

Division Meeting Schedule

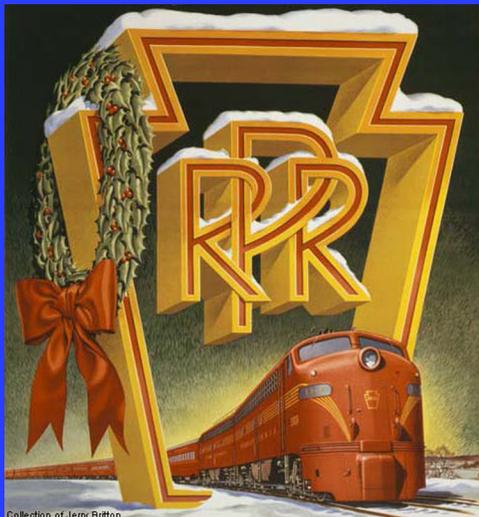
January 18, 2009 - McKeesport Model RR Club, 2209 Walnut St., McKeesport, PA
Meeting at 2:30 PM

February 15, 2009 - Western PA Model RR Museum, Gibsonia, PA
Layout open at 1:30 PM
Meeting at 2:30 PM
Program: Presentation by Bob Meier

March 21, 2009 - Division 2 Jamboree, Robert Morris University Sewell Center, Moon Township, PA
Registration Open at 8:00 AM

Bring'n'Brag Categories for 2009

Jan	Anything Goes
Feb	Passenger Equipment
Mar	Jamboree - No Contest
Apr	Trucks & Tractors
May	Residential Structures
Jun	Cranes & Derricks
Aug	Work-in-Progress
Sep	Open Loads
Oct	Scratch-built Models
Nov	Steam Power



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Fallen Flags of the Keystone Division



From the Super's Desk

I fervently hope that each of you had a very wonderful Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas or Happy Hanukkah. I also hope that all of you found train things waiting for you on the Holiday. Our grandchildren have had a grand old time running the LGB train around our tree, almost as grand a time as the grandparents had.

I have been very busy this Holiday season with matters other than trains. Our granddaughter abruptly found herself in need of a kidney transplant. Her father, our son, volunteered and was put through a series of tests and daylong consultations. Our granddaughter also was put through a battery of tests and daylong consultations. Of course, I was the primary transportation and extra set of ears for each of these events. The transplant occurred the day before Thanksgiving and the transplanted kidney worked right away. Our son was discharged from the hospital two days later and I took him home where extended family looked after him. His wife was at the hospital with the daughter. After 5 days in intensive care and 10 days in a regular hospital room, she was discharged from the hospital, but had to stay in Pittsburgh for daily blood work until the transplant doctors declared her stable enough to return home. She came home a week before Christmas. That was cause for celebration for all of us. What a gift that was! Thanks to all of you who were praying for us.

Winter is a great time for us to delve into our model railroad hobby. It is generally too cold to go outside and do much of anything, except shovel snow. After the few chores are done, reward yourself with some time at the layout or at the workbench. Get a few projects finished or start some new ones. Let's see the fruits of your efforts in the Bring and Brag contests. The new list of categories should be in this issue. Find a new technique or develop a new skill and then consider sharing them in Division meeting programs. I expect to see some great stuff coming from the winter hobby time!

SEE Super's Desk, p. 3

**Congratulations to
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<http://www.keystonedivision.org>

Thanks to Michael Hohn for taking notes for me since I missed the first half of the meeting. The November meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM, in the New Eagle VFD Social Hall in New Eagle, PA. There were about 42 members present. Susan thanked our hosts, the Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club and the New Eagle VFD for the use of the facility and lunch. Bob Temple was a new member attending, there were no guests.

The October meeting minutes were approved as published in the November Flyer.

Carl Volkwein gave the Treasurer's report. There was a net loss of \$522 this period, but we expect a Company Store income check next month.

Dick Flock gave the Company Store update. There are lots of new books, including two on the WM. Sylvan models trailers. Let Dick know if there are any specific books you want.

We did not have accurate membership numbers available for October. Also, if you are expecting a renewal notice, but your membership has lapsed, please go to the NMRA website to click on the top of menu, "Join the NMRA", where you can renew online or have a renewal form printed as a PDF file.

Bob Meier thanked Mel Dithrich for bringing his small module to the Greenberg Show. The group will be doing the Greenberg show, February 7-8, at the Laurel Highlands Events Center in Greensburg. New modules are still welcome and wanted.

Bring'n'Brag voting will take place after the meeting. Paul Gallick asked for suggestions for future categories. There was no report for the video library.

Susan gave the Regional news. The MCR laser kit of a PRR style passenger shelter is available, two shelters come per kit. It is offered in N, HO, S, and O. These shelters were used at some stations on the Waynesburg & Washington narrow gauge line and could work for any freelanced road as well. We will be taking orders and get a bunch. A 2012 Regional convention meeting was scheduled for after the regular business meeting.

Next, Assistant Super Michael Hohn ran down the upcoming meetings. January's meeting will be at the McKeesport Model RR Club in McKeesport. February's meeting will be at the Western PA Model RR Museum in Gibsonia. Bob Meier will present February's program.

There was no Achievement Program report.

Jim Sacco reported that he is working on a dinner speaker for the 2009 Jamboree.

There was no old or new business. There were a number of announcements.

Oso Railworks, Inc. of Hamilton, Montana has purchased Northwest Short Line and will continue to produce and sell their line of drivetrains, wheelsets, tools, and wood products.

There was a query from the Camp Fire Boys and Girls looking for modules, displays, or information for their upcoming train display and doll show in the Fort Stueben Mall of Stuebenville. Let Susan know if you are interested.

The NMRA website has a survey on their conventions. Please take a look and participate. I just checked, and this is now closed. Nearly 2000 people took part and the results are to be presented at the February 2009 BOD meeting. The three prize winners are to be announced as well.

Railfest 2009 will be held on March 14 & 15 in Kurtland, OH. The World's Greatest Hobby show is the same weekend at the IX Center in Cleveland. Bruce Lightcap mentioned D&J Hobbies in Orrville, OH. They have a 14 x 20 complete layout in the basement, their website is www.route30express.org.

Bob Meier urged everyone to support local shows in November and send any announcements to Tom Gaus for posting on our webpage.

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Railfan HAM's On The Air

from Joe Birsa

Every Thursday at 9:30pm amateur radio operators (hams) in the Pittsburgh area who are also railfans have an on-the-air chat on 146.88 Mhz. Anyone with a scanner is welcome to listen in. (However you have to have a ham license to talk!). You can send questions and comments to: pghrailfannet@hotmail.com.

Also see the accompanying blog <http://pghrailfan.blogspot.com>.

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PUBLIC TIMETABLE

Events of Interest

Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club Holiday Open House, Saturdays & Sundays, Nov. 29, 2008 - Jan. 4, 2009. Doors will be open 12:00 Noon - 5:00 PM.

Location: 159 Main St., New Eagle, PA
Phone: (724) 379-8584

Mon Valley Railroad Club of WV Holiday Open House, 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM, Dec. 13 & Noon - 4:00 PM, Dec. 14, 2008. Another open house is planned for Jan. 10 - 11, 2009. White Elephant table, giveaways, demonstrations, refreshments, and more.

Location: 128 Pleasant St., Morgantown, WV
Email: 43admin@hansmanns.org

Ohio Valley Lines Model RR Museum & Library Holiday Open House, Every Weekend, noon - 5:00 PM Nov. 29-30, Dec. 6-7, 13-14, 20-21, and 27-28, 2008 and Jan. 3-4, 2009

Location: 1225 Merchant St., Ambridge, PA 15003
E-Mail: ohiovalleylines@yahoo.com
Donation: Adults \$4.00, Children 6-12, \$1.00

Western PA Model RR Museum Holiday Open House, weekends Nov. 15, 2008 - Jan. 18, 2009 (Fridays, too, beginning Nov. 21). Hours vary; contact the club for details.

Location: 5507 Lakeside Dr., Gibsonia, PA 15044
Info: (724) 444-6944; Email: showhours@wpmrm.org

Mar. 21, 2009 - **Division 2 Jamboree,** Sewell Center, Robert Morris University

Mar 26 - 28, 2009 - **17th Annual Midwest Narrow Gauge Show,** Salem, OH
Email: M2FQ@aol.com

Mar. 27-28, 2009 - **Railroad Prototype Modelers Seminar,** Sheraton Four Points Hotel, Rt. 30 East, Greensburg, PA
Registration Fee: \$35.00; Email jlerr337@verizon.net or call (724) 850-8882 for information
Room Rate \$95.00 + tax, (724) 836-6060, Mention "Prototype Modelers Meet"

Apr. 30 - May 3, 2009 - **MCR Regional Convention "21st Century Express,"** Columbus, OH

Submissions welcome! Contact the Editor with announcements, including dates, times, location name and address, and sponsor's name and contact information.



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Super's Desk, cont'd ...

Jim Sacco has been very busy putting together a wonderful Jamboree to be held in late March. Put it on your schedule and make plans to bring a friend. It should be a very interesting day.

See you at the meeting.

... **Susan Werner**

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Bring 'n' Brag

November's contest was hosted by The Mid Mon Valley Model Railroad Club in New Eagle, Pennsylvania. The subject of 2008's last contest was "Industrial Structures" and there were five entries.

First place was won by Kevin Kuzman for his General Store model. The store was built from a BANTA lazer cut wood kit.

Second place went to Mike Hohn for his HO scale Carriage and Wagon Factory diorama. All structures were scratch built based on actual prototype plans.

Third place was won by Keith DeVault for his HO scale PA & WV Supply Warehouse and office.

Other entries for last month's contest included:

Robert Hickman entered a HO scale FOS Scale Limited, "J. Sternad Bottle Dealer and Gruber Glass Co." craftsman kit.

Jim Dodds entered an HO scale background building of Green Valley Foods.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Bring 'n' Brag contest for 2008.

PAUL GALLICK

Next January we start another contest cycle. The categories for 2009 are listed on Page 1, so get your models and ideas ready.

Standings are as follows:



Name	Points	Name	Points
Mike Hohn	38	Kevin Kuzman	5
Steve Raque	35	Dave Wilson	5
Jim Kubanick	17	Allan Cybak	4
Keith Devault	16	Larry Kline	4
Bill DeFoe	12	Albert Zimmerman	4
Jim Dodds	12	Neal Schorr	3
Jim Whipple	11	Lou Bier	2
Dick Flock	10	Eric Hansmann	2
Andy Lorince	10	Vagel Keller	2
Pat Altdorfer	6	John Weinhold	2
Robert Hickman	6	Hans Werner	2
Steve Ross	6	Susan Werner	2

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VIDEO REVIEW

by Don Reed

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Model railroading video/CD review

Title: "The Circus and the Railroads"

Format: DVD Year produced: 1998

Total running time: 30 minutes

Description: The CD includes footage of a recreated circus train enroute to Milwaukee and visits to two circus museums (Circus World in Baraboo, WI and The House on the Rock). The two museums have really extensive collections of circus equipment or circus models. There are interesting demonstrations of how all that equipment was loaded and unloaded from flat cars with old chain-driven Mac trucks and horses.

Positives: There is lots of good footage of circus equipment if you're interested in modeling a circus train. The CD is interesting and fun to watch.

Negatives: None.

Technical quality: Very good.

Overall: An enjoyable way to spend 30 minutes.

PRRT&HS Publication: *Pennsylvania Railroad Flatcars: Revenue & Work Equipment, 1881 - 1968.* \$33.00

A limited number of copies are now available in the Company Store. Contact Dick Flock at:

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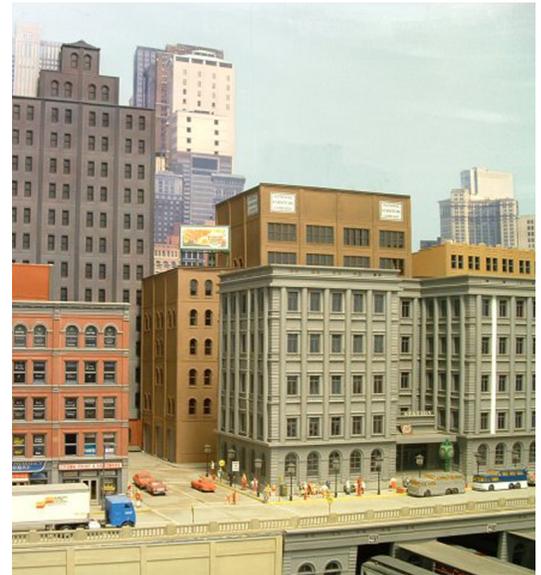
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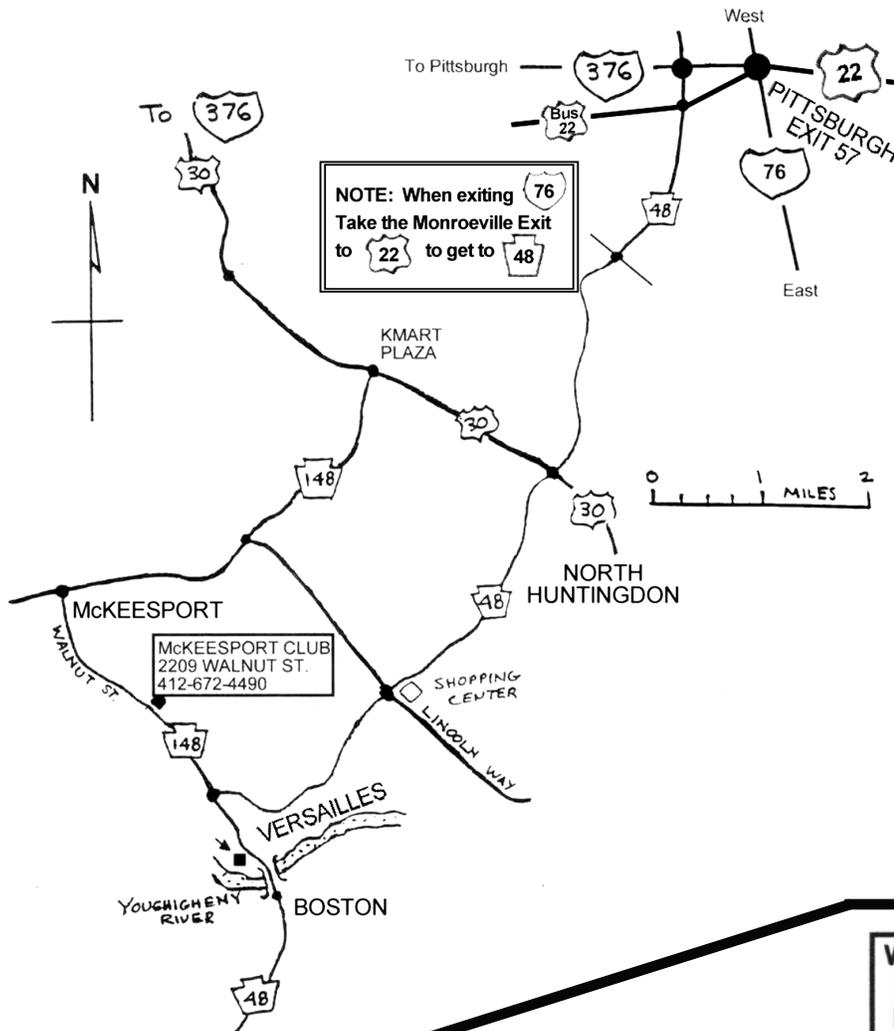
The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM. We then watched an interesting video of Tom Miller's huge F scale (1:20.3 or LGB size 3 foot narrow gauge) indoor layout. Ah, to be filthy rich and pay people to build your models...

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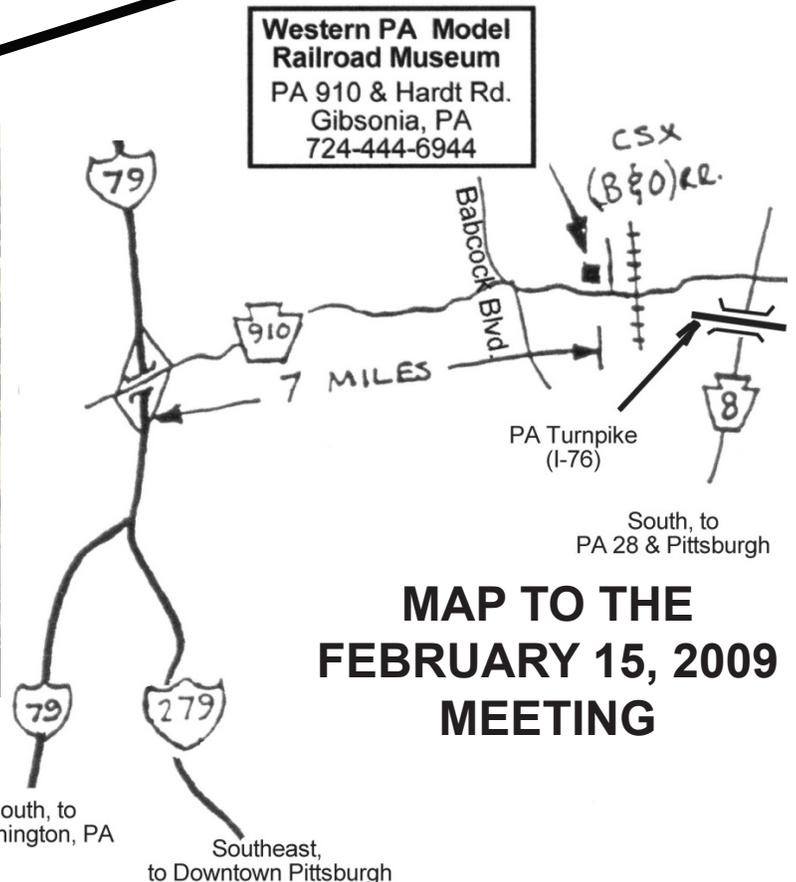
MAP TO THE JANUARY 18, 2009 MEETING



This city-scape on the McKeesport Model RR Club's Mon-Yough RR is new since we last visited. Neil Gaus photo.



Travel back in time at the WPMRR Museum to see the Wabash Bridge still spanning the Mon at Pittsburgh! Tom Gaus photo.



MAP TO THE FEBRUARY 15, 2009 MEETING

Division Two of the NMRA's Mid-Central Region proudly presents

PITTSBURGH MODEL RAILROAD JAMBOREE



Saturday, March 21, 2009
Sewall Center
Robert Morris University Moon Campus
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OPEN TO EVERYONE!

REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:00 A.M. – ACTIVITIES RUN ALL DAY!
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A Look Back at the Montour Railroad – Gene Schaeffer
Enjoying Operations on a Small Layout – Carl Arendt
Modeling a Post-War Freight Car Fleet – Larry Kline
Laser Kits for Klutzes – Frank Bongiovanni
Building Dante - Seven Layers of Switching Hell – Ray Persing
E-bay for Model Railroaders – Bram Bailey
Designing Interesting Switch Operations – Bob Bartizek
When Your Space is Limited and You Can't Build Out, Then Build Up – Gayl Rotsching
Turntable Construction Techniques – Anthony Kulfan & Mike Thompson
Weathering 101 – Don Reed
And more!

Brian Butko, historian and author, will present the after dinner program "Roadside America" showing the common and uncommon sites that lined streets and highways in the 40s and 50s.

Plus, Model Contests, White Elephant Tables, Door Prizes, Raffle, Switching Layouts and displays by the P&WV Historical Interest Group. Additional information on back.

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

MORE INFORMATION ON BACK

General information and questions: 412-276-6006 or e-mail: ctyclsscs@aol.com Registration questions should be directed to registrar shown below.

Register early to guarantee meal availability

Very limited space is available at the door.

NO banquet reservations taken after March 15th!

Registration information will be distributed upon arrival March 21st

No confirmations will be mailed.

Program/banquet speaker subject to change without notice.

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Jamboree Registration Fee Per Person – Includes lunch & continental breakfast

NMRA Members \$22.00 x _____ = _____
Before Mar 8th

Non-NMRA members \$32.00 x _____ = _____
Before Mar 8th

Add \$5 after March 8th (all) \$5.00 x _____ = _____

Banquet \$28.00 x _____ = _____
(not included w/registrations above)

Total _____

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<p>Western Pennsylvania Est. 1938 Model Railroad Museum</p> <p>(724) 444-6944 5507 Lakeside Drive, Gibsonia, Pa. 15044 Formerly the Pittsburgh Model Railroad Historical Society</p>	 <p>MID-MON VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD CLUB</p> <p>159 Main Street, New Eagle, PA Meetings: Fridays 7:30 pm</p> 
 <p>Visitors Welcome MEMBERSHIP OPEN</p> <hr/> <p>2209 Walnut Street McKeesport, PA Open Tuesday and Friday Evenings</p>	 <p>Model Railroad, Museum, and Library</p> <p>A modeler's information resource! OPEN Every Monday: 7:30 - 10 PM</p> <p>PHONE (724) 266-4787 E-Mail: ohiovalleylines@yahoo.com</p> <p>INC.</p>
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