

Division Meeting Schedule

October 16, 2011 - Excursion on the Fayette Central RR, 39 North Gallatin Avenue, Uniontown, PA

November 20, 2011 - New Eagle, PA VFD Social Hall, 156 Chess St. New Eagle, PA 15067

Layout: Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club, 158 Main St., New Eagle, PA 15067, open 1:30 PM

Meeting: 2:30 PM

January 15, 2012 - Ohio Valley Lines, 1225 Merchant St. Ambridge, PA 15003

Layout open at 1:30 PM

Meeting: 2:30 PM

February 19, 2012 - Western PA Model RR Museum, 5507 Lakeside Dr, Gibsonia, PA 15044

Layout open at 1:30 PM

Meeting: 2:30 PM

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

The Keystone Division expresses its sincere appreciation to Joel Everly and his fellow model railroaders of the Ohio River Northern Ry ("The ORNRy Bunch") who opened their layouts and otherwise helped to host the September 2011 meeting.

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From the Super's Desk



As I was cruising through the newsletters of other Divisions in the Mid-Central Region, I came upon an article written by Bruce Brintnall, Division 4 Achievement Program Chairman. Bruce believes that the major reason that good models are not submitted for judging is fear of paperwork. This fear often prevents good modelers from being recognized with Achievement Certificates. I will give you the abbreviated version of his comments.

Forms may be filled out by hand or computer.

The forms can be found on the NMRA website (nmra.org) in the Education Department under the Achievement Program. You will need to print out both the Contest Entry Form and the Judges Score Sheet. Be sure to fill in the blanks about what the model is and who you are on the Contest Form. For each category, check the appropriate boxes and, on the description line, write "refer to attached". Use a word processor on a separate page to better describe what was done on the model. Be sure to put a header on each page with the name or title of the model in case it gets separated from the model. Use this space to describe how the model was built, the complexity and methods used. Keep this simple, but complete. Do this for each of the categories. Be sure to repeat information as necessary in each of the categories. During judging at a convention, judges are judging only one category and will not read the information in other categories. Judges are not allowed to guess, suppose, interpret or in any other way use information not included in your write-up. On the other hand, this is not a book writing contest, so keep the description complete but brief. Attach these papers to the Contest Entry Form and Judges Score Sheet. If you are entering for the first time or just want extra help, ask one of the judges or A-P Chairmen to help. All will be glad to help. Remember, all models that earn 87.5 points of the possible 125 points (70%) will receive a merit award. One does not have to win first place in order to count towards the Achievement Certificate, just a merit award.

Speaking of model contests, we are hosting a Regional Convention in April and this is an ideal time to enter a model or two.

... *Susan Werner*

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Minutes From Last Meeting

Keith DeVault

Superintendent Susan Werner called the September 18, 2011 meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. The meeting was held at Schiappa Library Conference Hall in Steubenville, Ohio. The attendance was 46 members, with members and their family. Susan recognized our host Bob Dibenedetto for reserving the library and to Joel Everly for arranging the six layouts that we could visit today.

We had two special guests of Neil Schorr; they were Tom Guthrie and Kitty Kliner friends of Neil's children and Ron Bishoff. Welcome to all of you from Division 2.

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

Minutes from the last meeting of August 21, 2011 were approved by the membership with one correction. Susan has 5 certificates to achieve not 3 as printed in the flyer.

The Treasurer Mr. Volkwein gave his report that the division is solvent and went over the past 90 days income and expenses.

Dick Flock for the Company Store has items on the table from an estate for sale; also he has the new Conrail book and Volume 2 of the Steel Mills also for sale at the store. He mentioned that he has other new books that will be coming available soon, so please check with him on titles and availability.

Tom Gaus, the Webmaster and Membership Chairman was not present today and no report was given.

Bob Meier the Free Mo chairman stated that we have a 20 x 20 space at the November Greenberg Show at the Monroeville Convention Center. If you would like to volunteer to help out at a show, please get in touch with Bob.

Paul Gallick on Bring N Brag, he has 37 Cabooses and 12 entries in the category of "Cabooses", please stop by and vote for your favorite one.

Bud Brock on the video library was not present and no report was given.

Mike Hohn the assistant superintendent gave his report that the next meeting will take place on the Fayette Central from Uniontown to Fairchance and will cost \$ 13.00 per person on Sunday October 16th. Please make your reservations with Mike ASAP to reserve your space on the train. No walk ups I presume will be accepted as the total number of riders has to be in 7 days before the ride. The November meeting will be at the Mid Mon Valley Club in New Eagle, Pa with the January meeting at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge and February at the Western Pennsylvania Historical Museum in Gibsonia, Pa. He reminded everyone about the Regional Convention on April 26- April 29 in Greentree next year. Please make your reservations to attend this fine regional. He also thanked again the Steubenville

modelers for opening up their home layouts and securing this meeting facility.

The Achievement Program co chairman Dennis Vaccaro, presented Susan with her Association Official certificate and mentioned that he had another person submit their paperwork for dispatcher.

In Old Business, Susan stated that the early bird registration forms are available for the Highline to Pittsburgh convention; also that the forms are available at our website, and at the convention website, 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.

Susan had a discussion about how to use the blind carbon copy email when emailing a group of people, so no one other than the person you are sending an email can only see that name.

Our Treasurer will be writing the check for the donation to NMRA, as voted on by the membership.

In New Business Monroe Mechling stated that he has a new book titled Hints for Model Railroading which is a 129 page book, spiral bound with the cost of \$ 19.95 plus \$ 6.00 shipping and handling from Railroad Publications at P.O. Box 6579, Canton, Ohio with the phone number and fax the same number which is 330-479-8709. A member voiced his opinion that he had his previous book and says it is well worth the investment.

Susan has a request from NMRA on anyone who can or has taught an adult class for Model Railroading. Contact Susan for more information so she can contact the person in charge of this project at NMRA National Headquarters.

For the good of the division, Division 1 is holding a Flea Market at the Akron Ohio Yacht Club on November 6th from 11 to 4 if anyone is interested in attending.



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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

September's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at The Schiappa Public Library in Steubenville, OH. Caboosees were the model theme this month, and twelve entries including 37 models were submitted.

First place was won by Marge Meehan for her two On30 work caboosees built for maintenance of way service. Both of Marge's models were built from Cache Creek Models resin kits.

Second place voting resulted in a tie between Neal Schorr and John Ainsworth. Neal entered an O scale Conrail N7E caboose built from an Atlas Trainman bay window model. Neal masked the windows and weathered the car with an overspray made from 1 part Conrail Blue to 5 parts reefer white to get a faded appearance. The frame and trucks were weathered with Floquil grime and the remaining weathering was done with Bragdon chalks. John entered 5 HO scale caboosees painted and weathered for various roads. Three of his cars were built from Quality Craft brass kits except that he replaced all the wooden and white metal pieces with scratchbuilt brass parts including the trainphone antenna on

Paul Gallick

the PRR N5C. His Frisco caboose was built from an AHM caboose to which he replaced all the cast on details and blanked windows to more closely simulate the prototype. His final caboose was built from a Model Power PRR N6B to which he replace the cast grab irons, the steps, and the end railings.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Robert Hickman entered three HO scale caboosees built from Athearn Bay Window models.

Dick Flock entered 2 HO caboosees repainted and lettered for his Johnstown and Lake Erie Railroad from Atlas models.

Charlie Hallman entered several models including a damage caboose under a tarp on a flatcar and gondola, a Bowser PRR N8, and two LEGO caboosees. One of the LEGO caboosees was scratchbuilt.

Joe Lofland entered a collection of caboosees which he makes the resin kits for. He made the masters for all the Erie caboosees in the collection.

Tom McCaffery entered a 1/35 scale model of a WWII German Anti-tank gun and crew.

Keith DeVault entered a set of three HO scale caboosees built from different Athearn kits.

Larry Kline entered an O scale model of a PRR N6B which he had modified from a MTH car. He moved the cupola to the offset position from centered and scratchbuilt a new roof and roofwalks.

Bill DeFoe entered an HO scale model of a Missouri Pacific horizontal sheathed caboose. He started from a Hallmark kit and weathered the car with colored pencils to highlight the sheathing.

Dennis Vaccaro entered an HOn30 bobber caboose modified from a Railway Recollections kit.

Susan Werner entered a Community Church built from an old Life-Like plastic kit.

Charlie Hallman entered an HO scale Silver Streak caboose.

For display only Moe Mechling brought in a collection of scratchbuilt wooden cars, a brass critter, and a brass logging locomotive which he has built.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. The next contest will be at the October meeting, and the contest category is the "Layout Photographs."

SEE "Bring'n'Brag," p. 4

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At top, two East Broad Top RR Mikados pose with their trains at the Robertsdale, PA station, with an exact replica of the tippel for Rockhill Coal Co. Mine No. 1 in the background on an On3 modular layout by the upstate New York wing of the EBT Module Group at the National Narrow Gauge Convention in Hickory, NC, Sep. 7 - 11, 2011. Below, standard gauge action was seen on the huge modular layout of the Sippin'n'Switchin' Society of North Carolina, while the display (bottom, left) was one of many excellent models in the contest room.

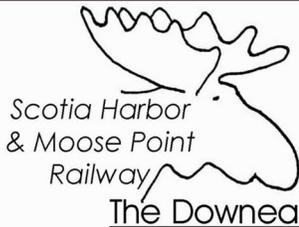


"Bring'n'Brag" (cont'd) ...



Bring'n'Brag Standings:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Marge Meehan	36	Dennis Williams	5
Neal Schorr	34	Charlie Hallman	4
Bill DeFoe	17	Tim Moffat	4
Keith DeVault	12	Blaine Reynolds	4
Robert Hickman	12	Dennis Vaccaro	4
John Ainsworth	10	Eric Hansmann	2
Joel Everly	8	Joe Lofland	2
Dick Flock	8	Larry Kline	2
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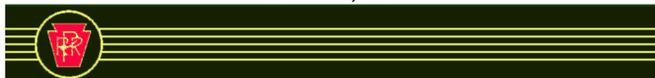


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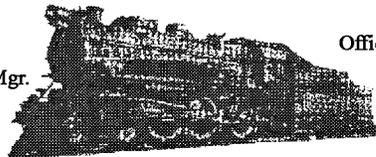
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IMPORTANT INFORMATION FOR THE EXCURSION ON THE FAYETTE CENTRAL RR

Our October meeting will be a ride on the Fayette Central Railroad (<http://www.fayettecentralrailroad.com>). The train leaves the station in Uniontown, PA at 2 pm , travels to Fairchance, where there will be a half-hour layover, and returns by 4:30.

IMPORTANT: You must make a reservation with Michael Hohn on or before October 8th to get a seat. This is so he can let the railroad know a week in advance how many will be in our group.

To make a reservation, call Mike at 304-296-6303 or e-mail at mehohn@frontier.com. Remember to do this before October 8th.

The fare is \$13 for adults and \$8 for Children 3 to 12 yrs. Under 2 is free.

NOTE: I will be given the tickets the day of the train ride and will hand them out. I have to give them a check that day before I get the tickets. That means that any cancellations will have to be made before I give them the number in our group a week ahead. In other words, signups and cancellations have to be received on or before October 8, 2011.

Directions to Uniontown station (39 North Gallatin Avenue, Uniontown, PA):

From Pittsburgh: Take Route 51 South to Uniontown.

Make a left at Penn Street (CVS on right), at 2nd light turn left onto Gallatin Ave., and turn left into the parking lot (just before railroad tracks). You will see a sign for the train.

From the West: Take US 40 East. Take 40 East Business (Fayette St.) Turn left onto Gallatin Ave.

From the East: Take Route 40 West to Route 119 North, to Route 51. Take Route 51 to Uniontown.

Make a left at Penn Street (CVS on right), at 2nd light turn left onto Gallatin Ave., and turn left into the parking lot (just before railroad tracks). You will see a sign for the train.

From the North: Take Route 119 South to Route 51. Take Route 51 South to Uniontown.

Make a left at Penn Street (CVS on right), at 2nd light turn left onto Gallatin Ave., and turn left into the parking lot (just before railroad tracks). You will see a sign for the train.

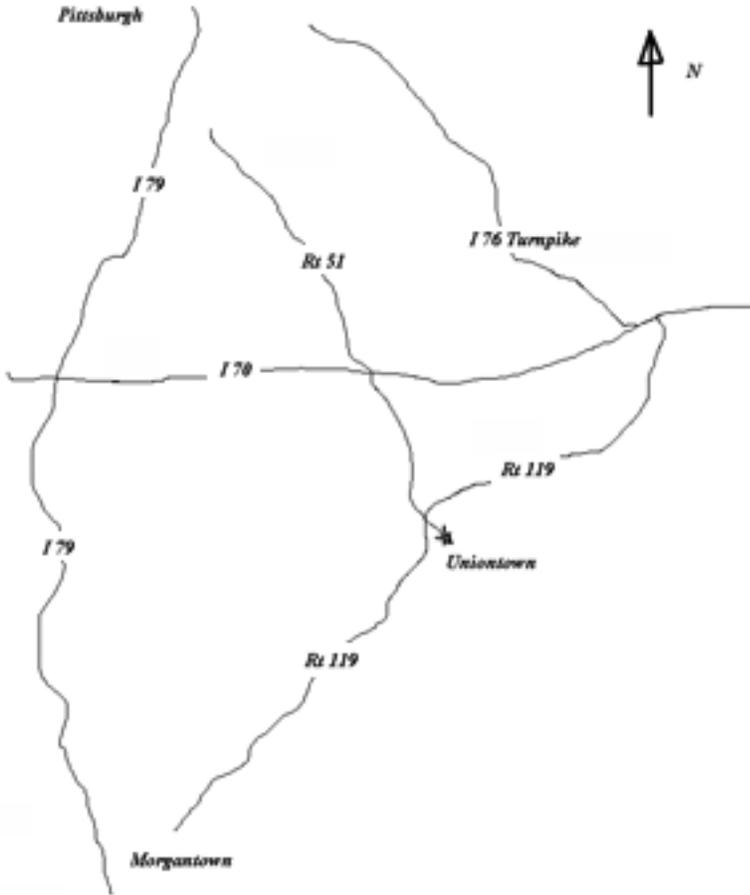
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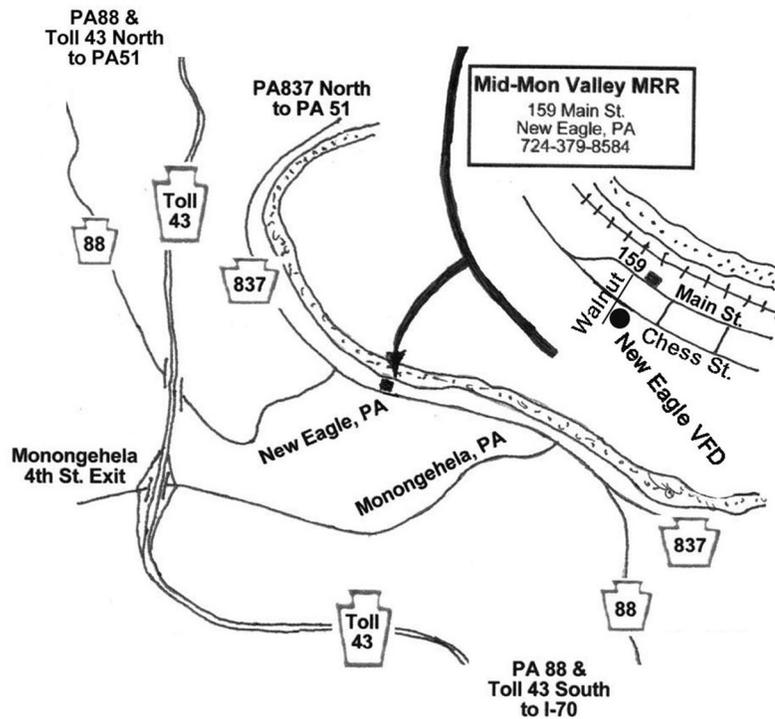


A K27 by Blackstone Model Works shifts the small yard at one end of the HOn3 modular layout of the RGS East group during the National Narrow Gauge Convention.

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