



From the Super's Desk

Well, the weather is changing and the leaves are rapidly finding their way from the trees in my yard to the lawn and driveway. That begins to rekindle my interest in my model railroading projects that are scattered all around my workshop (I think I'd do anything to avoid raking leaves). I am looking forward to making some real progress on my layouts this fall. I am building a layout for my grandson and I will try out many techniques for painting backdrops, building scenery, track work, etc. on this layout. Then I can use what I have learned to improve my technique before starting on my own layout in my newly completed train loft. It has been 12 years since my other half said to me after my frequent begging for layout space, "We'll just have to add on to the house." We nearly doubled the size of the house. Then we had to remodel the original part of the house to match the new addition. We finally finished the project and I now have space for a 21' x 13' freestanding layout. The flooring is down and the lighting is installed (dimmable fluorescents). Next, I will use the 1x3's I salvaged from the old tile ceiling to build some L-girder bench work. I have been developing a track plan for a few years and I even made a model of my layout. Now, all I need to do is get to work and make it all real. I expect to have a very busy season. I hope you do, too.

I am going to take over from Dick Flock the sending out of official Div. 2 e-mails. I will send e-mail only to those who wish to be contacted. Only real NMRA, MCR, and Div.2 business will be sent to this group. No non-model railroading content will be sent to this special group. This list will not be shared with others. If you want to be on this list, please send me a message to that effect to my e-mail address printed in this Keystone Flyer.

... Susan Werner

The members of Div. 2, NMRA MCR, "the Keystone Division," wish to express their hearty thanks to all of the Steubenville, Weirton, and Wheeling-area model railroaders who welcomed us to their home layouts during the September meeting.

Division Meeting Schedule

October 18, 2009 - Marshall Township Municipal Building, Warrendale, PA.

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

Program at 2:30 PM, John Musser of Portec Rail Systems, "Flange Lubrication"

Meeting: Following the program

December 6, 2009 - First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Greensburg, PA

Layouts: SEE MAP

Meeting: 2:30 PM

Program: Dick Flock, Title TBD

January 17, 2010 - New Eagle VFD, New Eagle, PA

Layout: Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club open at 1:00 PM

Meeting: 2:30 PM

Program: Bob Weinheimer will give a presentation on the 2010 MCR Convention, "Coalfield Express," as well as operations on his Pennsylvania Southern layout.

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

Minutes

KEITH DeVAULT

Superintendent Susan Werner called the September meeting to order at 2:30 PM at the Music & Arts Building in Steubenville, Ohio. There were 43 members present at the meeting.

We had 2 guests who attended their first meeting as new members, welcome aboard.

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

Joel Everly on behalf of the Steubenville Area Modelers thanked everyone for attending and visiting the layouts that were opened before and after the meeting. He also mentioned that one additional layout would be open in the Wheeling Area, a garden railroad by Eric Freeland.

The Treasurer was absent and no report was presented, with pass the hat totaling \$ 43.00.

Dick Flock presented his report on the company store with new books, calendars available and new models from Accurail on the V & O. He also talked about Decals that the company store has been selling nationwide and overseas, and so far this year has sold \$ 1,890.00 in the decals. Contact Dick if you are interested in purchasing any of the company stores merchandise.

Tom Gaus, Membership Chair and Webmaster was not present and no report was given.

Bob Meier gave the Free Mo report for the Greenburg Show in November. The show will run the 14th and 15th, and Bob will need help in set up and tear down on Sunday. If you are interested in helping with the group, please contact Bob.

Paul Gallick announced that 7 entries for the bring'n brag on the subject of "Open Loads" were submitted and he asked that you please vote after the meeting.

Bud Brock reported on the Video Library and he has videos available for scenery, and for craftsman or resin kits to help you in your modeling.

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.

Mike Hohn announced that October meeting will be held on October 18th 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 also announced that 2 layouts will be open to view in the area.

The January meeting will be at the New Eagle Club in Monongahela with our speaker Bob Weinheimer from Charleston, West Virginia, speaking on his layout the Pennsylvania Southern.

The Achievement Program is going real well, and David Wilson has achieved the certificate for Master Modeler for Motive Power. There are a couple other members that are close to getting the required points also.

No Old Business was brought forth before the membership.

In New Business, the membership voted to move the November meeting to December 6th, because of the Greenburg Show and Thanksgiving. The motion passed, pending a location. There was no other business.

For the Good of the Division, Susan again stated that the Regional newsletter, the Kingpin is going to be in electronic format with only one printed copy, and she reminded everyone to either send in a request to get a printed copy or send an email confirmation slip, so you can be notified when the newsletter is online.

The new membership directory should be available for the membership at the January 2010 meeting.

Susan made a presentation of Bring N Brag Gift Certificates from Scenic Express, and 14 members received the certificates. The members who received the certificates were Mike Hohn, Steve Raque, Jim Kubanick, Keith DeVault, Bill DeFoe, Jim Dodds, Jim Whipple, Dick Flock, Andy Lorince, Pat Altdorfer, Bob Hickman, Steve Ross, Kevin Kuzman and Dave Wilson. Congrats on a job real done.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:40 p.m.



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Bring'n'Brag

PAUL GALLICK

September's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at The Center of Music and Art in Wintersville, Ohio. The theme of this month's contest was "Open Loads," and eight entries were received.

First place was a tie between Grier Kuehn and Marge Meeham. Grier entered a pair of HO scale gondolas lettered for the P&LE loaded with scrap steel bales. The bales were individually formed from aluminum foil, which were then weathered with alcohol washes and chalk. Marge entered eight assorted N-scale cars with open loads.

Third place was won by John Gallagher for his four HO scale open loads. They included a crated load and a spool on Funero & Comerlingo flat cars, a Slag Ladle on a Proto 2000 flat car and a transformer on a depressed center flat car.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Larry Kline entered four O scale scratchbuilt flat loads including a beam load, two pipe loads, and a lumber load.

Dick Flock entered an HO scale industrial tractor load kitbashed from an AHM Caterpillar tractor on a Red Caboose flat car, and a engine sand load in an Accurail gondola.

Neal Schorr entered a copy of a magazine article he wrote for Model Railroader about applying Civil Engineering principles to your model railroad design.

Keith DeVault entered three HO scale loads including a crated load, a wood chip load, and a coal load.

Jim Whipple entered three S scale open loads. The first was a turbine rotor on a narrow gauge flat car. The second was a log load on a scratch built skeleton flat car, and the third was a load in a MILW gondola.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. The next contest will be at the October meeting, and the contest category is Scratch Built Models.

Standings are as follows:

Bring'n'Brag Standings:



Name	Points	Name	Points
Dave Wilson	23	John Gallagher	4
Steve Hertzner	19	Charles Scheider	4
Grier Kuehn	19	Jim Whipple	4
Don Reed	13	Neal Schorr	3
Steve Ross	12	Charlie Blenko	2
Bill DeFoe	11	Paul Gallick	2
Robert Hickman	11	Larry Kline	2
Keith DeVault	10	Dennis Lippert	2
Jim Kubanick	8	George Pandelios	2
Marge Meeham	6	Steve Raque	2
C. J. Riley	5	Steven Schorr	2
Dick Flock	4	Andy Lorraine	1

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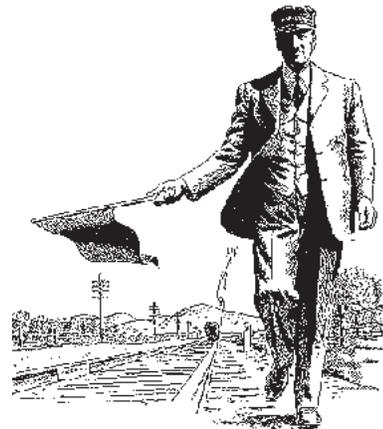
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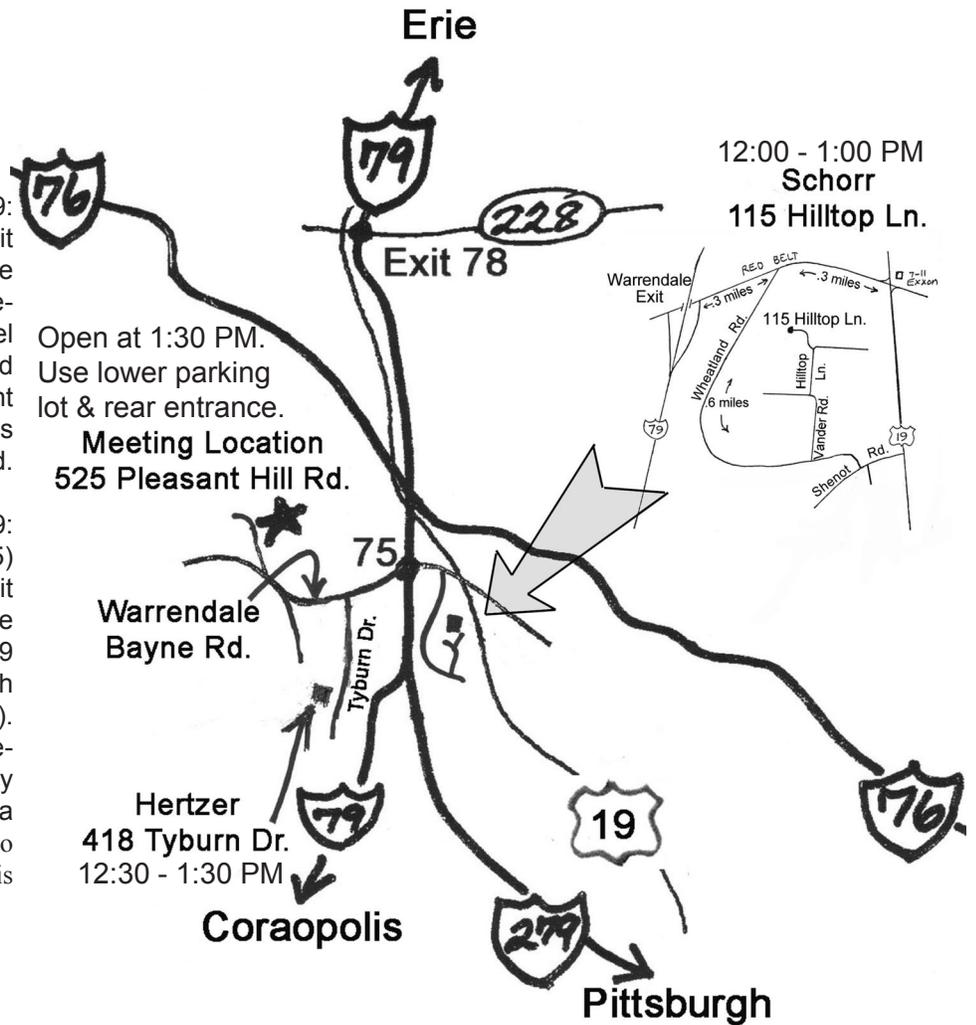
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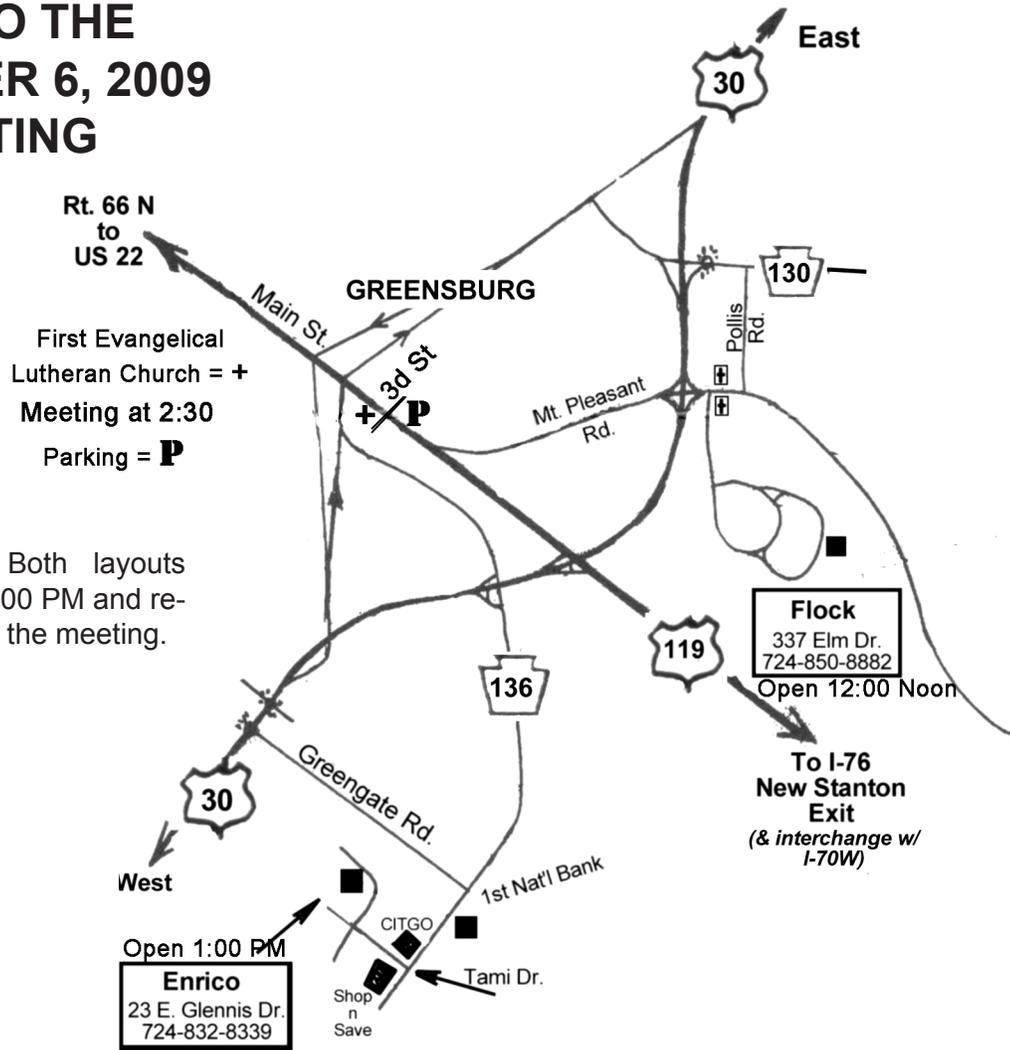
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Neal Schorr found this flange lubricator, manufactured by Portec, while exploring the NS in Central Pennsylvania. This technology will be among the topics covered in our program at the October meeting.

MAP TO THE DECEMBER 6, 2009 MEETING



Pennsy diesels hi-ball on Neal Schorr's O-Scale PRR Middle Division, one of two layouts that will be open before the October meeting. Neal Schorr photo.



Grier Kuehn's HO-scale gondolas with scrap loads (above) and Marge Meeham's variety of N-scale open loads (below) tied for first place in the B'nB voting. Paul Gallick photos.



Two of John Gallagher's entries, which garnered third place in the B'n'B voting. Paul Gallick photos.



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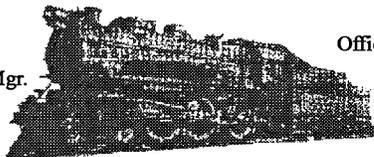


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