



Division Meeting Schedule

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

June 21, 2009 - Western Pennsylvania Railroad Society, Hickory, PA

August 16, 2009 - Div. 2 Picnic, Henley Park, Leetsdale, PA

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 Jamboree is just about here. If you haven't registered yet, it is not too late. You can even register at the door if you suddenly find that you have the time to attend.

It is once again time to elect officers for the Mid-Central Region. The ballot is in the back part of The Kingpin that was mailed to each one of us in January.

Please read each of the biographical sketches as cast your ballot for your choice. OK, I know there is only one choice for 3 out of 4 offices, but your voice is important. In the future, perhaps there will be more volunteers for these offices and we will have more choice. Please take the time to cast your ballot and prove that you read your mail and care about your organization. The ballots are due to the teller by April 1, 2009.

The next fun event coming up is the Mid-Central Region Convention from April 30th through May 3rd in Columbus, OH. This should be a real experience for all who attend. A number of prototype tours are planned as well as family interest tours. To a confirmed chocoholic like myself, the "Chocolate Dream Tour" will be a hard one to resist. There will be a fan trip on the Hocking Valley Scenic RR. There will also be plenty of action for train nuts like us. And lest we get too one dimensional, there is also a visit planned to "Flight Safety" and experience a flight simulator. Now, how cool is that?! There will be plenty of in-house activities as well. A list of the clinics offered is listed in The Kingpin. On Sunday, May 3rd, a self-guided layout tour will cap off the convention. Instead of a convention car, the convention committee is offering a laser kit of an engine crew locker room. If you want one of these kits but do not anticipate going to the convention, ask Dick Flock to pick one up for you while he is at the convention. While you're at it, you can ask him to pick up the region's project kit, a two-pack of passenger shelters. I hope to see a large contingent of Division 2 members at this convention. The convention hotel has dropped its initial room rate to only \$84 per night. By the way, you will find the registration form in The Kingpin or on the Convention web site: mcr09convention.dwilke.org

... Susan Werner

To all NMRA members: Due to a printer's error, the ballot accompanying the March *Scale Rails* is invalid. HQ will be mailing a new ballot to all members at the printer's expense. Please do not use the magazine ballot. We are sorry for the inconvenience and confusion caused by this situation.

The February meeting was called to order at 2:30 PM, in the Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum building in Gibsonia, PA. There were at least 70 members present. Susan thanked our hosts. Bob Meier thanked us for coming and reminded everyone of the museum's annual show from November to January. He also invited anyone to apply for any of the three classes of membership, information can be found on their website at www.wpmrm.org. Lastly, he announced that four numbers of Bowser two bay hopper cars are available lettered for the Mon Valley System as a fundraiser.

A number of guests and new members introduced themselves. Lewis Matt, and Patrick Altdorfer's father Pat were guests. Railroad Historian Harry Stegmaier was also present as a guest, but was unavailable when introductions were made. Ken Rozyki, Grier Kuehn, and Rick Bennet were new members.

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

Carl Volkwein gave the Treasurer's report. Income was \$789, largely from the Company Store, and expenses were \$419, mostly for the *Flyer*. There was a net gain of \$370 this period.

Dick Flock gave the Company Store update. He started by reminding everyone that our Division is dues free, largely thanks to proceeds from the Company Store. Give Dick your e-mail address if you want to be included on announcements. He is taking orders for 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*. These will be picked up at the Regional convention so you can save shipping costs if you aren't planning to attend. Mr. Kuroski donated some Athearn and Tyco locomotives that Dick was offering for reasonable prices. There is still one Intermountain FGE reefer model left, as well as a collection of southern states barn (or sign) decals to unload.

Tom Gaus announced that our Division has 251 active members, including 4 who signed up in January. Last month the website had 21,409 hits and 1377 sessions. The Links page was the most viewed. Tom is also the Jamboree Registrar, and to date 48 people have signed up, with 27 also attending the banquet, and 7 non-NMRA members.

Bob Meier added that the Free-Mo module group will run the White Elephant table at the Jamboree. On Sunday, March 22, there will be eight layouts open for self guided tours. Vagel Keller will have maps included with the registration package. Rob Twigger has a collection of 39 items, valued at \$965, donated for the Jamboree raffle.

He can accept more donations, including items from individuals, until March 7 so there will still be time to print acknowledgements in the handout packets. Paul Gallick noted that there will be the traditional popular vote model contest with awards, but this will not count toward Bring'n'Brag points. Achievement Program judging will also be possible.

Bob Meier continued with a Free-Mo update. The space was cramped at the Greenberg show, February 7-8, at the Laurel Highlands Events Center in Greensburg. Those who could not get room (including us) will be given preference at the next show. New modules are still welcome and wanted by the group.

Bud Brock thanked the WPMRM for all the space available, but still couldn't put out all of the video library offerings. If you are looking for a particular video or DVD just ask him. He also has a Builders Tool Kit available, see him for details.

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 has passed. If anyone was planning to not stay at the Ramada convention motel, and instead go to the nearby Motel 6, it burnt down. Maybe somebody left a light on. Note that the last *Kingpin* had an election ballot. There is one contest, so let's all vote by April 1.

There will be a 2012 Regional convention meeting held at the Mid-Mon Valley Model Railroad Club Train Show and Sale. The meeting will be at 1:00 PM at the New Eagle VFD hall.

Next, Assistant Super Michael Hohn ran down the upcoming meetings. March will be the Jamboree. The April meeting will be in Ambridge at the Ohio Valley Lines. Morgantown will host the May meeting at their club facility. June will be at the Hickory club with a caboose display to look at. July there will be no meeting. August

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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 ...

will be the picnic at Henley Park in Leetsdale, along Route 65 about 30 yards from the NS mainline.

Jim Sacco could not give a Jamboree update as he was attending the World's Greatest Hobby show in Nashville, TN. While we would prefer everyone register early, you can still walk in. Just remember, no banquet registrations will be accepted after March 15. Please promote this to all your friends.

Under old business Larry Kline reminded everyone of the Railroad Prototype Modelers Seminar, March 27-28, the weekend after the Jamboree. There will be 24 speakers, Thursday operating sessions and Sunday layout tours. There will also be vendors, with four photo dealers, including Bob's Photos. This is a Division 2 sponsored event, and as in the past, the Division will likely be able to share profits. Registration is currently at 60.

Under new business Susan put out a call for a new Chief Clerk. I have held this position since at least sometime in 2002 (it's been so long my memory is fading) and I am ready to give someone else the opportunity. The job is not hard - attend meetings, take notes, clean them up, and e-mail the result to the *Flyer* Editor about a week later. And you can earn Volunteer and Author points in the Achievement Program while doing so. See or e-mail

Susan if you are interested. Or contact me if you have any questions.

Don Reed mentioned a Canadian club where individuals were each building a particular craftsman structure kit (possibly in multiple scales) as a group activity. See Don if you or your club would be interested in doing this, possibly at a club or Don's workshop in Lawrenceville. It could be a learning experience and fun at the same time.

Lew Matt is a Contributing Editor of the Model Railroad Hobbyist, a free on line magazine. Any potential authors can contact him about what is required to contribute. You can access the magazine at <http://www.model-railroad-hobbyist.com>.

Ned Kluth passed along that there will be a motorcoach trip called "Treats'n'Trains" running from Wheeling to Altoona on May 20. It includes tours of the Boyer Candy factory, Benzel Pretzel factory, lunch, Railroader's Museum, Horseshoe Curve, and Amtrak ride to Johnstown. If there is enough interest the bus may stop in Pittsburgh. See <http://www.uniglobeohiovalleytravel.com/> for more info.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM. Bob Meier gave a presentation on how to ballast right of way.



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JAMBOREE FEATURES

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 is a founding director of the Lincoln Highway Association. Weekdays you'll find him at the Heinz History Center where he edits *Western Pennsylvania History* magazine.

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. He 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. There will be self-guided layout tours on Sunday, with maps available to all paid registrants on Saturday.

Bring 'n' Brag

February's contest was held at the Western PA Model Railroad Museum in Gibsonia, PA. The theme of this month's contest was "Passenger Equipment" and 8 entries were received.

First place was won by CJ Riley for his scratchbuilt O scale Western Maryland Jitney. The car was brought in by Larry Kline for whom it had been built.

Second place was a tie between Dave Wilson and Don Reed. Dave entered two HO scale heavy weight coached lettered for the P&LE and PMcK&Y railroads. He replaced the trucks with 4 wheel trucks, reworked the roofs, repainted and lettered with Microscale NYC System decals, and lightly weathered the cars. Don entered a completed HO scale Downtown Deco Hydrocal kit for "Porky's" BBQ.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Andy Lorince entered a freelance S Scale shortline coal dump scene.

Bill DeFoe entered an HO scale Walthers heavyweight observation car that he custom painted and lettered for the Cinder Valley Railroad.

Dave Wilson also entered an HO scale Milk express car painted and lettered for the Boston and Main. Dave built the model from a Funaro and Camerlengo resin kit to which he added full brake rigging and new grab irons and ladders.

Steve Ross entered a model of a B&O Slumbercoach built from a modified ConCor car. He removed incorrect skirting and reshaped the roof vents. Steve also lowered



the car on its trucks and replaced the talgo couplers with body mounted KD 508 coupler conversion. Finally he repainted the car with Model Master Buffing Stainless Steel paint, decaled it with pieces of Champ decals and made and installed window shades.

Keith DeVault entered three HO scale passenger cars which he painted and lettered for the B&O Capital Limited. Keith also replaced the couplers and added diaphragms to the cars.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. The next contest will be at the April meeting scheduled at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, PA. The next Bring 'n' Brag contest category is "Trucks and Tractors." Standings are as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Don Reed	10	Bill Defoe	2
Dave Wilson	7	Robert Hickman	2
Steve Hertzner	5	Jim Kubanick	2
C. J. Riley	5	George Pandelios	2
Keith DeVault	4	Steve Ross	2
Charles Scheider	4	Steven Schorr	2
Charlie Blenko	2	Andy Lorraine	1



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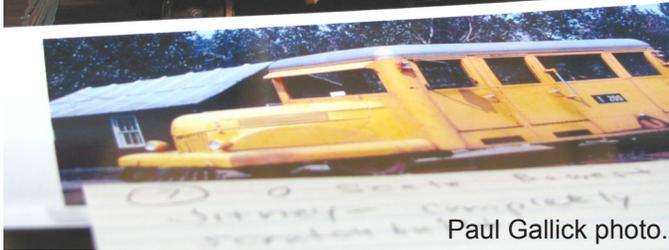
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C. J. Riley's Bowest Jitney, top left, took first place in Div. 2's February Bring'n'Brag contest. Don Reed's Porky's BBQ and Dave Wilson's NYC coach tied for second.



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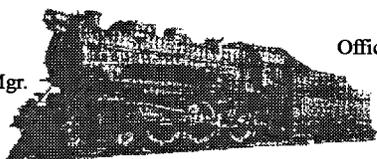


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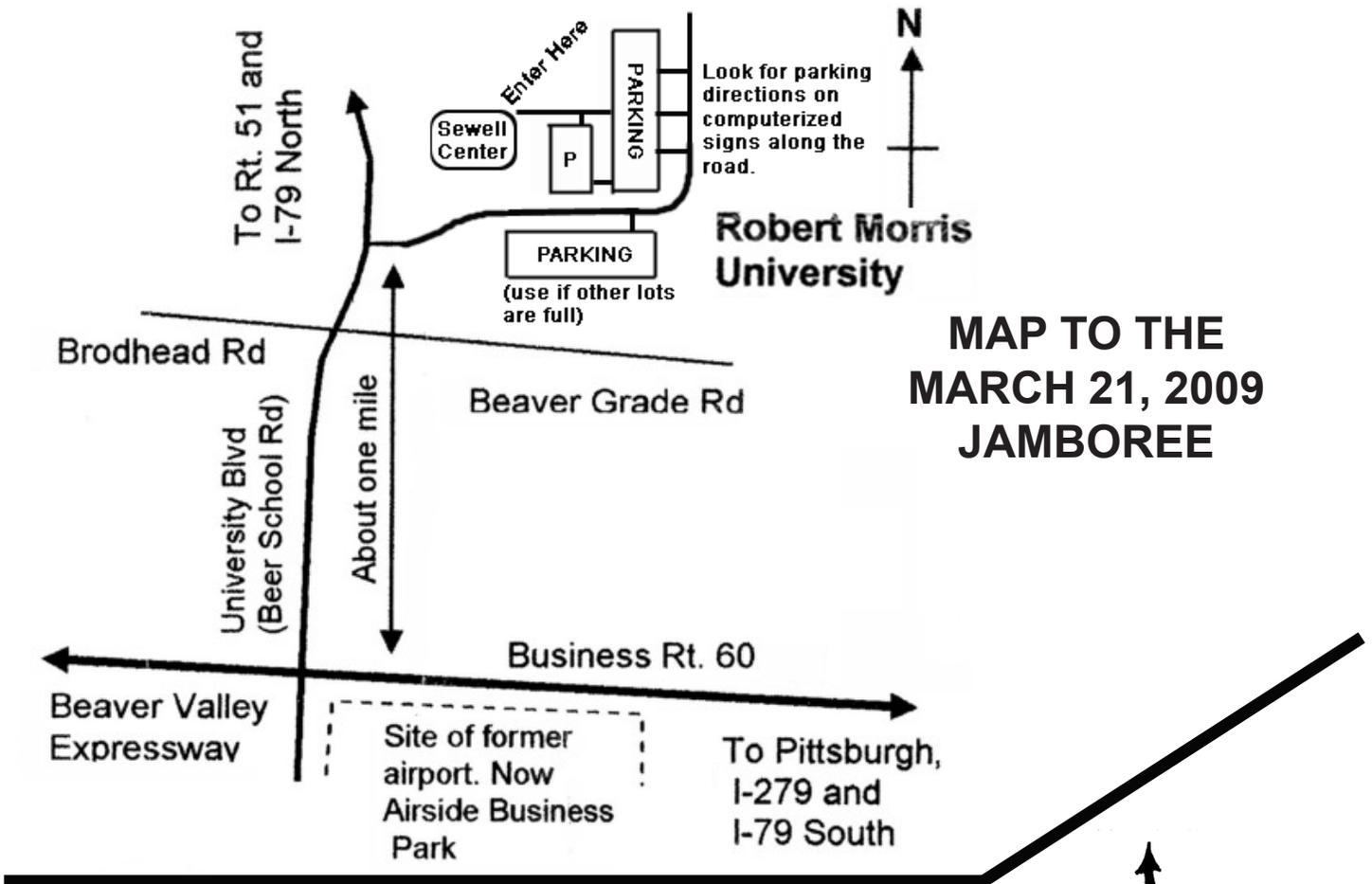
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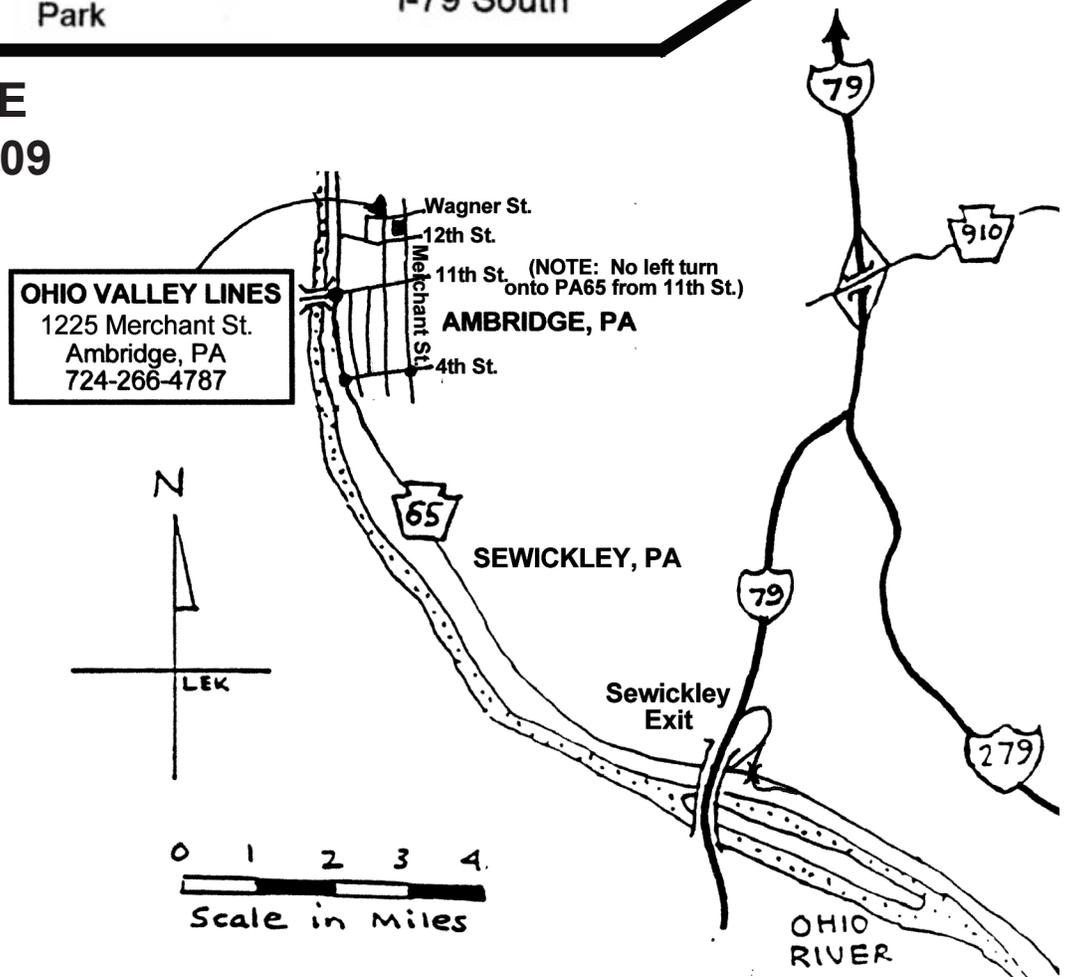
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Saturday, March 21, 2009
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Robert Morris University Moon Campus
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OPEN TO EVERYONE!

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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

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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 _____ = _____
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