

## Division Meeting Schedule

**August 16, 2009** - Div. 2 Picnic, Henley Park, Leetsdale, PA. Gather beginning at 12:30 PM; meeting following the picnic.

**September 20, 2009** - Steubenville, OH Area Model Railroaders. Eight (8) layouts open from 11 AM to 6 PM. Meeting at 2:30 PM in the Center of Music & Art.

**October 18, 2009** - TBD

## Bring'n'Brag Categories for 2009

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



*Fallen Flags of the Keystone Division*



## From the Super's Desk

The Keystone Division's annual picnic will be held on Sunday, August 16<sup>th</sup> at Henley Park, Leetsdale, PA. This is really an enjoyable event that allows us to socialize in a very relaxed environment. As in the past, the Division will provide the meat and drinks, and those attending will bring side dishes and desserts. Please let Mike Hohn know what you anticipate bringing, so there will be little duplication. Dick Flock offers the following formula for determining how much to bring: think of how many servings you will put on your plate x number of people in your party. This looks like this: 5 servings x 2 people = 10 servings. Here's the lowdown on the park. Seating and tables are at a premium, so bring a chair to sure you have a seat. There is plenty of shade available. Restrooms are in the park and at nearby businesses. Parking is available on the streets around the park and at the VFW in the park as long as we don't crowd them out. **DON'T PARK ON THE GRASS!** Train traffic has diminished in the past few months, but the Norfolk Southern tracks are visible from the corner of the park. If a closer view is desired, one can cross the highway and get close without going onto NS property. Conway Yard is about 10 minutes north on Route 65. Activity is down at the yard, too. We might still be able to eat and have our meeting and see some trains, too. I would like to see all of you at the picnic. Make plans to attend and bring along something edible to share with the others. While you're at it, bring a model for the Bring-and-Brag contest. Let's make this the best picnic ever!

A suggestion was made that we once again print a directory of Division 2 members. Such a directory will be sold to members only with a price that will cover the cost of printing. Each member will have the option to opt out of having his name included in this directory. The last time we printed such a directory was 2001. Isn't time to update the information and print a new one?

See "Super's Desk," p. 3

The Keystone Division wishes to thank the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Society of Hickory, PA for opening their layout to our members during the June 2008 business meeting.

# Minutes

**KEITH DeVAULT**

Superintendent Susan Werner called the June meeting to order at 1:30 PM at the Hickory Community Center in Hickory, Pa. There were 51 members present at the meeting and the pass the box received \$59.00.

We had no new members or guests, but Susan reported that we picked up 10 new members from the Jamboree.

Minutes that were published in the Keystone Flyer were approved with no corrections or deletions.

Carl gave the Treasurer's report for May; income was \$ 3,166 and expenses were \$6,552 for a loss of \$3,386. This showed that the Jamboree expenses are paid in full.

In the absence of Dick Flock, no company store report was presented, but if you are interested in any new books, please contact Dick, or see him at the picnic in August.

Tom Gaus, Membership Chair and Webmaster reported that we have 244 active members, with 21 new members this year, and 19 dormant members who have not paid dues as of June 1<sup>st</sup>. He reported that the web had 9,722 hits with 997 sessions.

Don Reed gave the Free Mo report in the absence of Bob Maier and stated that new members had joined the group at the last session that was held in Lawrenceville. They will be working on debugging the electrical work and if you would like to help out, please contact Bob or Don for more information.

Paul Gallick announced that 8 entries for the bring'n brag on the subject of Cranes and Derricks were located on the rear table, and please vote after the meeting.

Bud Brock reported that he has 15 new titles. Please stop back at the rear of the meeting hall to view the new additions. He has one new title on making dry transfers with a laser printer.

Susan reported on the MCR Convention elections that Dick Briggs is the new President, and she also reported that the 2012 Regional Convention Committee will be formed and the first meeting will be held at the August Picnic. The dates are April 18-22, 2012, and please work on your home layouts for the convention.

Mike Hohn announced that after the program today that the Avella Depot will be open for touring, and our guest speaker Mark Mamros will have his 2 cabooses open for inspection.

He asked that if you would like to bring a grill, please contact him about that for the picnic in Leetsdale on August 16, if not the committee will have cold cut deli trays instead of the hot dogs and hamburgers.

The September Meeting will be in the Steubenville, Ohio area, with 8 home layouts that will be open. Mike is looking for a meeting place for the October 18<sup>th</sup> meeting, if

you would like to host, please contact him.

The Achievement Program has some activity and one member has a merit award coming to him. That member will be announced later when he is present at a meeting.

In Old Business, Don Reed reported on the Craftsman Kit Group will be meeting the last Sunday of July at 1:00 in Lawrenceville at the Slaughterhouse Gallery. Please contact Don for more information.

In New Business the Boy Scout Merit Badge program will start on July 27. Susan and Vagel Keller are the leaders for the program, please contact them if you can help out.

A motion by Neil Shorr with many seconds, that a new membership directory be printed and the motion was passed.

Jim Sacco thanked everyone for their help on the Jamboree and announced that the next Jamboree will be held the third weekend of April 2010 again at Robert Morris University. If you have a clinic you would like to present or an idea on a clinic that you would like to see, contact Jim about your subject.

For the good of the order, the Greenburg Show will be held November 14 and 15 in the Monroeville Area, further details will be forthcoming.

It was announced that on the September 20<sup>th</sup> meeting date, layouts in Steubenville will be open from 11 A.M. to 6 P.M.

Today's speaker, Dr. Mark Mamros, was introduced to the group by Neal Schorr. Mark spoke on the "History of Cabooses and How to Capture One".

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30.



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# Bring'n'Brag

The Bring 'n' Brag contest for June was held in conjunction with the monthly meeting at the Hickory Community Center in Hickory, PA. This month's contest category was Cranes and Derricks and eight entries were received.

First Place went to Jim Kubanick for his HO scale South Allegheny Wreck Crane #3400. Jim's crane was built from the Gould/Tichy plastic kit with added details including spot lights, backup light, whistle, boom tie rods, and cab curtains. The tender gondola was built from a Scotia Scale Models wooden kit and included many added detail parts representing the tools and rigging necessary for a wreck train. Finally Jim painted, lettered and weathered both the crane and gondola.

Second place voting resulted in a three way tie between Robert Hickman, Grier Kuehn, and Bill DeFoe. Bob brought in both HO scale and N scale telescoping cranes built from Kibri kits. Greir entered an HO scale Scrap Yard Crane built from a Walthers kit. He added separate details and a scratchbuilt lifting magnet and painted and lettered the model for Chartiers Iron and Metal Co. Bill entered an HO scale steam crane built from a Jordan Products kit.

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# PAUL GALLICK

Bill removed the side panels from the model to reveal the interior details.

Other entries for last month's contest included:

Steve Raque entered an HO scale steam shovel built from the same Jordan Products kit entered by Bill DeFoe but with the shovel replaced by a Sheepscoot brass crane boom kit. Keith DeVault entered an HO scale wreck crane built from an Athearn kit including replacement couplers and a gondola boom tender. Steve Hertzner entered an O gauge freight station built from a Korber kit. Steve scratch built the loading dock and added gutters and both interior and exterior lighting. Don Reed entered an HO scale scratchbuilt Boat Building and Repair Shop. Don built the structure board by board over cardstock subwalls.

Thanks to everyone who entered models and voted. The next contest will be held as part of the annual summer picnic in August. Next month's category is "Work in Progress" so bring out all those things you can't seem to finish!

The standings are as follows:



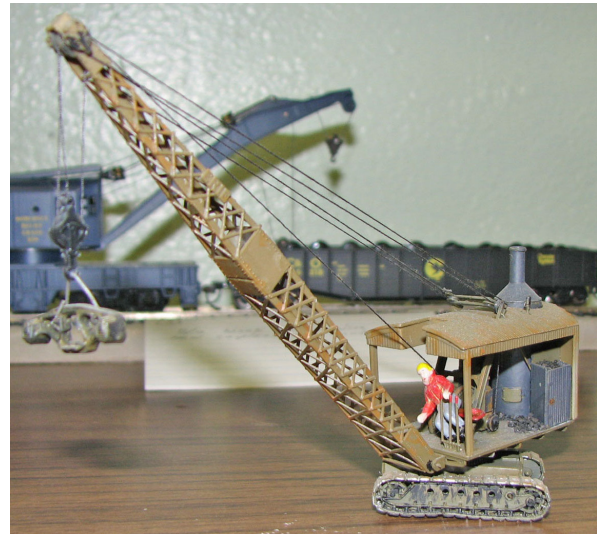
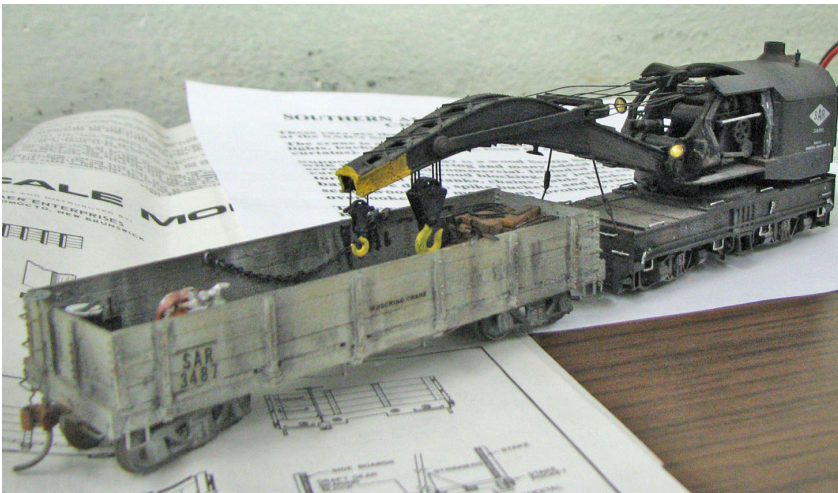
Name	Points	Name	Points
Dave Wilson	17	Charles Scheider	4
Steve Hertzner	14	Charlie Blenko	2
Don Reed	13	Dick Flock	2
Grier Kuehn	11	Paul Gallick	2
Bill DeFoe	9	George Pandelios	2
Robert Hickman	9	Steve Raque	2
Steve Ross	8	Neal Schorr	2
Keith DeVault	8	Steven Schorr	2
Jim Kubanick	8	Andy Lorraine	1
C. J. Riley	5		

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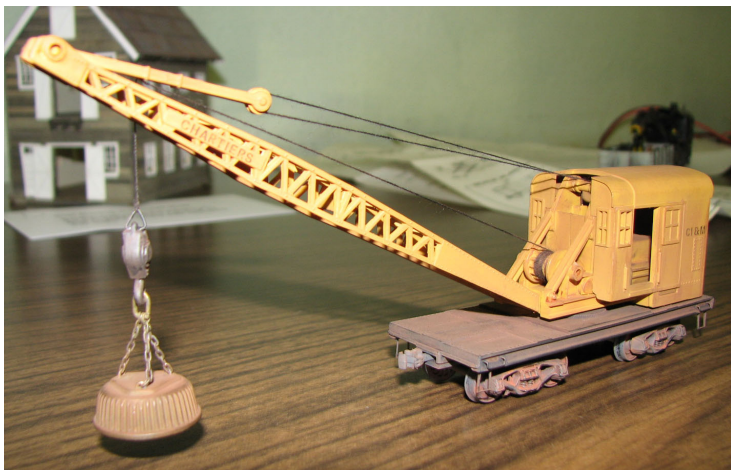
Super's Desk, cont'd ...

I would like to hold a meeting of the MCR Convention 2012 committee at the picnic after the business meeting. Anyone who is interested in helping to plan this convention is asked to attend this meeting. We should be dividing up the planning activities and deciding on a name for the convention. If you have any ideas, I would like to hear them. If you cannot come to the picnic but would like to participate, let me know what you would like to do. I would welcome any ideas about the name for the convention. This is our time to really shine.

... Susan Werner



Jim Kubanick's styrene Tichey wreck crane and Scotia Scale Models wooden gondola (above) earned the most votes in the June B'n'B contest. Clockwise from, right: Bill DeFoe's steam crane from a Jordan/Vintage Vehicles styrene kit, Bob Hickman's Kibri cranes in HO and N scales, and Grier Kuhn's Athearn crane were the three entries that tied for second place.



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Leetsdale, PA's Henley Park (left) and the view from it's shaded confines (below) should make for an ideal Annual Picnic. See Mike's write-up on Page 6, and don't wait 'til the last minute to RSVP with the number in your party and the dish you'll be bringing!



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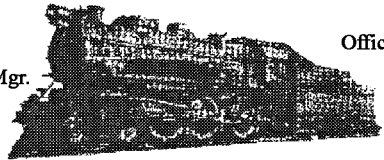
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# MAP TO THE AUGUST 16, 2009 PICNIC

HENLEY PARK, LEETSDALE, PA

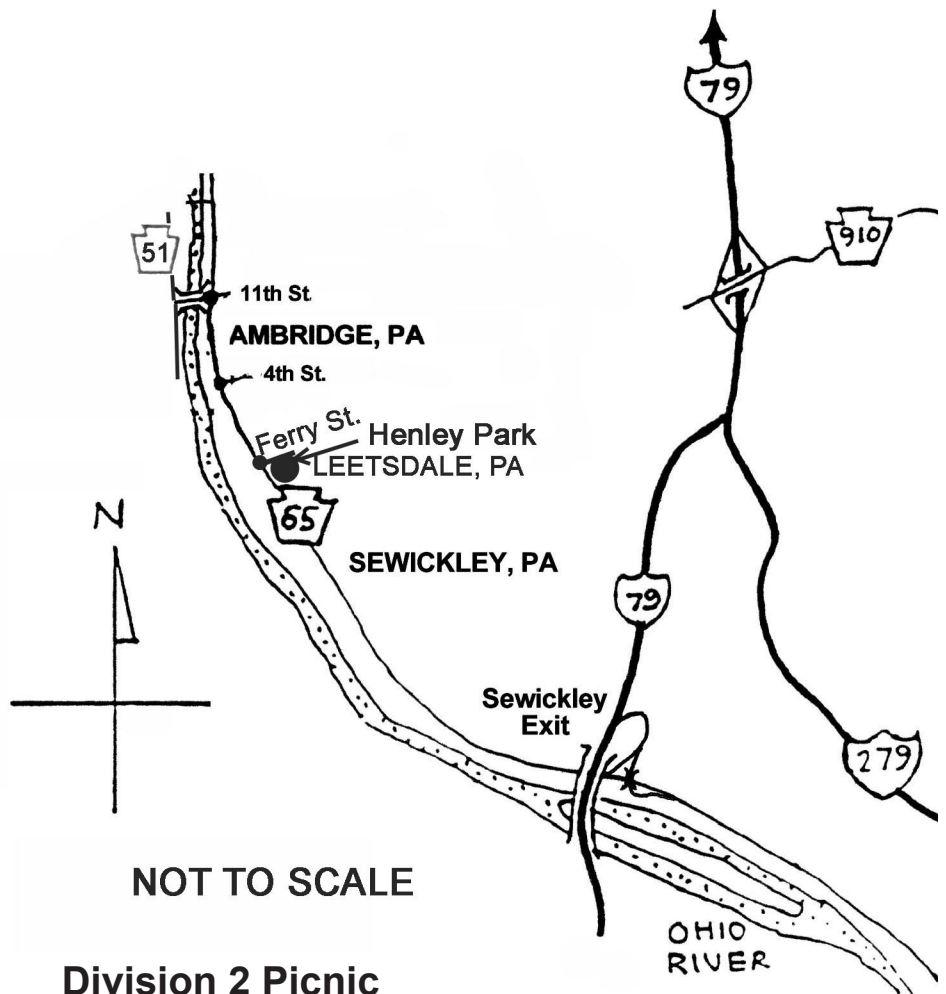
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7 traffic lights north of I-79 bridge

6 traffic lights south of the Sheetz  
in Baden

Just north of the Quaker Village  
Shopping Center

Opposite Buncher Industrial Park



**Division 2 Picnic**  
Michael Hohn

**Where:** The Division 2 picnic will take place at Henley Park in Leetsdale on Sunday, August 16, 2009.

**When:** We'll start gathering at 12:30 We will aim to have food ready at about 1:00. The business meeting will follow.

**Food:** The Division will supply meat, bread, and sodas. *Phone or e-mail me with how many will be in your party, and what covered dish you will be bringing.* My contact information is below. Bring 1 serving for every item you will put on your dish (usually 6) times the number in your party.

**Parking:** Plenty.

**Seating:** We do have a shelter reserved this year, but I don't know how large this one is. Also, for my personal comfort I might bring a folding chair. It's up to you what you want to do.

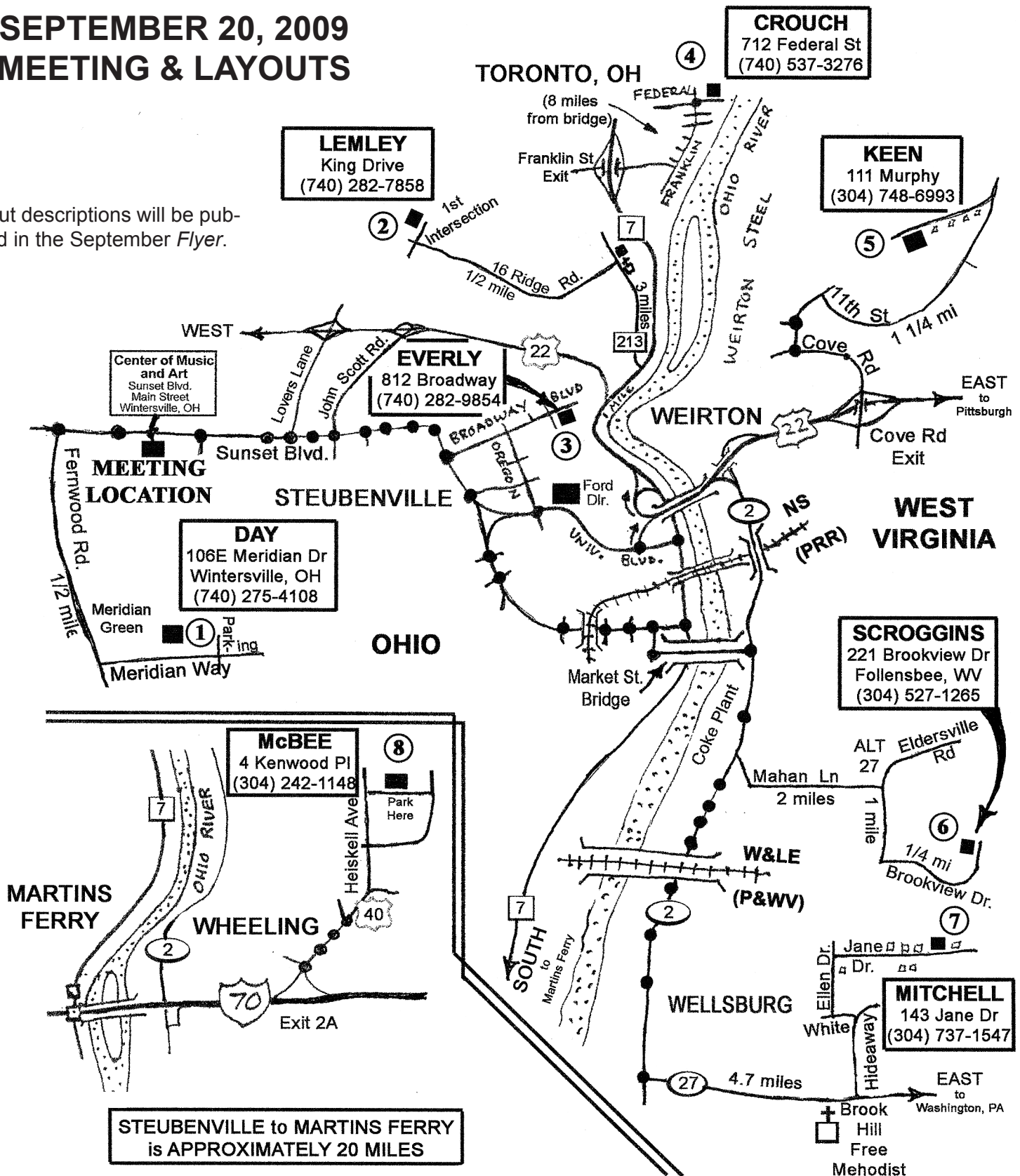
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e-mail: [mehohn@verizon.net](mailto:mehohn@verizon.net) Call with the number in your party and what you're bringing, or if you have questions.

**IMPORTANT: Let me know the number in your party and what you're bringing!**

Thank you.

# MAP TO THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2009 MEETING & LAYOUTS

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