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HD&O E-8 number 3261 takes a spin on the Pittsburgh turntable in between assignments.
 Photo by Carlos Langezaal.

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Clearboard Commentary By Carlos Langezaal

As I write this month's column, summer has given way to fall and many of us will be turning our attention to indoor activities -- like model railroading. I suspect that as in past years, I will be seeing at least some of you around at the Club more often. There's certainly lots of things to do and help out with (read on).

Two activities are planned for the first half of October. The first is a trip to the Shore Line Trolley Museum in East Haven, Connecticut on Sunday, October 3. The other is a trip to Steamtown in Scranton, Pennsylvania on Saturday, October 16. While the October 3rd trip will have taken place by the time you read this, there is still time to sign up for the Steamtown trip. To sign up, just shoot me an e-mail or use the sign-up form, posted on the large bulletin board underneath the Pittsburgh aisle. The next issue of *The Clearboard* will feature coverage of these two trips.

Believe it or not, we are less than nine weeks away from the annual show! Like last month, a sign-up form is published in this issue, on page 4. Please take a moment to fill in what weeks you can work. You can mail it in or drop it off at the Club. Copies of this form are also available in the lobby of the Club building. Simply fill it out and place it in the same slot you use to pay your dues. There is so much to do both before and during the show. Every member needs to do their part to make the show a success.

Finally, contributions to this publication have been drying up of late. Since *The Clearboard* is for you and by you, I invite all of you to send in your pieces.

Account names has changed for e-Mail contact to "the Club". New Account is TMRCInc@Yahoo.com. Other accounts have been established and are detailed on the Contacts page of the website.

Have You Moved?????

Clearboard labels are printed every month. If you have moved, please notify us as soon as possible so we can adjust your address.

Thank you.

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 Tappan

Ira Heisler continues work on the reversing loop and mainline at the East end of the lower level. Tortoise switches are scheduled to be installed in this area.

I have upgraded the computer to Windows 98 and Claude Kelsoe has set-up and tested the CTI Electronics interface. This will allow us to operate trains, switches, the trolley, and signals from the Dispatcher's Office using DCC.

Billy Lawler continues working on the East Orange downtown area. Track wiring for the PSIRT trolley line will run on a separate system and is ready to be installed.

Don Magee and Steve Lawler have completed the new lockers downstairs. This will allow the N-Scalers to utilize the lockers nearest the layout.

We only have a few weeks before our Annual Show, and I am asking all of our members to assist us in preparing for this event.

Well, that's all for now. See you next month.



"Paintin' the Town White"

2004 Annual Show Availability

I, (please print name) plan to be available to assist the Club during the 2004 Annual Show for the dates indicated. I understand that my selection of dates at this point is only for planning purposes.

November 26, 27, 28

November 26

November 27

November 28



December 3, 4, 5

December 3

December 4

December 5



December 10, 11, 12

December 11

December 12

December 13



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HO Department Schedule

		Chair
October 2, 2004	Car Department	Ed Van Savage
October 9, 2004	HO Department Meeting	Pete Ezzard

CLUB NEWS

By The Clearboard Staff

NEW LOCKERS UNDER CONSTRUCTION

***WILL BE RESERVED FOR HO DEPT. MEMBERS;
CREW [MEMBER] LOUNGE TO BEGIN TAKING SHAPE***

Construction of new member lockers is progressing. The lockers, located under the layout in the building expansion under West Pittsburgh Junction, are being built by Don Magee, Steve Lawler and Ed Majury. They will be reserved for HO Department members. The existing lockers located adjacent to the N Scale layout room on the balcony will be re-assigned to the N Scale Department once the new lockers are completed and assigned.

Meanwhile, the outline of the new member crew lounge will soon begin to take shape when a half to three-quarter high wall will be constructed. Building Department Head Jeff Peal indicated that the lumber for this project will be picked up sometime during the week of September 27. A cabinet with countertop and a small sink is planned for along the wall, in between the refrigerator and the soda machine. The coffee maker and microwave oven will be relocated to the countertop and the two couches currently underneath the layout near the shop entrance will be moved into the lounge. This space is being built to replace the old meeting room, which has been turned into additional office space.

ANNUAL SHOW TICKETS TO GO ON SALE OCT. 16

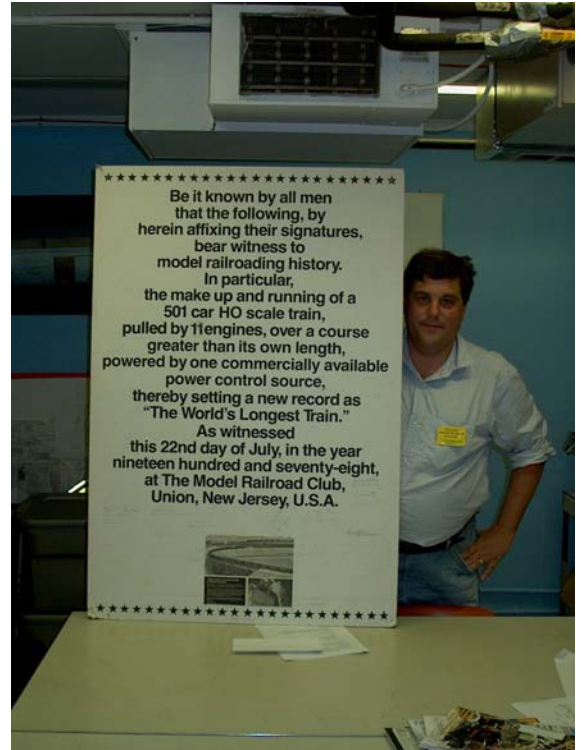
Tickets for the 2004 Light & Sound Show and open house will go on sale starting on Saturday, October 16. Tickets will be available at the Club ticket window on Saturdays between 1 and 4 pm or by mail. An order form in PDF format will be available on the Club's website.

As in past years, discounts will be available for all advance ticket purchases. Advance ticket prices are \$5 for adults, \$2 for children aged 12 and younger and \$3 for seniors aged 60 and over. Tickets purchased at the door the days of the show are \$6 for adults, \$3 for children aged 12 and younger and \$4 for seniors aged 60 and over. Group rates will also be available. Members are strongly encouraged to help sell tickets to their families and friends, as the show is the single biggest fund raising event of the year.



LEFT: Water tank located at the Whippany Railroad Museum, along the Morristown & Erie Railway in Whippany, NJ.

RIGHT: HO Department Head Peter Ezzard holds up an official placard commemorating the Club's Guinness Book of World Record entry for running a 501-car train on July 22, 1978. The placard, along with a copy of the Guinness Book containing the entry will be part of a display to be incorporated in the Club's gallery area.



Clearboard Deadlines:

October/November Issue: October 23. To be mailed around November 6.
 December Issue: December 11. To be mailed around December 24.

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