

## Division Meeting Schedule

**March 20, 2011- NEW VENUE!!!**  
HObo Railroad Club, 201 Fairview Ave.,  
Connellsville, PA 15425  
HObo Layout open at 12:30 PM  
Higbee Layout open after meeting  
Meeting: 2:30 PM

**April 9, 2011 (Saturday) - Jamboree,**  
Robert Morris University, Sewall Center,  
6001 University Blvd, Moon Township,  
PA 15108. Registration open at 8:00 AM

**May 15, 2011 - Scenic Express,** 175 Shef-  
field Dr. #100, Delmont, PA 15626

**June 26, 2011 (Fourth Sunday) - Mon**  
Valley Railroad Club of WV, Morgantown,  
WV

## Bring'n'Brag

<b>Jan</b>	Anything Goes
<b>Feb</b>	Boxcars
<b>Mar</b>	Online Structures
<b>May</b>	Steam Power
<b>Jun</b>	Bridges
<b>Aug</b>	Passenger Equipment
<b>Sep</b>	Cabooses
<b>Oct</b>	Layout Photographs
<b>Nov</b>	Hopper Bottom Cars



Model by Bill DeFoe

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## From the Super's Desk



The other day the subject of NMRA Data Sheets arose. I must confess I was really quite fuzzy about what Data Sheets were. I have been an NMRA member for over 25 years and I didn't know anything about one of our most useful benefits. I have a copy of a CD titled *NMRA Infopak Volume 1* that I purchased for a song from [National] Headquarters. This is available to all members through the NMRA store on their website. This volume includes NMRA Data Sheets, NMRA Standards, NMRA Recommended Practices, the NMRA Achievement Program, a glossary of model railroad terms, and a DCC handbook with much technical information. Standards are what makes our model equipment interoperable – “must haves”. Recommended practices are lists of “really should haves” for best operation. Data Sheets are pieces of really good to have information. They are not instructions on how you *must* build and operate your model railroad, but rather information you can use however you choose to better your model railroad. These Data Sheets are written by model railroaders like you and me and just serve to provide information on many subjects that we can find useful. There are Data Sheets on scenery, trackwork, rolling stock, motive power and much more. There is so much information contained in the Data Sheets that it will take many hours to read them all. I urge all of you to peruse these Data Sheets and find all sorts of information for your own use. I will put a copy in our Video Library for those of you who do not have one.

I would like to remind every member of Division 2 that I keep a special e-mail list to disseminate Division 2 information between regular meetings. This list was developed on an opt-in basis. If you wish to be on that list, and you do not currently receive e-mails from me about book orders, etc., you need to drop me an e-mail and tell me that you want to be on the list. You can find my e-mail address on the listing of Keystone Division Officials on the inside of this *Keystone Flyer*.

*... Susan Werner*

THE MEMBERS OF THE KEYSTONE DIVISION EXTEND THEIR THANKS TO THE WESTERN PENNSYLVANIA MODEL RR MUSEUM FOR GRACIOUSLY HOSTING THE FEBRUARY 2011 MEETING.

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# Minutes

**KEITH DeVAULT**

Superintendent Susan Werner called the February 20, 2011 meeting to order at 2:32p.m. The meeting was held at the Western PA Model Railroad Museum in Gibsonia, Pa. The attendance was 73 members and five guests. The guests were welcomed by the group and they were John Burk, Warren Ashbrook, Emmitt Brown, Stu Harmony and Dave Caess. Susan recognized our host and Bob Meier representing the Museum thanked everyone for attending, and telling everyone that they will be celebrating their 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the near future. The pass the hat was passed around with our new hat that was used.

Minutes that were published in the Keystone Flyer from the January, 2011 meeting were approved as written in the flyer. Carl Volkwein the division treasurer gave his report and he stated that the division is solvent.

Dick Flock presented his report on the company store. Please stop at the store or get in contact with Dick about any material you would like to purchase. The books are discounted 20% for the members, so please take advantage if you would like to purchase a book with no shipping. Dick also reported on the upcoming Railroad Prototype Modeler's meeting the end of March, and he has 47 dealer tables sold for the event.

Tom Gaus presented his report on the membership that we have 258 active members and 7 new ones were signed up at the Greenberg show. The website is running great with, 7,967 page requests.

Bob Meier the Free Mo chairman group said they will be having work sessions on the modular's and getting ready hopefully for the July Show. Paul Gallick has 9 entries for bring n brag on "Box Cars", so please stop by with your vote.

Bud Brock on the video library stated that everyone should check out the videos that he has displayed on the table. He has acquired the complete series on How to do Model Railroading and he is almost changed over from book to card system for the lending library of videos.

Mike Hohn the assistant superintendent gave his report that the March meeting will be at the HOBO Club in Connellsville, April is the Jamboree, May will be at Scenic Express, and June will be at the Club in Morgantown, WV.

Dennis Vaccaro gave his report on the Achievement Program and said that he has had no submissions, but plenty of members are working on the programs and getting the paperwork finished. Susan challenged everyone to get a least 1 certificate done by next year's regional convention. John Gallagher, the Education Chairman said that he has 1 new clinician added to the list for the region. Don Reed the co chair of the Jamboree stated that the Jamboree

information is up at the front table and also online at the division website. Please start to register for the Jamboree on April 9<sup>th</sup> at the Sewell Center of Robert Morris University. Don asked for moderators to introduce the clinicians at the Jamboree and if you are interested see him or Jim Sacco. He also announced that the clinics would be posted on our website, so you can choose ahead of time which ones you would like to attend or one of the hands on clinics. Please plan on entering the model contests and bring anything that you would like to sell for the white elephant table.

In old business Susan has directories of the membership at .50 each and still has a gift certificate from Scenic Express for Dave Wilson. Susan thanked everyone for participating in this past years bring n brag, and please let's get more entries each month.

There was no new business at this time before the group.

For the good of the division, flyers for a train show at Kirkland, Ohio are available at the head table, along with the registration forms for the Rails of Ages, regional convention to be held at Geneva on the Lake the end of April. Eric Hansmann from Division 5 from Ohio, the host division for the convention gave a brief description of the convention.

Susan has a request from Kennywood Park for anyone to set up a modular layout during this year's holiday season. If interested in doing this project, contact Susan.

Susan reminded everyone that you have a copy of the regional newsletter called the Kingpin, and to please vote for the regional officers, and lets see if Division 2 can be the largest division in casting a ballot. Please vote for bring n brag before the program.

Today's program will be Rick Hannegan on Operation Lifesaver: Look, Listen and Live

Meeting was adjourned at 3:21 p.m.



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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 Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at the Western PA Model Railroad Museum in Gibsonia, PA. The theme of this month's contest was "Boxcars" and 9 entries were received.

First place went to Neal Schorr for his O scale boxcar. Neal started with a Weaver 50' modern boxcar painted and lettered for the Frisco. He weathered the car using an airbrush followed by Bragdots weathering chalks.

Second place was won by Marge Meehan for her On30 scratchbuilt 14' boxcar.

Third place was won by Keith DeVault for his pair of HO scale B&O wago-top boxcars. Keith's models were built from Funaro & Camerlengo resin kits which he assembled, painted and decaled.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Bill DeFoe entered an HO scale USRA Steel Side rebuilt boxcar painted and lettered for the PMcK&Y railroad. The kit was a special run Tichy kit made for the NMRA MCR Convention held in Pittsburgh in 2004.

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# PAUL GALLICK

Dick Flock entered a scene with two HO scale boxcars and a building front for Maier Electrical Supply. The first boxcar was a PRR X29 built from a Red Caboose kit, while the second car, built from an Accurail kit, was painted and lettered for his JLE railroad. The building front was kitbashed from a City Classics kit.

Eric Hansmann entered a set of 4 HO scale boxcars he built from plastic kits, but had upgraded with wire grab irons and separate ladders and stirrups.

Dennis Vaccaro entered a HOn30 boxcar which he had built from a Funaro & Camerlengo resin kit. He had just painted it and still needed lettering and weathering.

Dennis Williams entered a collection of HO scale Automobile boxcars all built from resin kits which he also painted and decaled.

Robert Hickman entered a collection of HO scale European Prototype boxcars including one with a slide-over roof.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. Next month's category is 'Online Structures.'



## Bring'n'Brag Standings:

Name	Points	Name	Points
Marge Meehan	10	Dick Flock	2
Neal Schorr	10	Eric Hansmann	2
Steve Hertzner	6	Blaine Reynolds	2
Bill DeFoe	4	Georgeann Reid	2
Keith DeVault	4	Dennis Vaccaro	2
Robert Hickman	4	Dennis Williams	2



Neal Schorr's 1st Place Entry in the February B'n'B contest proves that "Highrail" does not necessarily equal "toy train."



# JAMBOREE DETAILS

## What to Bring to Hands-On Clinics

(NOTE: These are "extra fare" clinics requiring advanced registration on your form.)

**Clinic No. 1: Digital Photography Basics.** Bring your camera and any lights you may have for photography.

**Clinic No. 2: Scratchbuild a Backdrop Building.** Bring an Exacto Knife w/ No. 11 blades, straightedge, liquid styrene cement, ACC/superglue, and a cheap picture frame with glass that's at least 4" x 8"

**Clinic No. 3: Light Your Backdrop Building Using LEDs.** Bring a pencil-type soldering iron, rosin core solder, needle-nose pliers, cutting pliers, Exacto knife w/ blades, metal straightedge, ACC/superglue, and a pin vice with No. 65 drill bit. Note: this clinic will focus on installing lighting to the structure that you build in Clinic No. 3, so you may find it helpful to attend that clinic, as well.

**Clinic No. 4: Building Super Trees.** The primary materials will be supplied by Scenic Express, but there are some items that participants may want to bring simply to expedite his or her efforts. All of these supplies will be available, however: tweezers, floral black spray paint, rail tie brown water-base paint, cheap hair spray, quart-size juice container, small bowls or cups for applying foam to tree armatures.

## Clinics Included With Basic Registration

In addition to the hands-on clinics listed on the registration form, the following clinics are scheduled:

- Update on the B&SGE**, w/ Vagel Keller
- Towers of the Panhandle Division**, w/ Gary Carmichael
- A Clinic on Scenery**, w/ John Wissinger
- Building Large Structures with Foamcore**, w/ George Pandelios
- Add Interest to Your Railway With Electronic Gizmos**, w/ Dave Bodnar
- Micro Layout Basics**, w/ Dennis Vaccaro
- Complete DCC Workshop**, w/ Dave Chess (All Day) (note: this is an all day session, with the morning oriented on beginners and the afternoon devoted to advanced topics)
- Layout Design**, w/ Lance Mindheim
- Buying & Selling Model RR Items on eBay**, w/ Don Reed

Each clinic included with basic registration runs one hour, with two clinics running concurrently.

# PUBLIC TIMETABLE

**RPM-East Railroad Prototype Modelers Seminar**  
Mar. 25 - 26, 2011, Greensburg, PA Sheraton Four Points Hotel. Advanced registration operating sessions during evening of Mar. 24. See details and download registration form at:

[http://www.hansmanns.org/rpm\\_east/2011.htm](http://www.hansmanns.org/rpm_east/2011.htm)

**Midwest Narrow Gauge Show**  
Mar. 24 - 26, 2011, South Range Middle School Building, Greenford, OH. See details and download registration form at:

<http://www.maine2footquarterly.com/midwest.htm>

Submissions welcome! Contact the Editor with announcements, including dates, times, location name and address, and sponsor's name and contact information.



Model by Keith DeVault



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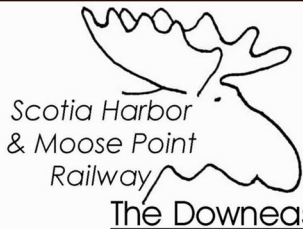
You do not have to be a member of the NMRA to attend, but NMRA members pay a reduced fare.

**Other activities** include a "White Elephant Table," where you can bring items to sell and a space for gathering and general socializing with folks with similar interests.

**Meals:** A lunch buffet is included with your registration, along with coffee and donuts in the morning. The evening banquet is an extra fare.

**Popular Vote Model Contest** includes three categories: Motive Power, Rolling Stock, and Structures/Displays

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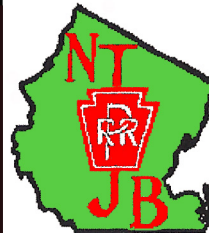
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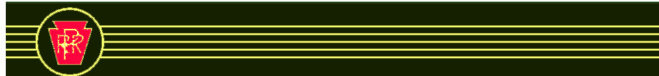
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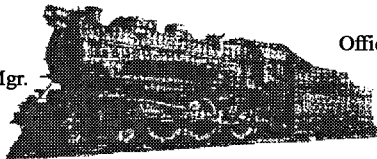
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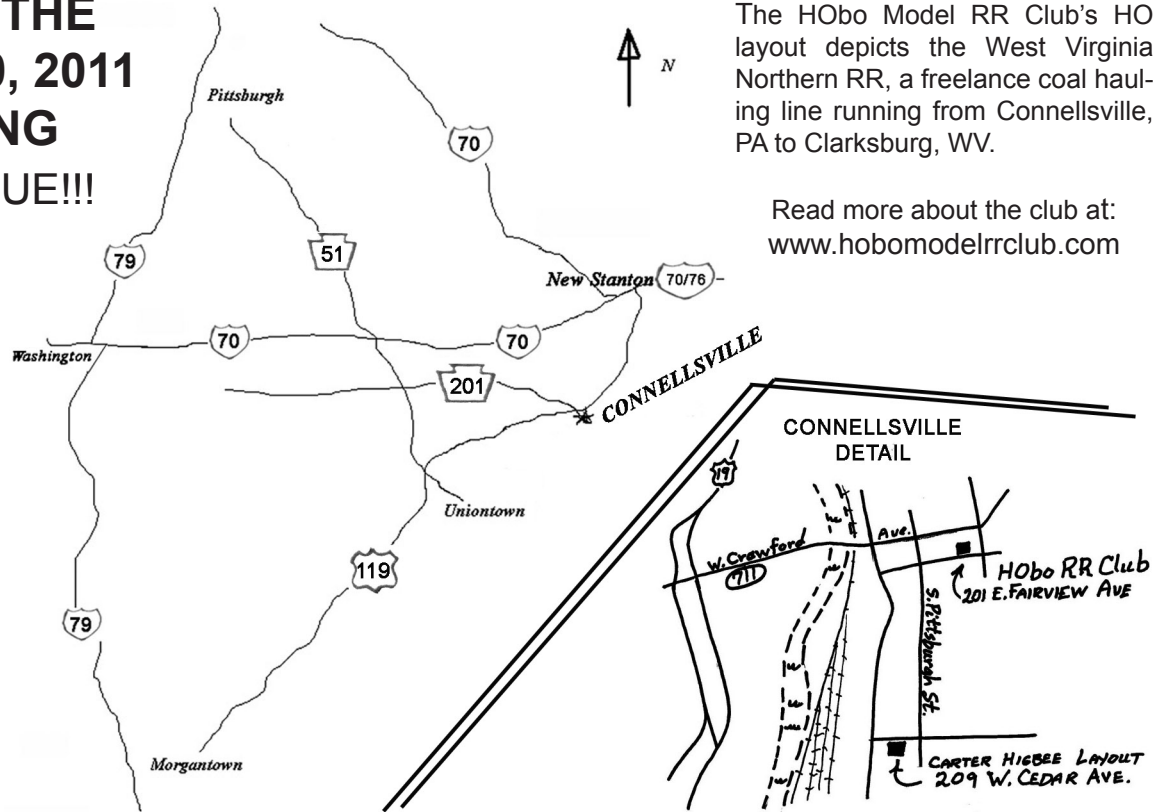


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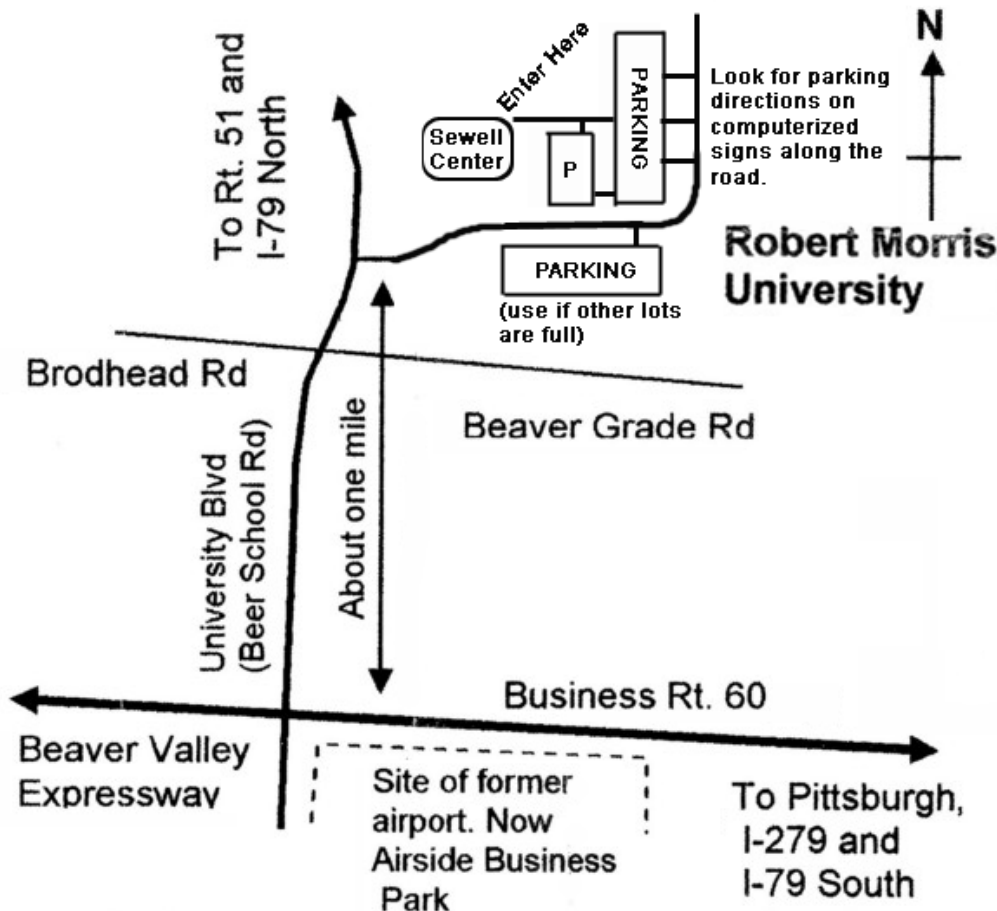
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The HObo Model RR Club's HO layout depicts the West Virginia Northern RR, a freelance coal hauling line running from Connellsville, PA to Clarksburg, WV.

Read more about the club at:  
[www.hobomodelrrclub.com](http://www.hobomodelrrclub.com)

**MAP TO THE  
APRIL 9, 2011  
MEETING**



Division Two of the NMRA's  
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**PITTSBURGH  
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Clinic topics will include:

Layout planning, how to build scenery,  
building background buildings, prototype  
railroading in the Pittsburgh area, DCC  
basics, building freight car kits and more!

**Guest speaker will be Lance Mindheim -  
Professional layout builder and model  
railroad author!**

**PLUS - FOUR HANDS-ON CLINICS!**

Half-day workshops where you participate! These workshops will be limited to the first ten participants to sign up. Details on back.

1. Digital Photography Basics Using Your Own Camera with Howard Andrews
2. Scratchbuild a Backdrop Masonry Building with Dave Emery
3. Light Your Backdrop Building Using LEDs with Bill Sartore
4. Building Super Trees and Using New Scenery Materials with Terry Stuart

**NOTE! Hands-on clinic registrants must  
bring specific items with them.**

**Additional info available at: [www.keystonedivision.org](http://www.keystonedivision.org)**

Mark your calendars!

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No confirmations will be mailed.

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Jamboree Registration Fee Per Person - Includes lunch & continental  
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Hands On Clinic #1 Morning	No extra fee _____ = _____
Hands On Clinic #2 Morning	\$10.00 x _____ = _____
Hands On Clinic #3 Afternoon	\$15.00 x _____ = _____
Hands On Clinic #4 Afternoon	\$5.00 x _____ = _____
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