

Division Meeting Schedule

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

May 16, 2010 - Munhall Fire Co. No. 5, 971 Hardin PL, Munhall, PA 15120

June 20, 2010 - TBD

August 15, 2010 - Div. 2 Picnic, Henley Park, Leetsdale, PA. 15056 Gather beginning at 12:30 PM; meeting following the picnic.

Bring'n'Brag

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



From the Super's Desk



I love a convention! I love the chance to meet new people, see old friends that I haven't seen in a long time, learn new things, exchange ideas and generally immerse myself up to my eyeballs in my favorite hobby. These sentiments apply to National Conventions, Regional Conventions and even our own Jamboree. I am looking forward to our Jamboree with the same excitement as any other convention. The clinics offer the opportunity to learn something new and share our own experiences with others. The door prizes and raffles are pure fun and the White Elephant table presents the chance to sell a few extra items from our collections or to acquire a special model or kit. The opportunity to see a few modular layouts is a wonderful diversion and the chance to just sit and chat with fellow model railroad enthusiasts is a very special treat. There will be model contests with real winning models to view and inspire. The fact that I never have to leave the facility to find food and drink is a real bonus. The dinner and after-dinner speaker are really icing on the cake. The opportunity to visit other modeler's layouts and get new ideas on Sunday is sheer Nirvana! Nothing gets my juices stirring better than seeing models in motion and having the opportunity to ask questions of the layout's owner.

If you haven't yet registered for our Jamboree, perhaps you will reconsider and attend after all. Encourage your friends to do the same. If you cannot fit this wonderful event into your schedule, consider going to the Regional Convention being held in Charleston, WV from May 13 – 16, 2010. Thursday night will be occupied by operating sessions, Friday and Saturday will be filled with clinics and tours and Sunday will be the day for layout tours. It will be a great time for a small fee. See the MCR web site for more information. www.midcentral-region-nmra.org

... Susan Werner

The members of Div. 2, NMRA MCR, "the Keystone Division," wish to express their hearty thanks to Ohio Valley Lines for welcoming us to their layout for the February meeting.

Minutes

KEITH DeVAULT

Superintendent Susan Werner called the March 21, 2010 meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, Pa. There were 65 members in attendance at the meeting.

John Gallagher of the Ohio Valley Lines thanked everyone for attending, and mentioned that the Club layout would be open after the meeting.

Pass the hat netted \$ 55.00

We had 1 new member attend his first meeting and that was Mr. Greg Walker. Please extend a welcome to our new member.

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 \$837.00, savings account and a certificate of deposit also at the bank.

Dick Flock gave the company store report with a new book available called Norfolk Southern the Connellsville Division. He has other books available, one that deals with mining and other facilities books, please see Dick if interested

Tom Gaus, Membership and Webmaster gave his report of 259 active members, 11,264 hits on the website with 1,012 sessions.

Tom also reported on the Jamboree registration and as of this date he has 70 registrations with the early bird special until March 31st. He has 6 clinic spots left on one clinic and 2 on the LED clinic. If you plan on attending the jamboree, please get your registration in to Tom or you can register at the door.

Don Reed gave the Free Mo report that they had a standardized session on rolling stock and they are putting in new connections between each modular and they work.

Paul Gallick announced that 11 entries for Bring N Brag were entered in the "Advertising and Signage" category and please vote after the meeting. He also mentioned that at the Jamboree he will have a category for only Blue Box Kits. So get out your boxes and build something for the Jamboree.

Bud Brock for the video library, reported that he now has over 200 titles, and if you see something that you would like to view, please see Bud.

Mike Hohn the Assistant Superintendent gave his report on the upcoming meetings and programs. The April 17th meeting will be held at the Jamboree which is a Saturday starting at 8:00 A.M. at Robert Morris University. The May meeting will be at Munhall NO. 5 Fire Department and Dennis Williams will have his layout open before and after the meeting. No location yet for June no meeting in July and the picnic is set for August at Leetsdale Park.

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 17th. Many interesting clinics will be available, so you can pick and choose what you would like to see. It was also mentioned that the Raffle and Door Prize tickets have been changed this year to help speed up the drawings.

In old business, the Elections were held and the 3 candidates listed on the ballot were elected. They were Susan Werner for Superintendent, Mike Hohn for Assistant Superintendent and Keith DeVault for Chief Clerk. The new officers will take office on May 1, 2010 and the term is for 2 years.

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

Susan passed out the Bring N Brag Gift Certificates: They were the following, The \$ 2.00 winners were C.J. Riley, Neal Schorr and Margorie Meehan. The \$ 5.00 winners were Keith DeVault, Robert Hickman, Steve Ross, Bill DeFoe, Don Reed, Jim Kubanick and Steve Hertzler. The \$ 10.00 winner was Grier Kuehn and the \$ 15.00 winner was Dave Wilson. Congratulations to all that participated in the Bring N Brag program.

In new business brought before the group Dick Flock made a motion that the Division Host the 2011 Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet in Greensburg the last weekend of March. Motion was passed.

For the good of the division, Susan mentioned that to vote for the NMRA at Large Director before April 1. Everyone got a ballot that was in Scale Rails.

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Bring'n'Brag

PAUL GALLICK

March's contest this year was held at the Ohio Valley Lines club in Ambridge, PA. There were 11 entries in this month's contest where the subject was "Advertising and Signage."

First place was won by Grier Kuehn for his HO scale Scrap Yard Mini-Diorama. Signage included custom rooftop signs using City Classics frames, lettering on roll-off containers from Microscale decals, and a custom sign airbrushed on the Central Valley wood fence.

Second place was won by Steve Hertzner for his O scale Downtown Deco "Trackside Tavern" building. Steve built, painted, and weathered the structure which included a number of signs.

Third place was won by Marge Meehan for her collection of N, HO, and O scale Billboards. Here N scale billboards were made from Blair Line LLC kits while all the HO and O scale billboards were scratchbuilt.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Keith DeVault entered an HO scale B&O freight house and a Background building of the Coca-Cola bottling plant from his layout. Both buildings included scratchbuilt rooftop signs.

John Lynd entered a model of the Carnegie Box and Pallet Co. built from a Walther's kit with added details and signs.

Steve Raque entered an HO scale mock-up of the Shenango Storage Tank from Neville Island with lettering modified from existing fonts to match the prototype.

Neil Schorr entered a set of two scratchbuilt O scale highway billboards made from Evergreen and Plastruct shapes.

Bill DeFoe entered an HO scale building with signs made using three different techniques. The 'Pawn' sign was made from an illuminated laser printer control panel. Two signs were found on the internet and printed in color. The building also had a faded painted sign made from dry transfers and then overspraying with brick red.

Pat Altdorfer entered a 'work in progress' HO billboard project based on an original business card from his Grandfather's North Side garage.

Vagel Keller entered an HO Scale Grain/Feed Mill, General Store, and vehicles, all of which included numerous signs which he had either printed off the internet or created in PowerPoint. All were printed off on paper and applied with white glue.

Don Reed entered a set of five HO scale billboards. They all appeared to be scratchbuilt and included vintage advertising.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. Next month is the Jamboree so there will be no Bring 'n' Brag contest. Don't forget to bring your models to the Jamboree. Next Bring 'n' Brag contest is scheduled for May where the category will be "Built Resin Kits."

For Display only Susan Warner brought in her "Model of her Layout," and Charlie Hallman brought his Lego passenger train.

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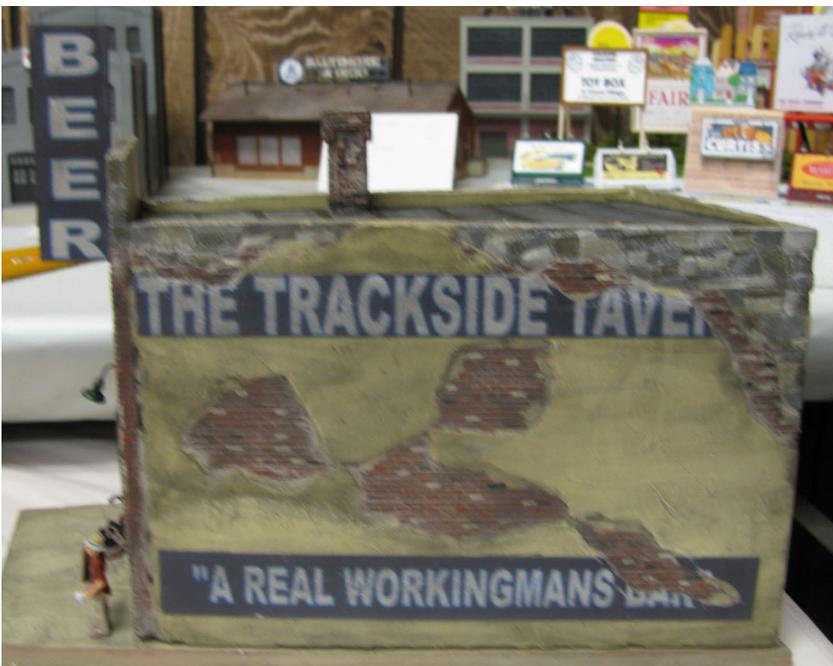
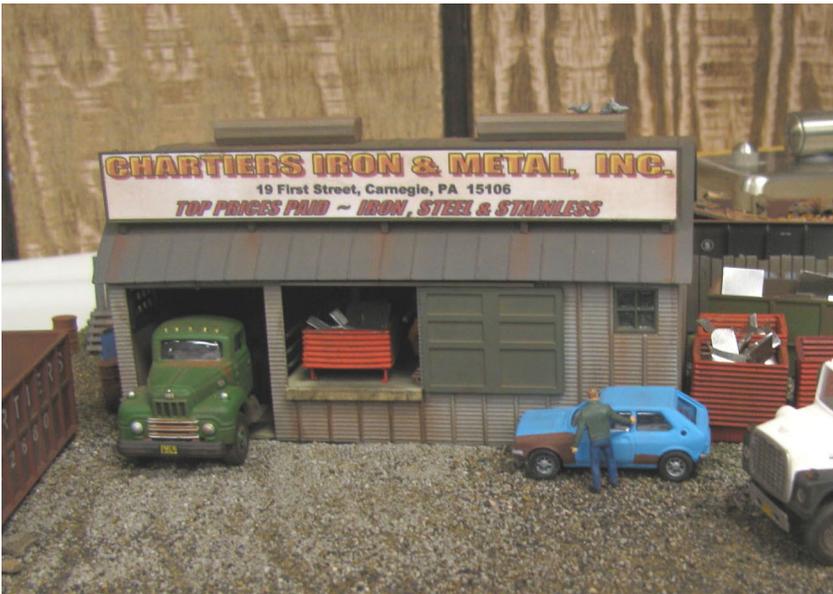
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Counter-clockwise, from upper left: Entries from Grier Kuehn, Steve Hertzner, and Marge Meehan took first, second, and third place, respectively, in the March 2010 Bring'n'Brag contest.

JAMBOREE UPDATE ... Changes to Raffle & Door Prize Give-Away by Rob Twigger

Door Prizes: A display of door prizes will be in the lunch area. Your door prize ticket must go in the container marked for door prizes. The door prize tickets will be in your registration package. They will be white tickets. The drawing will be during the lunch break.

Raffle Prize Drawing: The raffle drawing will be scale-specific, which means no longer one container for all the tickets and waiting until all prizes are gone. Each scale will have its own container. The tickets in that container are for that scale only. The scales for this year are O, HO, N, and Non-scale. All raffle tickets are blue, so be sure to put your

tickets in the container for your scale.

There is no change to the Chinese Auction.

The Division 2 Jamboree Committee extends its sincere thanks to all donors to the door prize and raffle part of the Jamboree. Your support is greatly appreciated.

We also would like the participants and guests at the Jamboree, along with members of Division 2, to give them a big thank you when you're in one of the hobby shops or see one of the dealers at a train show.

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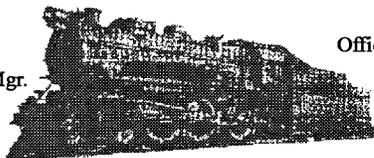
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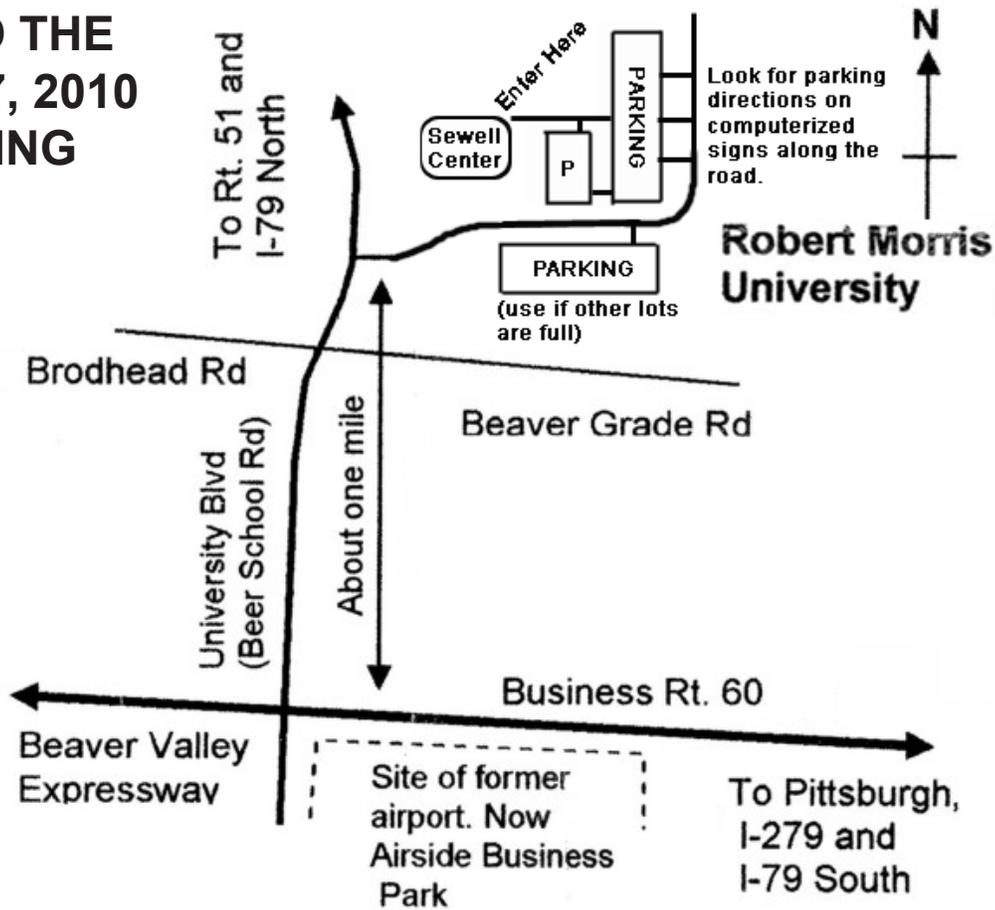


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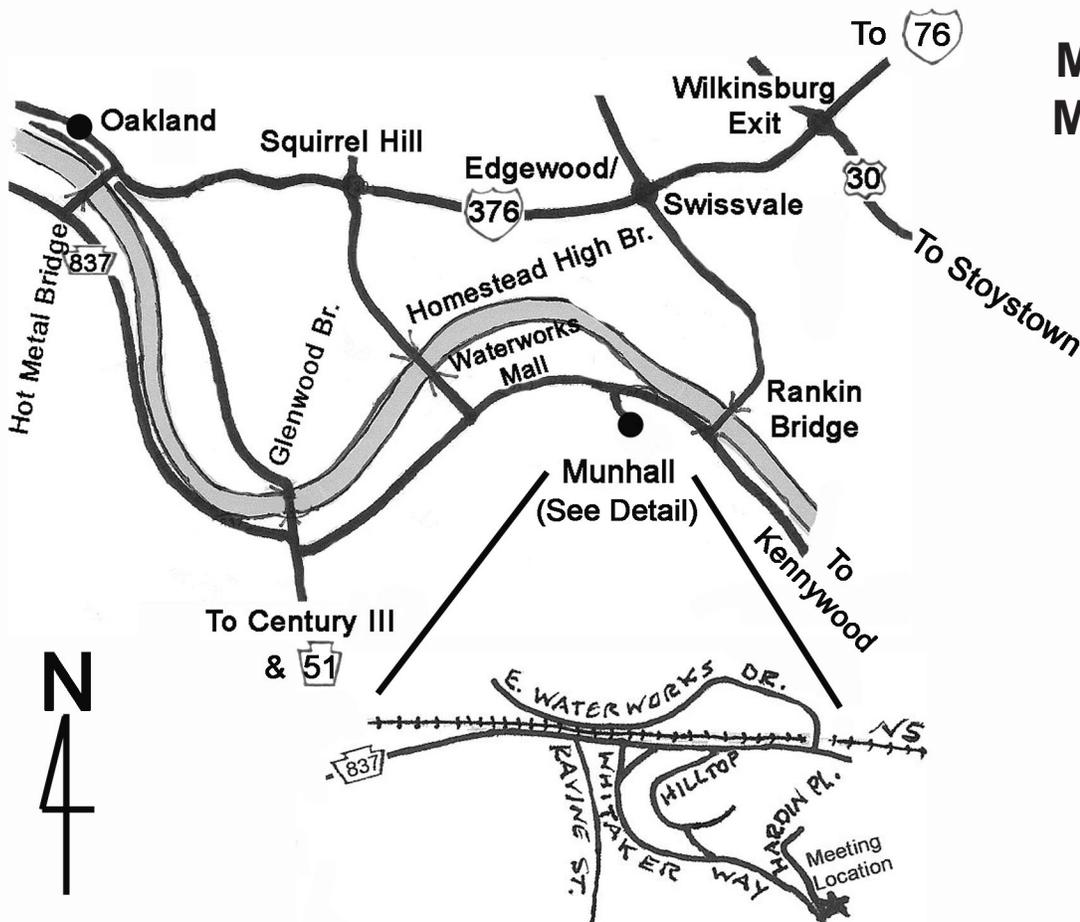
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MAP TO THE APRIL 17, 2010 MEETING



MAP TO THE MAY 16, 2010 MEETING



Scratchbuilding w/ Styrene Clinic "Minutes," cont'd ...

"Read-Ahead"

by John Polyak



The structure we're going to scratchbuild is a small workshop or depot shown above. It is HO scale. This clinic will teach basic styrene construction techniques. You will probably not complete your model during the time available, but you will be able to finish it at your own pace at home.

Tools you need to bring

- An X-Acto, or equivalent, knife or scalpel with plenty of sharp #11 and #17 blades.
- A sharp pencil for layout work.
- A flat cutting/work surface. You'll need at least one absolutely straight edge on whatever surface you use for your square to ride against.
- A scale rule and small square for layout and assembly are necessary.
- Liquid plastic cement. You'll also need a small paintbrush to apply the cement (not the brush in the cap of some glues). NO TUBE GLUE!
- Good tweezers will help you hold and manipulate small parts.
- Sandpaper and sanding sticks. Grits ranging from 150 to 600 work best for styrene. Small sanding sticks like emery boards or small files are essential for cleaning up window and door cutouts.

Other nice-to-have tools

- An Optivisor or other magnifier
- A caliper with divisions in either scale feet and inches or actual fractional inches to help you measure more accurately.
- A pair of dividers
- A chopper and square sander.
- A sprue cutter.
- A panel scribe for scribing lines without raising styrene on either side of the cut.

See you at the clinic!

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Division 11 Train show and Jamboree date and location has been moved to Dubois on May 1st. They are looking for clinicians for the Jamboree.

It was announced that Rob Enrico got Honorable Mention for his photo in the Model Railroad Magazine contest.

The Ligonier Valley Railroad Museum has an open house on May 1st. Contact Dick Flock if interested in attending.

Pike Ads for the flyer are now due, please submit your fee to Vagel Keller our Flyer Editor. The PRRTHS meeting will be held on Saturday April 24th. Bud Brock mentioned that the B & LE 2-10-4 has been moved outside and you can get photos from behind the fence.

Bob Hickman reported on the Potomac Eagle hosting a three-day weekend featuring rides behind vintage steam and diesel locomotives. The event is planned for June 25-27 on the 52 mile tracks of the South Branch Valley Railroad that runs from Romney to Petersburg, WV. Tickets for the event can be ordered online at www.wvrails2010.com.

Susan thanked Jack Pscherer for his hard work as teller for the election.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:20 P.M.



THE KEYSTONE DIVISION

"B'n'B," cont'd ...



Bring'n'Brag Standings:

Name	Points	Name	Points
Grier Kuehn	12	Dick Flock	2
Steve Raque	10	Vagel Keller	2
Marge Meehan	10	Kevin Kuzman	2
Steve Hertzner	9	John Lynd	2
Neal Schorr	7	Tim Moffat	2
Dennis Williams	6	Don Reed	2
Bill DeFoe	4	Steve Ross	2
Keith DeVault	4	Roy Ward	2
Robert Hickman	4	Bob Weinheimer	2
Dennis Vaccaro	4	Robby Whipple	2
Jim Whipple	3	Dave Wilson	2
Patrick Altdorfer	2	George Turak	1
Charlie Blenko	2		

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