

Railfan by pole focuses on Dave Gairo's car



PCCs meet at curve on HO module



Bert Holmes Jr. setting up contest table

# Philadelphia Trolley Meet Attracts 150

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The Philadelphia Area Trolleyman's Meet in mid-May, put on by the East Penn Traction Club, was a great success by all counts.

More than 150 registrants attended the two-day affair, and enjoyed a wide range of action and static exhibits, posterboard clinics and automatic-slide construction clinics.

In addition to those, three live clinics were presented by people well known in NMRA and traction circles. Bill Kachel offered his overhead wire clinic; Bill Robbins demonstrated the methods of salvaging sheet steel from various types of cans and then showed us how to build excellent cars on a mass production basis.

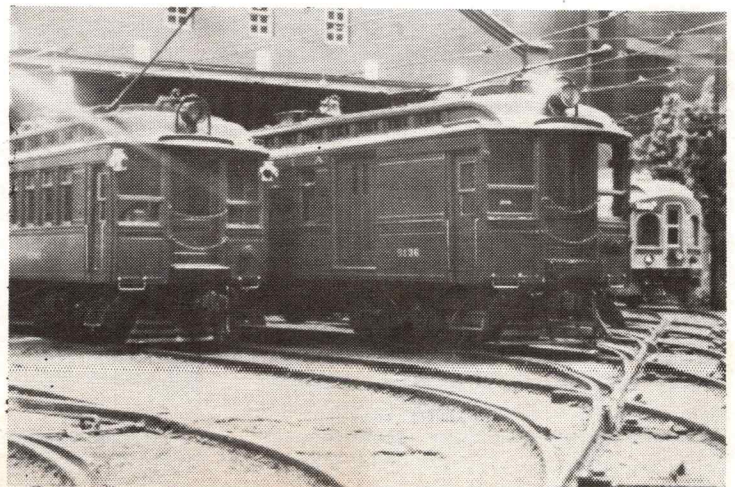
Blair Foulds gave a very interesting discussion and critique of the essentials of a traction layout. All of the clinics were well attended and, as a measure of their interest, ran anywhere from 15 to 30 minutes past the allotted times.

The O and HO modular sections were engineered and supervised by specific dispatchers and cars ran very smoothly all during the meet. In terms of modules, we had a first with Jimmy Sparkman's 3/4" scale subway-elevated car running on a double-track elevated line 25 feet long. He almost became the first man to be run down by a model!

Some of the material employed at this meet will be brought to Richmond during the October MER convention in order to support and aid in the development of traction interest.

The meet also included a "fan trip" over the lines of the Philadelphia and Reading Traction Co. Sunday. This 1/2" scale layout also was host to three cars on its rails built by others.

The pictures tell the rest.



Dave Cope's carbarn and cars, part of O module