

Division Meeting Schedule

June 27, 2010 - Westinghouse Castle, 325
Commerce St., Wilmerding, PA 15148

Tour: 12:30 PM

Meeting: 2:30 PM

August 15, 2010 - Div. 2 Picnic, Henley
Park, Leetsdale, PA. 15056 Gather begin-
ning 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 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 the hobby while getting rid of that old toy train stuff that you've had stored away for years. Just drop them off at the clubhouse in Ambridge.

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From the Super's Desk



The focus of the Superintendents' breakfast on the last day of the Mid-Central Region convention last month was the Achievement Program. Each division was invited to share what they were doing to advance the Program and what was successful for them. Our division sponsored a series of talks to explain each of the certificates and the requirements for earning each of them. We have also offered to have judges available at any of our gatherings if notified in advance of the request. I was provided with a list of all division members who have been awarded certificates and which certificates they have earned. One thing that was proposed to increase the interest in the Achievement Program was to encourage everyone with a layout or even a module to apply for the Golden Spike Award. While not truly one of the certificates required to earn the Master Model Railroader (MMR) certificate, it will give the participant a sense of what it is like to earn the AP certificates. There are three basic components to the Golden Spike. The first is "Rolling Stock:" display 6 units of rolling stock. They may be scratchbuilt, craftsman kit, or detailed commercial kit. If using a "shake the box" kit, paint it, decal it, add a little detailing, perhaps some weathering, etc. it will serve the purpose. The second component is "Model Railroad Setting:" construct a minimum of 8 square feet of layout and five structures. Even a 2' x 4' module will satisfy this requirement. The comments about the rolling stock can be applied to the structures, as well. The third component is "Engineering:" three types of trackage are required (turnout, crossing, etc.). All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. Commercial trackage may be used. One need not have three different types of trackage, three turnouts will do. Installed trackage needs to be wired so that 2 trains may be operated simultaneously and one additional electrical feature (powered turnouts, signaling, turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.) All of these components do not have to be on the same layout or module, as long as they can be viewed for verification. For more information check out the Achievement Program page on the NMRA web site www.nmra.org. Now, let's see what you can do. Ask for help if you are a little lost. It really is easy.

... Susan Werner

Minutes

STEVE ROSS

The May meeting was called to order at 2:49 PM, in the Munhall Fire Co. No. 5 Social Hall in Munhall, PA. Susan had just arrived from Charleston, WV muttering something about everything that could go wrong did go wrong. There were about 42 members present. We snacked on pizza while debating how long we should wait for the Superintendent to arrive. Susan thanked our host, Dennis Williams, for organizing the meeting and providing pizza, and the Munhall Fire Co. No. 5 for the use of their facility. Thanks to both Dennis and Andy Lorince, who had their home layouts open to tour before the meeting.

There were no new members attending, Jeff Ward of Rankin came as a guest.

The April 17 minutes from the meeting at the Jamboree were approved as published in the May *Flyer*.

Carl Volkwein was not present, so there was no Treasurer's report.

Dick Flock gave the Company Store update. There are several new PRR books available. If you have ordered any books from Dick, please pick them up at the next meeting.

We have 274 active members according to Tom Gaus. There were 1127 sessions on our website, and Pat Altdorfer's presentation was the most popular page.

Bob Meier noted that the next FreeMo module show in July was moved back one week. New modules are still welcome and wanted. Please help or get involved. The group made about \$100 at the Jamboree White Elephant table; this will be used to better the modules which serve as a recruitment tool for the Division.

Bring'n'Brag voting will take place after the meeting. Paul Gallick had a large number of built resin kits entered this month.

Bud Brock noted there was nothing new to report for the video library. Susan mentioned that we had two donated copies of the book, *The Horseshoe Curve: Sabotage and Subversion in the Railroad City*, by our Jamboree banquet speaker Dennis McIlroy. One will be placed in the video library and the second in the Company Store or raffled off.

Next, Susan gave the upcoming programs report for Assistant Super Michael Hohn, who could not make the meeting. June's meeting will be at the Westinghouse Castle in Wilmerding, and will include a special tour for us which starts at 12:00 Noon. Don Coulter will also be speaking about the Pitcairn Yard. In July there will be no meeting. August will be the annual picnic, this year again featuring hot meat.

Susan also gave an Achievement Program report. Four certificates were earned by Division members this past year. Susan is going to get a list of all who have certificates and are close to MMR status. With the Achievement Program

you are not competing against other people, but striving to better your abilities. If you fall short in required points, ask the judge why. Most will be happy to help you improve for next time. The AP Chairman, Frank Koch, notes that while documentation requirements are rigid, the form in which he receives them is not. And remember, if you can complete a 2' x 4' module, this is likely good for earning a Golden Spike Award.

Jim Sacco noted that the 2009 Jamboree went smoothly with only one or two small glitches. Susan added that she had received a lot of positive feedback. Next year we were asked by RMU to change the date to April 9. Jim is "pretty sure the event is in the black", but won't know for certain until Carl cooks the books. There were a few no shows, with weak excuses ranging from, "my car wouldn't start," to, "I couldn't fly home from Germany because an ash cloud from the Eyjafjallajokull volcano in Iceland shut down all air travel over Europe." There was a friendly reminder to consider others when feeding at the lunch buffet. Rob Twigger got a round of applause for the smooth running raffle this year.

Under old business; directories are still available for \$0.50 each; there are still some gift certificates to be claimed by 2009 B'n'B contestants. There was no new business. There were no announcements, although Dennis Lippert suggested pizza should be served at all meetings.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:18 PM. Dennis Williams then raffled off a locomotive and a resin caboose kit, with an offer of his business's services (Resin Builders 4 U) to build it. Dennis's layout was open after the meeting.



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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

May's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at the Munhall Fire Company No. 5 in Munhall, PA. The theme this month was "Built Resin Kits" and there were ten entries.

First Place was won by Marge Meehan for her Lighthouse. The resin lighthouse was constructed using an Artmaster kit from Reynauld's Euro-Imports. Marge assembled the kit using Zap-A-Gap glue and painted it with acrylic paints.

In Second Place, Dennis Williams entered a slew of HO scale resin freight cars, all but two of them built from Sunshine kits.

Third Place was won by Fred Abrew for his 1/4" scale country store, 'Valley Coal and Grain. Fred built his model from a Berkshire Valley Models kit, and completely detailed the store including an interior.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

John Gallagher entered four HO scale freight cars built from three Funero & Camerlingo and one Westerfield kits.

Larry Kline entered a group of O scale resin freight cars including a NE caboose painted and lettered for the Western Maryland and a MILW rib side boxcar.

PAUL GALLICK

Dennis Lippert entered two HO scale freight cars built from Railyard Models resin kits. These kits are of relatively modern cars instead of the traditional 'Golden Era' normally associated with resin freight cars.

Grier Kuehn entered an HO scale truck and trailer built from Sylvan kits.

Jim Sacco entered an HO scale tank truck built from an old Magnuson kit.

Bill DeFoe entered two HO scale freightcars built from Westerfield kits, including a USRA double sheathed boxcar lettered for the Wabash and a Santa Fe Bx12 boxcar.

Tim Moffat entered a series of HO and HOn30 freight cars including an East Broad Top 2 bay hopper car and a PRR War Emergency Gondola. Tim also entered a Johnstown Trolley car built from a F&C kit and a PCC trolley built from an Imperial Hobby Products kit.

Last month's flyer included pictures of the popular vote winners from the Jamboree model contest. For the Structures category the winner was Joe Lofland for his "Indiana House." The Motive Power, Rolling Stock, and Athearn Blue Box categories were all won by Grier Kuehn. Congratulations to the winners.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. Next month's contest category is "Refrigerator Cars."

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Bring'n'Brag Standings:

Name	Points	Name	Points
Marge Meehan	16	Dick Flock	2
Grier Kuehn	14	John Gallagher	2
Dennis Williams	11	Vagel Keller	2
Steve Raque	10	Larry Kline	2
Steve Hertzner	9	Kevin Kuzman	2
Neal Schorr	7	Dennis Lippert	2
Bill DeFoe	6	John Lynd	2
Fred Abrew	4	Don Reed	2
Keith DeVault	4	Steve Ross	2
Robert Hickman	4	Roy Ward	2
Tim Moffat	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		

HAVE YOU REGISTERED YOUR PIKE?

by Gerry Leone, MMR

The Pike Registry, part of the NMRA's Membership Services and Promotion Department, is one of the lesser known services of the NMRA, yet it's been around almost as long as the organization itself. By sending in an application to program manager Ron Fredericks, along with a \$10 donation, NMRA members can register the name and reporting marks of their model railroad in the Official Register of Model Railroads (ORMRR) for two years. In return they receive an official registration certificate along with a CD of the current ORMRR. (Printed versions are also available to those without computers.)

The ORMRR is a tremendous resource for those who travel and would like to visit model railroads during their trip. The Register lists names, addresses and phone numbers of registrants, along with visitation preferences.

Studying the ORMRR is fun in and of itself. Currently it contains well over 500 pikes, some of which are as yet unbuilt. Among those appearing are prototypical names such as Union Pacific and Burlington Northern. But others have registered more whimsical names, such as the Kneedy & Lackamoney and the Downe & Owlte. It makes for great reading.

The Pike Registry was updated and streamlined in 2005 and is now a self-supporting volunteer-run part of the NMRA Membership Services and Promotion Department. Beside the fun of receiving an official certificate and the ORMRR, it gives members a great way to make a small donation to the NMRA. For details on how to get your pike registered, visit the NMRA website at:

<http://www.nmra.org/pikes/index.html>.



Marge Meehan's lighthouse won 1st Place in the Bring'n'Brag voting at the May Meeting. The editor regrets that the available images made of the other winning entries were not of sufficient quality for publication. He is working to fix the problem. Paul Gallick Photo



Action on one of the PRR-themed layouts open to attendees at this year's PRRT&HS Annual Meeting in Capmp Hill, PA, Apr. 29 - May 2, 2010.

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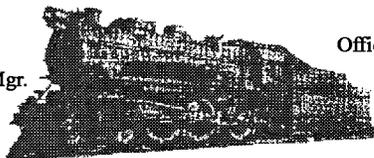
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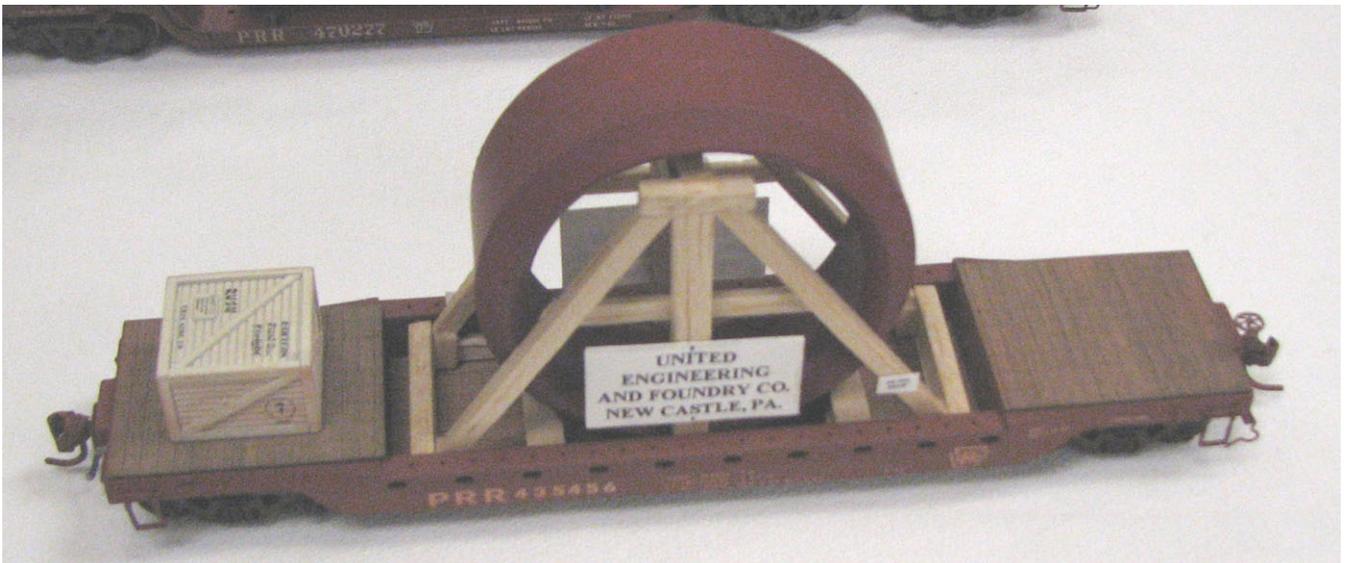
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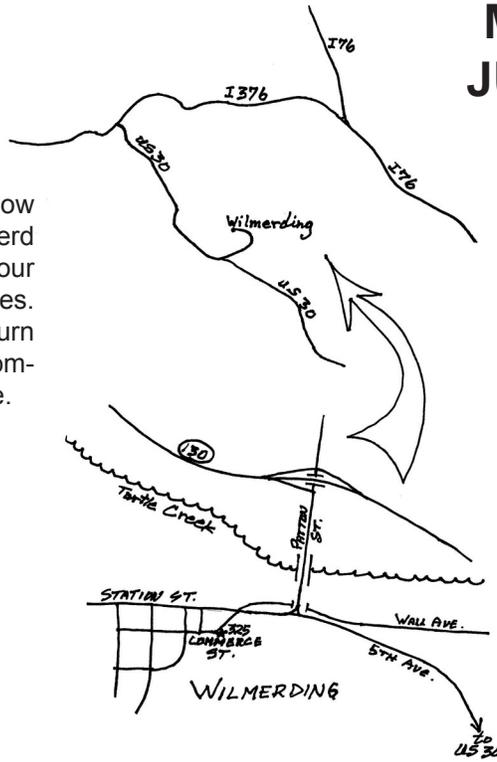
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Just a few of the many, many fine models on display in the popular vote model room at the PRRT&HS Annual Meeting in Capmp Hill, PA, Apr. 29 - May 2, 2010.

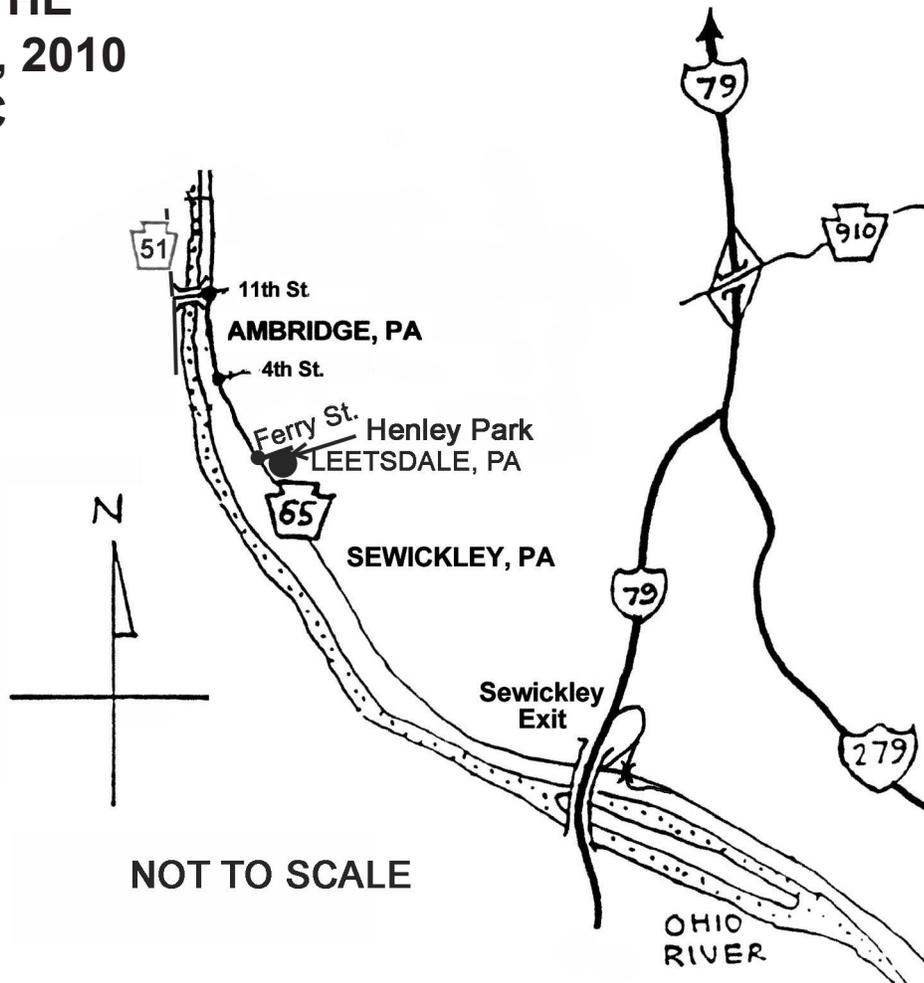
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