Season Greetings, and a happy and healthy 2006.

## FIRE PREVENTION

Please refrain from depositing trash in the bucket containing sand located outside the building. This should be used for putting out cigarettes only. Your cooperation will help prevent fires. Thank you.

## JERSEY SHORE & WESTERN NEWS

### The N-Scale Report

By Eric Callender

The Annual Holiday Show has been completed, and I feel that the members of the N-Scale Department presented a positive image and represented the Club in a favorable manner. Members of our group worked the show continuously, with Brian Cicero taking the lead and running trains as often as needed. The tremendous amount of the work on the layout resulted in almost trouble free running throughout the show. New scenery, wiring and track repair work by members John Cicero, Mark J., John Ashby, Claude Kelsoe, ira Heisler, Stuart Keil, Eric C., Mike Antkowiak, and 2 new members Craig and Denise; Benchwork done by Steve Lawler and Don Magee, and Eric Tappans's work on the CTI control system for switches and signals all contributed to our success in the show. Although Craig and Denise couldn't make it for the show, they came by on a Tuesday and helped out. Beside the members mentioned above, Mr. William Lawler stopped by from college to help and even Bob Purcell and Mike Garrett came by and worked at the show.

The show gremlins made an occasional appearance, snatching a car from a train or derailing the trolley but vigilance by the operators prevented any major mishaps. Now that the Annual Show is completed, our priorities will be for operating, which means track work and wiring, especially in the yards, will have to be focused on and improved before any additional scenery work is done. All in all, the show was a good experience for our group with many interesting trains being run and much fun interaction with the attendees being made. I would like to thank all the members who helped so much in contributing to the Club.



*Union Station as seen at the N-Scale layout. Photo by Carlos Langezaal.*

## HO Department Report

By Pete Ezzard

I would like to thank all of the Department members that helped to make this year's Annual Show a success.

Martin Harris has accepted delivery of enough detection boards for 300 blocks.

Ron Heller demonstrated at the show a small TV camera focused at Summit, with a monitor located under the TN aisle. The demonstration was successful and three cameras were purchased for the Department. They will be located at places around the layout.

HO Department meeting will be January 7, 2007, 2006, 1:00 PM.

## NOMINATIONS FOR THE BOD

I am currently accepting names of members wishing to run for the Board of Directors. The positions are: President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer and 2 Directors.

Please note that activity department heads are elected separately at the annual meeting of their respective departments.

You must be a member in good standing in order to be considered for a BOD position. Job descriptions for each position are available on the Club's website. Please see me if you have any questions or to fill out the appropriate form.

Mike Bowler  
Chairman,  
Nominating Committee



*Pittsburgh was a busy location during the Annual Sound and Light Show.*

*Pittsburgh freight, Pittsburgh passenger and the engine house are in the spotlight, as well as the spectacular scene of 3 trains at the same time entering the tunnel west of Pittsburgh.*

*Photo by Carlos Langezaal.*

# **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

## **Annual Meeting**

January 21, 2006 with a rain date of February 4  
To be held at 1:00 PM

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## **DEPARTMENTAL MEETINGS**

HO-scale: January 7 at 2:00 PM  
N-scale: January 7 at 1:00 PM

Rain date for each of these meetings: January 14.

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### **Clearboard Deadlines:**

January 2006 Issue: Sunday January 7, 2006. To be distributed around January 21, 2006.  
February 2006 Issue: February 11, 2006. To be distributed around February 25, 2006.

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