

Division Meeting Schedule

April 19, 2009 - Ohio Valley Lines, Ambridge, PA

Layout open at 1:30 PM

Meeting at 2:30 PM

Program: Steve Ross, "Colonie Colors: Illustrated History of D&H Diesel Paint Schemes"

May 17, 2009 - Mon Valley Railroad of West Virginia, Morgantown, WV

Layout open at 1:30 PM

Meeting at 2:30 PM

Program: Keith Devault, "The History of the Morgantown & Kingwood Railroad"

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 now over and the tallying is beginning. At this time we don't know the financial outcome, but I believe that everything will be just fine. The event was an overwhelming success! We had a record attendance with 145 paying attendees. All who were there kept on telling me how impressed they were with the Jamboree.

People came from Division 11 to our north and from central Ohio. We also drew 33 non-members who are considering joining the NMRA. This is our best recruitment tool ever. Let's keep growing this event. Pitch in and offer to help with next year's Jamboree.

The ballot for the election of officers for the NMRA has arrived in the mail. It is a blue ballot in a white envelope that was mailed to each one of us. Please read each of the biographical sketches in your *Scale Rails* and then cast your ballot for your choice. The deadline is May 1, 2009 to mail your ballot. Do not use the ballot in the *Scale Rails* magazine; it is not valid. Please take the time to cast your ballot and prove that you care about your organization. Remember, the ballots are due to the teller by May 15, 2009.

The Mid-Central Region convention, called "21st Century Limited", will be April 30th through May 3rd in Columbus, OH. There is still time to register. A regional convention is a long weekend of model railroading and related events. If you have never attended one of these conventions, this is a good opportunity. It is close to home and the hotel has reduced the room rate to \$84.00 per night. Attend with others and share a room to share expenses. There are plenty of out of convention hotel activities as well as in hotel activities. There will be a silent auction, model contests, clinics and hospitality room. A list of the clinics offered is listed in The Kingpin. On Sunday, 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. By the way, you will find the registration form in The Kingpin or on the Convention web site: <http://mcr09convention.dwilke.org>.

... Susan Werner

Minutes From Last Meeting

STEVE ROSS

The March meeting was called to order at 7:35 PM, after dinner at the 2009 Division 2 Jamboree, held in the Sewall Center of Robert Morris University Moon Campus. I'm sure the Jamboree details will be noted elsewhere in the *Flyer*. Superintendent Susan Werner dispensed with the committee reports this evening so we could continue with the remainder of the program without delay. There are a few things to note in these minutes, plus some new business.

Two items were omitted from the February meeting minutes as published in the March *Flyer*. This was purely my fault since my feverish chicken scratching had filled the front of the agenda and carried over to the back of the page. Due to a job change, long time Division 2 member and all around good guy Eric Hansman will be moving to Chagrin Falls, OH outside of Cleveland. He will be transferring to Division 5. Our loss will be their gain. Good luck, Eric. Secondly, Jack Pscherer was awarded a 50 Year NMRA Member certificate. Congratulations, Jack!

Carl Volkwein gave me a written Treasurer's report. Income was \$832, largely from the Company Store, and expenses were \$383. There was a net gain of \$449 this period.

New Business: Keith Devault has volunteered to be the new Chief Clerk next month. It has been my pleasure to serve the division in this capacity.

Old *Keystone Flyers* are now available on CD in our Video Library. Our luncheon speaker, Scot Mason, also made a generous donation to our library of the entire line of his DVD's on structure building, weathering, and other topics. Thank you, Scot!

Kevin Kuzman will be receiving a Master Builder – Scenery certificate in the Achievement Program.

Remember not to use the ballot in the Scale Rails magazine. Instead use the one that has been mailed separately.

Paul Gallick gave the modeling contest results and award plaques. Bob Meier won the Motive Power category with his Penn Central GP40. Bill Defoe won the Structures category with his scratchbuilt saw mill. Jim Ferguson won the Rolling Stock category with his O-scale C&O caboose. Paul also gave Michael Hohn his plaque for winning Modeler of the Year in the 2008 Bring'n'Brag contest.

The next event will be the regular April meeting at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, PA.

Bob Meier thanked everyone who participated in the White Elephant sale that benefited the FreeMo module group. Dick Flock thanked everyone who patronized the Company Store.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:39 PM. Jim Sacco introduced our banquet speaker, historian and author Brian Butko, who showed slides of "Roadside America" in the 1940's and 50's.



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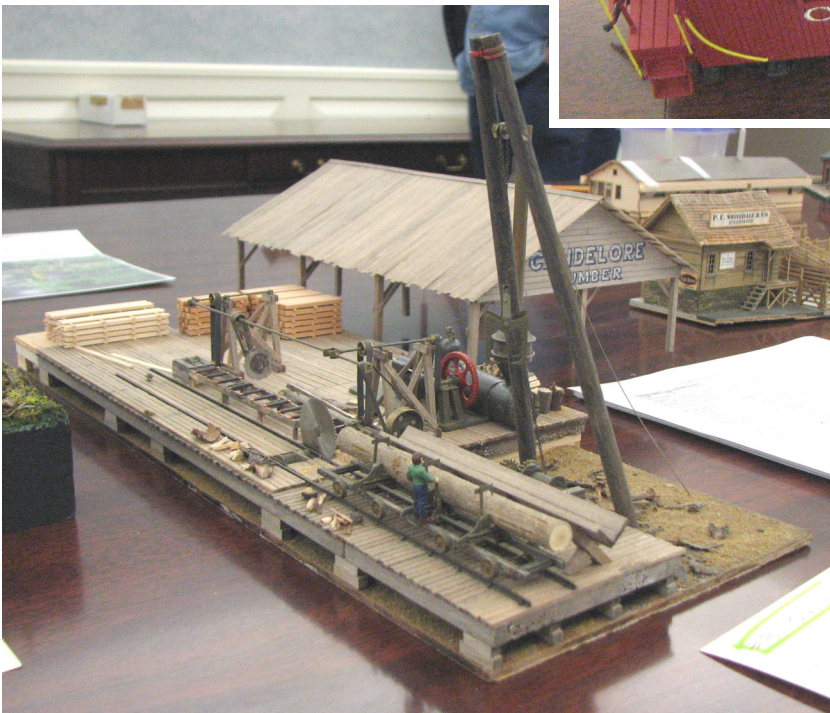
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JAMBOREE CONTEST WINNERS



Bob Meier, Motive Power

Jim Ferguson, Rolling Stock



Bill DeFoe, Structures

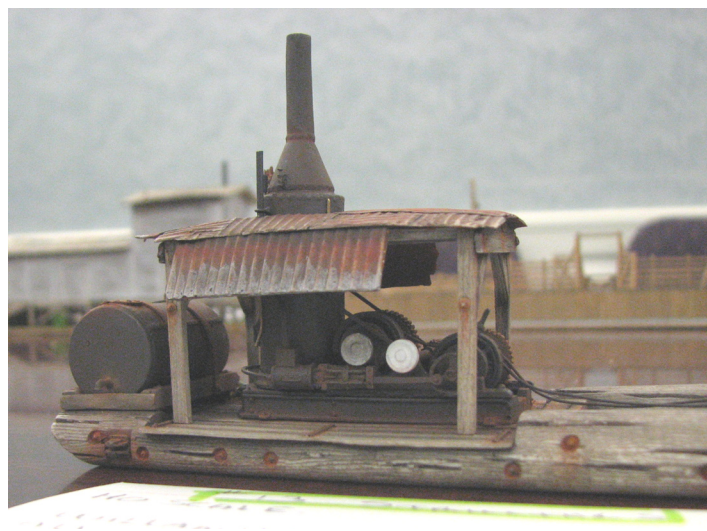



There were a large number of very well done models and dioramas in the contest room and elsewhere in the Jamboree area, and these are the ones that caught the Editor's eye.

Left: Display by the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Historical Society.

Lower Left: Logging camp cook house by Kevin Kuzman.

Below: Steam donkey engine powering a logging skidder, also by Kevin Kuzman.

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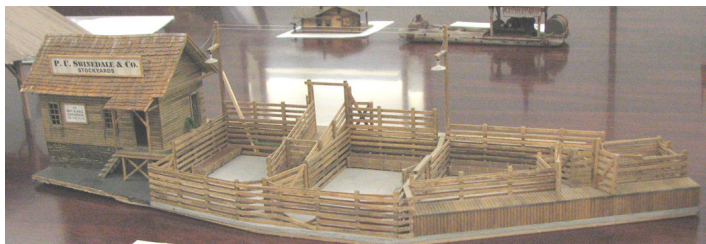




Left: Rooming house by Jim Ferguson.

Lower Left: Stock pens by Bill DeFoe

Below: Tobacconist shop and surroundings by Don Reed.



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Here are a couple views of the Ohio Valley Line's huge HO layout that illustrate the variety of scenes you'll see if you attend the meeting on Apr. 19.

It depicts western Pennsylvania in the 40's and 50's. The focus of the layout is on the iron and steel industry from coal mining through by-product coke making through making iron and steel, although the mainline traverses rural and residential settings, as well.

Most scenes are fully scened, with a large integrated iron and steel complex featuring kitbashed and scratch-built structures and facilities.

Control is via Digitrax DCC. In addition to train-watching, visitors who are still thinking about whether or not to change from DC to DCC can have many of their questions answered by the club's members.

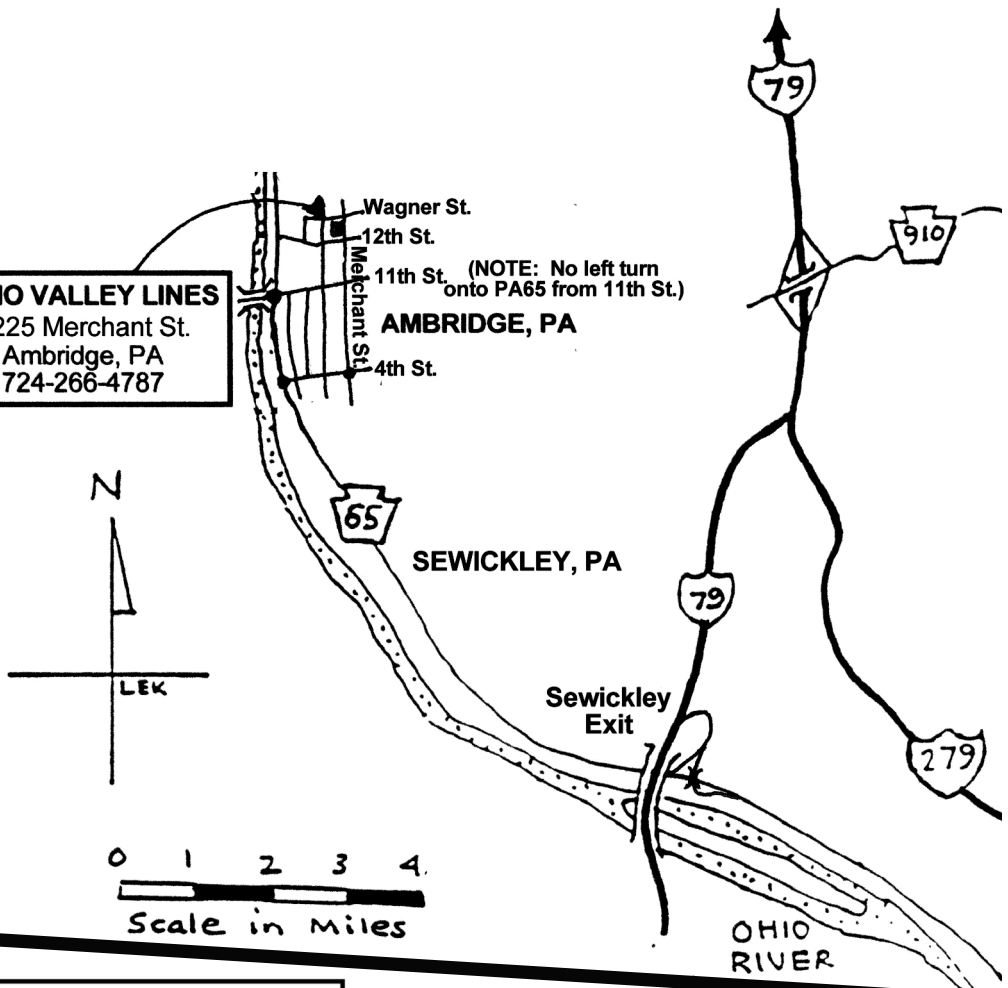
At right are some scenes from the HO scale layout of the Mon Valley Railroad Club of West Virginia. It is multi-level, with 600 feet of single track mainline. Industry is centered on coal, paper, and glass, with bridge traffic to industrial centers of Baltimore, Cincinnati, Pittsburgh, and Charleston. Trains are controlled with a Digitrax DC system, while most turnouts are hand thrown. Four small towns and one central division point yard at St. George are served along the mainline. It can easily take 45 minutes to operate a train from one end of the model railroad to the other. A major grade on the layout was rebuilt in 2006.

Operating sessions are becoming a regular event with the club. Most sessions last more than six hours. A timetable governs operation using real time. Variations, alterations, and amendments to the timetable are carried out with dispatcher-authorized train orders. A Train Order Operator delivers these to stations for pick up by the appropriate crew.



MAP TO THE APRIL 19, 2009 MEETING

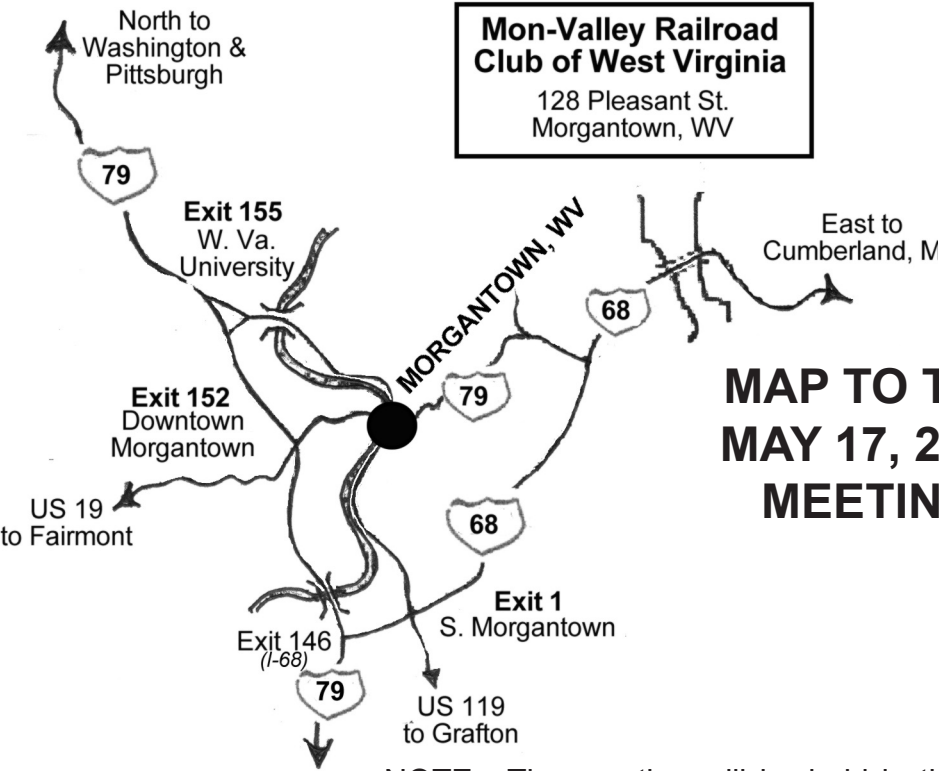
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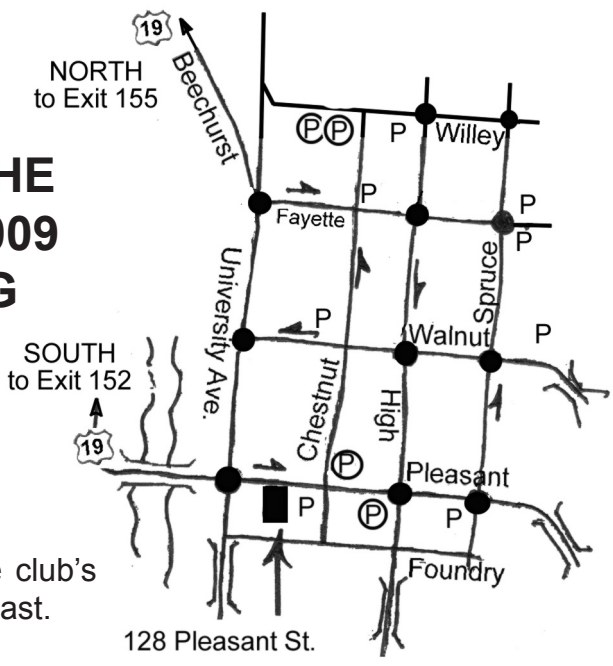
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MAP TO THE MAY 17, 2009 MEETING



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