

Division Meeting Schedule

August 21, 2011 - ANNUAL PICNIC

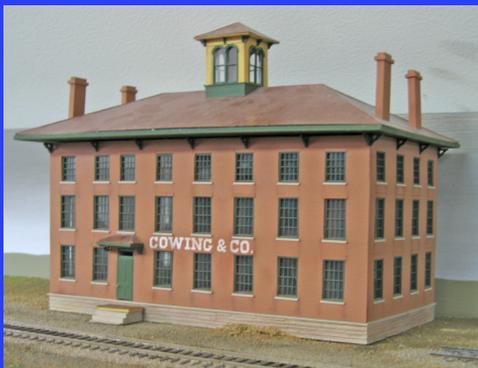
September 16, 2011 - Steubenville, OH
Area Model Railroaders

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



Scratchbuilt structures abound on Mike Hohn's layout, open after the June meeting in Morgantown, WV.



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From the Super's Desk



This month I would like to correct an oversight on my part. I failed to acknowledge and congratulate the winners of the 2011 Mid-Central Regional Convention contests. Keith DeVault won both 2nd and 3rd places in the black & white model photo and 3rd place for his prototype color slide. Neal Schorr won 3rd place for his color photo of a model. Dick Flock won 1st places in both the color slide of a model and color slide of the prototype. Frank Benders won 2nd place for his cabooses model. Congratulations also go to Gary Burdette, former member of Division 2 and current Assistant Superintendent of Division 9. Gary is the newest Master Model Railroader.

In light of the growing threat of identity theft, Congress has restricted how our information is shared. The National Model Railroad Association has declared that Regions and Divisions also restrict how our personal information is shared. We are asked to use the BCC (blind carbon copy) feature when e-mailing a number of members at one time. This prevents anyone else from seeing the e-mail addresses of the other addressees. Put your own e-mail address in the To: line to complete the process. In the same vein, we are asked to not publish directories with members names and addresses, etc. without express permission of those listed. Only elected officials, membership volunteers, AP volunteers, etc. will have access to member information.

I would like to remind all of you that the Annual Picnic is a family affair and Henley Park at Leetsdale is a delightful and relaxing park for the entire family. There are water sprinklers to keep hot youngsters cool and equipment for play. The trains across the street are plenty to keep us railfans occupied. The Division will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, fixings and drinks. Hans Werner will bring the grill. Each attendee should bring something to add to the feast. There is something special this year. The **Youth in Model Railroading** prize is a DCC train set that will be given to one lucky child (under 16). A special lottery will be held at the picnic and the train set will be awarded. That should be additional incentive to attend the picnic and add to the fun. See you there!

... *Susan Werner*

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Minutes From Last Meeting

Keith DeVault

Superintendent Susan Werner called the June 26, 2011 meeting to order at 2:30 p.m. The meeting was held at the Mon Valley Railroad Club in Morgantown, WV. The attendance was 58 members, with no new members and two guests. They were Gavin Lantz and John Lindsay both members of the Mon Valley Club. Susan recognized our host Gary Deavers president of the club, who thanked everyone for attending and to enjoy your visit here in the Mountain State. The new pass the hat was used and everyone was thankful for the hat.

Minutes from the last meeting of May 15, 2011 were approved by the membership with no corrections or additions.

The Treasurer Mr. Volkwein gave his report that the division is solvent and all income and expenses have been audited from the Jamboree. Because of attendance and expenses from the Jamboree we made a small profit.

Steve Ross brought the company store for Dick Flock, so please stop after the meeting if you would like to purchase anything. Susan mentioned that when the company store purchases new books, she sends out a mass email to anyone on the roster, so if you would like the information about any new books, please ask Susan to put your name on the list. This is only for Division 2 members only.

Tom Gaus presented his report on membership that we have 239 active members and our web page last month we had 6,544 page requests.

Bob Meier the Free Mo chairman stated that we have a 25 x 35 space at the Greenberg Show on July 16 and 17 which will be at the Monroeville Convention Center. If you would like to volunteer to help out at the show, please get in touch with Bob.

Paul Gallick on Bring N Brag, he has 7 entries in the category of "Bridges", please stop by and vote for your favorite one.

Bud Brock on the video library stated that if anyone needs a video, he has the library available.

Mike Hohn the assistant superintendent gave his report that the next meeting will be the annual picnic which will take place on August 21st at the park in Leetsdale starting around noon, and the September meeting will be held in Steubenville, Ohio with our hosts having 8 layouts open for visiting. The Achievement Program led by Dennis Vaccaro presented the Golden Spike award to Marge Meehan. Well done Marge and Susan wanted other people to work on the award also, so we can have a good showing at the next convention.

John Gallagher head of the Education Program announced his retirement from the Education Program and

Jack Pscherer was appointed to succeed John. Please talk to Jack if you would like to present a clinic or potential clinics at our meetings or at the regional conventions.

Susan acknowledged the past winners at the Regional Convention which was held at Geneva on the Lake, and she would like to see more entries and as mentioned before try to get some achievement certificates.

In old business Susan has directories of the membership at .50 each Susan stated that the early bird registration forms are available for the Highline to Pittsburgh convention, and has the forms on the front table, so please stop after the meeting, fill out the paper and get registered. Tom Gaus mentioned that the forms are available at our website, and at the convention website, www.highlinetopittsburgh.org. The convention already has 8 early registrations. The flyer for the model of a B & O pump house is available now, which is being manufactured by Monroe Models in Wisconsin and they are available in the following scales O,S, HO, and N.

In Old Business was a motion that was tabled from the last meeting to the floor and seconded that the division write a check to NMRA for helping defray the cost of putting material on digital in the amount of \$ 1,000 dollars, motion defeated, another motion for \$ 500.00 so moved and seconded and was also defeated, then another motion to send a check for \$ 200.00 for this year and also to be reviewed after the convention for next year was passed. The treasurer was then instructed to forward a check to the NMRA.

There was no other old business and also no New Business before the group.

For the good of the division, Susan told everyone to bring children, grandchildren to the picnic, so a lucky child will be presented the Youth in Model Railroad prize of a DCC model train set, which was donated to our group by Division 11.

Marge Meehan has pens that she had made up for our group at the front table.

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Bring'n'Brag

June's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at the Mon Valley Railroad Club of West Virginia in Morgantown, WV. "Bridges," was the category of the month, and there were seven entries.

First place voting was won by Neal Schorr for his O Scale "Sherman's Creek Bridge." Since the bridge is installed in his PRR inspired layout, Neal entered photographs of both the prototype and the model along with the molds he made to cast the stone arches. While the original molds were made in 1999 he just finished the detailing of the bridge this spring with railings and structural reinforcements.

Second place went to Steve Raque for his HO scale six span deck girder trestle. Steve's model is incorporated into the trackwork at the Mon Valley Railroad Club layout. It included 2 spans made from Micro Engineering kits, four scratchbuilt spans including rivet strips made with a NWSL Riveter, and hydrocal cast piers.

Third place voting ended in a tie between Marge Meehan and Joel Everly. Marge entered an N-Scale fishbelly truss bridge built from a Faller kit. She painted it with acrylic paints and weathered it with chalks. Joel entered an HO scale

truss bridge, which he built from Plastruct, sized as a lift-out segment across a doorway on his layout.

Other entries for June's contest included:

Keith DeVault entered an HO Truss bridge to which he had added extra bracing and bridge tie track.

Robert Hickman entered a diorama that included a wood pile bent bridge, plaster over foam landscape, and several laser cut wood structures.

Bill DeFoe entered a scratchbuilt HO scale signal bridge made from brass and styrene with Oregon Pacific target heads.

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 where the modeling category will be "Passenger Equipment."



Bring'n'Brag Standings:

Name	Points	Name	Points
Marge Meehan	24	Dennis Williams	5
Neal Schorr	24	Joel Everly	4
Bill DeFoe	13	Tim Moffat	4
Keith DeVault	8	Blaine Reynolds	4
Robert Hickman	8	Charlie Hallman	2
Dick Flock	6	Eric Hansmann	2
Steve Hertzner	6	Jim Kubanick	2
John Ainsworth	5	Georgeann Reid	2
Jim Dodds	5	Dennis Vaccaro	2
Steve Raque	5		

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Coal mine on the Mon Valley RR Club of West Virginia club's layout in Morgantown, WV. Dennis Lippert photo.



At left is a picture of a picture of Neal Schorr's model of the PRR's arched bridge over Sherman's Creek, which took 1st place in the June B'n'B voting. Dennis Lippert photo.

Joel Everly's through truss, below, tied for 3d place in B'n'B votes. Paul Gallick photo.



Steve Raque's viaduct, at left on the Morgantown Club's layout, won 2d place in the June B'n'B contest, while Marge Meehan tied for 3d with her deck truss bridge, below.



"Minutes," cont'd ...

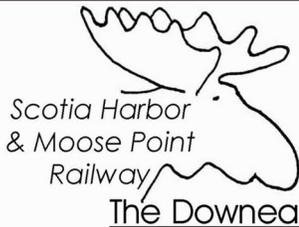
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Mike Hohn mentioned that his layout will be open after the meeting today; maps are available at the front table.

Today's program will be a slide show by Keith DeVault on a collection from an estate of a long time railfan Augie Mastrogiuseppe.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was approved at 3:16 p.m.





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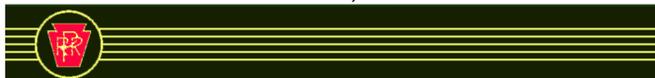
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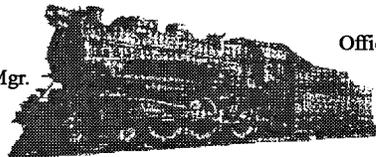
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Division 2 Picnic

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

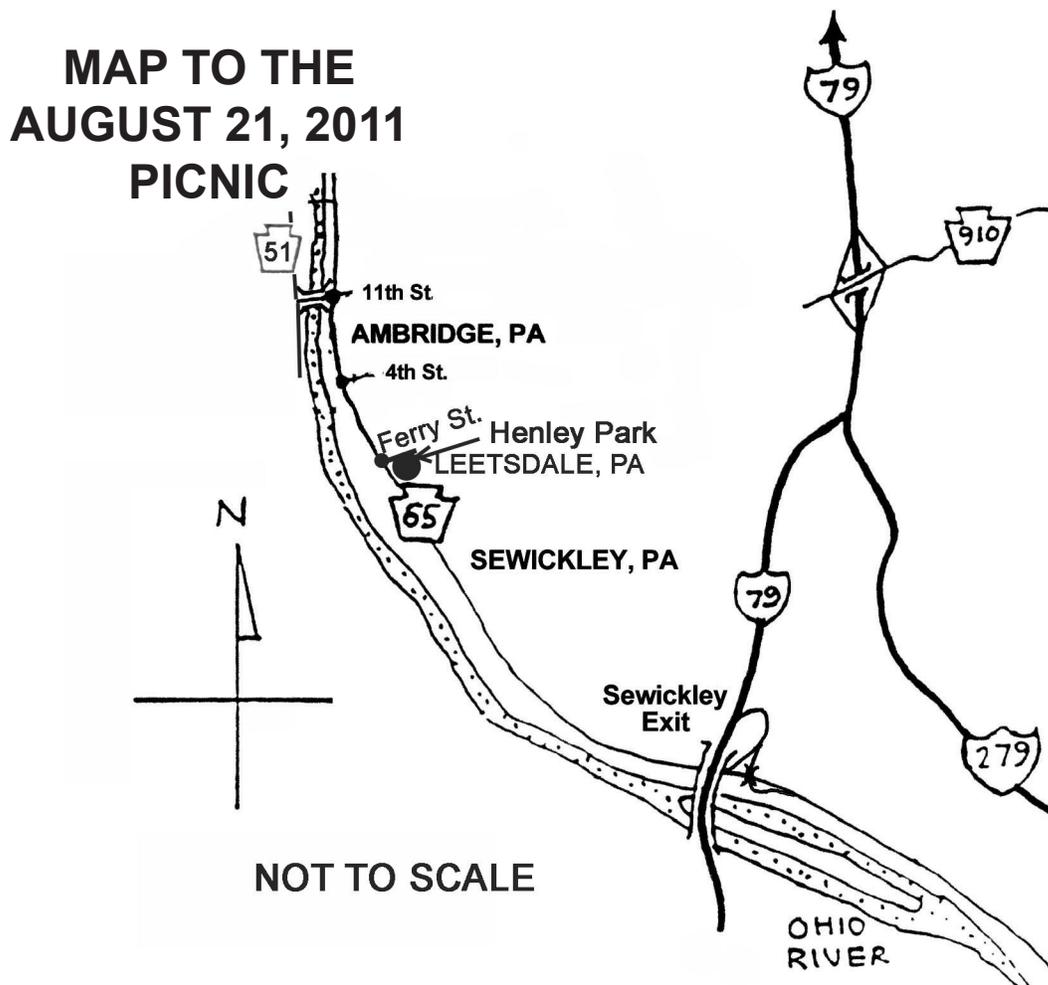
When: Sunday August 21, 2011. We'll start gathering at 12:30 and aim to have food ready around 1:00. The business meeting will follow, while everyone is napping from all the good food.

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.

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