

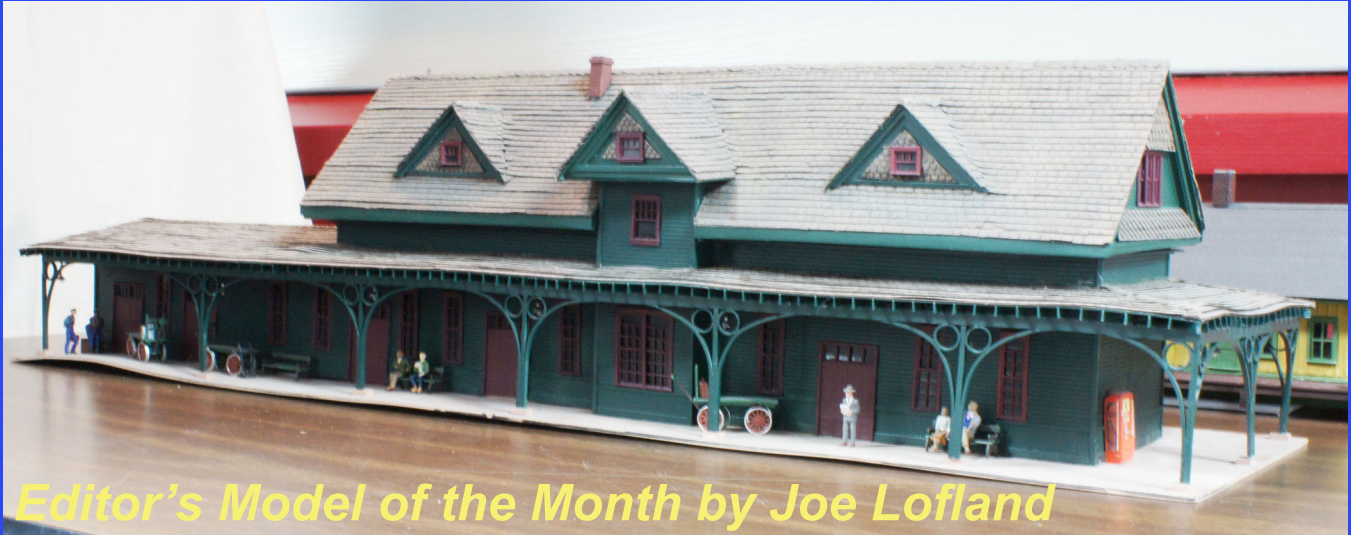
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THE *Keystone Flyer*

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Div. 2



Editor's Model of the Month by Joe Lofland

Division Meeting Schedule

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



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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

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From the Super's Desk

It's election season again. If all the political wrangling on television has not driven you crazy yet, you should be reminded that there are elections closer to your hearts. This meeting will be the final chance to get your ballots to Jack Pscherer, the Keystone Division election teller. Please take the

minute or two to make your voices heard.

There is also a national election in the works. The ballot is in the February issue of the *NMRA Magazine*. We are eligible to vote for a President, Vice President - Administration, Vice President - Special Projects, NMRA At-Large North American Director and NMRA Eastern Director. Please take the time to read the candidate statements and make thoughtful choices. These people will chart the course of the NMRA for the next several years and will have a substantial impact on the future of our organization. Note that I said "OUR" organization,

but is only ours if we participate. Please do not be one of those people who complains about the state of affairs, and then does not even participate in the election process. The ballots are to be postmarked by April 10 and received no later than April 15, 2012.

Good news from the Winter NMRA Board of Directors' meeting! The NMRA ended 2011 in good financial shape and is currently rebuilding some of its funds from which it had borrowed in the past. In addition, there is enough money in the budget to hire a computer professional to repair, maintain and update the NMRA website. This will benefit all NMRA members.

In the "who would have thought" column, there is an organization of over 100,000 railfans and model railroaders in China. Although it is a relatively young organization, it is interested in learning how the NMRA is organized and will promote NMRA standards in China. Look for more information in upcoming issues of the *NMRA Magazine*.

Here's a new wrinkle on a recurring theme -- if you are interested in the Achievement Program or wonder why other model railroaders are, listen to The Model Railway Show episode 32 and hear MMR Gerry Leone talk about his experiences. You can access it through the website www.themodelrailwayshow.com and check for episode 32. It may be listed in the archives under February 2012. It really is a good listen!

... Susan Werner

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A scene on Neal Schorr's O-scale PRR Middle Division, one of more than 30 layouts that will be open for participants in Highline to Pittsburgh on Apr. 29th.

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Minutes

KEITH DeVAULT

Superintendent Susan Werner called the February 19, 2012 meeting to order at 2:31 p.m. The meeting was held at the Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum in Gibsonia, PA, with 67 in attendance. Bob Meier of the club thanked everyone for attending, and told the group about the upcoming plans for the 75th anniversary next year for the museum. The pass the hat is making its rounds with the division hat.

We had no new members and two guests, Jimmy Martin from Wheeling and Ralph DeFilippo from the Greenberg Show. Welcome to both gentlemen.

Minutes that were published in the Keystone Flyer from January 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 was absent and no report for the company store, just stop by and visit if interested in anything.

Tom Gaus gave his report on membership; we stand at 249 active members. Tom also reported that we had 8,630 page requests in the month of January, and that he has four different links that will get you to our website.

The Free Mo group announced that the February show in Monroeville was a good success, with maybe a couple of new members from the show. The next show will be in July. 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 10 entries in the category of "Stations" so please vote after the meeting.

Bud Brock on the Video Library, he has the Library here today for your review, with some how to videos and he asked for a show of hands on VHS, he also has for you to review. He will keep those for the people that still have VHS players.

Mike Hohn the Assist Super spoke on the upcoming programs that March will be at the Zion Lutheran Church in Greensburg and that April is our Regional Convention at Greentree. May and June are still open, so if you are interested in hosting, please contact Mike.

Dennis Vaccaro on the achievement program stated that he judged a person's scenery today for that Certificate. He stated that he is willing to travel to judge and also please ask him how you can get started in the program. He said that if everything falls into place our group may have a new MMR this year.

The Educational Program chairman Jack Pscherer said

that he has talked with Tom Miller the Regional Chairman of this program and will be going to senior centers and will be getting a power point presentation showing model railroading.

Old Business, Susan announced that volunteers are needed at the convention to help with the contest room, white elephant room and company store. If you are interested please contact Susan. We also will need judges at the convention, please see Susan or Mike about this job.

New Business, Susan announced that the slate of officers for the election have been published in the Keystone Flyer, so please vote today or mail or bring your ballot to the March meeting. The new officers will take over on May 1, 2012.

Dick Flock who was absent had sent in a suggestion to encourage scratch building and kit bashing for the Bring N Brag. You would get extra points for this. It was moved and seconded to add points starting with January 2013 that you get 2 extra points for scratch building and 1 extra point for kit bashing on the different categories in the Bring N Brag. The motion carried as stated.

The April division meeting was discussed and a motion to skip the April meeting due to the Regional Convention being held, and as such just an executive meeting at the convention to satisfy the requirement for a meeting. It was passed as stated above.

The Jamboree was discussed and a motion and second to start it back again in 2013 at Robert Morris University either in March or April, as long as no other date conflicts which would affect us holding the Jamboree. Motion Carried

For the good of the division, Bud Brook said that the International Plastic Modeler Society will hold its meeting at the Beatty Tech School in Allison Park on Saturday March 17, 2012. The cost will be \$2.00 for the meeting.

Canfield Ohio Train Show will be held March 22-24 as part of the 20th annual Midwest Narrow Gauge Convention.

Whitewater productions will be starting publication again for Model Railroad News. The first issue should be out either in March or April.



There will be no program today because of a special regional convention committee meeting. Mike Hohn will finish up his part 2 program on External Box Cars in March.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.

Bring'n'Brag

February's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at the monthly meeting hosted by the Western PA Model Railroad Museum in Gibsonia, PA. The theme of this month's contest was "Railroad Stations" and 10 entries were submitted.

First place voting went to Joe Lofland for his HO Scale DLW East Stroudsburg Station. Joe's station received 17 of the 35 votes cast and counted. The model was completely scratch built.

Second place was won by Marge Meehan with 8 votes for her three N Scale passenger and freight stations. Her stations were built from kits and included a Walthers Sante Fe passenger station with freight house and two European prototype stations.

Third place was won by John Ainsworth for his HO Scale NYC Freight Station and Gorre Station. John's stations garnered 5 votes. The NYC station was built from an Alexander Models wooden kit, while the Gorre Station was scratch built based on pictures in the book, "Model Railroading with John Allen."

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Steve Ross entered an HO Scale model called Willoughby Station from a Twilight Zone Episode. It was kitbashed from an old Revell station that he found under the club layout. Steve modified the roof and replaced the windows with Grandt Line parts with clear styrene glazing.



Gary Carmichael's fine effort on a scratchbuilt S-scale model of a station on one of the "Maine two-footers," possibly the one in Randolph, ME on the Kennebec Central.

PAUL GALLICK

Gary Carmichael entered an S Scale scratch built model of the Kennebec, Maine station.

Andy Lorince entered a collection of photographs he had taken at the Division 2 January 1982 Jamboree.

Bill DeFoe entered an HO Scale model called Riverside Station kitbashed from a Tyco freight station kit. Bill overlaid the plastic floors and walls with scribed Basswood, the windows were replaced with Grandt Line parts, and the roof was reshingled with Campbell Shingles.

Robert Hickman entered a model of a two story HO scale depot built from a Blair Line lasercut kit.

Pat Altdorfer entered an HO scale Passenger Station built from an old Tyco kit. Pat added interior lighting and weathering to the structure.

Jim Whipple entered a small HO scale station that he had scratch built from cardboard and various paper products in the mid 1960's.

Neal Schorr brought in a copy of a magazine article he wrote for Classic Toy Trains for display.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. The next contest will be in March at the Zion Lutheran Church in Greensburg, PA. Next month's contest category is 'Trucks, Tractors, and Trailers.'

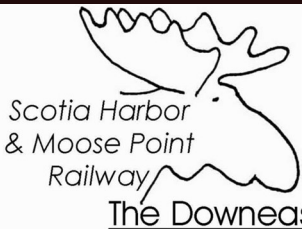
Bring'n'Brag Standings:



Name	Points	Name	Points
Marge Meehan	11	Patrick Altdorfer	2
John Ainsworth	10	Jim Dodds	2
Gary Carmichael	6	Dick Flock	2
Joe Lofland	6	Paul Gallick	2
Bill DeFoe	4	Charlie Hallman	2
Robert Hickman	4	Howard Heltman	2
Steve Ross	4	Larry Kline	2
Jim Wipple	4	Andy Lorince	1



A scene on Rob Enrico's O-scale PRR in the Mon Valley, just one of more than 30 layouts that will be open for participants in Highline to Pittsburg on Apr. 29th.



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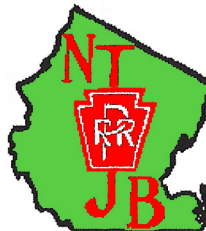
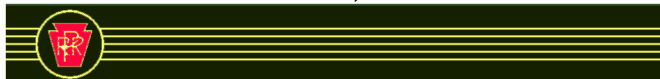
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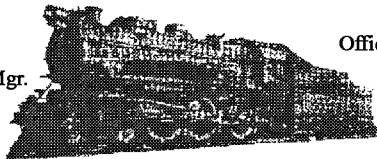


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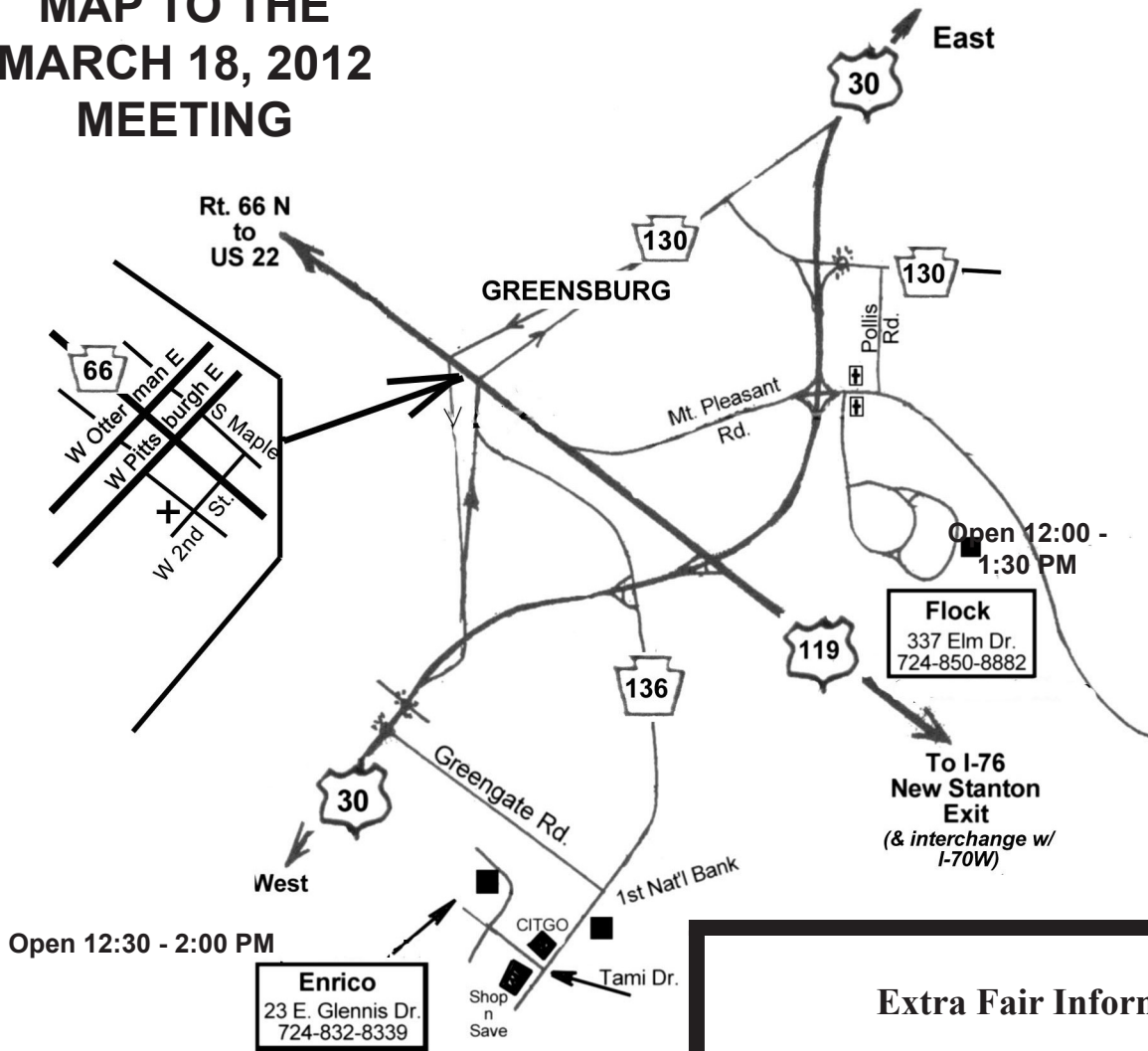


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Extra Fair Information

Tour 1, Friday 8:30 AM departure, price: \$25/person
Includes a tour of the Light Rail maintenance facility and the operations center. The excursion follows the Blue Line into downtown Pittsburgh, opened since our last tour in 2004, and the newly opened North Shore Connector under the Allegheny River. A clinic on the light rail system is tentatively scheduled for Thursday evening before the tour and is highly recommended.

Tour 2, Friday 1:30 PM departure, price: \$25/person
Hussey Copper moved to its Leetsdale plant, 14 miles down the Ohio River from Pittsburgh in 1963, after being located near downtown Pittsburgh on the south bank of the Monongahela River since 1848. The tour will visit the plant while in operation making a variety of products. Long pants and closed toe shoes are required. Hard hats and safety glasses will be provided.

Tour 3, Saturday 8:00 AM departure, price: \$25/person
This tour covers the biggest concentration of rail and highway bridges in the area, which is located in downtown Pittsburgh, as well as a number of particularly interesting examples up and down river from the central business district.

Tour 4, Saturday 1:30 PM departure, price: \$50/ person (incl. admission fee).
Tour the Carrie Furnace of USX's Homestead Works, the Mon Valley's last standing blast furnace. Walk the ore yard and among the towering hot blast stoves and visit the cast house, where molten iron flowed from the furnace hearth to waiting torpedo cars. Long pants and closed toe shoes highly recommended.

HIGH-LINE to Pittsburgh 2012 Banquet - Saturday 6:00 PM

Menu: Garden green salad w/ ranch and Italian dressings, chicken and stuffing or roast port, buttermilk mashed potatoes, buttered green beans, assorted rolls and butter, chocolate or carrot cake, coffee, tea, decaf coffee, and iced tea.

No reservations will be accepted after Apr. 19, 2012.



HIGH-LINE to Pittsburgh

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April 26 - 29, 2012



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additional family members (same household)		\$15	
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Tour 2 Friday PM - Hussey Copper			25
Tour 3 Saturday AM - Bridges of Pittsburgh			25
Tour 4 Saturday PM - Rivers of Steel National Heritage Area			50
Tour NR 1- Pittsburgh Glass Center Flame Shop, w/ make'n'take			35
Tour NR 2 - Just Ducky Tour of Pittsburgh			30
NR Clinic 1 - Muddy Rose Pottery			18
NR Clinic 2 - Massages by Jana			10
NR Clinic 3 - Wreath Making			20
NR Clinc 4 - Stampin' Up			20
Banquet - Saturday evening (Chicken & Stuffing)			32
Banquet - Saturday evening (Rost Pork)			32
Jim Elster's Scenic Express make'n'take Static Grass Clinic			0
Operating Session (Thursday evening)			0
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