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# THE *Keystone Flyer*

MCR  
Div. 2



*Editor's Model of the Month by Bill DeFoe*

## Division Meeting Schedule

**February 19, 2012** - Western PA Model RR Museum, 5507 Lakeside Dr, Gibsonia, PA 15044; Layout open at 1:30 PM; Meeting at 2:30 PM

**March 18, 2012** - Zion Luthreran Church, W. 2nd St. & S. Pennsylvania Ave., Greensburg, PA; 2 layouts open before the meeting (see map for times); Meeting at 2:30 PM: Program: "External Post Boxcars of the IPD Period, Pt. 2," by Mike Hohn

**April 26 - 29** - MCR Convention, Radisson Hotel Pittsburgh, 101 Radisson Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15205

## 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**  
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the Div. 2 website

## 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 February meeting if you wish to contribute. The cans or packets must have an expiration date no earlier than the end of April 2012.*

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<http://www.keystonedivision.org>



# From the Super's Desk

Here is the latest news from NMRA headquarters. The book "The Postwar Freight Car Fleet" is now sold out. If you see one and want it, buy it right away. There are no more in stock. Congratulations to Larry Kline and Ted Cullotta.

Registration for the Grand Rails 2012 national convention is being handled in a new way. Rather than publish all of the packet in the NMRA Magazine and mail it out to every member (this can be quite expensive), the full package can be downloaded from the website [www.gr2012.org](http://www.gr2012.org). Those who prefer to receive a printed registration packet can send their request, along with their name and address to: GR 2012 Registrar, 4165 Costa NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. There also is a registration form and ad in the February issue of *Scale Rails*. (This issue will be mailed to all NMRA members, even those who opt out of the magazine subscription in their dues structure. ed.)

NMRA elections will be held in April. The official ballot is an insert in the center of the February issue of the NMRA Magazine which will be mailed to all voting members. Ballots must be returned to NMRA headquarters, "Attention Ballot Committee" and must be postmarked by April 10, 2012 and received by April 15, 2012.

Of interest to Division 2 members are the positions of President, Vice President-Administration, Vice-President-Special Projects, At-Large North American Director and Eastern District Director. We may not cast a vote for the Pacific District Director. Their candidate statements are contained in the magazine. These are the people who will be running our organization for the next several years, so take the time to read the statements and vote thoughtfully.

Speaking of elections, our own Division elections will be held next month. The ballot is printed in this issue and should be returned to the election clerk. Jack Pscherer, by the March meeting. Again, voting is a right and a privilege and should be exercised with thought and consideration. And most of all, it should be exercised! Let's see if we can break a ballot count record. Let's make Jack use all of his fingers and toes.

If you are moving or changing e-mail addresses, please be sure to inform NMRA headquarters as well as our own membership chairman, Tom Gaus.

... Susan Werner



Scratch-built Hackney station on Fred Abrew's On3 Waynesburg & Washington.

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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>

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# Minutes

**KEITH DeVAULT**

Superintendent Susan Werner called the January 15, 2012 meeting to order at 2:35 p.m. The meeting was held at Ohio Valley Lines at Ambridge, PA, with 46 in attendance. John Gallagher an officer of the club thanked everyone for attending, and told the group about the upcoming plans for the layout and the building remodeling. The pass the hat is making its rounds with the division hat.

We had no new members and a guest, Dave Boss who was visiting with Dennis Lippert.

Minutes that were published in the Keystone Flyer from November 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 Critters, Trackside around Harrisburg and 2012 Pennsylvania RR calendars. 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, so please stop and make an offer.

Tom Gaus gave his report on membership; we stand at 249 active members. Tom also reported that we had 10,217 page requests in the month of November, and he said one of the highest numbers that he had seen for a month.

The Free Mo group announced that the February show in Monroeville will be held on February 11 and 12 as part of the Greenberg Show. If you are willing to help out at the show, please contact Bob Meier about volunteering.

Paul Gallick announced that the Bring N Brag had 13 entries in the category of "Anything Goes" so 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, February at the Western PA Model RR Museum in Gibsonia. He also has slots available for March, May and June.

Dennis Vaccaro on the achievement program had 6 certificates passed out this year, and today is presenting certificates to Vagel Keller as Chief Dispatcher and to Larry Kline for Model Railroad Author and Association Official. Congratulations to both of these fine model railroaders.

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

Old Business, Susan announced that early bird registrations for the convention are up on January 31<sup>st</sup>, so please register to get the discount on registering early. You may also order 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 some layouts that will be available for an operating session on Thursday before the convention opens, so see Dick Flock if you would like to be on the session and he hopes to have anywhere from 20 to 25 layouts available after the convention for visiting.

New Business, Susan announced that the slate of officers for the election from the nominating committee reads as Mike Hohn for Superintendent, Keith DeVault for Assistant Superintendent and Dennis Lippert for Chief Clerk. Susan open the floor for nominations and none was presented it was moved and seconded that the nominations be closed. Ballots will be in the February Flyer, vote in March and the new officers will take over on May 1, 2012.

For the good of the division, it was announced that a fire had damaged some buildings at Woodland Scenics, but they are still in business and hope to have everything back in full production by the end of January.

Bob Evans from the Ohio Valley lines stated that the club handed out 101 holiday train sets to desiring kids for the holidays and thanked everyone that contributed so the kids could have smiling faces at Christmas. Orders for Girl Scout cookies are also available today.

Today's program will be "Modern External Post Boxcars" by Mike Hohn; this is part 1 of 2 parts.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:16 p.m.



Geographical slight-of-hand has a Colorado stock train passing Coles station and tank on Pennsylvania's East Broad Top, a scene on the Rio Grande Southern-East group's HOn3 modular layout.

# Bring'n'Brag

Welcome to the first monthly installment of the 2012 NMRA MCR Keystone Division 2 Bring 'n' Brag contest. January's contest was held at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, PA. As always, this month's contest theme is "Anything Goes," and thirteen entries were received.

First Place voting ended in a tie between Marge Meehan and John Ainsworth. Marge entered an N Scale diorama of the "Wilk's Homestead and Barn" built from a Sylvan resin kit. The scene also included a laser cut farm wagon model. Marge's second entry was an N scale 'Museum of Prumereid' built from a Kibri Kit. All her models were finished with acrylic paints and chinks. John entered a scratch-built HO Scale Baldwin industrial switcher. The body of his little critter was made from brass sheet while the drive mechanism was built using North West Shortline components. John spent over 75 hours constructing this model.

Third Place went to Gary Carmichael for his Sn2 Scale Kennebec Central Government Coal Dock. It is a scratch built wood structure based on a prototype from the state of Maine.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Bob Hickman entered a set of four HO Scale Sperry Rail Service Cars.

Paul Gallick entered a set of HO scale farm tractors built from metal kits including a GHQ IH MTA, and English built 1937 Fordson, and a Woodland Scenics un-styled John Deere Model A on rubber tires.

Bill DeFoe entered an HO scale Akane Brass 'Little River' 2-4-4-2 steam engine.

Howard Heltman entered an HO Scale Model of the Western Maryland 'M-Y' Tower kitbashed from a Model Power kit. He replaced the windows and doors with Grandt Line parts and scratchbuilt the stairs and porch.

Jim Dodds entered an HO scale private road passenger coach built from an Athearn Round Roof 72' car lettered with Microscale decals.

Steve Ross entered a set of HO models designed to pull plows. He started with a team of horses painted to match their own prototypes, a Jordan 1925 model Fordson, a GHQ 8N painted and detailed as a 1941 9N, and a Wiking model of a 1954 Ferguson TE-20 or -30.

Jim Wipple entered an S Scale reefer, factory lettered for 'Pepper Packing'. Since the model was built for the hi rail market Jim spent an evening replacing the wheelsets and couplers to the correct NMRA height.

Charlie Hallman entered a large LEGO display along with a custom weathered Tyco diesel locomotive, a scratchbuilt

## PAUL GALLICK

tank car, and a Wiesco steam display.

Larry Kline entered a set of O scale South Side Sloped basement homes he is building based on prototype photos he took in 1985.

Dick Flock entered an HO scale boxcar he had built from a Branchline kit.

For Display Only an HO Scale passenger train was also set up by Charlie Hallman.



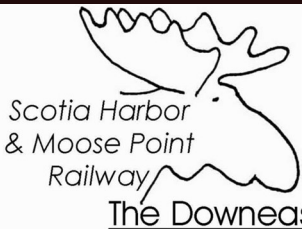
### Bring'n'Brag Standings:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Marge Meehan	6	Charlie Hallman	2
John Ainsworth	6	Howard Heltman	2
Gary Carmichael	4	Robert Hickman	2
Bill DeFoe	2	Larry Kline	2
Jim Dodds	5	Steve Ross	2
Dick Flock	2	Jim Wipple	2
Paul Gallick	2		

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John Ainsworth's nifty scratch-built "critter." Paul Gallick photo.



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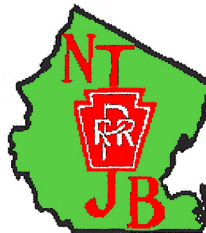
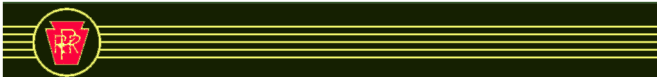
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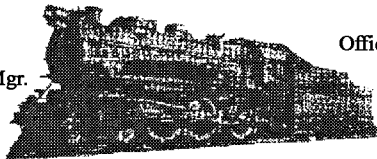
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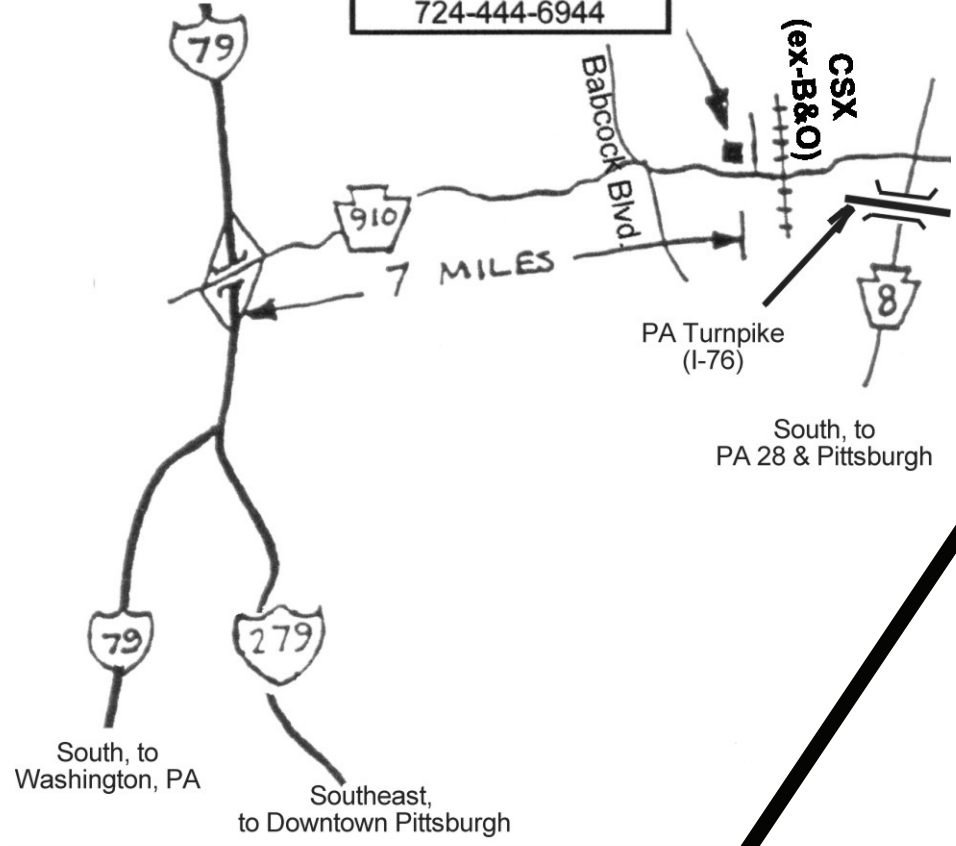
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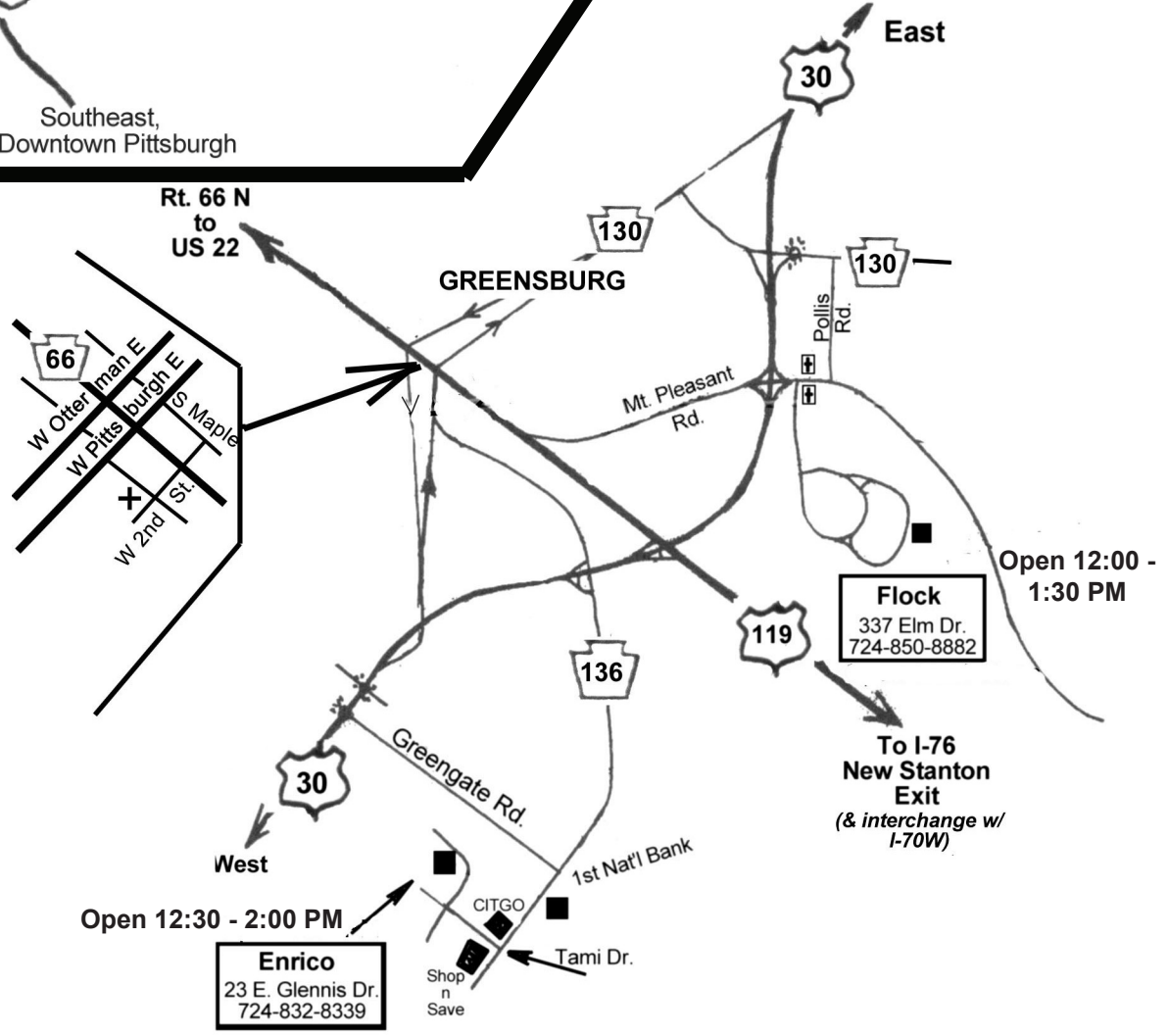
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# MAP TO THE FEBRUARY 19, 2012 MEETING

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# MAP TO THE MARCH 18, 2012 MEETING



**Official NMRA Division 2 MCR Ballot**  
(Place an "X" in the box for ONE candidate for each office only)

**For Superintendent:**

**Michael Hohn**

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(Write-In)

**For Assistant Superintendent:**

**Keith DeVault**

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(Write-In)

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**For Chief Clerk:**

**Dennis Lippert**

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(Write-In)

Cut-out and mail your completed ballot to:  
NMRA Div 2 Election, c/o Jack Pscherer, 109 Marshall Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235-4318  
or bring it to the February or March meeting.

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**For Chief Clerk:**

**Dennis Lippert.** I'm a life-long train nut and longtime Division 2 member. It all started with my dad. He was always in to trains... and by the time I came along, he was building elaborate, gameroom-filling Tyco Christmas layouts every year in HO scale. In 1976, he took a job in Canton, OH ... and ended up working with Bob Martin... a former Division 2 Super! Soon, Dad was on the path to scale modeling, and the first of three "permanent" HO layouts.

This was during my formative years... and it had an effect. I tagged along with Dad to Division 2 meetings since about 1977 and officially became a member during college, in time for the 1990 National. I've always enjoyed the friendships and the chances to see area layouts.

I'm a longtime member of the WPMRM in Gibsonia and was a very active member of the Beaver-Lawrence Railway Historical Society for over a decade. I've held office in both organizations and edited both groups' newsletters at one time or another for a total of almost 15 years.

I bring a mix of interests. While I primarily model Conrail in the 80's... I'm just as comfortable talkin' steamera topics... and my travels have given me a personal interest in many railroads that I otherwise could have ignored!

I look forward to serving Divison 2 as Chief Clerk for the upcoming term!



East Broad Top Gas-Electric M-1 idles on the tail of the wye at Robertsdale, PA on an On3 EBT modular layout at the 2011 National Narrow Gauge Convention in Hickory, NC.

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