



Division Meeting Schedule

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.

February 21, 2010 - Western PA Model RR Museum, Gibsonia, PA

Layout: open at 1:30 PM

Meeting: 2:30 PM

Program: Pat Altdorfer, "Model Railroad-ing in Germany"

Bring'n'Brag

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| Jan | Anything Goes |
| Feb | Commercial Structures |
| Mar | Jamboree - No Contest |
| Apr | Advertising and Signage |
| May | Built Resin Kits |
| Jun | Refrigerated Cars |
| Aug | Diesel Power |
| Sep | Houses of Worship |
| Oct | Steel Industry |
| Nov | Tank Cars |

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From the Super's Desk

The Holidays are now over and I hope you all had fun. We are beginning a new year and a new decade. The winter's cold will provide some extra time for our favorite hobby. I plan to make use of that time and get some modeling done. I hope you will do the same. If you are not actively working on the railroad, have an especially good time doing some armchair modeling! Remember, this hobby is fun and each of us defines that enjoyment in our own unique way. When someone shares his joy with something he (or she) has done, find something positive to say.

The Mid-Central Region Convention is right around the corner. The Coalfield Express will be held in Charleston, West Virginia, from May 13 – 16, 2010. The Early Bird registration for a reduced fee will end on February 28, 2010. The Superintendent of the host Division 9 will be our speaker at the January meeting. He will tell us all about the convention plans. You will be able to give him your registration in person. In this time of tightened budgets, a regional convention is an excellent value for the money and a wonderful way to spend a weekend and make some new friends and renew old friendships. I highly recommend attending a regional convention.

The time for elections is rapidly approaching. It hardly seems as though two years have passed since the last election. Your incumbent officers are running for re-election. This year we will fully comply with the Mid Central Region regulations and will elect three officers. The third officer will be the Chief Clerk. This is your opportunity to have your say in selection of your Division 2 leadership. Please take a minute of your time to cast your ballot next month according to the instructions on the ballot. There is nothing worse than apathy.

... Susan Werner

The members of Div. 2, NMRA MCR, "the Keystone Division," wish to express their hearty thanks to Rob Enrico and Dick Flock for welcoming us into their layouts during the October meeting.

Minutes

Superintendent Susan Werner called the November meeting, which was moved to December 6th to order at 2:31 p.m. at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Greensburg. There were 43 members present at the meeting.

Susan thanked Dick Flock for getting the meeting hall and also for opening up his Johnstown & Lake Erie HO layout and Rob Enricos O scale layout as well. Dick mentioned that Brady's Hobby Store and Scenic Express both would be open after the meeting today.

Pass the hat netted \$ 43.00

We had 3 new members attend, that signed up at the Greenberg Show, they were Brian Snider, Roy Krase and Dennis Williams. Please make these new members welcome to the division. Carl Volkwein had a visitor also here at the meeting.

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

Carl Volkwein gave the treasurer's report with a checking account balance of 2,696.00, savings account and a certificate of deposit also at the bank.

Dick Flock gave the company store report with new books of N & W Railway, Steel Mills Railroads and Bessemer and Lake Erie. He also mentioned numerous other books and a bunch of Sylvan Models for sale.

Tom Gaus, Membership and Webmaster gave his report of 256 active members, 7 new from the Greenberg Show, 18,910 hits on the website, 998 sessions with each session at least an 8 page review lasting 2 minutes and 25 seconds. Eighty per cent that looks up our webpage comes from Google. Tom has our membership directory available and each one will cost 50 cents. Thanks to Tom for a great job in doing the directory. The holiday train shows are all listed on the website.

Bob Maier gave the Free Mo report from the Greenberg Show, which was very well received by all the visitors to the show. The group will set up January 30 and 31 in Lawrenceville from 9 to 4 both days. He also reported that the Greenberg show gave the division a certificate of appreciation for setting up the modules and a monetary donation to the group also.

Paul Gallick announced that 3 entries for Bring N Brag were entered in the "Steam Power" category and please vote after the meeting.

Bud Brock was not present for the video library, but Susan mentioned that CD's have been made for the Keystone Flyer from 2000- 2008.

The first meeting of the 2012 Regional Convention will be held after the January 17th meeting in New Eagle. If you would like to help out at the convention, please make plans to attend.

Mike Hohn, the Assistant Superintendent, gave his report on the upcoming meetings and programs. The January 17th meeting will be held at New Eagle VFD, with Bob Weinheimer from Charleston, WV talking about the upcoming Coalfield Express Regional Convention in May 2010 and his own Pennsylvania Southern layout. The February 21st meeting will be held at the Western Pa Model RR Museum in Gibsonia, Pa, with Pat Altdorfer talking about Model Railroading in Germany.

In old business, the Nominating Committee led by Carl Volkwein has submitted the names for the election and those names will be put on the ballot and published in the Flyer.

There was no New Business bought up before the group, and in General Announcements, Don Reed said that he would be selling Christmas Cookies from the Lawrenceville Cookie Tour after the meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 and the guest speaker was our own Dick Flock with a program on Easy Prototype Structures You Can Build.



Grier Kuehn's HO-Scale wreck crane tied for second place in the November Bring'n'Brag contest.

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Bring'n'Brag

November's contest was held at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church in Greensburg, Pennsylvania. The subject of 2009's last contest was "Steam Power" and there were three entries.

First place was won by Dave Wilson for his collection of PRR HO scale steam locomotives. The collection included a Sunset Brass H10s 2-8-0, Road No. 7347, a The HO Train Company J1 2-10-4 Road No. 6172, a NJ International B8a 0-6-0 switcher, road NO. 745, and a Red Ball Brass B6sb 0-6-0 No. 6367. To all of these engines Dave replaced the motors, lights, and added DCC decoders. He painted them Brunswick Green, lettered them with his own custom decals, and weathered them.

Second place was a tie between Jim Kubanick and Grier Kuehn. Jim entered two HO scale 2-6-6-0 brass engines which he had painted and lettered for the Southern Allegheny Road Numbers 102 and 110. He started with PFM Denver and Salt Lake 2-6-6-0's. He replaced the motors, added sound, replaced the pilots, marker lights, and various other details. Greir entered a steam powered wreck crane with tenders. His crane model started life as an old

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PAUL GALLICK

Athearn "Yellow Box" kit which he assembled, detailed, painted and weathered with paint and chalks. The tenders included a Walthers gondola and an Athearn flat car.

Den Lippert also brought in for display the new Athearn RTR SL 1500 painted and lettered for Conrail.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Bring 'n' Brag contest for 2009. Next January we start another contest cycle. The categories for 2009 are listed on the front page, so get your models and ideas ready.



Bring'n'Brag Final Standings:

| Name | Points | Name | Points |
|----------------|--------|------------------|--------|
| Dave Wilson | 31 | Dick Flock | 4 |
| Grier Kuehn | 28 | John Gallagher | 4 |
| Steve Hertzner | 19 | Charles Scheider | 4 |
| Jim Kubanick | 19 | Jim Whipple | 4 |
| Bill DeFoe | 13 | Andy Lorraine | 3 |
| Don Reed | 13 | Charlie Blenko | 2 |
| Steve Ross | 12 | Paul Gallick | 2 |
| Robert Hickman | 11 | Larry Kline | 2 |
| Keith DeVault | 10 | Dennis Lippert | 2 |
| Marge Meeham | 8 | George Pandelios | 2 |
| Neal Schorr | 8 | Steve Raque | 2 |
| C. J. Riley | 5 | Steven Schorr | 2 |

Congratulations to Dave Wilson for winning Modeler of the Year, for 2009.



Jim Kubanick tied for second place with his HO-Scale steamers, including this Mallet, in the November Bring'n'Brag contest.

OFFICER NOMINEES FOR 2010 - 11

For Superintendent:

Susan Werner for re-election. It hardly seems that it has been almost 2 years since I first ran for the office of Superintendent. Truly, time flies fast when you're having fun. These years have been the most fun I have had in ages. Meeting many of you for the first time and getting to know others of you better is the best part of this job. I have enjoyed representing you on the Mid-Central Region Board of Directors as much as I have enjoyed our interactions at the meetings and Jamborees. We have finally scanned all 50+ years of Keystone Flyers and burned them to CD and put them in the video library. We have increased our numbers and retained most of our current members. We have increased our visibility through our annual Jamborees and participation in Greenberg Shows. Now we are preparing to host a regional convention in the Spring of 2012. Interest in the Achievement Program has increased in recent years. I would like to continue this kind of progress. I would like the opportunity to serve you for another 2 years.



For Chief Clerk:

Keith DeVault. I have been involved in model railroading since 1971 and joined the NMRA in 1998. I have served for the past eight years as Treasurer of our local club in Morgantown. I served as Editor for the Operation Sig organization from 2005-2007 after the untimely death of the founder. I have presented clinics at the 2004 and 2006 Regional Conventions and will be doing another clinic at the upcoming convention in Charleston in May of 2010.

I am building an HO Scale home layout I call the Aspen Sub, which follows the history of the B & O and the M & K railroads around Morgantown. I enjoy traveling to see and operate on other model railroads, where I can learn more about the hobby. I enjoy attending our monthly Division meetings as a place to interact with other modelers about the different aspects of the hobby. When asked to assume the position of clerk, I thought it would be a great way to learn more about the Division. The knowledge I have gained over the years will help me continue to serve the division as Clerk.

For Assistant Superintendent:

Michale Hohn, MMR, for re-election. I joined the NMRA after attending my first monthly Div. 2 meeting in 1990. After learning about the Achievement Program, I started entering models in contests. I did alright, eventually earning my MMR. The process brought me into contact with officers and volunteers of our division, and I sort of caught on to how things were done. I have served as Keystone Flyer editor (2000-2005); Clinics Chair for the 1999, 2004, and the upcoming 2012 MCR conventions; General Chair for the MCR Convention in 2006; and Assistant Superintendent since 2008.

I am definitely a hands-on model railroader, building a home layout and spending significant time working on our club layout in Morgantown. I give the occasional clinic at MCR and MER conventions, and wrote a couple of articles for the old NMRA Bulletin.

NMRA officials should work to attract new members, identify aspects of the hobby that are changing, and move with these changes by constantly exposing our members to the history, operation, and modeling of prototype railroads. As Assistant Superintendent, I strive to build a strong set of programs and variety of venues for our monthly meetings and to work with the other Div. 2 officials to promote common goals. I continue to have a good time.



Ballots will be printed in the February Flyer.

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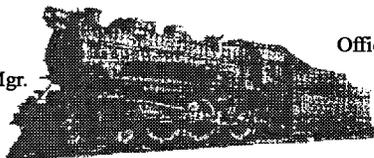
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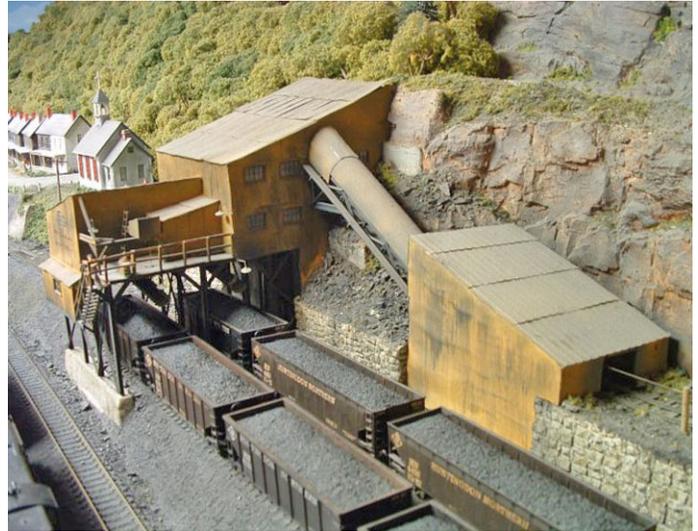
Wreck on Huntingdon Northern Stirs Controversy

Coal Valley, PA, Dec. 16, 1961. A Huntingdon Northern coal train struck a huge boulder last week, causing the steam engine to leave the rails. Fireman R. T. Newell and engineer V. C. Keller were injured in the collision. Newell badly injured his back after leaping from the cab just seconds before the impact, while Keller struck his neck on the "Johnson Bar" at full throttle. Doctors are concerned since he has been unable to speak since the accident. Keller is recuperating at home and trying to learn sign language.

At first local residents thought the mishap was another typical day on the railroad, but now rumors are surfacing that someone sabotaged the Huntingdon Northern! When asked to comment on the suspected sabotage, R. J. Prehoda, Director of Operations, said that he thinks the accusations are preposterous. "Everyone gets along with everyone else, especially since the new contract has been in effect," he said.

"Not so," said many members of the Brotherhood of Model Locomotive Engineers, Local No. 2, who wanted to remain anonymous. Several members mentioned they are suspicious because Keller had expressed dissatisfaction with the latest contract, which slashed wages while supposedly saving many jobs. This allowed the Huntingdon Northern to purchase many used steam engines instead of the more expensive diesels.

Keller was also encouraged to run against the current president of the B.M.L.E. in an upcoming election. The office is currently held by K. H. Bartoni, who many disgruntled members have accused of "giving away the



Coal produced at mines such as the Friendship Mine, pictured above, at aptly named Coal Valley is the dominant traffic on the Huntingdon Northern. The management's decision to buy old steam engines rather than new diesel locomotives has certainly met with approval by mine owners along the railroad.

store" and accepting bribes from HN management. The wreck occurred on an isolated stretch of railway between Yough and Crescent tunnels near where the Bartoni homestead and the Prehoda estate are situated, lending credence to the rumors. [Bartoni has not been heard from since setting sail recently on Lake Erie in a 14-foot motorboat that, according to a letter in his hand-writing and leaked to the *Flyer*, was given to him by Prehoda. Ed.]

The state police and federal investigators have been called in to investigate the accident.



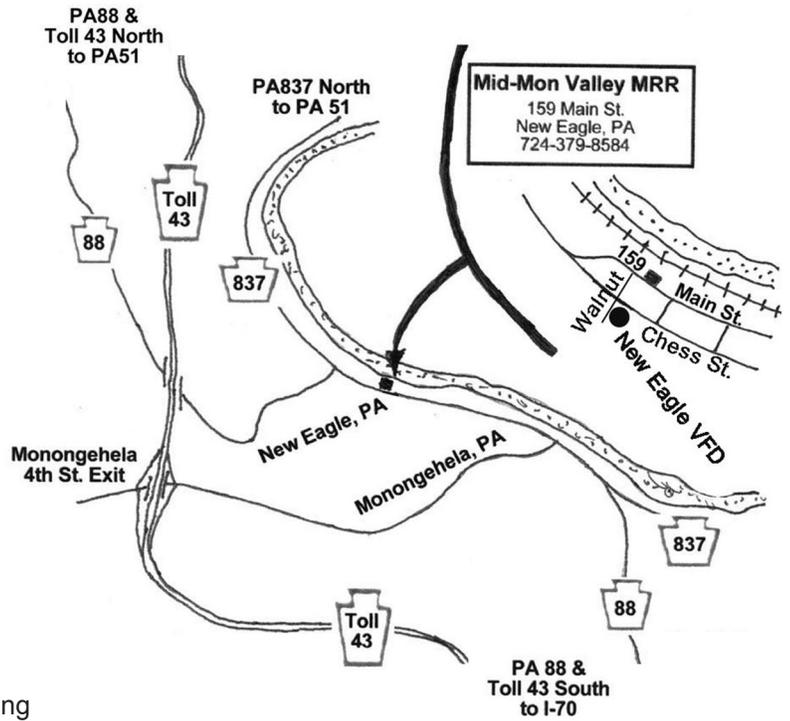
This grainy photo, taken by a local resident and apparently made with actual film, is the only known image of the accident site. The area, which is on the property of a coal mining company, is inaccessible except by rail, and the Huntingdon Northern has embargoed all passenger trains until the wreckage is repaired "in the interest of public safety."



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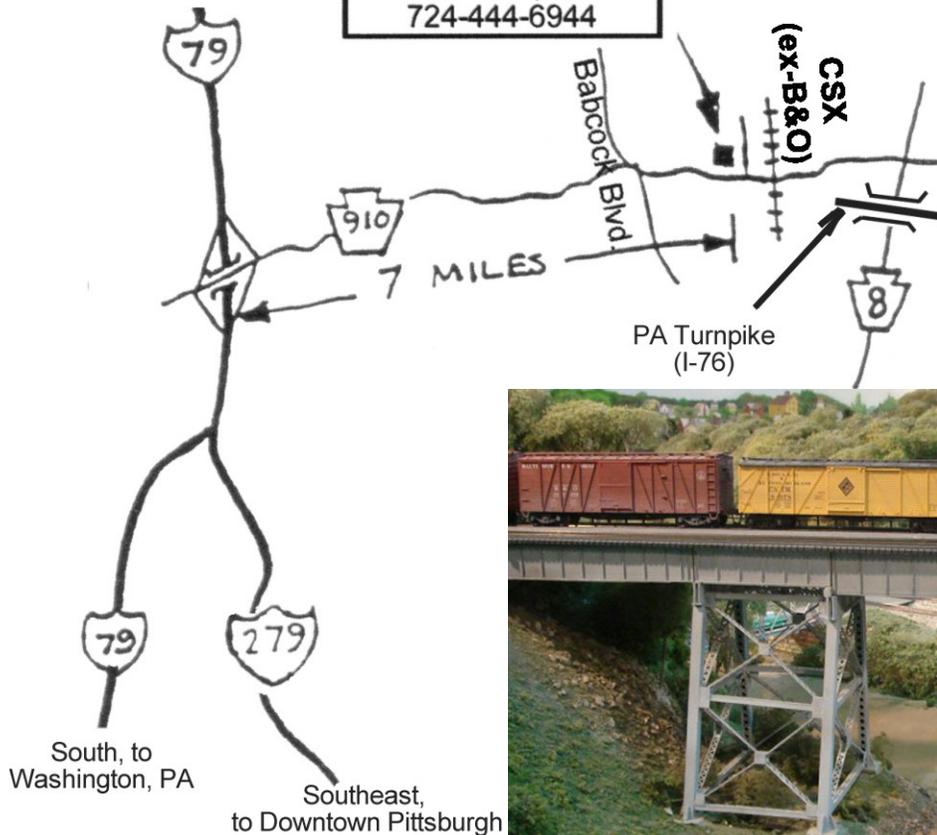


This steel mill is one of many features on our sponsoring club's layout open before the January meeting.



MAP TO THE FEBRUARY 21, 2010 MEETING

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A caboose trails a freight train across the Salisbury Viaduct on the WPaMRR Museum's HO layout. See this and many more prototype scenes from the Western Maryland and B&O lines between Cumberland, MD and Pittsburgh when you visit before the February meeting.



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