

Division Meeting Schedule

February 15, 2009 - Western PA Model RR Museum, Gibsonia, PA
Layout open at 1:30 PM
Meeting at 2:30 PM
Program: Bob Meier, "How to Ballast"

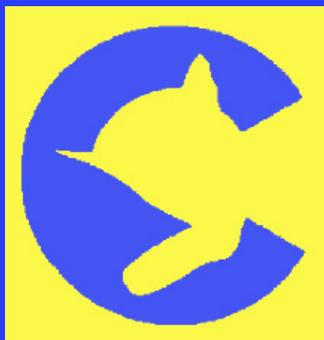
March 21, 2009 - Division 2 Jamboree, Robert Morris University Sewell Center, Moon Township, PA
Registration Open at 8:00 AM

April 19, 2009 - Ohio Valley Lines, Ambridge, PA
Layout open at 1:30 PM
Meeting at 2:30 PM
Program: TBD

May 17, 2009 - Mon Valley Railroad of West Virginia, Morgantown, WV
Layout open at 1:30 PM
Meeting at 2:30 PM
Program: TBD

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



Fallen Flags of the Keystone Division



From the Super's Desk

The annual Division 2 Jamboree is around the corner. Jim Sacco has done a superb job of setting up the clinicians for this event. We have an excellent mix of local and out-of-town-clinicians and a wonderful assortment of clinics that should speak to every one of us. If you think that the price tag is a little too high, consider that years ago we held the Jamboree in less than comfortable quarters, there was no morning coffee and snacks, there was often no lunch, there were fewer clinics and the price (adjusted for inflation) was just about the same. This information became evident to me as I was working on scanning the old Keystone Flyers. Some of those Jamborees did not even start until after lunch!

There is a wide array of clinics scheduled. They may not all be of interest to everybody. If there is no clinic that interests you during a particular time slot, take time to check out the models in the contest, the switching layouts and P&WV display, the raffle prizes, or just take time to talk with other modelers. Make a point to talk with modelers you may not know very well as well as those you do know. All in all, I'm sure that you will be able to find plenty of things of interest to you to make this a Saturday well spent! On Sunday, take some time to visit the layouts open on the self-guided layout tours. Remember to wear your Jamboree badge for admission to the open layouts. These layouts are only open to Jamboree attendees.

This is one Division 2 event that is open to non-members. Please invite fellow modelers who are not NMRA members to come to the Jamboree, and when you encounter non-members at the Jamboree, be sure to greet them warmly and tell them of the many good reasons to join the NMRA. This annual event should be a good recruiting tool for Division 2, but each of you is the best good-will ambassador the organization could have.

... Susan Werner

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The first meeting of 2009 was called to order at 2:33 PM, in the McKeesport Model RR Club building in McKeesport, PA. From where I was sitting it was difficult to get an accurate count, but there were at least 34 members present. Susan thanked our hosts. Club president, Dean Liberty, gave a brief history of the club and their future plans. The layout is twenty years old and the wiring at least ten. As constructed, the track layout is primarily a display route with no provisions for realistic operation. Their plan is to save the structures, but rebuild the entire layout starting from the top of the benchwork. The new plan will feature trackwork for a bridgeline operating scheme and DCC control.

George Pandelios a former Pittsburgher and friend of Neal Schorr's traveled from Hummelstown (Hershey), PA to visit and display his model. Andy Blenko introduced his two non-railfan children, Stephanie and Evan.

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

Carl Volkwein had phoned Susan the Treasurer's report. Income was \$1725, largely from the Company Store, and expenses were \$1838, largely Company Store purchases. There was a net loss of \$112 this period.

Dick Flock gave the Company Store update. There are four of the PRR flatcar books left and Dick will likely not restock since there is a large minimum order. The new Montour book is very good. This is authored by Gene Schaeffer, one of our Jamboree clinicians. There are still some PRRH&TS Conemaugh Division books left and one Intermountain FGE reefer model. There are also a number of Sylvan Models trucks and trailers. Dick still has a collection of southern states barn (or sign) decals to unload, as well as prototypical supermarket decals made for the City Classics kit. He can get the MCR laser cut PRR passenger shelter kits, as well as the new Region project for the Ashtabula, OH Engine Crew Locker Room kit as featured in the Kingpin.

Tom Gaus announced that our Division has 249 active members, with 7 who just signed up in December and January. In December the website had 21,313 hits and 1255 sessions. The Links page was the most viewed. Tom is also the Jamboree Registrar, and to date six people have signed up.

Bob Meier noted that the Freemo module group could not get space at the Greenberg show, February 7-8, at the Laurel Highlands Events Center in Greensburg. They are third on the waiting list for just a membership table. Reduced space at this facility means that some dealers are waiting as well. New modules are still welcome and wanted by the group.

Paul Gallick had twelve entries for the Bring'n'Brag contest at the start of this season. Everyone congratulated Michael Hohn for winning Modeler of the Year for last season.

Bud Brock noted that he can't put all of the video library offerings out on display. If you are looking for a particular video or DVD just ask him.

Susan gave the Regional news. She still has some registration forms for the MCR 21st Century Limited convention in Columbus, OH. The dates are April 30-May 3. Early bird registration prices are in effect until February 28. Room rates are a reasonable \$84. Dick Flock is scouting sites for our 2012 Regional convention.

Next, Assistant Super Michael Hohn ran down the upcoming meetings. February's meeting will be at the Western PA Model RR Museum in Gibsonia. Bob Meier will present February's program. March will be the Jamboree. The April meeting will be in Ambridge, maybe in the new meeting area. Morgantown will host the May meeting at their club facility. The campus building where we previously met is being renovated, but the industrial mural in the lecture hall was saved and relocated.

Dennis Vaccaro gave the Achievement Program report. There have been a number of member inquiries and a certificate is on its way.

Susan had a box of flyers available to advertise for the 2009 Jamboree. Jim Sacco has lined up a broad range of clinics and the dinner speaker will be Brian Butko, historian and author. Brian will present "Roadside America" showing the common and uncommon sites that lined our streets and highways in the '40s and '50s. The Jamboree admission had been held to the same price as last year, despite cost increases. Registrations up until March 8 are discounted, after that date add an additional \$5. No banquet registrations will be accepted after March 15. Give a copy of the flyer to all your member and non-NMRA member friends. Don

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Pike ads are available to publicize your home or club model rail empires for a \$15.00 yearly fee. You may supply artwork or have it produced by the editor for a nominal fee. Pike ads are also posted on the Division's website: <http://www.keystonedivision.org>

Minutes, cont'd ...

Reed mentioned that Scott Mason will present a program during lunch on building craftsman structure kits. Tom Gaus added that the day after the Jamboree (Sunday) there will be open house layout tours. A flyer with directions will be available to attendees. See Vagel Keller if you would like your layout listed.

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

Dick Flock noted that he had one more 2009 Fogg calendar available and that he had flyers for the Railroad Prototype Modelers Seminar in Greensburg on March 27-28.

We discussed that 41,000 people attended the World's Greatest Hobby show in Philadelphia.

Bob Prehoda's layout was written up in the North Huntington section of the Tribune Review.

Harry Clark's fantastic B&O themed layout will be moved to Nemaocolin Woodlands Resort and will be open to the public.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:04 PM.



PUBLIC TIMETABLE

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

JAMBOREE UPDATE!

AFTER DINNER SPEAKER. Brian Butko is from the Heinz History Center. His program will be about "Roadside America," showing the common and uncommon sites that lined streets and highways in the 40s and 50s.

Brian was a long-time board member of the Society for Commercial Archeology and still designs and copyedits their Journal. He is also a founding director of the Lincoln Highway Association. Weekdays you'll find him at the Senator John Heinz History Center where I edit Western Pennsylvania History magazine. Brian has also appeared in a number of Rick Sebak's TV programs because of his vast knowledge of roadside architecture.

CONTESTS. Popular vote contests will be held in the categories of motive power, rolling stock, and structure/display.

LUNCHEON SPEAKER. "Lunch With Scotty Mason." Scott is a well-known producer of modeling DVD's, as well as a professional model and layout builder, craftsman kit manufacturer, and host of the Scotty Mason Show podcast, and he's responsible for organizing the Craftsman Structure Show. Scott is an entertaining speaker who will be discussing "How to Turn Your Hobby Into a Business." It will be a funny, informative way to spend lunch!

SUNDAY LAYOUT TOURS. In addition to 2-3 switching layouts and the totally new display of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Historical Interest Group at the Jamboree, there will be self-guided layout tours on Sunday, with maps available to all paid registrants on Saturday.

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Bring 'n' Brag

Welcome to the 2009 NMRA MCR Keystone Division 2 Bring 'n' Brag contest. January's contest was held at the McKeesport Model Railroad Club in McKeesport, PA. The theme was "Anything Goes," and twelve entries were covered a wide range of categories.

First place went to Don Reed for his HO scale Femmore Coal. Don built this structure of a small retail coal dealer from a FOS kit and painted and weathered it.

Second place was won by Steve Hertzner for his O scale Pickle Factory. Steve built the building from a Korber kit and added an animated Heinz Ketchup sign that simulates the one on the former Heinz factory on Pittsburgh's North Side.

Third place was a tie between Andy Blenko and Charles Scheider. Charlie Blenko entered an HO scale Athearn SD45-2 factory painted for Conrail with a DC/DCC decoder with sound. Charles Scheider entered two Atlas O Scale boxcars. They included an X29 painted and lettered for the for the PRR and an Atlas Trainman lettered for the Maine Central. Both cars were heavily weathered to match prototype photos.

PAUL GALLICK

Other entries for this month's contest:

Charlie Blenko also entered a wooden freight train painted for CSX crossing a wooden bridge.

Keith DeVault entered an HO scale covered hopper lettered for the B&O/Chessie built from an Acurail kit. Keith added metal wheels and Kadee couplers, additional decals and weathering were applied to obtain the effect of a modern graffiti covered car.

Bob Hickman entered an HO scale diner built from a FOS kit, 'Eleanor's Quick Lunch Diner.'

Jim Kubanick entered four HO scale freight cars built from a variety of resin kits. The two cars lettered for the CB&Q were built from Sunshine kits. The DL&W double sheathed boxcar was built from a NEB&W Green Dot kit, while the RUTLAND double sheathed boxcar was built from a Dennis Storszek kit. All of the cars were nicely details and beautifully finished.

George Pandelios entered an O scale model of the Weirton Steel open hearth complete with prototype photographs, smoking stacks, and lighting. The model is designed to fit against the backdrop of his layout.

Steven Schorr entered an article he had published on "Layout Designs"

David Wilson entered two scratchbuilt HO scale steam locomotives switchers that he is in the process of completing. Both engines represent Union Railroad 0-6-0



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switchers and were scaled from photographs. The drive mechanisms were taken from the Proto 2000 0-6-0.

Andy Blenko displayed three HO scale 1980's automobiles made by Motormax.

This past month many of the contest entries only included the 3x5 note card with the entry number and a brief name. If I cannot tell, just by looking at it, that some effort by the modeler has been expended on an entry, then I cannot fairly and accurately award any points for that entry if there is no description of what was done to it. Thank you for understanding that the rules of the Bring and Brag contest need to be adhered to.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. Next month's theme will be "Passenger Equipment." The standings are as follows:



<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Don Reed	6
Steve Hertzner	5
Charles Scheider	4
Charlie Blenko	2
Keith DeVault	2
Robert Hickman	2
Jim Kubanick	2
Steven Schorr	2
Dave Wilson	2

**NEW
at the ...**



The Montour Railroad by Gene Schaeffer, a hardbound pictorial book, 9 x 12 format, 144 pages, duotone. \$40.00 (20% off cover price). Special order.

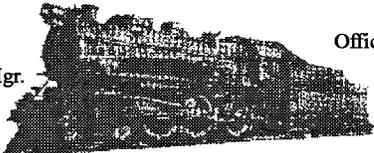
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A limited number of copies of the PRRT&HS books on PRR flatcars and the Conemaugh Division are still available.

Editor's Note: The B'n'B rules clearly state that some effort must be made on the part of the modeler for an entry to qualify for points and that the modeler must provide that information on a note card or other piece of paper to accompany the model. Other entries are welcome *for display only*. This is the third time in two years that the issue has come up. The last time it happened I published the complete contest rules in the March 2007 *Flyer*, which can be downloaded from our excellent website run by Tom Gaus. As good as Paul is at running B'n'B, he is not clairvoyant. Let's get our collective act together!



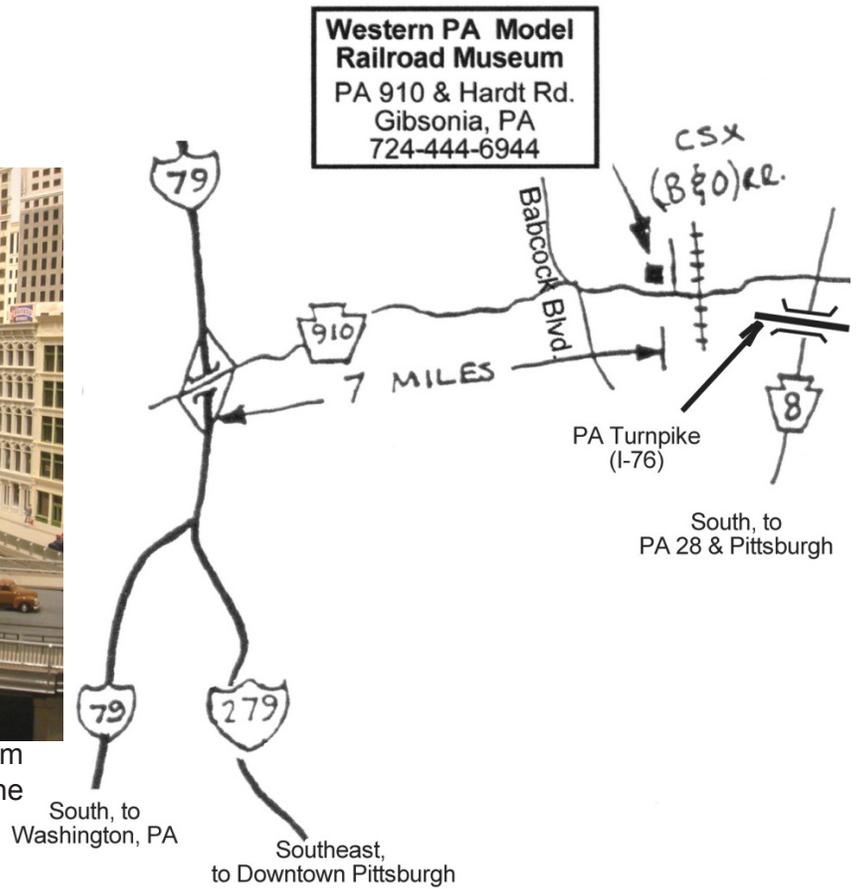
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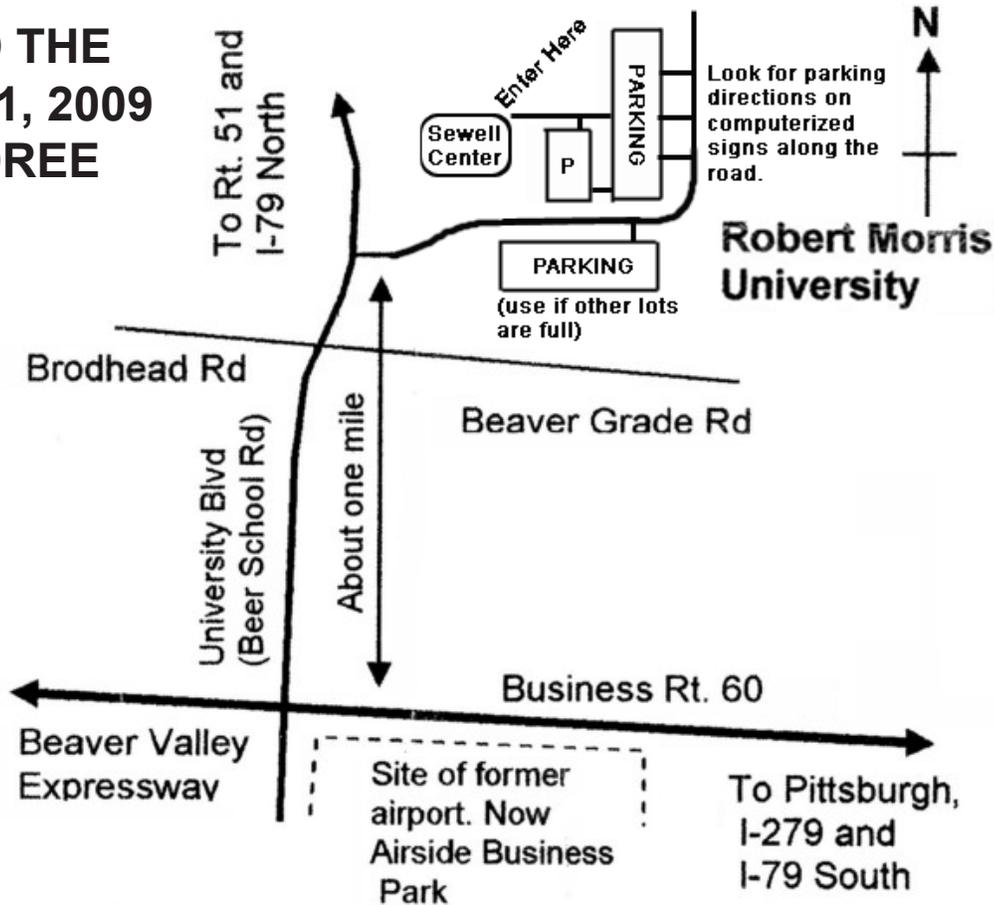
MAP TO THE FEBRUARY 15, 2009 MEETING



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 MARCH 21, 2009 JAMBOREE



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

PITTSBURGH MODEL RAILROAD JAMBOREE



Saturday, March 21, 2009
Sewall Center
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REGISTRATION STARTS AT 8:00 A.M. – ACTIVITIES RUN ALL DAY!
NEW CLINICS ON A WIDE VARIETY OF TOPICS!

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.

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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 _____ = _____

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