

Division Election Ballot In This Issue

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Division Meeting Schedule

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"

March 21, 2010 - Ohio Valley Lines, 1231 Merchant St, Ambridge, PA 15003-2278

Layout: open at 1:30 PM

Meeting: 2:30 PM

Program: TBD

April 17, 2010 - Jamboree, Sewell Center, Robert Morris University, Moon Twp, PA 15108

Bring'n'Brag

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



Culture AND Model Railroading!!!

February 6, 2010

The Renaissance City Winds, including Div. 2 member Jim Whipple, will perform a house concert at the home of Div. 2 member Larry Kline on Saturday, February 6. Tickets for NMRA members are half-price (\$10.00) and include a wine and cheese reception. Larry's large O-scale layout will be open after the concert. Please call (412) 394-3353 to order your tickets and receive directions to the location.

From the Super's Desk



This month's issue includes the ballot for your Division officers. (upper half of p. 7, ed.) Please take the time to vote for your officers. You may mail the ballot to the Teller (Jack Pscherer), hand it to him in person at the February meeting, or hand it to him before the start of the March meeting. The ballots will be tallied at the end of the March meeting. Even though the candidates are running unopposed, it is your right, privilege, and responsibility to cast your ballot in this free society. We could not have made it any easier for

you, so that excuse is off the table. So get off your collective duffs and vote, already!

The annual Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree will take place on Saturday, April 17th at the Robert Morris University Sewall Center as it has been in the past few years. This year, there will be many new clinics and some half-day make & take clinics. There will also be the usual activities such as raffle, white elephant table, contests, modular layouts, Sunday layout tours, etc. Coffee and donuts in the morning and lunch will be included in the price of registration. A banquet (informal buffet dinner) will cap off the day for an additional fee. As part of the banquet, we will have an after dinner speaker who will tell us about a little known piece of history involving the Horseshoe Curve and WWII espionage. This really is a well-packed day of model railroading, renewing old friendships and making new ones. Please join us and bring along a friend.

... *Susan Werner*

The members of Div. 2, NMRA MCR, "the Keystone Division," wish to express their hearty thanks to the Mid-Mon Valley Model Railroad Club for welcoming us to their layout during the January meeting.

Visit us on the World Wide Web at
<http://www.keystonedivision.org>

Minutes



Superintendent Susan Werner called the January 2010 meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. at the New Eagle Volunteer Fire Department Social Hall in New Eagle, Pa. There were 48 members present at the meeting.

Loren McCullough, President of the Mid Mon Model Railroad Club which is 100 per cent NMRA members thanked everyone for attending, and mentioned that the Club layout would be open after the meeting.

Pass the hat netted \$ 52.00

We had no new members, but 2 guests were attending the meeting.

Minutes that were published in the Keystone Flyer were approved with no corrections or deletions. The only change was in the Flyer front page was under Bring n Brag March and April were reversed. It should read no Contest in April and March will be Advertising and Signage. Motion was then to approve the January Flyer.

Carl Volkwein gave the treasurer's report with a checking account balance of 2,995.00, savings account and a certificate of deposit also at the bank.

Dick Flock gave the company store report with a new book available Volume 3 of the Penn Central from Washington DC to Altoona. He also mentioned that if you see any Morning Sun Books that you would like, please let him know and he will see about ordering them at a discount for the division.

Tom Gaus, Membership and Webmaster gave his report of 255 active members, 21,383 hits on the website, 1,203 sessions with each session at least an 8 page review lasting 2 minutes and 45 seconds. The Flyer was the most popular on the website, and he also mentioned that we mail out 115 additional Flyers over and above the membership list to Hobby Stores, NMRA officials etc. Susan gave the Free Mo report in the absence of Bob Maier. The group will set up January 30, and 31 in Lawrenceville from 9 to 4 both days. She also reported that the Greenberg show on February 13 and 14 will need volunteers and if you are willing to help, please contact Susan or Bob.

Paul Gallick announced that 60 entries for Bring N Brag were entered in the "Anything Goes" category and please vote after the meeting.

Bud Brock was not present for the video library, but Kent Miller mentioned that Bud had 2 new DPM Videos for the division.

The first meeting of the 2012 Regional Convention was held prior to the January 17th meeting in New Eagle. If you would like to help out at the convention, please talk to Susan about volunteering, there are many slots still need to be filled.

Mike Hohn the Assistant Superintendent gave his report on the upcoming meetings and programs. 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. The March meeting will be held in Ambridge, and the Jamboree in April at Robert Morris University. It was also decided to try to have the May meeting at the Regional Convention Site in Greentree.

The Achievement Program report was given by Loren McCullough that several members have taken advantage of the program and have started to submit paperwork to strive to achieve the certificates.

Don Reed presented the Jamboree report that will be held at Robert Morris University on Saturday April 17th, with clinics, layout tours on Sunday and 2 clinics that will be hands on with the possible topics, LEDs and STRUCTURES & SCENIC EXPRESS, with an additional cost for materials.

In old business, the Nominating Committee report by Carl Volkwein stated that the ballots will be in the February Flyer, the deadline to vote will be before the March meeting at the Ambridge Club and the results will be announced at the end of the meeting. The results will also be published in the April Flyer and the new officers will take office on May 1, 2010.

The Membership Directory is still available for 50 cents, which was made possible by Tom Gaus.

In New Business the upcoming Greenberg Show needs volunteers to man the booth and the modulars. Please volunteer your time to help out the group. A proposal was presented for us to have Division Shirts with the Division patch on the front of each shirt. Susan will have the patches available for \$ 1.00 and any plain collar shirt either in Black, Gold or white will look appropriate.

For the good of the Division, Susan needs someone to help with a valuation of a modular layout that was built years ago and donated to the Erie Club. Blaine Reynolds is

see "Minutes," p. 3 ...

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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>

Bring'n'Brag

January's contest was held at the New Eagle VFD, New Eagle PA, sponsored by the Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club. The them was "Anything Goes," and eighteen entries were received totaling nearly sixty models.

Steve Raque won first place for his HO scale Hot Metal Train. Steve's train included a set of kitbashed Kling-Style hot metal cars built from State Tool and old GMC kits. All of the models were heavily weathered to match the condition of cars running in this heavy service. The engine was a Proto 2000 SW-9, custom painted and decaled for the Pittsburgh and Ohio Valley RR.

Second place went to Dennis Williams for his collection of HO scale resin reefers, PRR diesel engines, PRR cabooses, and a NYC Flexi-Flow covered hopper. All of the reefers were built from Sunshine kits, painted and weathered by Dennis. The PRR GP30 and BP20 A-B set have DCC, sound, and lighting added by him as well.

Third place was won by Dennis Vacarro for his HOn30 0-6-0 industrial switcher. He used a Bachmann 'N' 0-6-0 mechanism with a Railway Recollections body kit. Dennis plans to add DCC under the cab roof in the future.

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PAUL GALLICK

Other entries included a diorama by Bob Hickman, scratchuilt HO-scale flatcars by Bob Weinheimer, an HO-scale mixed freight train by Dick Flock, a custom weathered HO-scale covered hopper by Steve Ross, an HO-scale PRR NDa cabin car from an old Ambroid kit by Roy Ward, a scratchbuilt Pittsburgh Railways line car by Tim Moffat, a scratchbuilt train station by Bill DeFoe, HO-scale GP38 and NE-6 caboose weathered by Greir Kuehn, military models by Robby Whipple, an S-scale locomotive by Jim Whipple, custom painted brass Sn3 models by Kevin Kuzman, Union RR coke hoppers by Dave Wilson, and an HO-scale CONRAIL train by Charlie Blenko.



Bring'n'Brag Standings:

Name	Points	Name	Points
Steve Raque	6	Kevin Kuzman	2
Dennis Williams	5	Tim Moffat	2
Dennis Vaccaro	4	Steve Ross	2
Charlie Blenko	2	Roy Ward	2
Bill DeFoe	2	Bob Weinheimer	2
Dick Flock	2	Jim Whipple	2
Robert Hickman	2	Robby Whipple	2
Grier Kuehn	2	Dave Wilson	2

"Minutes," cont'd ...

now resting at home following bypass surgery. Mike Zollitsch is selling Kodak Carousel slide trays for \$ 5.00 each, if interested in purchasing any of these, see Susan.

For sale now are Pittsburgh and Ohio Railroad hoppers which are 2 bays and they sell for \$ 14.00 each plus \$ 7.00 S& H. If you would like to buy any, please contact Susan and she will put you in touch with the right person.

Division 11 Train show and Jamboree date and location has been moved to Dubois in May not in April. They are looking for clinicians for the Jamboree.

On January 30th the Mid Mon Valley Model RR Club will be holding their annual Train show and sale at the VFD Social Hall.

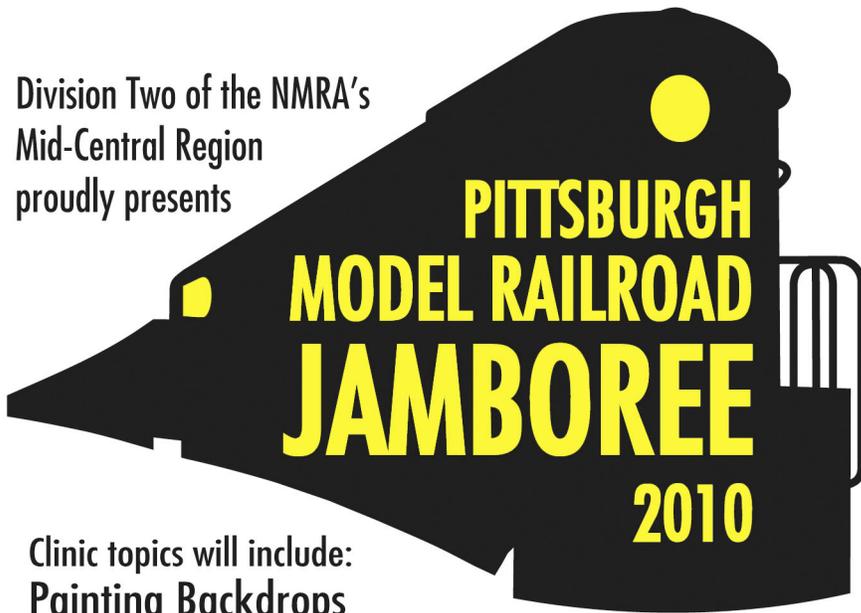
Jim Whipple mentioned that Larry Kline will have a musical concert at his home in February and if you are interested in having a concert for your train layout open house, please contact Jim.

Our next meeting will be at the Western Pa Model RR Museum in Gibsonia and today's program will be Bob Weinheimer on the upcoming convention in Charleston, West Virginia in May, called the "Coalfield Express" and he will also talk on his layout called the Pennsylvania Southern.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:46 p.m.



Division Two of the NMRA's
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Clinic topics will include:
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Modeling an Iron Age Railroad
Copper Canyon Travelogue
Small Hydroelectric Power Plants
Operating the Huntington Northern
Detailing Steam Locomotives
and more!

Guest speaker will be Dennis McInay
 Author of "The Horseshoe Curve: Sabotage
 and Subversion in the Railroad City"

NEW FOR 2010! HANDS-ON CLINICS!

Half-day workshops - take home a model! These workshops will be limited to the first ten participants to sign up. Details on p. 7.
 Morning Class: Scratchbuilding Styrene Structures with John Polyak
 Afternoon Class: Advanced Structure Lighting Using LEDs with Bill Sartore

NOTE: Hands-on clinic registrants must bring items listed on p. 7

Additional info available at: www.keystonedivision.org

Mark your calendars!

Saturday, April 17th, 2010

Sewall Center

Robert Morris University Moon Campus

OPEN TO EVERYONE

Registration opens at 8:00 a.m.
 Activities run all day

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

General information and questions: 412-276-6006 or e-mail: ctyclsscs@aol.com. Registration questions should be directed to registrar shown below.

Register early to guarantee meal availability
 Very limited space is available at the door
 NO banquet reservations will be taken after April 10th!

Registration information will be distributed upon arrival April 17th.
 No confirmations will be mailed.

Payment MUST be by cash or check. We cannot accept CREDIT or DEBIT cards.

Program subject to change without notice.

Full refunds given two weeks prior to event. No refunds for no-shows.

Other activities include model contests, door prizes & raffles, modular layouts, white elephant tables and Sunday layout tours!

Name _____
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Make checks payable to: **Division Two, MCR, NMRA**

Mail to: NMRA Jamboree, c/o Tom Gaus
 27 Glenbrook Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15235
 Email: webmaster@keystonedivision.org
 Ph (412) 731-8846

Jamboree Registration Fee Per Person - Includes lunch & continental breakfast.

NMRA Members **BEFORE APRIL 1st** \$22.00 x _____ = _____

Non-NMRA Member **BEFORE APRIL 1st** \$32.00 x _____ = _____

Children under 12 \$11.00 x _____ = _____

Hands On Clinic #1 \$15.00 x _____ = _____

Hands On Clinic #2 \$15.00 x _____ = _____

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Add \$5 after April 1st \$5.00 x _____ = _____

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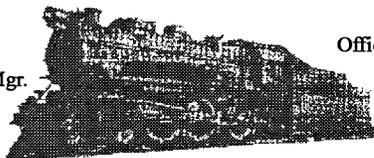
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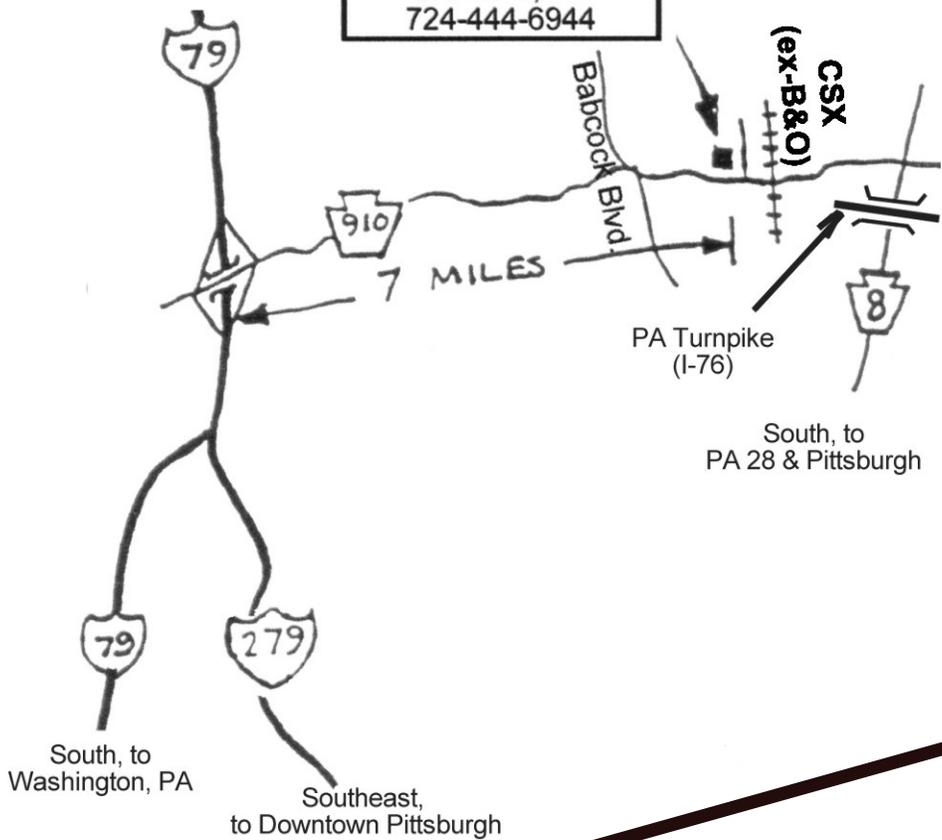
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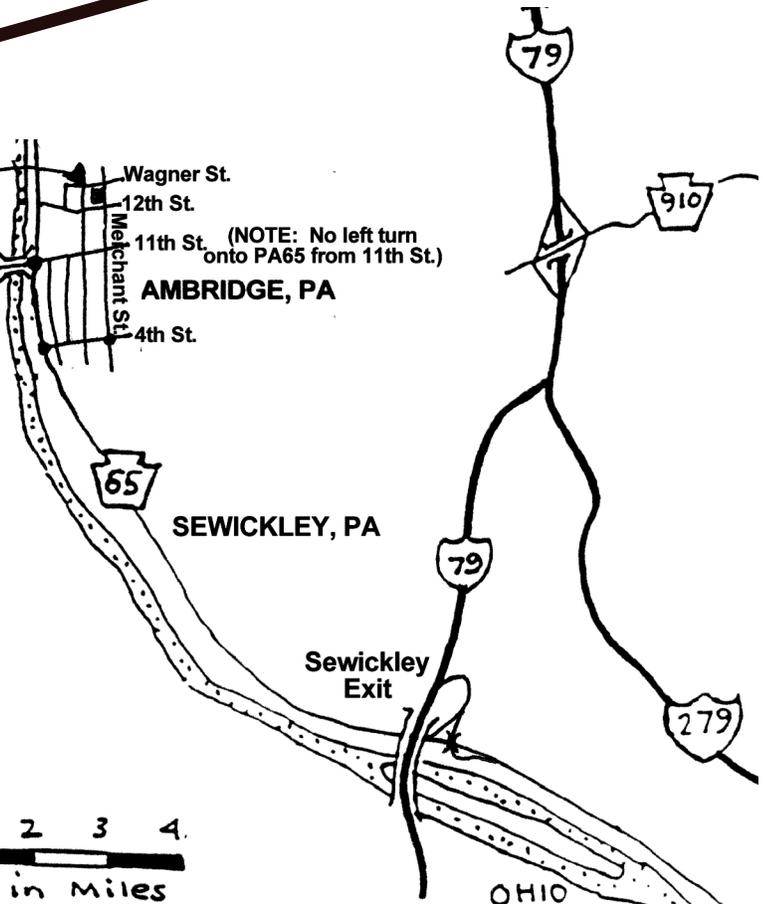
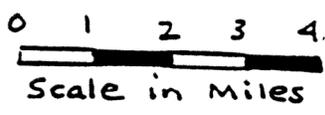
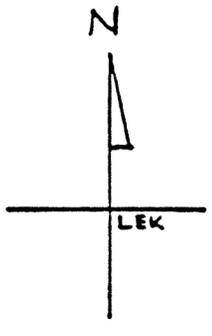
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724-444-6944



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1225 Merchant St.
Ambridge, PA
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MAP TO THE MARCH 21, 2010 MEETING



Official NMRA Division 2 MCR Ballot
(Place an "X" in the box for ONE candidate for each office only)

For Superintendent:

Susan Werner

(Write-In)

For Assistant Superintendent:

Michael Hohn

(Write-In)

For Chief Clerk:

Keith DeVault

(Write-In)

Cut-out and mail your completed ballot to:
NMRA Div 2 Election, c/o Jack Pscherer, 109 Marshall Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4318
or bring it to the February or March meeting.

IMPORTANT Jamboree Hands-On Clinic Information!

Each clinic will run three (3) hours.

You must pay and register in advance (mail-in registration).

The first ten (10) registrants for each clinic will be accepted.
Later applicants will have their payments refunded.

Registrants MUST bring the following supplies:

Scratchbuilding Structures with Styrene - bring a sharp hobby knife and sufficient replacement blades or single-edge razor blades and a metal straight edge. We provide cutting boards, styrene, other materials, adhesives, etc. Take home a small structure at the end of the clinic.

Advanced Structure Lighting Using LEDs - If you haven't worked with LEDs before, Bill Sartore strongly suggests you take his undergraduate class, LEDs 101, in the morning. Bring a Magnivisor or Optivisor for magnification, small wire cutter, small needle nosed pliers, point-tipped tweezers, plastic cement, 9 volt transistor battery, pin vise with #80 drill bit and hobby knife with #11 blade.

Check the Div. 2 MCR website, www.keystonedivision.org, for updates or changes to this information and number of available seats in each clinic.

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 February 21, 2010
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 Gibsonia, PA

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