

Division Meeting Schedule

January 15, 2012 - Ohio Valley Lines,
1225 Merchant St. Ambridge, PA 15003
Layout open at 1:30 PM
Meeting: 2:30 PM
Program: "Modern External Post Box-
cars," by Mike Hohn

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

March 18, 2012 - TBD

April 26 - 29 - MCR Convention, Radis-
son Hotel Pittsburgh, 101 Radisson Dr,
Pittsburgh, PA 15205 - Early Registration
Ends Jan. 31, 2012 (Early Registration
Form on p. 7)

Bring'n'Brag

Jan	Anything Goes
Feb	Railroad Stations
Mar	Trucks, Tractors & Trailers
May	Factories and Industries
Jun	Gondolas
Sep	Built Laser Kits
Oct	Traction
Nov	Open Loads



**APRIL 26 - 29
EARLY REGISTRATION
EXPIRES JAN. 31**

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From the Super's Desk



By the time you read this newsletter, the Holidays will have come and gone. I certainly hope each of you had a warm and joyous Holiday season. I always enjoy this season the most because of the lights, decorations and warm spirit within every person I meet. Let us all try to keep that feeling alive through our model railroading hobby and let us share that spirit with anyone who will listen to us.

Please remember that the time is upon us again to elect new officers for our division. The Keystone Division will be electing a Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk for two year terms. These people will lead us all to the best of their abilities, but they will need our support to be successful. This begins with our votes and continues with our volunteering to take on various tasks to make our organization the best it can be.

How many of you have taken the time to look at the "Members Only" section of the NMRA website? It is easy to register and use. Log on at www.nmra.org/member and register using your name and member ID number. You'll find reprints of the Division and Region newsletter articles mentioned in the NMRA magazine. There are also "NMRA Magazine Classics" -- article from older issues that seem to be real classics. In the "NMRA Member Extras" section you will find the 2011 NMRA Calendar screensaver to add a bit of the world's greatest hobby to your computer. Each of the photos from the calendar are available as computer wallpaper and the descriptions of how the photographers took the shots will also be available.

In case you are thinking of attending the National Convention in Grand Rapids this year, check out the GrandRails2012 website at www.gr2012.org to see two great convention videos.

Remember: the early-bird discount for our Mid-Central Region convention "Highline to Pittsburgh" will expire on January 31, 2012. After that date the registration fee will increase to \$60.00. The committee is very busy planning an excellent convention for you. Check out the latest plans and registration forms on the convention website: www.highlinetopittsburgh.org. Please make plans to attend this event.

... Susan Werner

Minutes

KEITH DeVAULT

Superintendent Susan Werner called the November 20, 2011 meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. The meeting was held at New Eagle VFW Hall, hosted by Mid-Mon Valley Railroad Club with 43 in attendance. Gary Strzelecki the vice president of the club thanked everyone for attending, and asked everyone to please stop after the meeting to see their layout. The pass the hat is making its rounds with the division hat.

We had no new members and a guest, Keith Berkebile from Bridgeville, who may become a new member.

Minutes that were published in the Keystone Flyer from October were approved as published.

Carl Volkwein gave his treasurer's report that we are solvent, and if you have any questions of him, please see him after the meeting.

Dick Flock gave his report on the Company Store, with the new Pennsylvania Gondola Book available, along with Steel Mills Volume 2 and a new book on Industrial Railroads. Please stop after the meeting to visit the store, and if you would like Dick to order any books for you, please ask him after the meeting. He has some estate products available on the other table, so please stop and make an offer.

Tom Gaus gave his report on membership; we stand at 245 active members and had 1 new member join at the Greenberg Show, by the name of Dave Maynard, welcome to Dave in our group. The Website had 4,972 page requests in the month of October.

The Free Mo group announced that the November show in Monroeville was very well attended and the group had a perfect spot to showcase the displays. The group hopes to do the same in February at the Greenberg show.

Paul Gallick announced that the Bring N Brag had 8 entries in the category of Open Bottom Hoppers Cars, please vote after the meeting.

Bud Brock on the Video Library, he has the Library here today for your review.

Mike Hohn the Assist Super spoke on the upcoming programs, January will be at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, February at the Western PA Model RR Museum in Gibsonia.

Dennis Vaccaro on the achievement program had 3 certificates submitted recently and one member has submitted #'s 5 & 6 and working on # 7 for the MMR Designation.

The Educational Program chairman was not present and no report was given today.

Old Business, Susan announced that early bird registrations forms for the convention are up on the table, along with order forms for the Pump House that the division will be selling before the convention. They will not be available at the convention, so you need to preorder the kits. The Convention will be held April 26-29, 2012.

We have 5 maybe 6 layouts that will be available for an operating session on Thursday before the convention opens.

In New Business, Susan announced that anyone who wants to run for an elected office within the Division, please contact Carl to get your name on the ballot, and then get a Bio to Vagel for publication in the January Flyer. Ballots will be in the February Flyer, vote in March and the new officers will take over on May 1, 2012.

Division eleven has asked permission to use the name Keystone Corridor for their newsletter.

A motion on the floor was presented and the group passed the motion not to have them use the name Keystone. Other names were suggested and Susan will pass them along to that group.

For the good of the division, it was announced that 2 well known model railroaders passed this past month, they were Lin Young from Division 9 and Harry Clark from Connellsville. The RPM Meet East in Malvern, Pa will be held March 23 to March 25, 2012. Our speaker today is Dennis Vaccaro with the title "Trees-Not Just for Lumber Anymore". Meeting adjourned at 3:22 p.m.



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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>

SOUP CONTRIBUTIONS FOR THE CONVENTION RAFFLE

Marge Meehan is putting together soup baskets for the non-rail raffle at the 2012 MCR Convention, which the Keystone Division is hosting.

Please bring cans or dry packets of soup to the January meeting if you wish to contribute. The cans or packets must have an expiration date no earlier than the end of April 2012.

Bring'n'Brag

November's contest was hosted by the Mid Mon Valley Model RR Club and held at The New Eagle VFD Social Hall in New Eagle, Pennsylvania. The subject of 2011's last contest category was "Hopper Bottom Cars" and there were eight entries.

First place was won by Neal Schorr for his set of three O Scale covered hopper cars. Neal used a variety of techniques to weather his cars. On his CSX centerflow hopper he uses burnt sienna diluted with mineral spirits to provide a basic rust color. On his Lehigh Valley car he applied chalks to simulate cement overflow deposits, and on his Norfolk and Western car he sanded the lettering lightly to simulate weathering and applied rust colored chalks.

Marge Meehan won second place with her set of On30 mine cars. All three of her cars were built from Cache Creek resin kits. After assembly the cars were painted and custom lettered.

Third place was won by Andy Blenko for his set of HO scale Bowser 100 ton hopper cars. Andy assembled and weathered all three factory painted cars.

PAUL GALLICK

Other entries to this month's contest included:

Dick Flock entered an HO scale kitbash of a PRR 5 hopper car made from 2 AHM quad hopper models.

Caroline Schorr entered a Railroad Crossbuck she had built.

Bob Hickman entered a set of HO scale German prototype hopper bottom side dump cars.

Keith DuVault entered an HO scale covered hopper built from an Accurail kit which he had weathered and decals with modern graffiti decals.

Bill DeFoe entered HO scale gravel hopper cars kitbashed from some old TYCO operating hopper cars.

For 'Display Only' Dennis Vaccaro brought two hopper car models based on Chinese and German prototypes.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Bring 'n' Brag contest for 2011. Next January we start another contest cycle. The categories for 2012 are listed on the front page of this issue, so get your models and ideas ready.

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Bring'n'Brag Standings:

Name	Points	Name	Points
Marge Meehan	46	Andy Blenko	4
Neal Schorr	46	Charlie Hallman	4
Bill DeFoe	21	Tim Moffat	4
Keith DeVault	18	Blaine Reynolds	4
Robert Hickman	14	Dennis Vaccaro	4
John Ainsworth	10	Eric Hansmann	2
Dick Flock	10	Joe Lofland	2
Joel Everly	8	Larry Kline	2
Steve Hertzner	6	Jim Kubanick	2
Jim Dodds	5	Georgeann Reid	2
Steve Raque	5	Tom McCaffery	1
Dennis Williams	5	Caroline Schorr	1



OFFICER NOMINEES FOR 2010 - 11

For Superintendent:

Michale Hohn, MMR. I was about 8 years old when I started model railroading; my parents gave me a Marx HO train set for Christmas, a friend gave me some Model Railroader magazines, and I built a layout in the basement. High school and college largely brought a stop to this, although I built a Campbell kit my last year in college; the technician in our lab was a model railroader and it was 1976, when locomotives were being painted in red, white, and blue for the bicentennial. There followed a two-year job in England, moving to Morgantown, marriage, and starting a family. Around Christmas 1988, I found a box of train supplies in our attic, and I was soon back in the hobby. A couple of years later ago I joined the NMRA, started attending meetings, and went to a Div. 2 Jamboree. I liked seeing other layouts and meeting others in the hobby. A shop opened in Morgantown and we formed the local club that exists to this day.

Joining the NMRA seemed a natural thing to do, and as with any group I join, I like to participate in the activities to the full extent. As Keystone Flyer editor, and now as Assistant Superintendent, my overwhelming motivation is to serve the membership. I have tried to provide a variety of programs and venues that represent all aspects of our hobby, and cover the reaches of our division. I don't think being an officer in the NMRA or Div. 2 is about "running things"; the Division runs itself pretty well, but there still need to be a few people to do some coordination, provide encouragement, set up the meetings, listen to the members, respond to questions, and provide a link to the regional and national organizations – in other words, to serve the members. And I promise not to lose the gavel.

For Assistant Superintendent:

Keith DeVault. I have been involved in model railroading since 1971 and joined the NMRA in 1998. I have served for the past ten years as Treasurer of our local railroad historical society in Morgantown. I served as National Editor for the Operation Sig organization from 2005-2007 after the untimely death of the founder. I have presented clinics at the 2004, 2006 and 2010 Regional Conventions, our division meetings and RPM meets.

I am building an HO Scale home layout I call the Aspen Sub, which follows the history of the B & O and the M & K railroads around Morgantown. I enjoy traveling to see and operate on other model railroads, where I can learn more about the hobby. I enjoy attending our monthly Division meetings as a place to interact with other modelers about the different aspects of the hobby. I have served the division recently as Chief Clerk and have learned from this position the enter workings of the division. With this new position I can also gain more knowledge to help this division be one of the best in the NMRA.



Ballots will be printed in the February Flyer.



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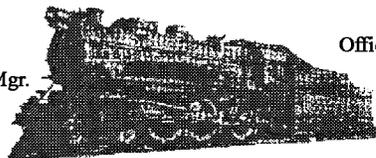
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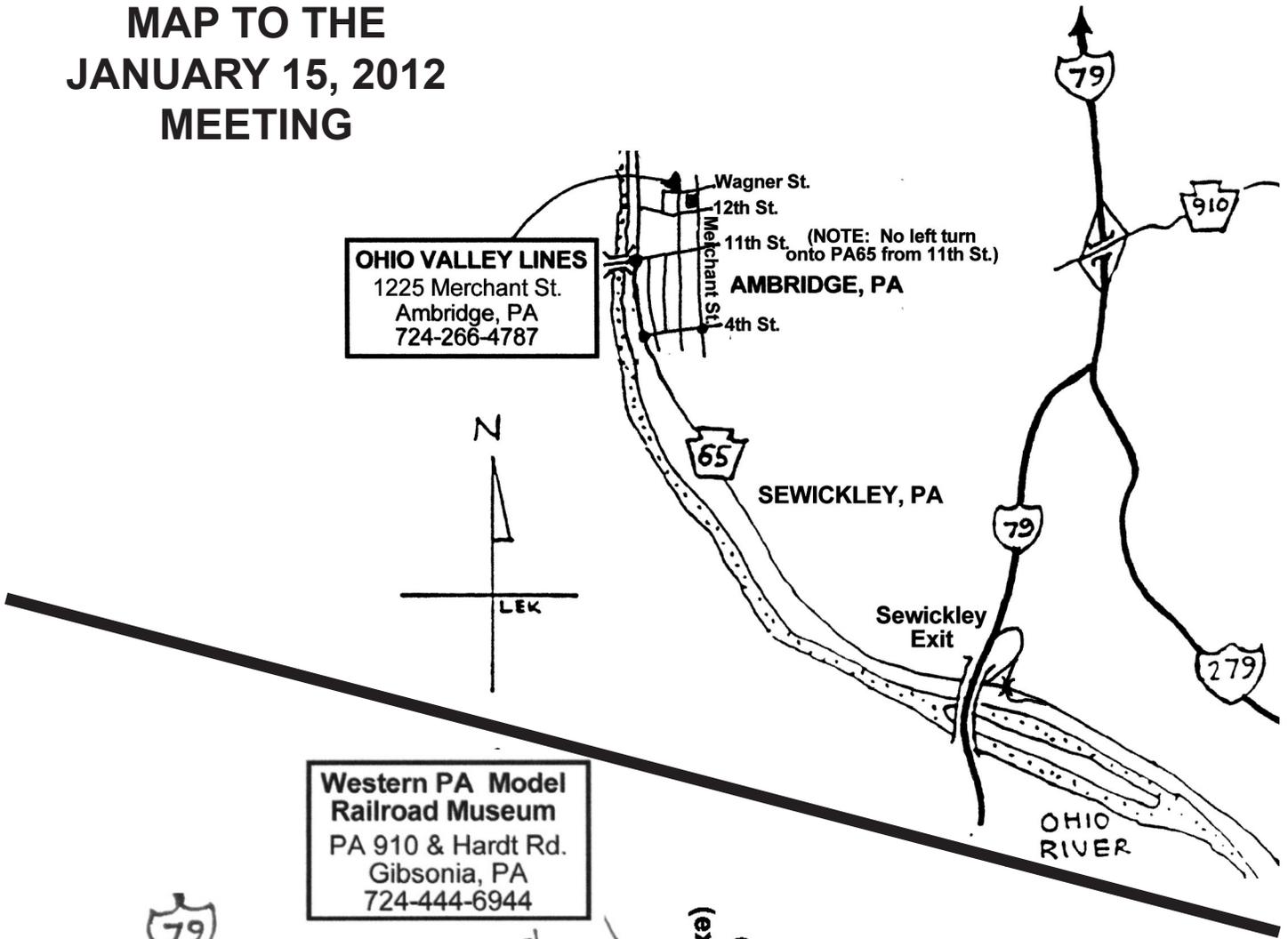
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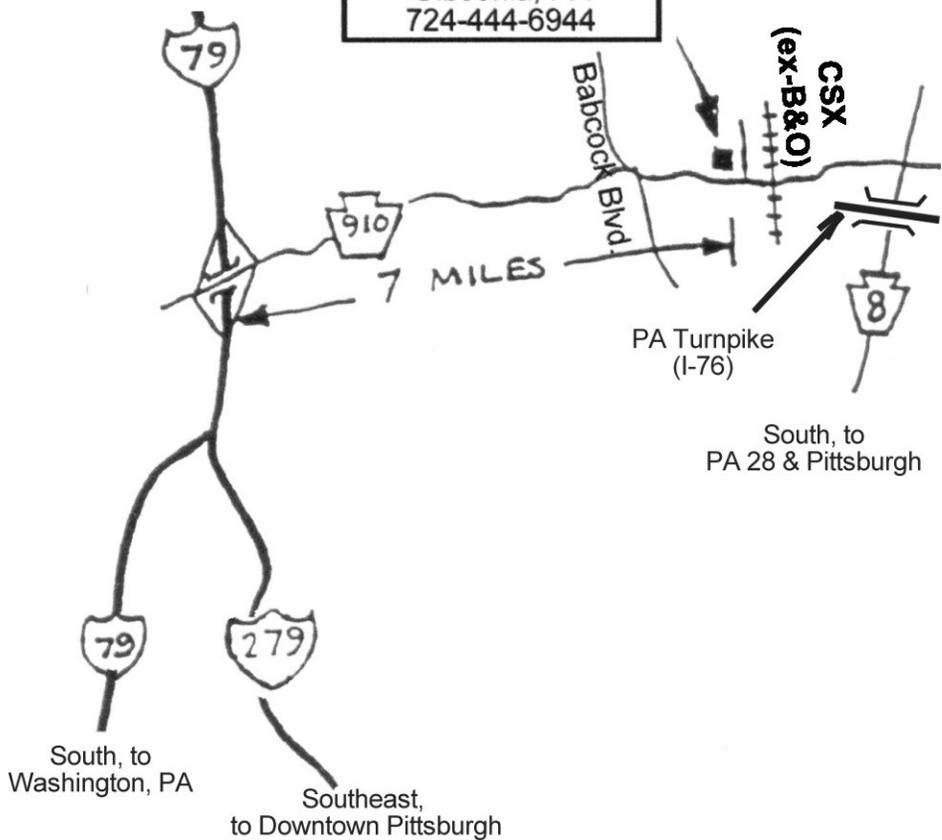
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MAP TO THE JANUARY 15, 2012 MEETING



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MAP TO THE FEBRUARY 19, 2012 MEETING





Highline to Pittsburgh

Early Registration Form

April 26 - 29, 2012



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The Keystone Division

Primary registrant MUST be an NMRA member at the time of the Convention

Primary Registrant Badge Name _____

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Number of persons attending _____ Names of Others _____

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One Year Full NMRA Membership (with magazine subscription)		58.00	
One Year NMRA Membership (without magazine subscription)		39.00	
Family Members (same household)		15.00	
		Total	

Sign-up form for extra fare items will be sent out to all early registrants at a later date.

Activity assignment will be based on the order that the applications are received.

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