

Division Meeting Schedule

NOTE: Due to the short time between the March meeting and the Jamboree it was not possible to publish the Flyer before the April meeting. The editor apologizes for any inconvenience this may have caused.

May 15, 2011 - Scenic Express, 175 Sheffield Dr. #100, Delmont, PA 15626
Cash registers open at 1:00 PM.
Meeting: 2:30 PM
Program: Applying Static Grass, by Jim Elster

June 26, 2011 (Fourth Sunday) - Mon Valley Railroad Club of WV, 128 Pleasant St., Morgantown, WV 26505
Layout open at time TBD.
Meeting: 2:30 PM
Program: TBD

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Bring'n'Brag

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



Model by Vagel Keller

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From the Super's Desk



Is anyone else aware that my term in the office of Superintendent is up next spring and that I may not be re-elected to another term? The same is true of Mike Hohn, our Assistant Superintendent. That means that the opportunity is there for others to serve the Division as an officer. All of the officers of the Division as well as the Region and National are volunteers. We all understand that volunteers have other activities that demand our time, so the responsibilities of these offices are appropriately limited. Anyone can spend time with us to find out what the job entails. As a matter of fact, anyone considering running for a Division may attend the Regional Board meeting with me. Each term of office is two years, which goes by in the blink of an eye. I have been in the office of Superintendent for three years now, and it seems as though I have just got started. With only ten Division meetings per year and two Regional Board meetings per year, there is really very little demand on my time. The time and effort spent on the duties of the Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk is time that counts toward the Association Volunteer Certificate. The time spent in the office of Superintendent counts toward the Association Official Certificate since the Superintendent is a member of the Region Board of Directors. Serving the Division as one of these officers is also a very good way to get to know the other members of the Division. I have made so many more friends in the Division since I began serving as a volunteer in the capacities of Bring & Brag Chairman, Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent. I have made even more friends within the Region since I was elected Superintendent. This is a good time to consider giving back to the hobby as an officer. Giving back to the hobby and the NMRA is an excellent way to say thank you for the hobby that gives us so much pleasure. Please give serious thought to running for office in the Keystone Division.

... Susan Werner

THE MEMBERS OF THE KEYSTONE DIVISION EXTEND THEIR THANKS TO THE HOBO RAILROAD CLUB FOR GRACIOUSLY HOSTING THE MARCH 2011 MEETING.

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Minutes

KEITH DeVAULT

Superintendent Susan Werner called the March 20, 2011 meeting to order at 2:32p.m. The meeting was held at the HOBO Club in Connellsville, Pa. The attendance was 51 members and in that total a new member Dave Chess. Susan recognized our host and Ed Masciarelli representing the Hobo Club thanked everyone for attending. The pass the hat was not used because the treasurer was not present and he has the hat.

Minutes that was published in the Keystone Flyer from the February, 2011 meeting were approved as written in the flyer. Susan in the absence of the treasurer gave the report and 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. The latest title book is Trackage in the Delaware Valley. Dick also reported on the upcoming Railroad Prototype Modeler's meeting next weekend, and Roy Ward and he were called about an estate layout, you may contact either one about the layout and what will be for sale.

Tom Gaus presented his report on the membership that we have 256 active members, and the website is running great with, 8,372 page requests from last month.

Bob Meier the Free Mo chairman group said they will be having work sessions on the modular's and getting ready hopefully for the Greenberg Show on July 16 & 17. Paul Gallick has 9 entries for bring n brag on "Online Structures", so please stop by with your vote after the meeting in the hallway.

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 NMRA Data Pack from Susan, for each member to review the proper standards set

forth by the NMRA. He was presented a laptop computer by Dennis Vaccaro so he can put all his titles in the computer and the members can review them at each meeting.

Mike Hohn the assistant superintendent gave his report that the April meeting will be the Jamboree, May will be at Scenic Express, and June will be at the Club in Morgantown, WV, no meeting in July and the Picnic to be held at Leetsdale Park in August.

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. The Education Chairman was not present, but Susan said that he is adding to the clinic presenters for the region. Tom Gaus, the registrar of the Jamboree gave a report stating that as of today he has 59 signed up for the clinics and 26 for the banquet. The Jamboree will be held on April 9th at the Sewell Center at Robert Morris University.

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 she announced the winners from this year who will receive a gift certificate from Scenic Express to be used at the May meeting.

In new business, it was moved and seconded to change the date of the June meeting to the last Sunday of that month, so it would not conflict with Father's Day. The motion on the floor was approved, so please mark your calendars.

Susan has a request from Kennywood Park for anyone to set up a modular layout during this year's holiday season. The hours would be the first three weekends in December from 5 to 9 on Friday, Saturday and Sunday.

Susan announced the passing of Carl Arendt, who passed away on March 4th, Carl was interested in miniature layouts. There will no program today, but Carter Higbee, a member of the Hobo Club will have his home layout open after the meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m.



A very nice scratchbuilt model by Bill DeFoe.

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Bring'n'Brag

March's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at the HOBo Railroad Club in Connellsville, PA. The theme of this month's contest was "On-Line Structures," and there were nine entries.

First place was won by Neal Schorr for his O scale "View" tower and relay cases. The tower was based on a PRR prototype located 15 miles northwest of Harrisburg, PA. The relay cases were scratch built from scraps of particleboard with Plastruct I-beams and channels for the bases.

Second place was won by Jim Dodds for his scratchbuilt single stall enginehouse.

Marge Meehan won third place for her N scale two-track car slip and apron. The control house and towers were built from an N-Scale Architect laser cut kit.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Dick Flock entered an HO scale background building of Uneeda Plumbing Supply kitbashed from 2 Chooch buildings.

PAUL GALLICK

Jim Kubanick entered an HO scale model of the Northern Pacific's Mississippi St. Tower built from a C.C. Crow kit.

Dennis Williams entered a set of Sunshine Models HO kits.

Tim Moffat entered an HO scale Pittsburgh Railways passenger shelter scratchbuilt from plan published in the Oct 1982, 'Railroad Model Craftsman.'

Bill DeFoe entered a model of 'Summit Station' scratchbuilt with Grandt Line windows and TVW shingles.

Robert Hickman entered a large collection of laser kits including a Railroad Boarding House built from an American Model Builders kit and a Blairline two story



Bring'n'Brag Standings:

Name	Points	Name	Points
Neal Schorr	16	Dennis Williams	3
Marge Meehan	14	Eric Hansmann	2
Steve Hertzner	6	Jim Kubanick	2
Bill DeFoe	6	Tim Moffat	2
Robert Hickman	6	Blaine Reynolds	2
Jim Dodds	5	Georgeann Reid	2
Keith DeVault	4	Dennis Vaccaro	2
Dick Flock	4		

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Neal Schorr's 1st Place Entry in the March B'n'B contest.

Narrow Gauge Modelers Gather in Northeastern Ohio

by Vagel Keller

While the attention of most members of the Keystone Division during the last weekend in March probably focused on the RPM meet coordinated by our fellow members Dick Flock and Larry Kline in Greensburg, a few more “narrow-minded” of us headed west. The occasion was the 19th Midwest Narrow Gauge Show, held every year on that weekend in the tiny crossroads village of Greenford, OH. Sponsored by Gary Kohler, owner and publisher of *Maine Two-Foot Quarterly* and *Light Iron Digest*, this show is inevitably skewed toward HOn30, Sn2, and On30, and two very nice modular layouts with Maine 2-ft themes are fixtures at this meet. But the 3-ft gauge is also well-represented among the vendors. You’ll also see a number of mini- and micro-railroads in multiple scales; Div. 2’s own mini-layout advocate Dennis Vaccaro can usually be found at this show.

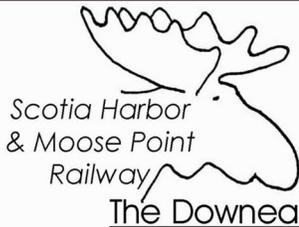
Since 2009 a small group from the Pittsburgh area, calling itself the Three Rivers HOn3 Workshop, has participated with a growing modular layout based on the dual-gauge interchange module that I built as part of the Div. 2 FreeMO group. This year we had a 30-ft long point-to-point set up with modules in various stages of completion

by Div. 2 members Don Reed, Mark Neitznick, and your’s truly, as well as free-booting East Broad Top model railroader Brian Budeit. One of my modules, depicting a barren logged-over area, was built by fellow Div. 2 member Kevin Kuzman as a showcase for a line of HO donkey engine kits he developed. But he decided to sell his molds and move on to other interests, so I adopted it (we call it the abandoned abandoned logging module).

The Midwest Narrow Gauge Show is small but well worth the 70-minute drive from downtown Pittsburgh on a Saturday morning. The venue has changed twice in as many years, which has created some challenges, and the Three Rivers HOn3 Workshop is going to take a couple of years off until the show committee works out the kinks and we can be sure the place where we set up is more accessible and has better lighting than the space allotted to us this year. But all in all this is a really good show. It’s also the annual spring event for the Mini-Bunch, a loose-knit group of Eastern narrow gauge enthusiasts of which I’m a member (\$2.00 a year gets you a semi-occasional 8-page newsletter), so I, at least, plan to return as a day-tripper.



Mark Neitznick switches around while Don Reed fine tunes a scenic detail on his module, part of the Three Rivers HOn3 Workshop at the 19th Midwest Narrow Gauge Show. In the background, Brian Budeit (back to camera) socializes with Nancy and Sam Swanson. Sam is a well-known model railroad author whose techniques for 3-dimensional backdrops are a boon to model railroaders with narrow spaces. His award-winning HOn30 lahbstah hahbah (lobster harbor) module was part of the Great Lakes HOn30 Module Group at the show.



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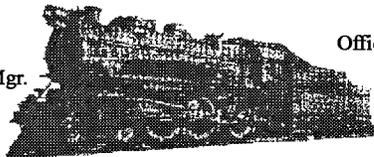
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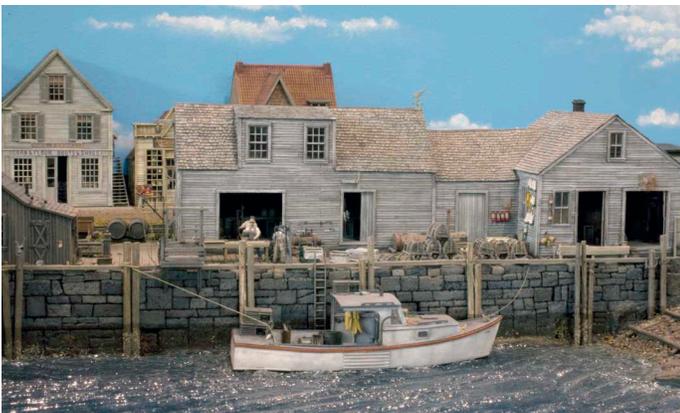
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Scenes on the Three Rivers HO3 Workshop modular layout at the 19th Midwest Narrow Gauge Show included Goshorn Station (above left) scratchbuilt in styrene by Brian Budeit and coal loading (above right) with a 2-ton Chevy from a Sylvan Scale Models resin kit by Vagel Keller. Sam Swanson's harbor scene (below left) was one of many very nicely done modules of the Great Lakes HO30 Group that evoke memories of the Maine 2-footers. Photos by John Polyak.



Above, K28 No. 479 poses beside a scratchbuilt Sargent, CO enginehouse on Joe Chlebowski's Sn3 Denver, South Park, and Southern layout open to members of the Mini-Bunch during the Midwest Narrow Gauge Show.

PUBLIC TIMETABLE

Westmoreland County Historical Society Events

Saturday, April 16, Members only of the Ligonier Valley RR Association. Tour the LVRR right of way. Dues \$120. Senior; \$25 Individual; \$35 family. Meet at old LVRR Station parking lot in Ligonier at 10:00am. See website for other member benefits.

May 8, 7:30 am till early afternoon. Antiques and Collectible at Old Hanna's Town. Many railroad items by various venders. \$3.00 per car

May 10, 7:00 pm. *The Horseshoe Curve Sabatage and Subversion during WWII*, book talk by Dennis P McNay. Location: US 30 East at Beaty's Crossroads east of Mt View Hotel. \$3.00 members, \$5.00 non-members

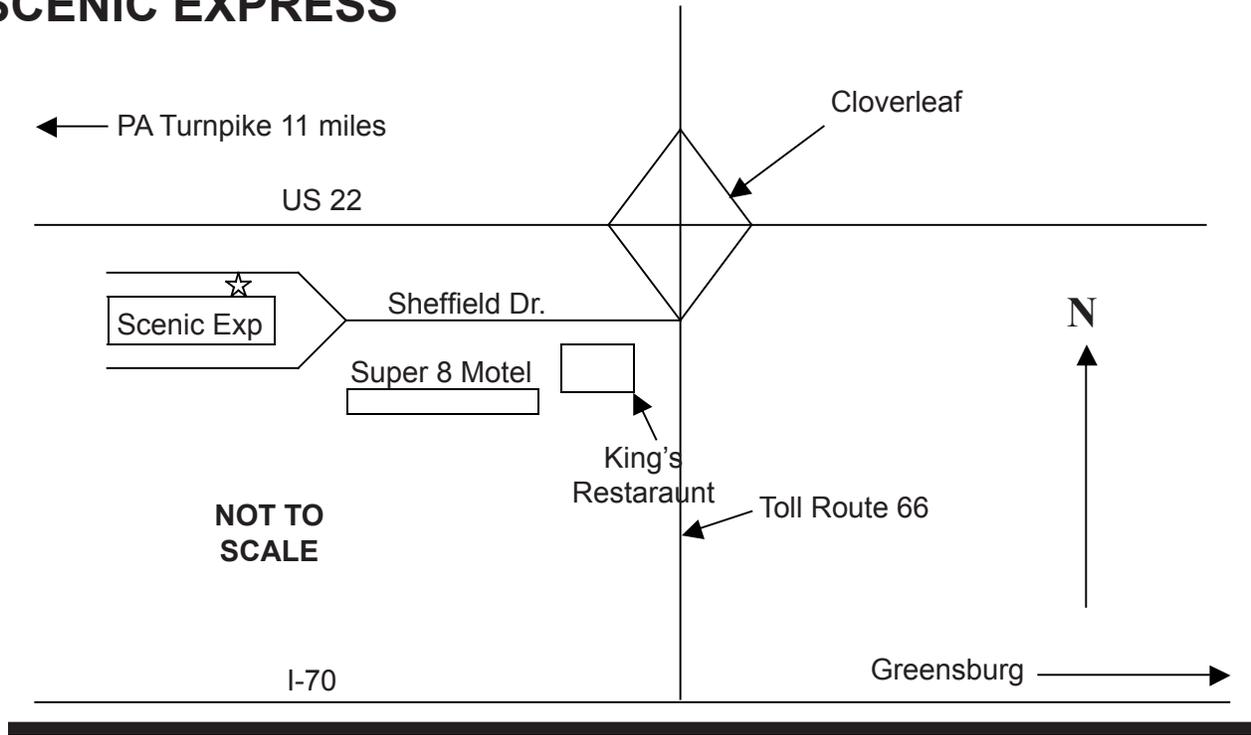
Submissions welcome! Contact the Editor with announcements, including dates, times, location name and address, and sponsor's name and contact information.

Below, this display by Marge Meehan won 3d place in the March B'n'B voting.



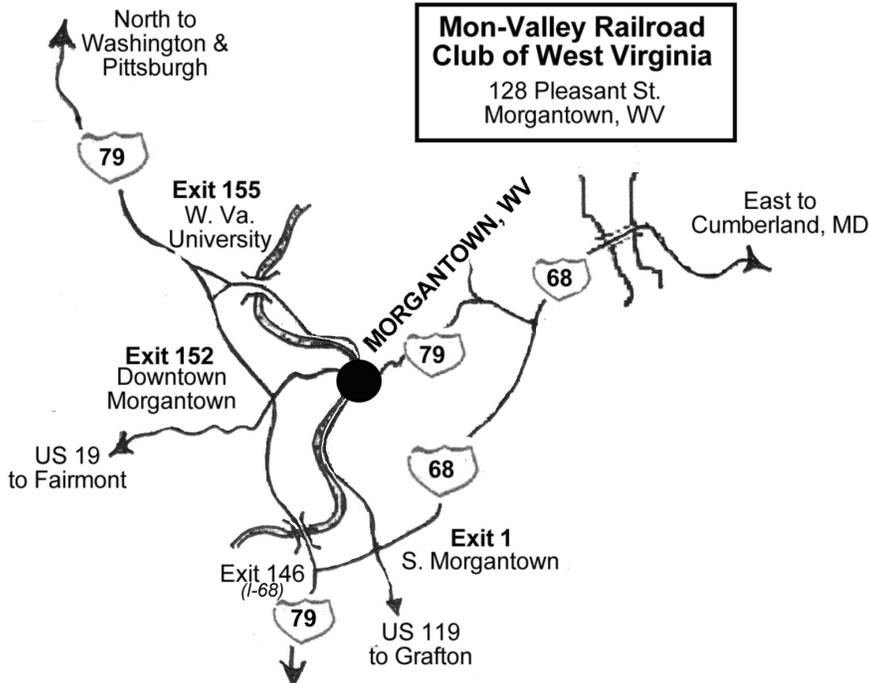
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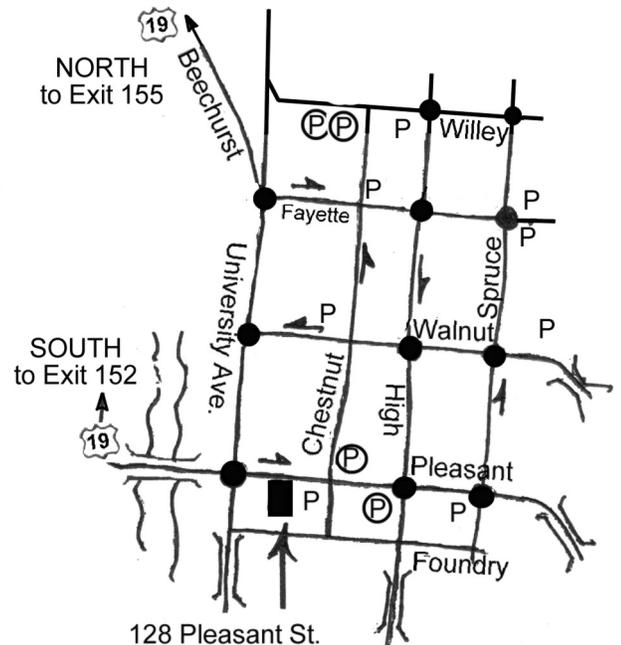
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