

Division Meeting Schedule

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 - Marshall Township Community Building, Warrendale, PA.

Two (2) layouts open before the meeting, See map for hours.

Meeting at 1:30 PM

Program: John Musser of Protec Rail Systems, "Flange Lubrication"

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



I spent the last week of July at Camp Twin Echo with Vagel Keller and Jack Pscherer and dozens of Boy Scouts. This was a wonderful, but exhausting, adventure. The boys were at an advancement camp to earn badges that would help propel them on their paths to Eagle Scout. Vagel, Jack, and I were there to help them earn their Railroading Merit Badge. Although not overwhelmed with

enthusiasm, they were interested and were able to keep up with us.

It is not easy to cover all that information in a few short hours. We did have the boys broken into smaller class sizes and that helped. By the time we finished our second session, I think we had made model railroaders of most of them. They really enjoyed running the switching puzzle I brought for them as part of their badge work. On Friday they went by bus to Altoona and had the opportunity to experience the Horseshoe Curve firsthand and then went to the Railroaders' Memorial Museum. That was an all day field trip.

This has been an experience I will not soon forget. I had almost forgotten how much fun (and exasperation) these young people can be. Please don't turn down the chance to involve yourselves with young folks just because they can throw off your schedule or plans for accomplishments for that time period. The time can be made up, but the unbounded joy they bring can also be contagious!

... Susan Werner

Minutes

KEITH DeVAULT

Superintendent Susan Werner called the August meeting to order at 2:22 PM at the Leetsdale Community Park Picnic Pavilion in Leetsdale, Pa. There were 42 members present at the meeting.

We had 1 guest from Div. 11 located in Dubois, Pa.

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

The Treasurer was absent and no report was presented.

In the absence of Dick Flock, no company store report was presented, but if you are interested in any new books, please contact Dick. He has a new book Steel Mills Railroad that will sell for \$ 48.00.

Tom Gaus, Membership Chair and Webmaster reported that we have 253 active members. He reported that the web had 12,704 hits with 988 sessions. He reported that Windows users out number Mac users by 10 to 1. The mailing list has been updated along with the National and Regional Officers.

Bob Meier gave the Free Mo report and the application for the Greenburg Show in November is pending. The committee is working on scenery for the modulars and if you would like to help please contact Bob.

Paul Gallick announced that 9 entries for the bring'n brag on the subject of "Work in Progress" were submitted and he asked that you please vote after the meeting.

Bud Brock reported that he has collected the entire series of All Abroad, which is 26 programs and 11 hours of entertainment.

Susan reported on the MCR Convention that it will be held at the Radisson Convention Center in Greentree and the dates are April 26-29, 2012. She will have a committee meeting following the picnic.

Mike Hohn announced that September meeting will be held in Steubenville, Ohio on September 20th, with 8 layouts on the agenda, and the meeting will be held in that area at 2:30. The October 18th meeting will be at the Marshall Township Community Building in Warrendale and the guest speaker will be John Musser from Protec Rail Systems and he will discuss Flange Lubrication. He is still looking for a November meeting and program.

The Achievement Program is going real well, and David Wilson was presented 3 merit awards for 3 different locomotives and has achieved enough points for his Master Builder Certificate.

In Old Business the Boy Scout Merit Badge program was held in July with Susan and Vagel and one other member helped over 30 boy scouts complete their badge requirements.

Susan asked again for a vote on the membership directory that was passed at the last meeting and everyone in attendance again voted for the Division to publish a membership directory for only the active Division 2 members.

In New Business, the Jamboree will be held at Robert Morris University on Saturday April 17, 2010 and the guest speaker will be Dennis McIlroy author of Horseshoe Curve: Sabotage and Subversion in the Railroad City.

For the good of the order, Susan announced that anyone who wishes to donate funds for the Helmstetter Farm Barn project that was burned recently you may go to the website www.helmstetterfarm.org to get the information.

The C & O society is planning a weekend in this area in April 2010, more information will be forthcoming.

David Squillante's estate is selling off his complete O-scale layout and collection and you may contact Greg Condio for more information.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40.



THE KEYSTONE DIVISION

Bring'n'Brag Standings:

Name	Points	Name	Points
Dave Wilson	23	Charlie Blenko	2
Steve Hertzner	19	Dick Flock	2
Don Reed	13	Paul Gallick	2
Grier Kuehn	13	Dennis Lippert	2
Steve Ross	12	George Pandelios	2
Bill DeFoe	11	Steve Raque	2
Robert Hickman	11	Neal Schorr	2
Keith DeVault	8	Steven Schorr	2
Jim Kubanick	8	Jim Whipple	2
C. J. Riley	5	Andy Lorraine	1
Charles Scheider	4		



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Bring'n'Brag

PAUL GALLICK

August's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at the annual Division 2 summer picnic at Henley Park in Leetsdale, PA. This month's contest category was "Works in Progress" and nine entries were submitted.

First place went to Dave Wilson for his HO scale PRR Engine Facility. Dave included models of a coaling tower built from a Gloor Craft Kit, and Ash Conveyor built from a photo etched brass kit, a Tichy Water Column, and a scratchbuilt turntable.

Second place was won by Steve Hertzler for his O scale Feed Mill. Steve started with a Walther's kit to which he has added details and is in the process of detailing the interior.

Third place was won by Steve Ross for his G scale passenger coach. He is rebuilding the observation end of the coach to include picture windows and rearranged seating. He will also need to relocate the lavatory and pot belly stove.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

- A long retaining wall made from individual cut stones also entered by Dave Wilson
- A series of layout photographs by Grier Kuehn showing work in progress on his home layout.

- Jim Whipple entered an S scale panel side gondola car being built from a 'Western S Gauge' kit from the 1980's. The kit is mostly balsa wood and cardboard, He has the floor, one end, and one side completed.

- Bill DeFoe entered a scratch built coaling tower he is building from plans he found in several of the 1951 and 1952 issues of Model Railroader Magazine. Amazingly it looked a lot like the tower Dave Wilson built from a Gloor Craft Kit.

- Robert Hickman entered two partially completed HO scale Russell Snow Plows. They are from the Northeastern Scale Lumber Kits.

- Dennis Lippert entered an HO scale Athearn Genesis F7 painted and lettered for the PRR to which he has been adding many detail parts, with more to go!

For Display Only, Bob Hickman also brought in the new Atlas HO Scale Track cleaning car

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. The next contest will be at the September meeting where the category will be Open Loads.

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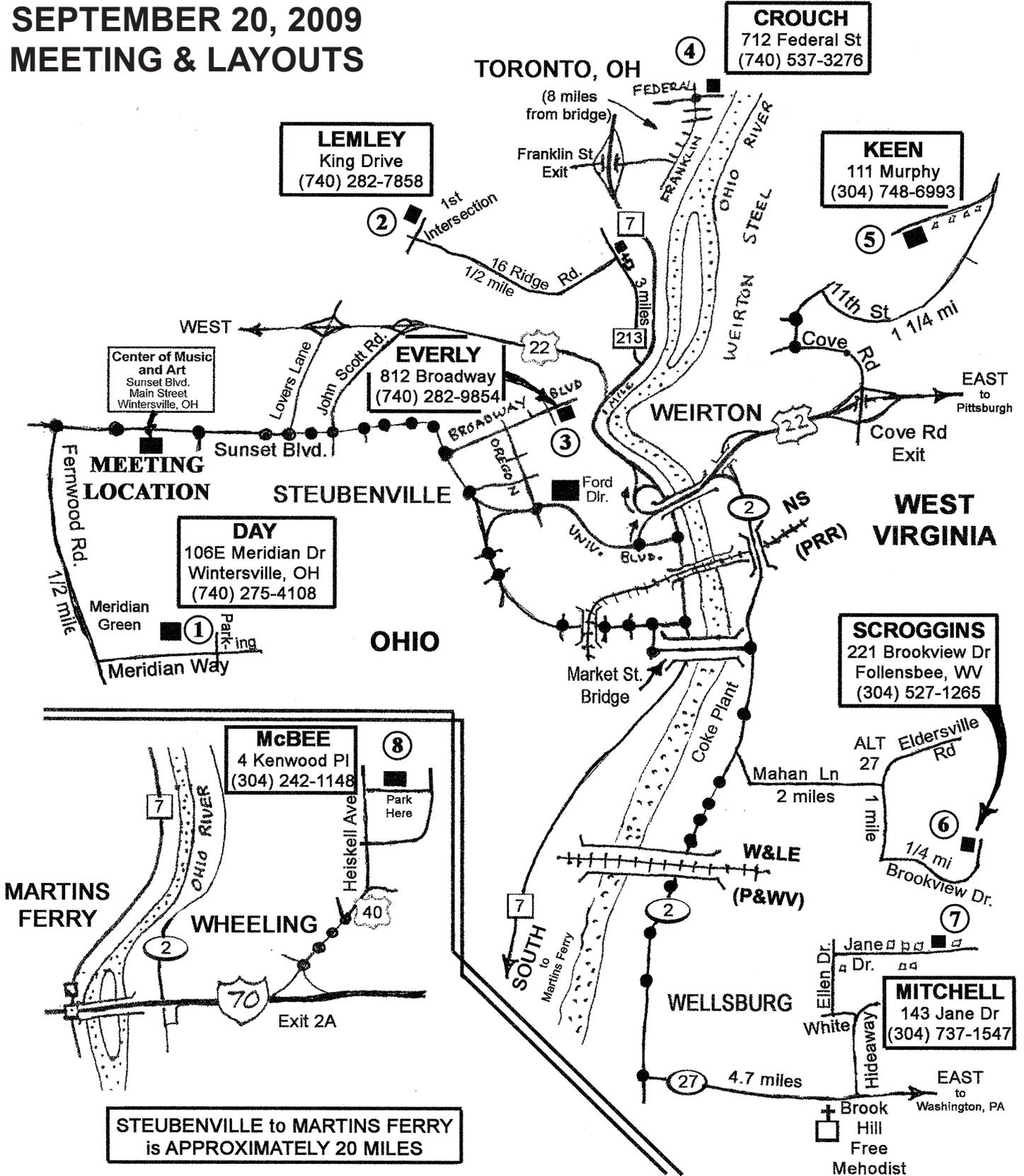


Dave Wilson's coaling tower, part of his HO engine servicing facility that won 1st Place in August's B'nB voting. Paul Gallick photo

STEUBENVILLE / WEIRTON / WHEELING LAYOUTS

- 1. PRR Panhandle Division.** Doug Day, 106E Meridian Green, Wintersville, OH, (740) 275-4108. Doug's HO-Scale 9 x 7-ft L-shape switching layout depicts the PRR Lines West in 1957. The mainline is 16-ft long, with a minimum radius of 24" and No. 6 minimum turnouts. Scenery is 20%. Train control is by Digitrax Digital Command Control (DCC). On Fernwood Rd. proceed for approx. ½ mile and turn left onto Meridian Green. Go to the first full intersection and turn left into the parking area. Apartment will be on the left. Enter through the main door.
- 2. Ohio & West Virginia RR.** Les Lemley, Kings Drive, Steubenville, OH, (740) 282-7858. Les's 50 x 28-ft HO-Scale layout depicts the prototype B&O and the freelance O&WV between Charleston, WV and Cleveland, OH in the mid-1950s. Minimum radius on the 350-ft mainline is 30", with No. 6 minimum turnouts. Scenery is based on foam and hard-shell. Train control is by Northcoast Engineering DCC. On OH Rt 213 travel approx. 3 miles to Pleasant Hill Vol. Fire Dept. (on right). Just past the firehouse turn left onto 16 Ridge Rd. Go ½ mile to 1st intersection. Turn right; 1st house on left. Enter house through door adjacent to parking area with the basketball hoop and descend stairs to layout.
- 3. Arel & Jolene RR.** Joel Everly, 812 Broadway Blvd, Steubenville, OH, (740) 282-9854. Joel's HO-Scale layout depicts the Central Division of a Class I bridge route between St. Louis and Baltimore and is freelanced with PRR, Nickel Plate, and W&LE influences. The 35 x 22-ft double deck layout, with a 300-ft mainline, runs around the room with a peninsula. Scenery is 10%. Train control is by Northcoast Engineering DCC. The layout is in the 3d house on the right in the 3d full block from the intersection of Broadway and Sunset Blvd. Enter through the garage.
- 4. Buffalo Creek & West Virginia RR.** Harry Crouch, 712 Federal St, Toronto, OH, (740) 537-3276. Harry's On30 freelance model railroad is set in southern West Virginia during the 1930s and 40s. The 26 x 33-ft double deck layout supports a 100-ft mainline. Scenery is about 10% complete. Train control is by Northcoast Engineering DCC and operations are point-to-point with switching of coal and lumber industries. Follow OH Rt 7 approx. 8 miles to the Franklin St. exit in Toronto. Turn right from the exit, travel to "T" intersection; turn left onto Franklin. Go to next traffic light; turn right onto Federal. Enter through the side door, turn left down to the layout.
- 5. Ravenswood, Spencer & Glenville RR.** Jack Keen, 111 Murphy, Weirton, WV, (704) 748-6993. Jack's HO-Scale model railroad represents the B&O from Ravenswood to Spencer in central West Virginia in the mid-1940s; motive power is steam only. The 22 x 12-ft double deck L-shaped layout features a 70-ft single track mainline. Scenery is partially complete. Train control is by DC. In Weirton, turn right onto 11th Street and travel 1-1/4 miles. At the top of the hill (past Weir High School) turn sharp left onto Murphy Ave. Layout is in shed behind the 5th house on the left. A limited number can view the layout at one time, so take turns.
- 6. Bethany & West Liberty RR.** Bud Scroggins, 221 Brookview Dr, Follansbee, WV, (304) 527-1265. Bud's HO-Scale model railroad is a freelanced PRR & NYC branchline set in West Virginia's northern panhandle during the 1950s and 60s. The 11 x 20-ft layout is built for continuous around-the-wall running, and features a scale mile of double-track mainline. Scenery is under construction. Train control is by Digitrax DCC. On WV Rt. 2, when just past the steel coke works on the right, turn left onto Mahan Ln. Take it to the top of the hill (2 miles). At stop sign, turn right onto Eldersville Rd. Travel one mile to Brookview Dr. on left. Turn left, follow road to layout in house on left. Enter through front door. Enter through front door.
- 7. Cleveland, Lorain & Wheeling RR.** Arley Mitchell, 143 Jane Dr., Wellsburg, WV, (304) 242-1148. Arley's HO-Scale model railroad depicts the Chessie System between Benwood, WV and Cleveland, OH from 1960 through 1987. The 24 x 24-ft layout is built on two to three levels of open grid benchwork supporting a point-to-point 125-ft double track mainline. Scenery is in the early stages. Train control is by Northcoast Engineering DCC. Layout is in 4th house on left. Parking is plentiful. Go around back on the right side of the house and use either the small door or the large sliding door.
- 8. Baltimore & Ohio Mountain Sub.** Alden McBee, 4 Kenwood Place, Wheeling, WV, 304-242-1148. Alden's HO-scale model railroad represents the B&O between Grafton and Terra Alta, WV under the Chessie System during 1978. The double-deck layout supports a 4-scale mile point-to-point double track mainline with a 2.6% maximum grade. Scenery is still in the planning stages but will be foam and hardshell. On US 40 East, go past WV Rt 88 and you'll see Advance Auto on the right. Plan to turn left onto Heiskel Ave. It is on a sharp and blind curve, so do be cautious making the turn. Proceed past 2 stop signs. Garage on right, just after 2d stop is 4 Kenwood Place. Enter through gates, up the driveway; turn left to enter basement door.

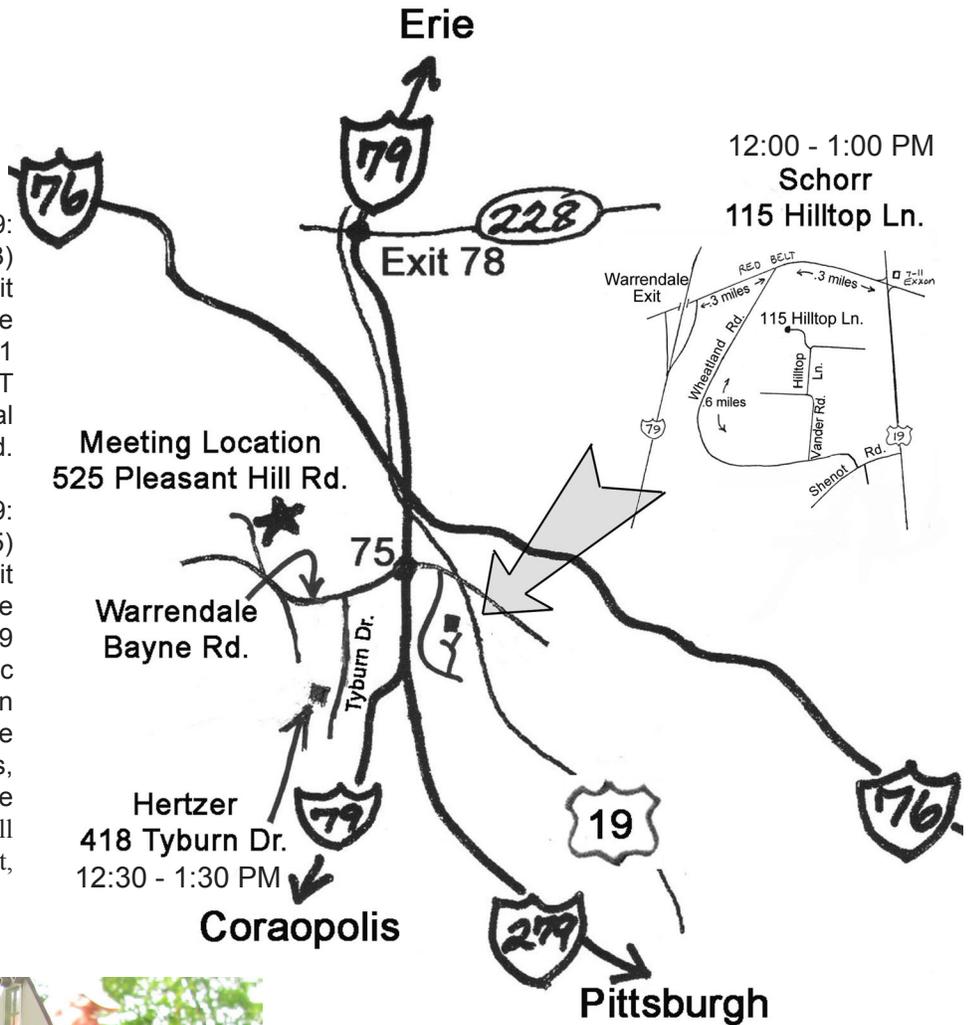
MAP TO THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2009 MEETING & LAYOUTS



MAP TO THE OCTOBER 18, 2009 MEETING

Traveling NORTH from Pittsburgh on I-79: Take Warrendale exit #75 (formerly exit 23) on I-79 Northbound. At the end of the exit ramp, turn LEFT onto Warrendale-Bayne Road (the "Red Belt"). Travel approximately 1 mile to a fork in the road and take the RIGHT turn onto Pleasant Hill Road. The Municipal Building is on the right, just past the first bend.

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Steve Hertzner's O-Scale feed store (left) won second place, while Steve Ross's large scale observation car, a work in progress (below), garnered third place in August B'n'B voting. Both Photos by Paul Gallick



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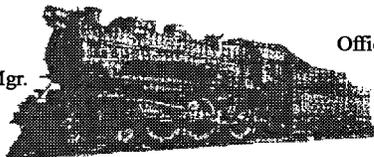
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