

Division Meeting Schedule

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

September 19, 2010 - Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, 1 Museum Rd, Washington, PA
Meeting at 2:30 PM

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



Last month I explained the Golden Spike Award as a good way to get started on the Achievement Program. This month I would like to dispel a few myths and offer some encouragement to all of our members to participate in the AP program. The AP program is not bragging about one's own accomplishments. I have heard members say that a good modeler should be recognized by others without that modeler doing anything to bring on the recognition. The AP program is organized the way it is because the NMRA relies on the individual modeler to maintain the records required for the Achievement Certificates and submit the Statement of Qualification when the requirements have been met. It would require a considerable amount of volunteer manpower to maintain these records for all the modelers and you know that things would get lost. Is it bragging to submit a Statement of Qualifications for each AP Certificate? No more so than earning and wearing Merit Badges for Boy Scouts is bragging. Just as Boy Scouts are required to complete certain requirements to earn Merit Badges and to earn certain Merit Badges to earn Rank, we are required to complete certain required activities to earn an Achievement Certificate and required to earn seven of eleven Certificates to earn the rank of Master Model Railroader. Participation in the Achievement Program generally helps a modeler improve his modeling skills in the process of building models worthy of Merit Awards (required in all modeling Certificates). So let's use the AP program to improve our modeling and take time to give back to our hobby. Let's earn our Certificates and be proud of our accomplishments. Who will be our next Master Model Railroader?

The August picnic is a great chance to get to socialize with fellow modelers and their families in a less structured environment. The Division will provide the meat and drinks and we all bring a covered dish of some sort. We will have lots of time to talk and share ideas in a casual atmosphere; it is a great time to bring our families and try to prove to them that we are not so terribly strange. Henley Park is a lovely site for old and young alike and the trains are just across the street. Mark August 15 on your calendar and plan to join us for a very pleasant day.

On behalf of the entire membership, I wish to extend our sympathies to Keith DeVault on the passing of his mother. Also, we extend our sympathies the family of Warren Mayfield. He was a former member of the NMRA and an "O" scale modeler. We pray that the families left behind can find comfort in these difficult times.

... Susan Werner

Minutes

KEITH DeVAULT

Superintendent Susan Werner called the June 27, 2010 meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. at the Westinghouse Castle and Museum in East Pittsburgh. The attendance was 51 members and 3 guests. The guests were John Ainsworth, who is a new member; Jerry Doyle, a guest of Roy Ward from Huntington, WV; and John Wissinger a former member from Michigan. All three were welcomed by the group.

Pass the hat netted \$ 68.00

Minutes that were published in the Keystone Flyer from the May 16, 2010 meeting were approved with one correction; the total number of members is 260 active.

In the absent of the Treasurer Carl Volkwein his report stated that the checking balance is \$ 7,300.00 and savings and Certificate of deposit also being held by the division.

Dick Flock was absent and no report on the company store

Tom Gaus gave his report on the membership that we have 259 active members and the website is running great with 23,438 hits, 1, 553 sessions and the most popular is Pat Altdorfer's.

Bob Meier the Free Mo chairman stated that the group will be at the Greensburg show on July 24 and 25 at the new Monroeville Convention Center.

Steve Ross filling in for Paul Gallick has 8 entries for bring n brag on the "refrigerator cars, reefer madness", so please stop by with your vote

Bud Brock on the video library stated that he has the horseshoe curve book and a new video that will calculate scales

Mike Hohn the assistant superintendent was absent and Susan told the group of the picnic at the Leetsdale Park along Rt 65 on August 15th. No meeting or activity in July.

Dennis Vaccaro gave his report on the Achievement Program and said that a few members are taking advantage of the program and that Roy Ward got his golden spike award, well done Roy.

In old business, none was brought up before the group and in new business we are going to look into the status of going 501c3 non profit status, and Susan will report back at the next meeting.

A Constitution Review Committee was formed with Andy Blenko, Tom Gaus, Cindi Wilson and Marge Meehan to serve.

Education Chairman was also announced and that will be John Gallagher.

No other new business was announced.

For the good of the division, Registration for the NCR Convention has started for October 21-24.

John Gallagher announced that he has 48 train sets for needy children and can use more items if you would like to donate to the Ambridge Club, Ohio Valley Lines.

Susan told the group of 2 magazines that have Pittsburgh themes in them, which are the Summer 2010 Classic Trains and August Trains, please pick them up for your library.

Meeting adjourned at 3:10 p.m.

Today's program will be Don Coulter "Pitcairn Yard: History and Rebirth"



Announcement from the Colmany Store ...



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Bring'n'Brag

June's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at the Westinghouse Castle in Wilmerding, PA. The theme last month was "Refrigerated Cars," and eight entries were submitted.

First place voting ended in a tie between Grier Kuehn and Dennis Williams. Grier entered a pair of HO scale reefers built from early 1960's Athearn kits. He upgraded the stirrups and grab irons, added Kadee couplers, and weathered the cars with Polly Scale paint, chalks, and powders. Dennis entered 9 PFE reefers built from resin kits. He also painted and lettered all of the cars.

Third place was won by Fred Abrew for his scratchbuilt On30 refrigerator cars. Fred built and lettered these cars to represent what a refrigerator car might have looked like if any had been owned by the Waynesburg & Washington Railroad. The cars were made from basswood with all Grandt Line hardware.

Other entries for last month's contest included:

Andy Lorince entered an uncoupler for S scale Kadee couplers which he made using rare earth magnets from a craft store.

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PAUL GALLICK

Jim Kubanick entered four HO scale reefers, three built from Sunshine resin kits and one significantly upgraded from a 1970's vintage Roundhouse 36' meat reefer kit.

Tim Moffat entered seven assorted HO scale reefer cars built from kits by Ambroid, Ye Old Huff-n-Puff, Silver Streak, and Main Line Models.

Andy Blenko entered two 57' HO scale reefers built from an Intermountain and a Red Caboose kits.

Charlie Hallmin entered a LEGO 4-4-0 locomotive.

A special thanks to Steve Ross who filled in for me while I was away on vacation! Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. The next contest will be in August at the annual summer picnic at Henley Park located in Leetsdale, PA. Next month's contest category is Diesel Power.



Bring'n'Brag Standings:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Grier Kuehn	20	John Gallagher	2
Dennis Williams	17	Vagel Keller	2
Marge Meehan	16	Larry Kline	2
Steve Raque	10	Jim Kubanick	2
Steve Hertzner	9	Kevin Kuzman	2
Fred Abrew	8	Dennis Lippert	2
Neal Schorr	7	John Lynd	2
Bill DeFoe	6	Don Reed	2
Tim Moffat	6	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	Charlie Hallmin	1
Andy Blenko	2	Andy Loince	1
Charlie Blenko	2	George Turak	1
Dick Flock	2		



VIDEO & BOOK REVIEWS

by Don Reed

Title: "The Last Steam Operated Sawmill"

Format: DVD Year produced: 2000

Produced by: Green Frog

Total running time: 25 minutes

Description: The mill is located in the State of Oregon. It is a modern mill, not a museum. It's a functioning business, processing a lot of logs and shipping out a lot of finished lumber. There are, though, lots of old machines and old buildings still in use. There are also some "vintage" GP-9 locomotives serving the mill. It's really interesting to follow logs from delivery to the mill pond through debarking, sawing, edging, etc.

Positives: Very interesting material, well-photographed, good script, good narration. I learned quite a bit from watching it.

Negatives: None

Technical quality: Very good

Overall: I watched it twice and may watch it again before returning it. Interesting, informative and entertaining.

How to Build and Detail Model Railroad Scenes, Volume 2, by Lou (Ground Goop) Sassi.

\$19.95 from Kalmbach or at hobby shops; about \$16 from Amazon or other discounters.

I don't get it. The "special editions" of *Model Railroader* magazine, such as *How to Build Realistic, Reliable Track* are bound like a small book and are 82 pages long. They cost about \$8.00. This "book" is bound the same way, is four pages shorter, and costs twice as much.

I saw Lou's preview of this book at the Craftsman Structure Show last year. I was impressed so I bought the book as soon as it came out. I guess I'm glad I bought it - but I'm not sure I'd recommend that *you* buy it.

It does contain some very useful information. Lou Sassi is a very good modeler and there are techniques and material in this book - especially for streets and sidewalks - that I'm adopting. If you're not familiar with the famous "Ground Goop", this is a good chance to learn about it. He also does some interesting stuff on how to model early spring/late winter in New England. And there is an interesting article on how to upgrade tractor models. But there is also a lot of elementary stuff that has been published a hundred times before. Overall, there's no real theme or organization to the book.

I wouldn't rush out to buy it. Borrow somebody else's copy.



D&RGW 456 is a long way from home, as it pulls to a stop at the East Broad Top RR's covered water tank in Mt. Union, PA on your editor's HO/HOn3 dual-gauge module. Kevin Kuzman weathered the loco, a Blackstone product that has revitalized the HOn3 segment of our hobby. Fellow member of the Friends of the EBT, Tom Middleton, built the water tank from scratch.

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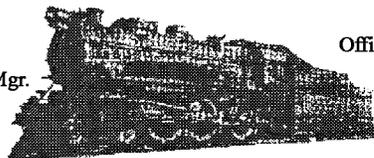
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Division 2 Picnic

Where: Henley Park, Leetsdale, PA Same place as last year.

When: Sunday August 15, 2010. We'll start gathering at 12:30 and aim to have food ready around 1:00. The business meeting will follow, while everyone is napping from all the good food.

Food: The division will supply meat, bread, and sodas. **IMPORTANT:** please e-mail Michael Hohn with the number of people in your party and the covered dish you will be bringing. Contact information is below. Bring 1 serving for every item you will put on your plate (usually 6) times the number in your party.

Parking: Lots of parking on the street.

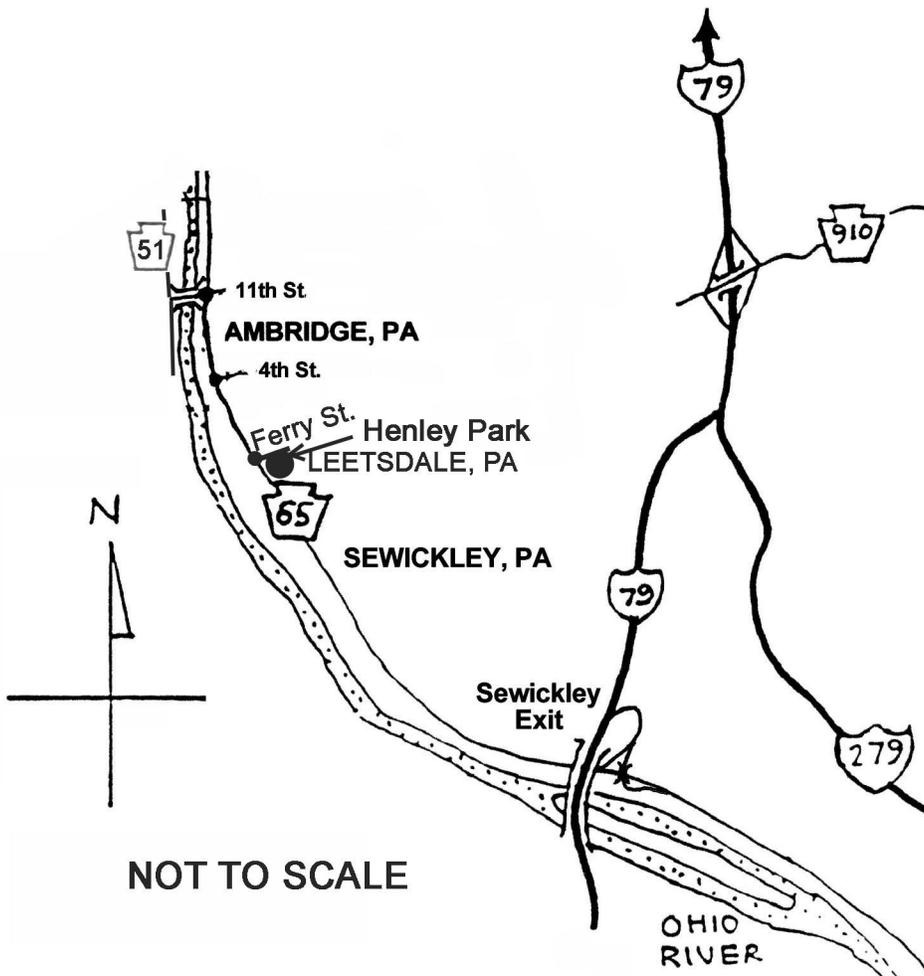
Seating: We do have a shelter with tables, but some space is needed for food and Bring n Brag. You might want to bring a folding chair for long-term comfort. It's up to you.

Contact Information: Michael Hohn, 304-296-6303 (home) 304-594-2331 (work)
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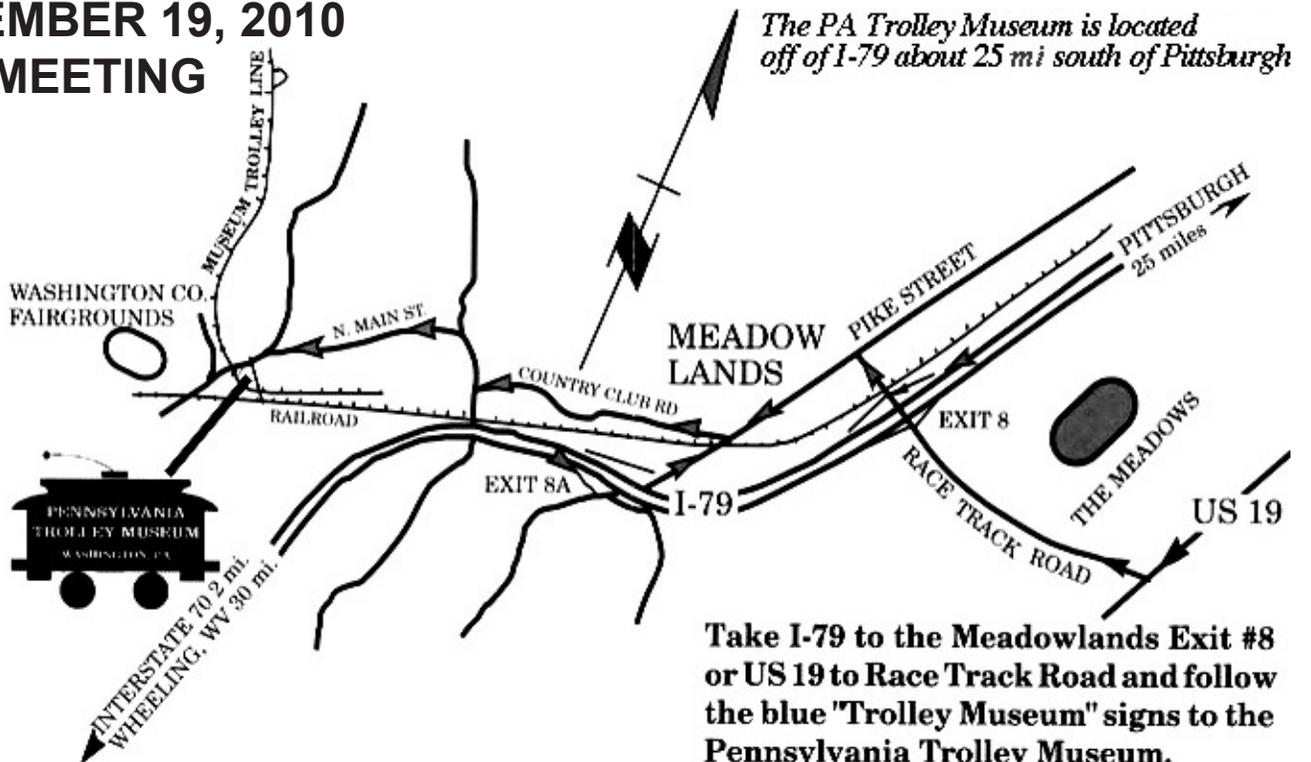


This scene was made and photographed by Brian Budeit. It depicts the station at Goshorn's on the East Broad Top RR's Shade Valley Branch as it might have looked in 1910. Brian's is one of a small number of HOn3 modules participating in the Mid-West Narrow Gauge Show each Spring in Canfield, OH.

MAP TO THE AUGUST 15, 2010 PICNIC



MAP TO THE SEPTEMBER 19, 2010 MEETING



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