

Division Meeting Schedule

June 28, 2009 - Western Pennsylvania
Railroad Society, Hickory, PA Community
Center

Layout open at 1:30 PM

Meeting at 2:30 PM

Program: TBD

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

September 20, 2009 - Steubenville, OH
Area Model Railroaders

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 Board of Directors' meeting at the MCR convention was very productive. One of the most important items involves the Mid Central Region newsletter, the Kingpin. The Region has been spending more to mail this newsletter every 3 months than can be raised in funding from the NMRA and the various model projects. After much discussion, the decision was made to cut the number of Kingpins from 4 each year to 3. This will actually bring you the information in a timelier manner. The first issue will be the election issue in election years as well as the convention issue. The second issue will contain the minutes of the Board meeting at the spring convention. The third issue will contain the minutes of the October Board meeting. These issues will also contain articles submitted by members of the Region. This will be a good opportunity to work on articles for the Model Railroad Author points. Please consider writing some articles for the new and improved Kingpin.

Now, here is the most important part. These changes will not be enough to balance the budget. It was decided to publish the Kingpin in electronic format. That is to say, the Kingpin will be published on the Mid Central Region website. This will enable the Kingpin to contain color pictures and more color in all of the articles and ads. It also means that there will be virtually no limit to the number of pages the Kingpin can contain (the printed version is limited to 8 pages total). Anytime you want to read the Kingpin, you can go to the Region website and read the entire Kingpin. If you want to receive an e-mail alert that the new issue is available on the website, you will be able to provide the Webmaster with your e-mail address and keep it updated. For those of you who cannot use the Internet to read the Kingpin or do not wish to, you will be given the option to request a printed copy of the Kingpin. All of this will not take place until after the next issue is mailed in printed form. If you have any questions, please ask Mike Hohn or me. We were both at the Board meeting and participated in the discussion.

... Susan Werner

Superintendent Susan Werner called the May meeting to order at 2:30 PM at the Mon Valley Railroad Club of Morgantown, West Virginia. There were 44 members present at the meeting and donations totaled \$52.00.

Gary Deavers, President of the Club welcomed the members to the club's facilities, and wanted everyone to enjoy the spacious layout. We had two visitors, David Walls, visiting from Connecticut and Bob Weinheimer from Division 9 in Charleston, W.V.

The April minutes were approved as published in the Flyer.

Carl Volkvien gave his Treasurer's report for the months of March and April. Income was \$9,133.70, expenses of \$3,673.42, for a net of \$5,460.28. He stated that it looks like we will net about \$1,500 from the Jamboree after outstanding invoices are paid.

Dick Flock gave the Company Store report update. Several books are now available. Dick presented the Division a check for \$1000.00 to Susan, from the RPM Meet held in Greensburg the end of March, thanking the Division for their sponsorship of the event. The next RPM meet will be held in the Philadelphia area the last of March 2010, with the RPM meet in Greensburg the end of March 2011.

Tom Gaus, Membership Chair and Webmaster sent in his April report, stating that the division stands at 249 Active members. The website had 14,332 hits last month at 1027 sessions, and the April Keystone Flyer had the most views with 239.

Bob Meier, gave the FreeMo modular layout update: The July Greenburg show has been cancelled and that the committee will be setting up in Lawrenceville in the near future. He is still looking for help, both to help build and run the modular layout. In addition, it was announced that the Castle Shannon Club has been building new modules and they hope to match their modules with the FreeMo Groups Modulares.

Paul Gallick announced there were five entries for this month's Bring N Brag, Residential Structures.

Susan reported on the MCR convention held in Columbus, Ohio. The Regional Newsletter, the Kingpin was discussed on a proposal for it to be published 3 times a year and only one will be in print. The other two will be in electronic form. Our Division was awarded the bid to host the Regional Convention April 18-22, 2012. Susan will be forming a convention committee and reminded everyone to get working on your home layouts for viewing during the convention.

Mike Hohn announced that the next program will be held at the Hickory, PA Community Center on Sunday **June 28** and the business meeting will start at **1:30 p.m.** to allow time for a visit to see a caboos being refurbished. We will also tour the Avella Depot and Hickory Club Layout if open.

We will not have a meeting in July because of the National Convention in Hartford, Connecticut, but the August Meeting will be held at Leetsdale Park, which is our annual picnic, and the September meeting will be in the Steubenville, Ohio area. Mike is looking for a few good cooks to help grill the hamburgers and hotdogs.

Dennis Vaccaro reported on the Achievement Program, that he has a few members that are close to achieving the points and he stressed to everyone to keep working on the program.

Jim Sacco was absent and no Jamboree report was available.

There was no old business that was brought up to the group.

In New Business, the Division got an email from The Boy Scouts requesting our help in the merit badge program

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FreeMo Group Ops Session Set for June

The Div 2 Keystone Freemo modular group will set up at the Holy Family Social Hall on 44th Street in Lawrenceville (Pittsburgh) on the weekend of June 13th and 14th 2009. The times for the setup will run from about 9 am to about 4 pm on both days. If anyone would like to join us please call or E-mail Bob Meier using the contact info at left. The only thing that you will be required to furnish are your drinks and to chip in for pizza if you wish to join us for lunch. Remember this is one of the benefits of belonging to Div 2.

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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>



Division 2 Superintendant Susan Werner accepts a check for \$1,000 from Dick Flock in recognition of the Division's sponsorship of the Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet held in Greensburg in March 2009.

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for railroads. The program will be in the Ligonier Area on Monday July 27 from 8:30 to 4:30 and again on Wednesday July 29 at the same time. Susan asked for volunteers to help out, and if you can be available, please get in touch with Susan.

Bob Weinheimer gave a brief report on next year's Regional Convention, "The Coalfield Express" to be held at the Embassy Suites in Charleston, West Virginia from May 13 to May 16, 2010.

In other new business, Grand Central Hobby in Cranberry Township is asking for someone to help at the store in June, because of vacations. If you can help, get in touch with Susan, or the Store.

For the Good of the Division, it was announced that Intermountain is now selling Red Caboose Kits. Dick Flock announced that a Flea Market on the outskirts of Greensburg is held on Sunday's and a lot of railroad memorabilia is available. Also on Sunday August 9, from 11-4 on East Cherry Street in New Castle you can take a Caboose ride.

The meeting adjourned at 3:20 PM.

Keith DeVault then gave his program on "The History of the Morgantown and Kingwood Railroad".



Bring 'n' Brag

May's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at the Mon Valley Railroad Club of West Virginia in Morgantown, WV. The theme this month was "Residential Structures" and there were five entries.

First place went to Dave Wilson for his set of HO scale Pittsburgh Style row houses. The first of his four houses was built from a Campbell Kit made from wood with styrene windows. The next three homes were scratch built from Evergreen Styrene with Gloor Craft windows. The final house, painted white, was completely scratchbuilt.

Second place was won by Steve Hertzner for his O scale Korber Grain Silos. Steve added scratchbuilt walkways and platforms and Plastruct ladders. All of the structural roofing was scratchbuilt to simulate prototypical construction and the structure has working lighting installed throughout.

In Third place was Steve Ross with an HO scale farmhouse. Steve built the model from a Model Power Kit titled "#2 Bella's Farmhouse." He substituted white window frames and shutters from another Model Power Kit and painted the roof, foundation, porch and chimney with latex paints. Finally he added curtains and blinds made from paper and tissue.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Dick Flock entered an HO scale company house built from the City Classics kit. He added a screen door and a porch swing and painted the entire structure.

Robert Hickman entered an Ho scale "Rusty Stumps Boarding House."



PAUL GALLICK

Bill DeFoe brought in 'For Display' a PFM USRA Mikado to which he had added #603 LED's. These LED's are so small that they can be mounted inside the classification lighting castings! He also used them for the headlight and backup lights by gluing them into the MV lenses, but with smaller resistors in the line so they shine brighter.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. Next month's contest category is "Cranes and Derricks."

The standings are as follows:

Name	Points	Name	Points
Dave Wilson	17	Charles Scheider	4
Steve Hertzner	13	Charlie Blenko	2
Don Reed	12	Dick Flock	2
Steve Ross	8	Paul Gallick	2
Keith DeVault	6	Jim Kubanick	2
Grier Kuehn	6	George Pandelios	2
C. J. Riley	5	Neil Schorr	2
Bill DeFoe	4	Steven Schorr	2
Robert Hickman	4	Andy Lorraine	1



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NOTES AND DIRECTIONS FOR THE JUNE 28TH PROGRAM

Following the business meeting, Mark Mamros will talk about “History of Cabooses and How to Capture One.” Afterward, we will drive through Avella to Mark’s caboose collection at 259 Fallen Timber Rd., about 1.5 miles west of Avella. On the way, we will stop in Avella itself to see the restored depot.

Directions from Hickory to Avella Depot:

Drive west on PA-50 about 9 miles. Turn left at Avella Rd. and go 0.1 mile (you’re still on PA-50).

You should see the depot on the left, with caboose.

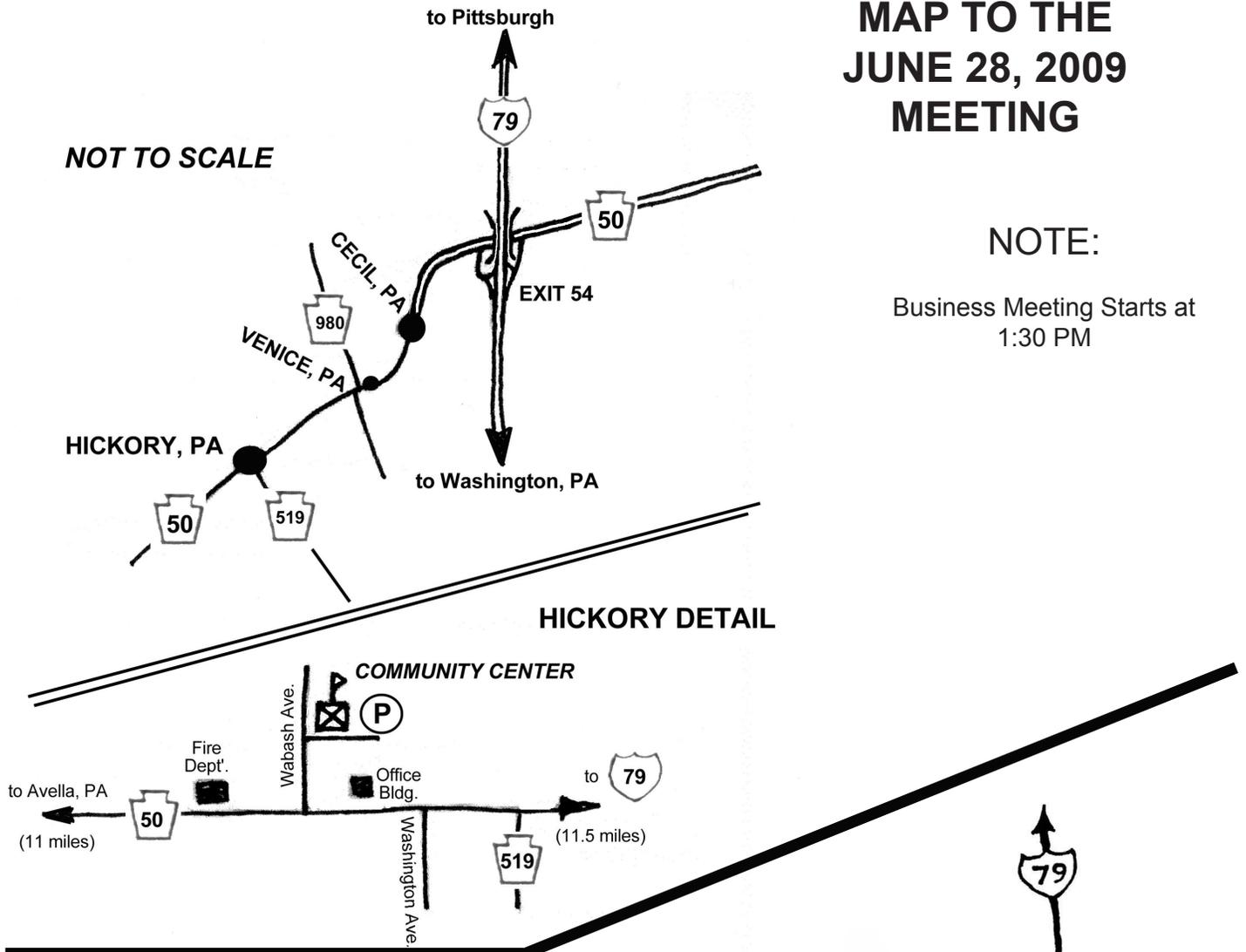
To Mark’s, continue north on PA-50; DO NOT cross RR tracks on bridge, but continue north on Cross Creek Rd., which becomes Campbell St. Turn left onto Browntown Rd., then right onto Meadowcroft Rd. Go 1.4 miles and look for Fallen Timber Rd. on left.

MAP TO THE JUNE 28, 2009 MEETING

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NOTE:

Business Meeting Starts at
1:30 PM



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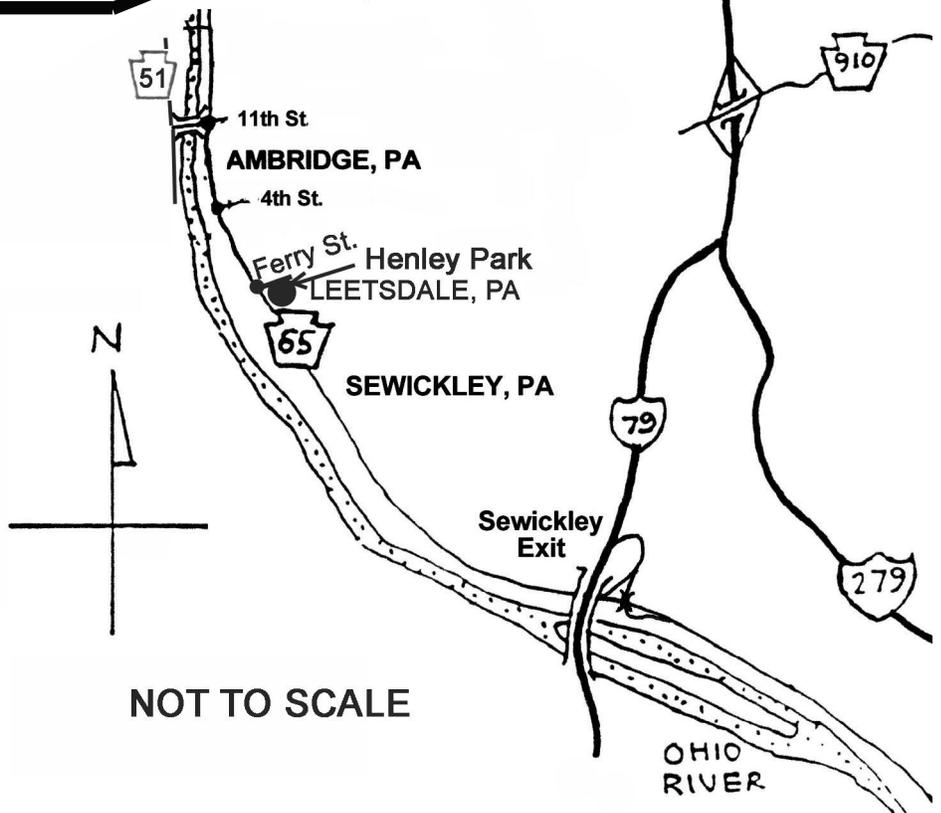
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