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PRESS RELEASE: Announcing our 54th Annual Model Railroad Open House

Bethlehem, Pennsylvania – August 3, 2019 – The Black Diamond Society of Model Engineers is holding their annual Railroad Days open house the following dates... December 7, 8, 14 and 15, 2019; January 4, 5, 11 and 12, 2020, and February 8 and 9, 2020, from 1 pm until 4 pm. Featured will be 2 floors of sleek passenger and powerful freight trains in continuous operation, located at 902 East Macada Road, Bethlehem PA, 18017. We are marking 55 years of model railroading this season! Join us to see and try out the upgraded capabilities of train operation via mobile apps. Please note that Scout Night is Tuesday December 10th from 7 until 8:30 pm. Membership applications are available, as well.

We have a Timesaver O 3-rail switching layout built in order for visitors to learn more about the model railroad hobby, understand what trains are designed to do by spotting cars at industries, assembling/disassembling trains, and even do this in a timely manner as a friendly competition. The goal is to experience the fun of model railroading, and discover the ease of operation via a Bluetooth phone app.

The first floor 650 square foot layout features models of O, On30 and S scale steam trains from the glory days of railroading to the mighty diesel locomotives of today, including prototype sights and sounds. Operating semaphores and signals further enhance the display. Go here for video of the display...<http://youtu.be/O9wuyjwLkjk>

The second floor 800 square foot HO scale display has a multitude of trains in operation, including a loaded coal train stretching to more than 100 cars powered by multiple diesel locomotives winding past just-completed roundhouse scenery modifications. A miniature trolley also travels between a village and a distant amusement park with both an operating ski lift and rides.

The suggested donation is \$5 per person, free for those 12 and under. Those with children under 40 inches tall... bring a step stool to make it easier for them to see the displays. Pre-owned trains, structures, accessories, books and DVD's are for sale. There is ample parking, as the club shares the lot with St. Thomas' UCC.. For more information, please call 610-867-2591 or go to <http://www.bdsme.org/>