



# THE *Keystone Flyer*

MCR  
Div. 2

## *From the Super's Desk*



Well, the best laid plans of mice and men (and women) do indeed go awry. I really believed that I would make some progress on my layout during this snow season. I could not have been more wrong. What with power outages, trying to make sure that family members without were housed with family members who had power, and trying to keep up with the office when there was no power or phones, I got little to nothing done. I did, however, turn my energies to something useful. I took my cue from an article I read in one of my

model railroad magazines and made a model of my model railroad layout. I have made a 1:24 mock-up of the available space, printed out a 1:24 print of the planned layout, and glued it to a piece of foam core board to represent the layout. Since my husband is a "build it by the seat of your pants" kind of guy, I decided to also model the leg assemblies, L-girder and joists. In this way, I will be able to determine how many leg assemblies I will need, how long the L-girder needs to be and how to space the joists. My helpmate also cannot visualize a project from a 2 dimensional drawing; he does much better with a 3 dimensional drawing or model. All of this may seem like an exercise in futility, but all the planning can help to discover potential problems and give one an opportunity to fix the problems before too much time is wasted working in real materials.

There is yet another election issue that must be addressed. Each member received a copy of Scale Rails earlier in February containing a ballot as well as the convention materials. We are eligible to vote for the NMRA At-Large World-Wide Director. The other Director positions do no affect us. Please send in your ballot and use the original mailing label to identify it as belonging to a valid voter. You may photocopy the actual ballot if you do not want to remove it from the magazine, but be sure to use the actual mailing label.

*... Susan Werner*

The members of Div. 2, NMRA MCR, "the Keystone Division," wish to express their hearty thanks to the Western Pennsylvania Modell Railroad Museum for welcoming us to their layout for the February meeting.

### Division Meeting Schedule

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

**Layout:** open at 1:30 PM

**Meeting:** 2:30 PM

**Program:** "Operations Without Paperwork," by Mike Hohn

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

### Bring'n'Brag

<b>Feb</b>	Commercial Structures
<b>Mar</b>	Advertising and Signage
<b>May</b>	Built Resin Kits
<b>Jun</b>	Refrigerated Cars
<b>Aug</b>	Diesel Power
<b>Sep</b>	Houses of Worship
<b>Oct</b>	Steel Industry
<b>Nov</b>	Tank Cars

Ohio Valley Lines plans to make up train sets to give away at their holiday open houses later this year. They seek donations of any of the components of a traditional train set (locomotive, rolling stock, track, powerpack, etc.). This would be a good way to contribute to promoting the hobby while getting rid of that old toy train stuff that you've had stored away in the closet for years. Locomotives need not be serviceable -- the club has a volunteer who will fix them. All you have to do is drop them off at the clubhouse in Ambridge.

# Minutes

Superintendent Susan Werner called the February 2010 meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. at the Western PA Model RR Museum in Gibsonia, Pa. There were 59 members present at the meeting.

Bob Meier of the Museum thanked everyone for attending, and mentioned that the Club layout would be open after the meeting.

Pass the hat netted \$ 83.00

We had 3 new members, attending their first meeting, and they were Jerry Hallman and son Charles, Dave Downey and George Turak. We welcome all 3 to our organization. We had 2 guests of Pat Aلدorfer attend the meeting.

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

Susan gave the treasurer's report in the absence of our treasurer with a checking account balance of 2,112.00, 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, and a New Western Maryland Book, along with new sign kits from City Classics. May 1<sup>st</sup> he will order the new book on Pennsylvania facilities and if you would like one, please contact Dick.

Tom Gaus, Membership and Webmaster gave his report of 253 active members, 11,687 hits on the website with 1,164 sessions.

Tom also reported on the Jamboree registration and as of this date, he has 6 clinic spots left on one clinic and 5 on the LED clinic. If you plan on attending the jamboree, please get your registration in to Tom.

Bob Meier gave the FreeMO report on the Greenberg Show last weekend [Feb. 13-14, ed], stating the show and menu were very successful and is looking for more help in the future both in setting up and tearing down.

Paul Gallick announced that 10 entries for Bring N Brag were entered in the "Commercial Structures" category and please vote after the meeting.

Bud Brock for the video library, reported that he now has over 200 titles, and has a conversion machine to transfer VHS to DVD and his 2 new titles from Miles Hale on Building DPM kits and Building Modulars.

Mike Hohn the Assistant Superintendent gave his report on the upcoming meetings and programs. The March 21<sup>st</sup> meeting will be held at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge and Mike will talk on Operation without Paperwork. The Jamboree is on April 17<sup>th</sup>, which is a Saturday, starting at 8:00 A.M. at Robert Morris University.

The Achievement Program report was given by Susan that several members have taken advantage of the program and have submitted paperwork for the program and are waiting on the paperwork to return.

Jim Sacco presented the Jamboree report that will be held at Robert Morris University on Saturday April 17<sup>th</sup>, please pick up the flyers and pass out to hobby shops, grocery stores etc to get the word out. He mentioned that the Banquet Speaker will be very interesting and he also mentioned that to bring your old models that you would like to sell, because the Jamboree will be holding a White Elephant Table. Layout tours will be available to everyone in attendance on Sunday. The list will be available at the Jamboree.

In old business, the Elections are underway with the ballot in the flyer, so please vote for your candidate. 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.

There was no new business brought before the group and for the Good of the Division, Joel Everly from Steubenville asked about glue for the Scenic Express static grass. If anyone has tried a product other than from Scenic Express with success please let the group know.

The Valley Forge RPM meet will be held in the Philadelphia area from March 25 to March 28 and we have a few of our members giving clinics at that meet, and also at the regional convention in Charleston in May.

Division 11 Train show and Jamboree date and location have been moved to Dubois on May 1<sup>st</sup>. They are looking for clinicians for the Jamboree. Pike Ads for the flyer are now due, please submit your fee to Vagel Keller our *Flyer* Editor.

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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

February's contest was held at the Western PA Model Railroad Museum in Gibsonia, PA. The theme of this month's contest was "Commercial Structures" and 10 entries were received.

First place was won by Marge Meehan for her collection of HO and N scale buildings. Marge entered several N Scale structures made from paper kits and HO scale buildings built from wood.

Second place was won by Neal Schorr for his O scale Texaco gas station diorama based on a prototype structure located Enola Yard outside of Harrisburg. Neal built the building from a MTH structure which he painted and weathered. The roadway was made from 1/8" Masonite to represent a 1920's 10' lane highway. He also included a number of detail parts and period vehicles to place the scene in the late 1940's/ early 1950's.

Third place was a tie between Steve Hertzner and Grier Kuehn. Steve entered an O scale Downtown Deco model of Archie's Bar made from hydrocal which he painted and weathered. Grier entered an HO scale neighborhood Pizza shop built using a City Classics Company House kit and a scratchbuilt storefront made from brick sheet.

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# PAUL GALLICK

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Bob Hickman entered an HO scale Tavern built from a Bars Mills kit.

Keith DeVault entered an HO scale background building of the Coca Cola bottling plant located in Morgantown, WV.

George Turak entered an assortment of HO scale freight cars and locomotives.

Dennis Williams entered a collection of HO scale freight cars built from resin kits.

Steve Raque entered an HO scale Fireworks Stand built from a Blair Line laser cut kit.

Jim Whipple entered a pair of HO scale 1850's passenger cars built from Advance Molding kits.

Jamboree Reminder: The Jamboree model contest will include the standard categories of "Motive Power," "Rolling Stock," and "Structures" along with a special category called "Blue Box Kits." This special category is to honor the place Athearn kits have had in the hobby until recently discontinued by Horizon Hobbies. The only requirement to qualify for this category is that your model must have been built from an Athearn Blue Box Kit any freight, passenger, non-revenue, or locomotive, stock or modified.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. The next Bring 'n' Brag contest will be at the March meeting at The Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, PA, and the contest category will be "Advertising and Signage."



## Bring'n'Brag Standings:

Name	Points	Name	Points
Steve Raque	8	Keith DeVault	2
Grier Kuehn	6	Dick Flock	2
Marge Meehan	6	Kevin Kuzman	2
Dennis Williams	6	Tim Moffat	2
Neal Schorr	5	Steve Ross	2
Robert Hickman	4	Roy Ward	2
Steve Hertzner	4	Bob Weinheimer	2
Dennis Vaccaro	4	Robby Whipple	2
Jim Whipple	3	Dave Wilson	2
Charlie Blenko	2	George Turak	1
Bill DeFoe	2		

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Clinic topics will include:  
**Painting Backdrops**  
**You May Die if You Don't Take This Clinic**  
**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](http://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](mailto: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!

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 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 \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet (not included with registration) \$28.00 x \_\_\_\_\_ = \_\_\_\_\_

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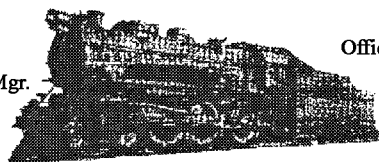
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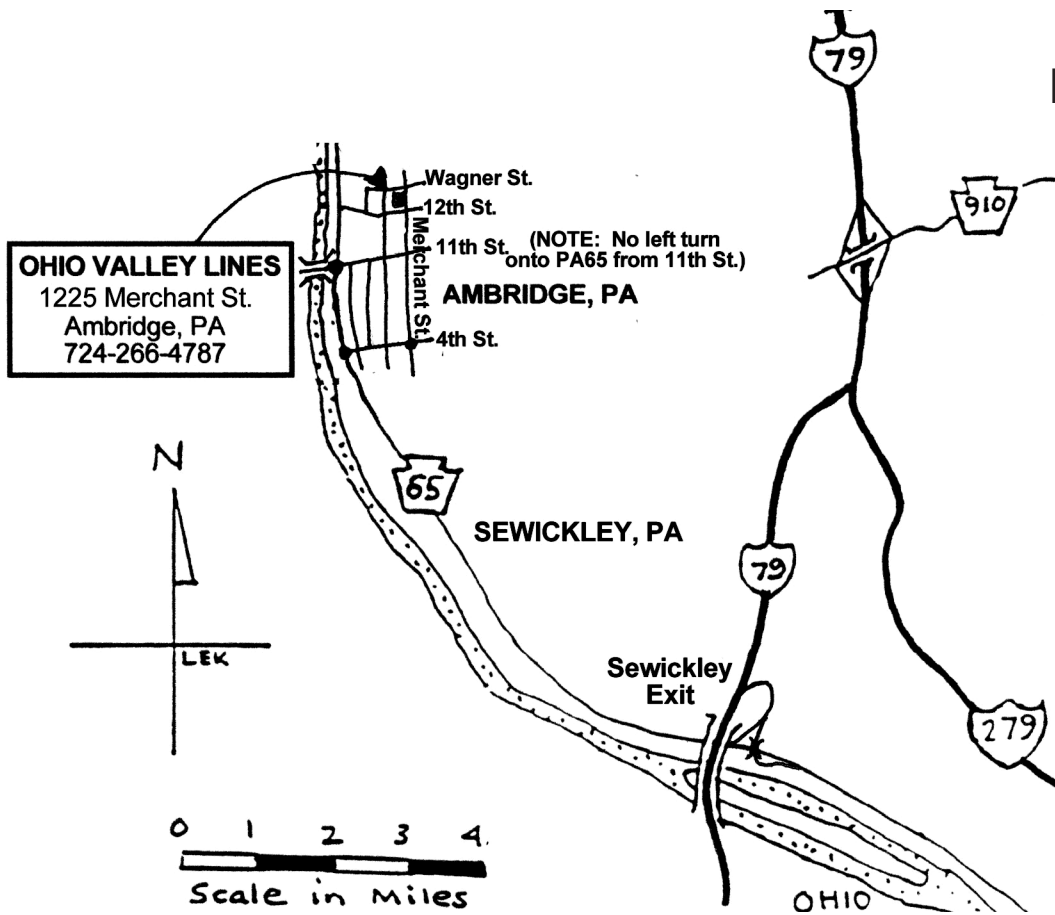
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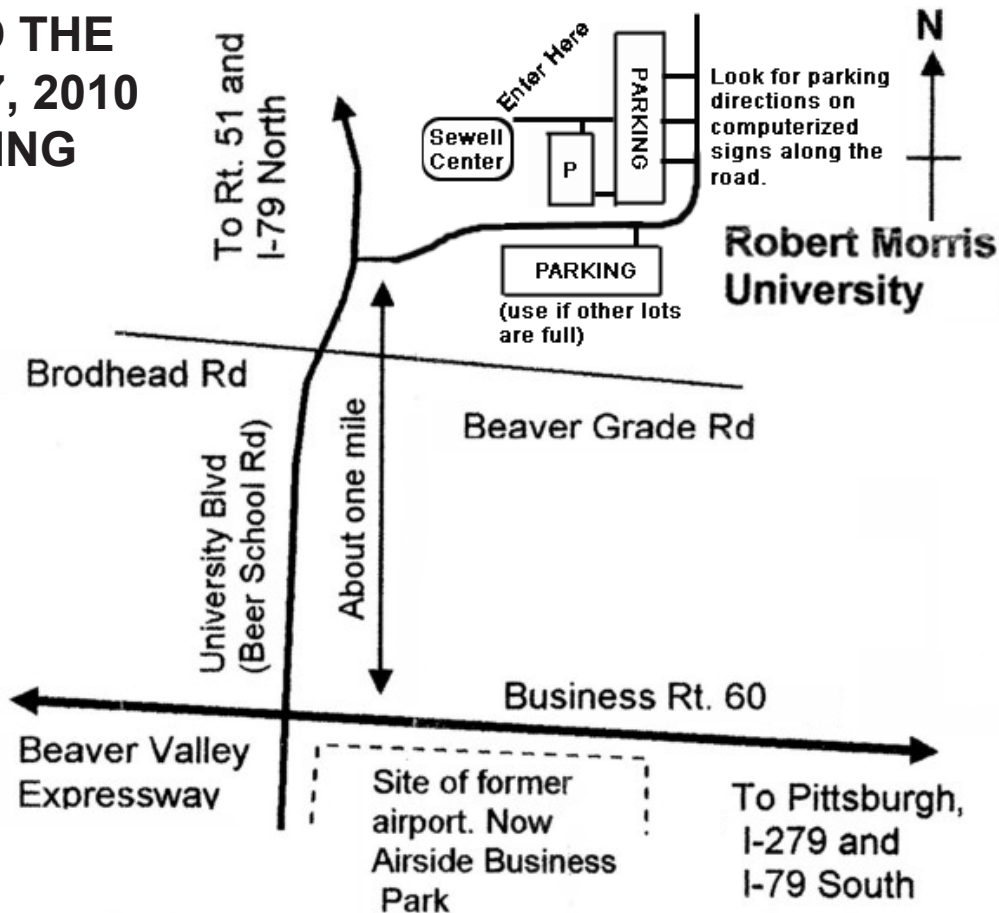
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# MAP TO THE MARCH 21, 2010 MEETING



# MAP TO THE APRIL 17, 2010 MEETING



# *It's Jamboree Time!*

Jim Sacco

With all of the snow and ice that's around us it's a little hard to believe that April will soon be here, but it will before we know it. That means it's time to register for this year's Jamboree! I think we have a great slate of activities lined up. Here are just a few of the highlights:

New by request this year are two hands-on clinics. Each of them will last three hours and will allow attendees to actually build something under the guidance of the clinic presenter. As the flyer says, they require pre-registration and seating is very limited! This is something new for us. If the response is good, we'll try to have more of them. If you were one of those who requested hands-on clinics, we hope you'll show your support by signing up and making them a success.

We have a great lineup of regular clinics too! We'll try to have a more complete listing in next month's Keystone Flyer so that you can plan your day out in advance.

Our dinner speaker is Dennis McInay, author of *The Horseshoe Curve: Sabotage and Subversion in the Railroad City*. It's about the Nazi plot to blow up Horseshoe Curve during WWII. It has taken us a while to get Dennis as he's a very popular speaker and it should be most interesting to hear more details of this little known event. I'd like to thank Neal Schorr for bringing Mr. McInay to my attention.

As always, we'll have some layouts to view, a white elephant room and a ton of door and raffle prizes! We will also have Sunday layout tours and maps will be given

out upon arrival Saturday.

Don't forget to look through your closets and under your layouts for items you don't need and bring them to sell in the white elephant room! The more items we have, the more fun it is! You'll make some extra money and so will the division. I forgot to mention on the flyer that our company store will also be there with plenty of items available at super prices.

If you've never attended before, it's a full day of model railroading activities and a great way to meet other members of Division Two. For long time members, it's a day of fun, friends and food. Oh...and trains too!

## THE KEYSTONE DIVISION

"Minutes," cont'd ...

The PRRTS meeting will be held on Saturday March 20<sup>th</sup> and the guest speaker will be Gene Schaffer speaking on the Montour Railroad. Remember to get your registration in for the Regional Convention in Charleston, because the hotel is now full. You will have to make reservations at another location. Bud Brock mentioned that the B & LE 2-10-4 will be moving sometime in the future from McKees Rocks to a museum in Cleveland.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M.



### ***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](http://www.keystonedivision.org), for updates or changes to this information and number of available seats in each clinic.**

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