

## Division Meeting Schedule

September 18, 2011 - Steubenville, OH  
Area Model Railroaders  
Layouts open 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (closed  
during meeting)  
Meeting at 2:30 PM in Schiappa Library  
(see map)

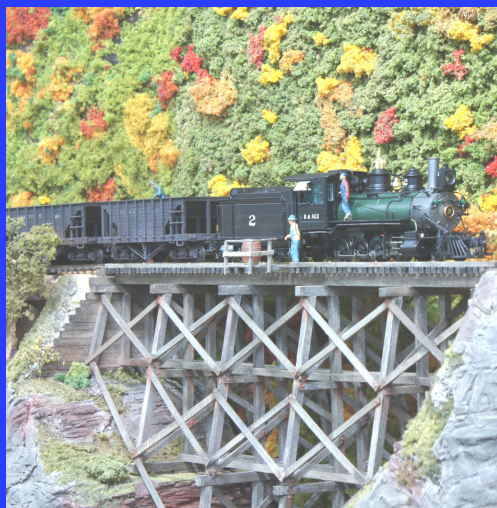
October 16, 2011 - Tentatively scheduled  
for the Fayette Central RR, 325 Memorial  
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November 20, 2011 - TBD

January 15, 2012 - TBD

## 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



Newly arrived 2-8-0 No. 2 and her proud crew pose for the company photographer on Reed Trestle on the editor's Blacklog & Shade Gap Eastern.

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## From the Super's Desk



The summer is almost over and we can soon justify spending more time with our trains. The "Highline to Pittsburgh" Mid-Central Region convention committee is working hard to bring you a very entertaining convention next April in Greentree. A regional convention is a 3-1/2 day event and is very affordable. Please make plans to attend this event.

I would like to take this time and space to update you on the latest happenings around the NMRA. The Sacramento convention saw registration top 2000, continuing an upward trend after almost a decade of declining attendance. The membership booth registered 243 new members. Many of the clinicians have uploaded their handouts or full presentations as PDF files on the website: [www.X2011west.org](http://www.X2011west.org). Anyone can download them. Look for the Clinics tab, then Clinic Handouts.

The Sacramento convention is barely over and the registration has begun for the 2012 convention, "Grand Rails 2012", to be held in Grand Rapids, Michigan. Visit the website at [www.gr2012.org](http://www.gr2012.org) for more information and the registration form. Also, a reminder that the 2014 convention will be in Cleveland, OH. While we are on the subject of national conventions, the Board of Directors selected Portland, Oregon as the site of the 2015 national convention.

The Howell Day Museum is planning a new release of its popular Commemorative Car #3 -- the Gorre & Daphetid bobber cabooses with new road numbers #3 and #5. John Allen was very fond of these cabooses and ran a fleet of them on his Gorre & Daphetid Railroad. Pricing will be \$19.95 each or \$34.95 for a set of two. Watch for the announcement on the NMRA website or in the NMRA Magazine.

The NMRA's Education Department is looking for ideas on adult or family classes on model railroading. Whether the course is a one-day seminar or multi-week course, they are looking for lesson plans or other course materials. If you or your club gives these classes, please contact me so that I may put you in touch with the correct people in that department.

Congratulations to Neal Schorr for his 2nd place award in the People's Choice Arts & Crafts division at the Sacramento convention!

... *Susan Werner*

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<http://www.keystonedivision.org>

# Minutes From Last Meeting

Keith DeVault

Superintendent Susan Werner called the August 21, 2011 meeting to order at 2:33 p.m. The meeting was held at Henley Park in Leetsdale, Pa, which is the site of our annual picnic. The attendance was 48 members, with members and their family. Susan recognized our host John Gallagher for reserving the Park each year for the division.

The new pass the hat was used and everyone was thankful for the hat.

Minutes from the last meeting of June 26, 2011 were approved by the membership with no corrections or additions.

The Treasurer Mr. Volkwein was absent and no report was given.

Dick Flock for the Company Store was also absent and no report for the company store.

Tom Gaus presented his report on membership that we have 248 active members and our web page last month we had 21,450 hits and 5,043 page requests. He also mentioned that the three name searches used for our website, were railroad, then model and finally keystone.

Bob Meier the Free Mo chairman stated that we had a 25 x 35 space at the Greenberg Show in July at the Monroeville Convention Center. He has plans for two more shows one in November and February. If you would like to volunteer to help out at a show, please get in touch with Bob.



Log bunks trail a K27 past Brown Tank on Kevin Kuzman's HOn3 Rio Grande Southern located in Charleroi, PA.

Paul Gallick on Bring N Brag, he has 6 entries in the category of "Passenger Cars", please stop by and vote for your favorite one.

Bud Brock on the video library stated that if anyone needs anything, he has the library in his vehicle here at the picnic. Mike Hohn the assistant superintendent gave his report that the next meeting will take place on September 18th at 6 various layouts in the Steubenville area and the meeting will be at the Schiappa Library, with the layouts opening at 11:00 A.M. and closed during the meeting starting at 2:30 p.m. The layouts will then be opened back up after the meeting to around 6:00 for the membership to visit. The Achievement Program chairman and educational chairman were both absent and no report was given.

In Old Business, Susan stated that the early bird registration forms are available for the Highline to Pittsburgh convention; Tom Gaus mentioned that the forms are available at our website, and at the convention website, [www.highlinetopittsburgh.org](http://www.highlinetopittsburgh.org). The convention already has some 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.

There was no other old business and the only New Business before the group was that Steven Schorr won the Youth in Model Railroad prize of a DCC model train set, which was donated to our group by Division 11.

The whole membership thanked Hans Werner for cooking all the different meat choices for the afternoon.

For the good of the division, Susan made an announcement that she was presented the Association Official Certificate and has only 3 more before her MMR designation.

Motion to adjourn the meeting was approved at 2:50 p.m.



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# Bring'n'Brag

August's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at the annual Division 2 summer picnic at Henley Park in Leetsdale, PA. This month's contest category was "Passenger Equipment" and there were six entries

First place was won by Marge Meehan for her HO 70' coaches and an On30 gondola converted for passenger service. The 70' coaches were built from JCModels kits, assembled using Zap-A-Gap glue and painted with Floquil and acrylic paints. The gondola was built from a Cache Creek resin kit

Second place went to Neal Schorr for his O scale PRR Observation car. Neal started with a Golden Gate Depot car to which he added Marker Lights, Drumhead, interior and platform figures, and window shades. He also replaced the platform railing and lightly weathered the underframe and trucks.

In Third place was Joel Everly with his HO scale Ohio State University Alumni Fan Car. Joel started with an Athearn coach which he painted in the appropriate scarlet

and gray colors and numbered for the year the school was founded.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

- Robert Hickman entered a set of HO Bombadier diesel electric motor coaches made by Brawa.
- Keith DeVault entered a set of HO scale Athearn passenger coaches painted and lettered for the B&O. Keith added new couplers and diaphragms to the ends of the cars..
- Bill DeFoe entered an HO scale Walthers observation car that he painted and lettered for the Cinder Valley, and added marker lights and interior lighting using a mixture of LED's and incandescent bulbs.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. The next contest will be at the September meeting where the category will be "Cabooses."



## Bring'n'Brag Standings:

Name	Points	Name	Points
Marge Meehan	30	Steve Raque	5
Neal Schorr	29	Dennis Williams	5
Bill DeFoe	15	Tim Moffat	4
Keith DeVault	10	Blaine Reynolds	4
Robert Hickman	10	Charlie Hallman	2
Joel Everly	8	Eric Hansmann	2
Dick Flock	6	Jim Kubanick	2
Steve Hertzner	6	Georgeann Reid	2
John Ainsworth	5	Dennis Vaccaro	2
Jim Dodds	5		



Shifting ore loads and empties at Buchanan on the editor's HO<sub>n</sub>3 Blacklog & Shade Gap Eastern.

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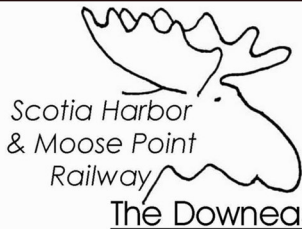
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A paltry eighteen of approximately forty-five attendees to the Annual Picnic (roughly 5% of the membership) actually voted in the so-called popular vote Bring'n'Brag Contest. Therefore, the images published in this issue reflect your editor's judgment.



In a scene incongruous except for the fiction of model railroading, D&RGW K-27 456 pauses to take on water at the Mt. Union water tank of Pennsylvania's East Broad Top RR on the editor's HO/HOn3 dual gauge interchange module, an occasional part of the Div. 2 FreeMO modular layout. John Polyak photo. Below, the facial expressions say it all about the fascination of the narrow gauge as members of Div. 2 participated with their HOn3 modules at the 2011 Mid-West Narrow Gauge Show.





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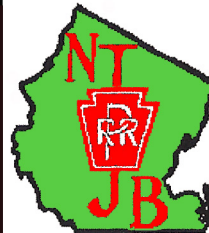
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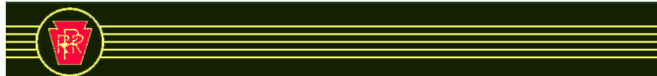
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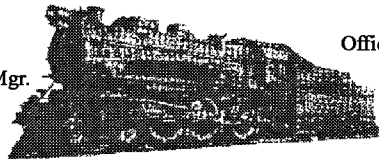
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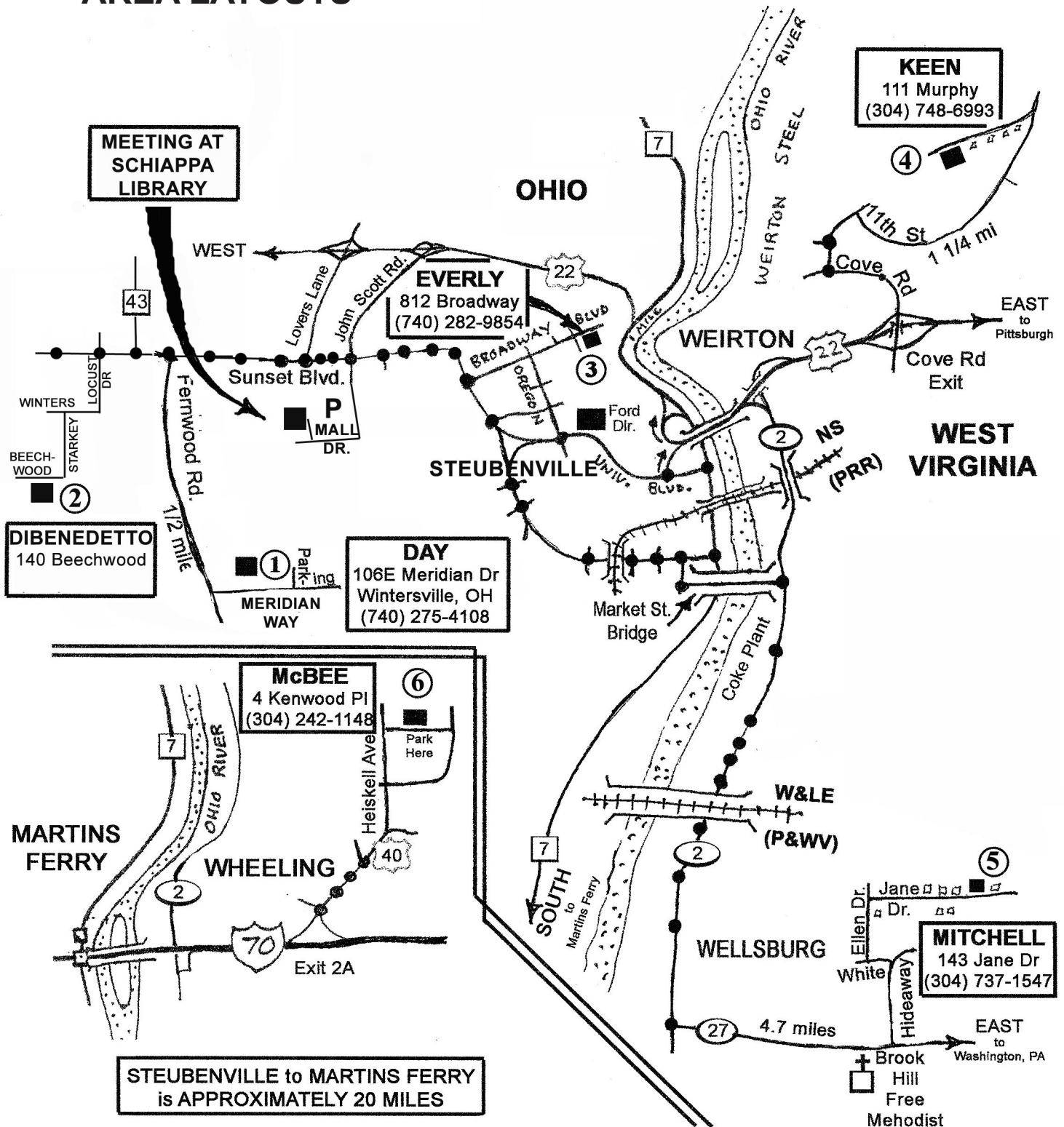
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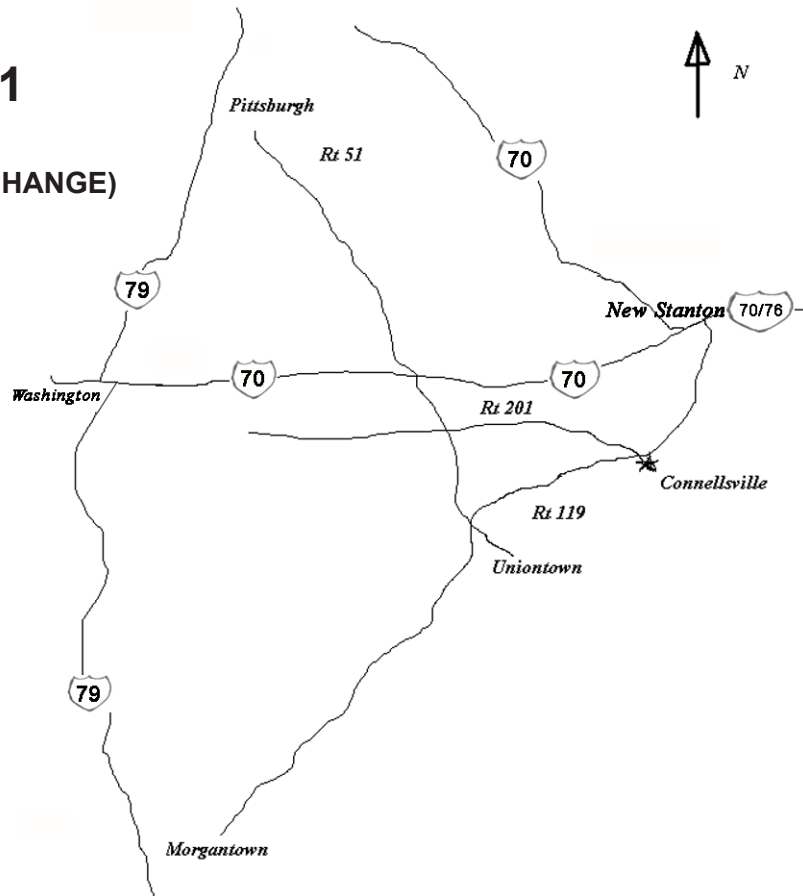
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# MAP TO THE OCTOBER 16, 2011 MEETING

(NOTE: TENTATIVE, SUBJECT TO CHANGE)



Secton House, inspection car, and hand car on one of the editor's HOn3 FreeMO modules.  
John Polyak photo.

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