

Division Meeting Schedule

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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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

Division 2 member Ken Hanawalt's wife, Lee, passed away on April 12, 2011 after a long battle with cancer. The members of Division 2 extend their heart-felt sympathy to Ken and his family.

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From the Super's Desk



The NMRA mid-winter Board of Directors meeting (one of two meetings each year) was recently held in Las Vegas, NV. I thought I would distill some of the most important points for you in this column since not everyone will receive the NMRA Magazine or read the report in the back or in the President's message. It was stated at that meeting it is the duty of the Regions and Divisions to get the information to the members.

The Board authorized altering the By-Laws to allow for the election of 2 Vice-Presidents to deal with the increasingly complex duties of administration and the duties of dealing with special projects. So do not be surprised or confused when you receive a ballot asking you to vote for 2 Vice-Presidents. This move should keep things moving more smoothly due to the sharing of duties.

The Diamond Club fund drive has been an unqualified success. The initial goal of \$75,000 has been met and exceeded. More will still be needed, but much of that will come from the sales of copies of the pictures and drawings. The initial offerings are now available online for viewing or purchase on the NMRA website. Search <http://archives.nmra.org/> or just find the archive link at www.nmra.org to find the items currently available. Be careful, you might just lose quite a few hours wandering around the sight looking at some wonderful pictures.

Many model railroaders fail to see just what their NMRA membership dues gets them in terms of benefits. It is hard to sell membership in the NMRA if we, ourselves, are not sure of the benefits. The next time you run a DCC equipped locomotive on a friend's layout and do not even think about what brand of decoder you have in the loco, be sure to thank the NMRA. Yes, this work on standardizing DCC done by the NMRA benefits all model railroaders, not just NMRA members, but without members behind the effort and paying for the necessary administrative details, there would be no standards. Membership in this organization supports all of the standardizing and conformance efforts. That is a major benefit of membership!

More from the BOD meeting next month.

... *Susan Werner*

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JAMBOREE MODEL CONTEST RESULTS

by STEVE ROSS

The quantity of models this year was somewhat lacking, but certainly not the quality. Jim Ferguson had the only Rolling Stock entry, and won the category with a nicely done HO scale New York Central caboose, number 18452.

Howard Andrews took second place in the Motive Power category with a detailed and weathered HO model of a PRC Crane Car. The prototype is currently at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum near Washington, PA. Jim Ferguson won first place with his HO freelanced Lebanon Valley #44, a scratchbuilt 4-4-0 locomotive. The model was made from brass, styrene, and acrylic tube (the boiler). The loco is based on a Boston & Maine engine and Illinois Central tender. The tender was built from styrene with Archer rivet decals and Central Valley Fox trucks that date from 1951.

The Structure category had the most entries, four, and voting was tight. Jim Sacco took first place with two new

City Classics HO tile store front kits that he built, painted, and decaled. He printed the decals himself. Other entries were Marge Meehan's N scale Kibri kit of Castle Branzoll, perched on a sceniced base. The prototype is located in Northern Italy. base and a hot dog stand kit. Robert Hickman brought two B.T.S. laser kits, the McCabe Car Repair Shop and City Point Car Shop. The tracks inside featured MOW equipment from several manufacturers, including a special train for the transportation of propane gas bottles.

Thanks to all who entered and voted. Winners received handsome plaques. Let's heat up the competition with some more entries next year. Remember, this is a popular vote contest with no complex judging. It is an easy way to showcase your talents and have fun.

THE KEYSTONE DIVISION



UNEMPLOYED ...

... BUT NOT READY TO RETIRE

Active Division 2 member seeks information and advice to expand his career search

In the short time I have been a member of the NMRA and Div. 2, I have met many fellow members who generously shared with me their passion for model railroading. I stand ready to join you as I am in the planning stages of my first scale model railroad. But although I have the time and am gaining knowledge, I lack the financial stability to proceed. That is where I'd like to ask for your help.

After 26 months, 50+ resumes and four interviews, I have yet to receive an attractive job offer. I am seeking informational contacts, from you or people you know, whose work supports the design, testing and manufacture of electronic and electro-mechanical devices and equipment. I am especially interested in small companies, as that is where most new jobs are created. Rather than a specific job opening, what I really need is information from people in the industry to give me their insights on how my skills can be utilized in this tough job market. If you think you can help and need more information, I will be available before and after the division meetings or can be reached at 724-537-0995 or bob.south@live.com.

I thank you for your consideration.

Bob South

Minutes From Last Meeting

Because the April meeting lasted seven minutes and nothing substantive was discussed there are no minutes for this issue of *The Flyer*.



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Jim Ferguson's HO-Scale New York Central caboose, above, was the only entry in the popular vote contest for rolling stock. Below, Howard Anderson's electric traction crane car, based on a prototype at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum at the Washington County Fairgrounds, won second place in the popular voting for motive power.

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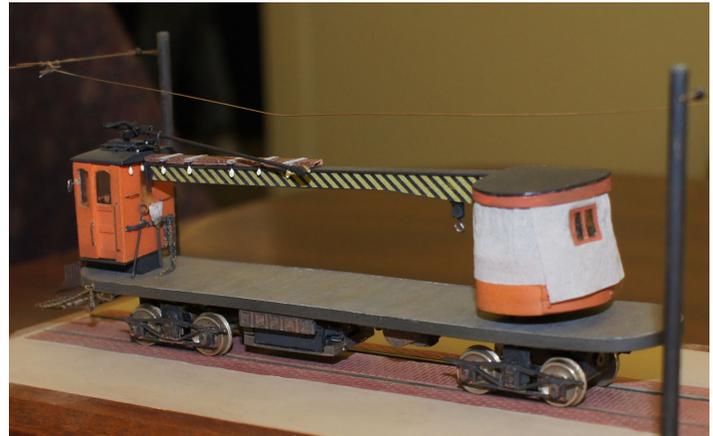
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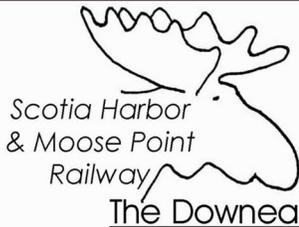
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Robert Hickman	6	Blaine Reynolds	2
Jim Dodds	5	Georgeann Reid	2
Keith DeVault	4	Dennis Vaccaro	2
Dick Flock	4		



Jim Ferguson also won First Place in the 2011 Jamboree popular voting for motive power with his scratch-built 4-4-0 (top).

Jamboree attendees were welcomed to the registration area by modular layouts from the Pittsburgh S-Gaugers (left) and the Steeltown Nscalers (bottom).





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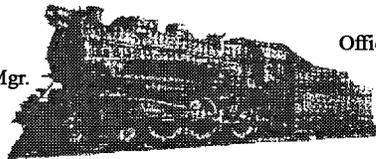
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At left, Howard Andrews sets up a shot during his hands-on clinic on digital model railroad photography during the 2011 Jamboree.

Below, two participants in another hands-on clinic, with Terry Stuart, on making trees using Scenic Express's Super Trees, wait for the foliage to dry.

Photos by Dave Emery.



PUBLIC TIMETABLE

Westmoreland County Historical Society Events

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

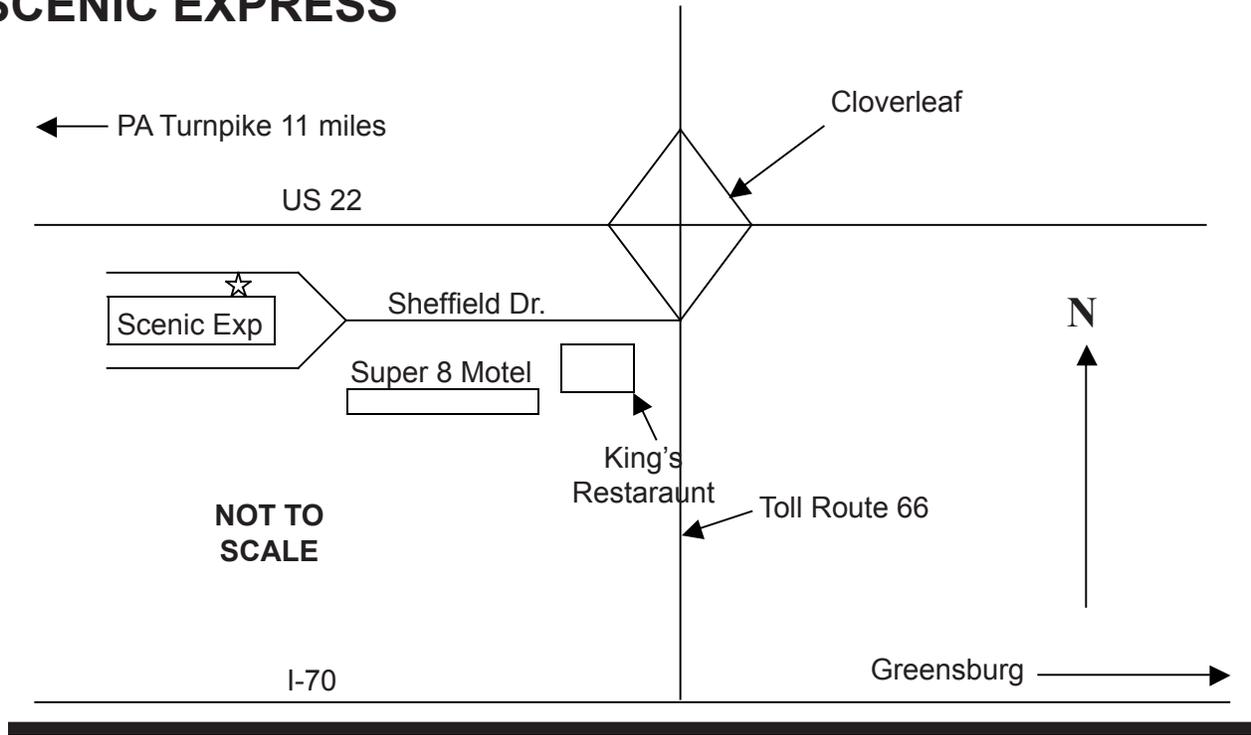
May 10, 7:00 pm. *The Horseshoe Curve Sabatage and Subversion during WWII*, book talk by Dennis P McIlnay. Location: US 30 East at Beaty's Crossroads east of Mt View Hotel. \$3.00 members, \$5.00 non-members



Here's one of many scenes to be viewed at the layout of the Mon-Valley Railroad Club of West Virginia before the June 2011 meeting.

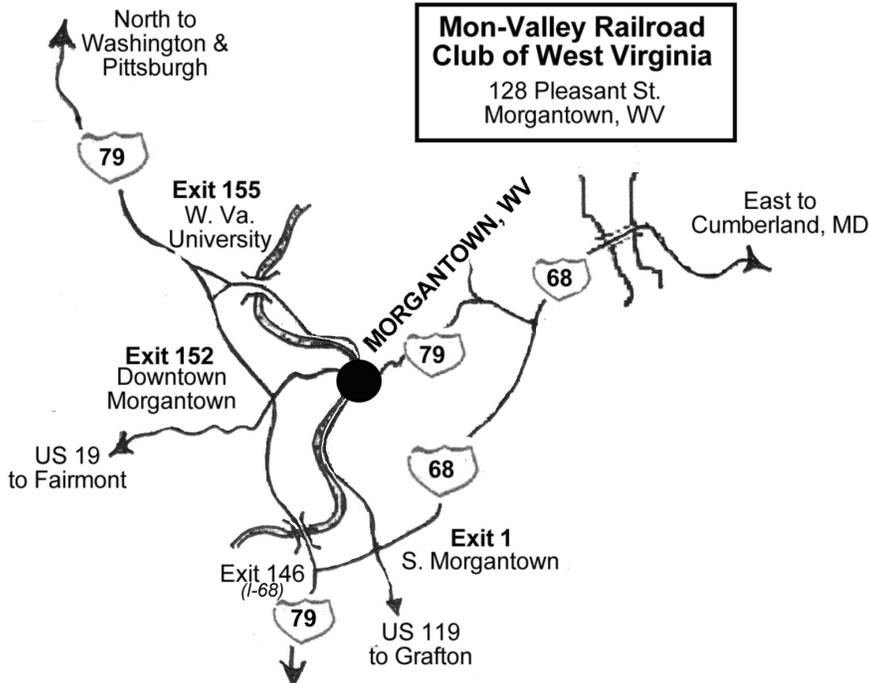
MAP TO THE MAY 15, 2011 MEETING AT SCENIC EXPRESS

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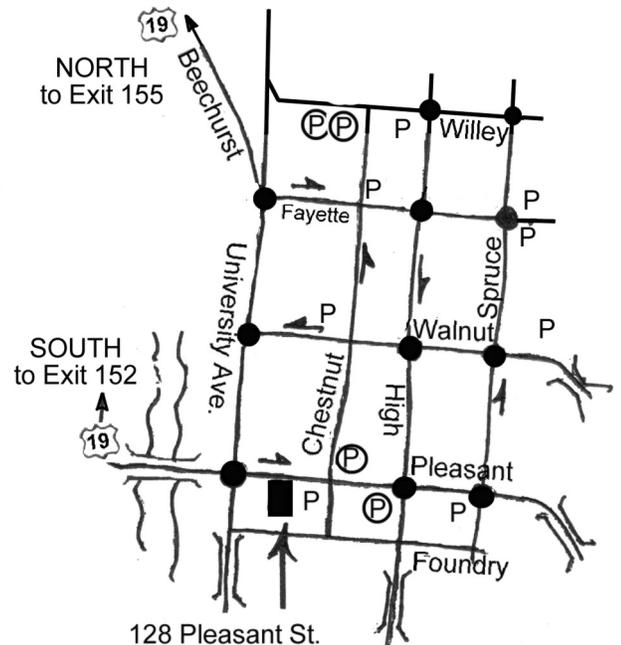
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