

THE *Keystone Flyer*

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Div. 2

Editor's Model of the Month by Mike Hohn



Laser cut kits for HO-scale wooden rolling stock must make the challenge of modeling Turn of the Century railroads at least *somewhat* less daunting. For some strange reason they earned only a Third Place finish in the B'n'B voting. John Polyak photo

Division Meeting Schedule

October 21 - Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society (formerly Mon Valley Railroad Club of WV), 128 Pleasant St., Morgantown, WV 26505

Layout open at 11:30 & after the meeting.

Meeting: 2:30 PM

Program: Jim Schoonover, VP, West Virginia RR Museum will speak on progress at the museum.

November 18 - New Eagle, PA VFD Social Hall, 156 Chess St. New Eagle, PA 15067

Layouts: Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club, 158 Main St., New Eagle, PA 15067, open 1:30 PM, Fred Abrew's On3 Waynesburg & Washington, hours TBD

Meeting: 2:30 PM

Program: Susan Werner, "Record Keeping for the Achievement Program Simplified"

Bring'n'Brag

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| Jan | Anything Goes |
| Feb | Railroad Stations |
| Mar | Trucks, Tractors & Trailers |
| May | Factories and Industries |
| Jun | Gondolas |
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| Nov | Open Loads |

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From the Super's Desk

A Moving Experience: Operations

Operations have been on my mind the last couple of weeks. First, our club has an op session one Saturday. Then I visit Bob Prehoda's layout before our Division's monthly business meeting; I'll always associate Bob

with operations. The following week I write a description of the scheme I use for governing freight car movements to put up on my website.* Then I receive the latest NMRA magazine and find that the theme is operating your model railroad.

I suspect operations scare a lot of people off. It can seem so serious. From time to time colleagues have commented on my apparent calmness while under fire. I have a confession to make: some layouts give me the heebie jeebies just to think about. Consequently, as the bard wrote: Discretion is the better part of valor.

Yet, the op session at our club ran smoothly and consequently was very enjoyable. We really had too few

show up for a full-out op session: some members came early and left before lunch, and others showed up well into the morning and left later. Nevertheless, we did run several timetable trains in addition to a couple or more turns. I don't know how long the session ran because I was one of those who had to leave before it ended, having a painting project going on at home. Within minutes of showing up I was given a passenger train to run from one end of the layout to the other, obeying the timetable as I went. I like Class 1 trains: everybody has to get out of the way.

Then I ran a turn from our main yard to the little town of Ella Mae (or is it Ellamae?). I asked for the switchlist. No switchlist. Through trains had been set up in staging during our regular Thursday evening meeting two days earlier, but there was no time to write up switchlists. So, the drill was to pick up pretty much all the cars at the half-dozen industry tracks at Ellamae and replace them with the same kind of cars. A boxcar for a boxcar, hopper for hopper, and so forth. I finished the job reasonably efficiently, despite the fact that in a moment of complete absent-mindedness I ran right through Ellamae to Junior, and had to retrace my route. Since I did not want to back the train that distance, I switched motive power and caboos and got that job over with. There were so few trains out on the mainline I don't think anybody noticed what I'd done.

I asked for and received clearance to return to the yard, stopped at the yard limits to find out from the yardmaster where to park my train, brought it in on the arrival track, uncoupled the locomotive (an RS-1), ran it to an appropriate spot in the engine terminal, cleaned out my coffee mug, and went home after a few good byes. I was in the perfect mood to pick up a brush and get to work on that ceiling. Didn't fall off the ladder either.

The key to the success of that particular op session was flexibility and experience. It does help to know a layout and to run on it with some regularity. Having a number of options for running the layout is important also. Running

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Minutes

DENNIS LIPPERT

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Michael Hohn, at 2:30 PM.

A round of thanks was given to our host, Bob Prehoda, who organized the location, and offered his layout for tours before and after the meeting.

Mike asked if there were any new members or guests in attendance. None came forward.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Volkwein's written report for August was read by Mike, and filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Company Store: Dick Flock reported that the deadline for 2013 calendar pre-orders has passed. Also gave a report on the financials of some of our various special sales projects over the years... and reminded all that any City Classics item can be ordered (at discount) thru the Company Store.

Membership: Tom Gaus reported that we picked up four new members this month.

Web: Tom reported the web activity.

Freemo: Bob Meier's reported that we will NOT have a layout at the November Greenberg Show. Due to high demand at the pre-Christmas show, other groups were allocated space before our paperwork was submitted. Work sessions occur monthly at Don Reed's shop in Lawrenceville. Contact Bob or Don for more info.

Bring N Brag: Paul Gallick reported seven entries on display, including several Division pump house kits, and reminded us to vote after the meeting.

Video Library: Bud Brock reported that the library has lots of how-to videos available.

Programs: Keith DeVault reported that the upcoming schedule is firming through the spring. Next meeting is Oct 21 in Morgantown, then Nov 18 in New Eagle.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro reported no news... but pointed out that Division Two has three MMR's in our midst, and he'd love to see more!

Education: Jack Pscherer was not in attendance. No report.

OLD BUSINESS – None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS – None Presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

John Polyak reported on a new book that's coming out about Pittsburgh streetcars. He's seen the manuscript, and it's good. It will be available at the Trolley Museum gift shop.

John also reported that he is continuing his offer to PHOTOGRAPH any models that are brought for Bring N Brag, and had a session after the business meeting.

Susan Werner reported on her discussion with Scott at AB Charles, and the facts to support and/or rebut the rumors that have been swirling.

Susan also reminded everyone that she is the custodian of the Division 2 Email List. If you are interested in being on the list (which is used for last-minute communications about changes to information in the Keystone Flyer, as well as Company Store product updates and other news related to the Division only)... OR if your email address has changed and you no longer get the mailings... contact her at swerner48@yahoo.com

Bob Hickman reported that the Fayette Central railroad (site of a couple of previous Div 2 meetings) has suspended their fan-trip operations.

With no other business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 3:09 PM.

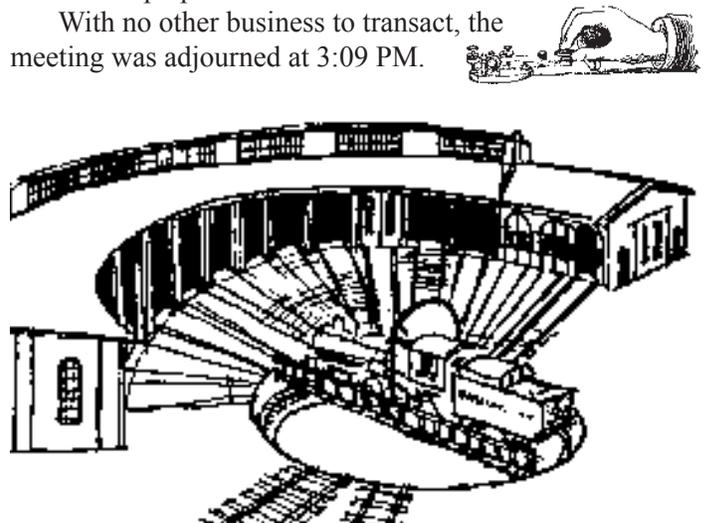
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to timetable, or just running trains out of staging in order but particularly to the clock. Using switchlists or just doing common-sense car movements without having to write down and follow reporting marks. There's a place for all options even for the old hand, I suspect.

... *Mike Hohn*

*In case you're curious:
myplace.frontier.com/~mehohn/Operations.htm



Bring'n'Brag

PAUL GALLICK

September's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at The Norwin Public Library in Irwin, PA. The contest model theme this month was Built Laser Kits, and eight entries were submitted.

First place was won by Marge Meehan whose models received 14 of the 34 votes cast. She entered two N scale dioramas both built using Laser kit structures. The first was an Army barracks compound and the second was a pickle brining works. Most of the structures were made of laser cut printed paperboard.

Voting for second place gave Dick Flock the win with 6 votes received. Dick entered a collection of six HO scale laser kit buildings. One of his buildings was the Div. 2 MCR Convention Laser Kit B&O pumphouse that was featured in the September 2012 Keystone Flyer, while another one had an interior kitbashed out of lego pieces.

Third place was won by Mike Hohn for his collection of HO scale laser kit boxcars. Mike received 5 votes. Four of his kits were built from modified B.T.S. kits while his ventilated boxcar was an Alkem kit.

Robert Hickman entered two of the Monroe Models B&O pumphouse kits built as a single long building.

Steve Ross entered his HO scale B&O pumphouse painted in 1950's era B&O colors of buff with black trim and a grey slate roof. He added a styrene concrete base and weathered it with Bragdon's powders.

Dennis Lippert entered his HO scale B&O pumphouse painted as a CSX MOW shed in overall light grey.

Jim Whipple entered an S scale laser kit rocking chair and an S scale crossing assembly.

Patrick Altdorfer entered an HO scale Blair Line Pizza Land laser kit.

For display only Bud Brock entered his 'Work in progress' O scale version of the B&O pumphouse kit.

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

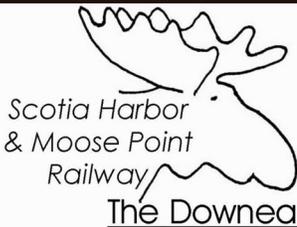


Bring'n'Brag Standings:

| <u>Name</u> | <u>Points</u> | <u>Name</u> | <u>Points</u> |
|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|---------------|
| Steve Ross | 27 | Hans Werner | 5 |
| Marge Meehan | 27 | Patrick Altdorfer | 4 |
| John Ainsworth | 16 | Michael Hohn | 4 |
| Bill DeFoe | 12 | Paul Boget | 2 |
| Joe Lofland | 12 | Jim Dodds | 2 |
| Dick Flock | 11 | Paul Gallick | 2 |
| Andy Lorince | 7 | Charlie Hallman | 2 |
| Robert Hickman | 8 | Howard Heltman | 2 |
| Dennis Williams | 9 | Larry Kline | 2 |
| Gary Carmichael | 6 | Dennis Lippert | 2 |
| Joel Everly | 6 | Dennis Vaccaro | 2 |
| Jim Whipple | 6 | Robbie Whipple | 2 |



Models like the Army camp diorama by Marge Meehan, above, and the warehouse by Dick Flock, at right garnered first and second place, respectively, in the B'n'B contest for September. John Polyak photos.



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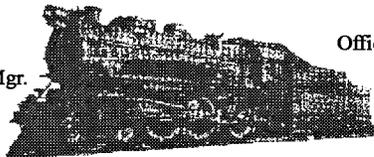


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McKeesport - McKeesport Model Railroad Club Holiday Open House, 2209 Walnut St., McKeesport, PA 15132; Phone: (412) 672-4490. Dates & Times:

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| Sat | Nov 17 | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. |
| Sun | Nov 18 | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. |
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| Sat | Jan 12 | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. |
| Sun | Jan 13 | 11 a.m. - 5 p.m. |

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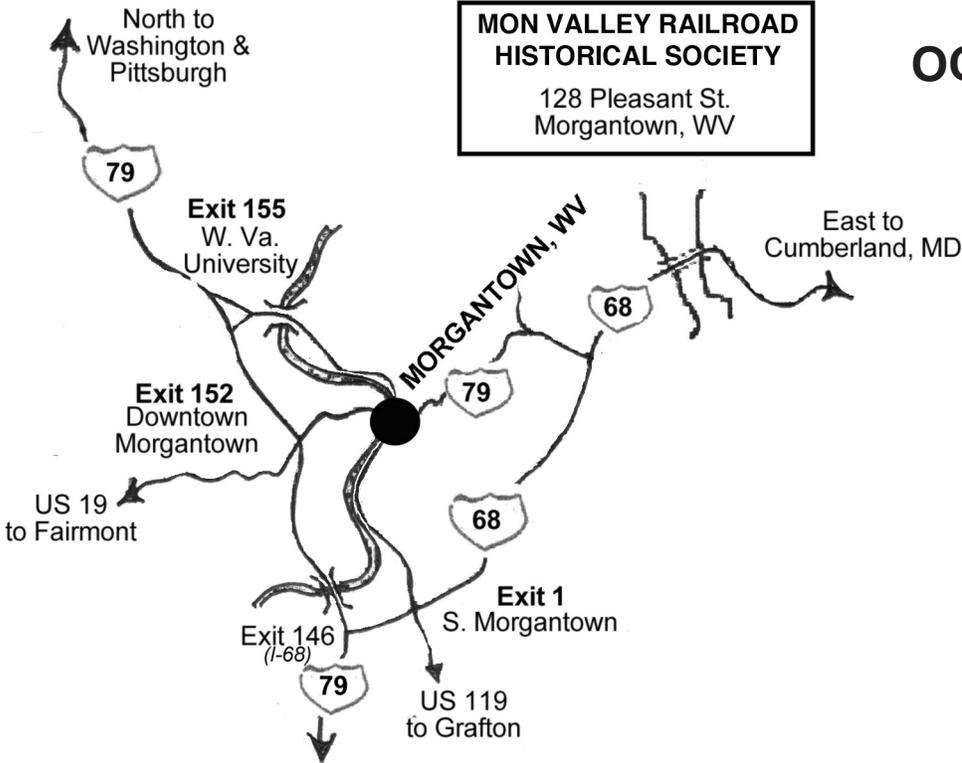
Submissions welcome! Contact the Editor with announcements, including dates, times, location name and address, and sponsor's name and contact information.



Above, one of many scenes depicting West Virginia's RR history that may be viewed at the October meeting in Morgantown. Below, Fred Abrew's On3 Waynesburg & Washington, at left, and the Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club's HO layout, may be visited by those attending the November meeting.



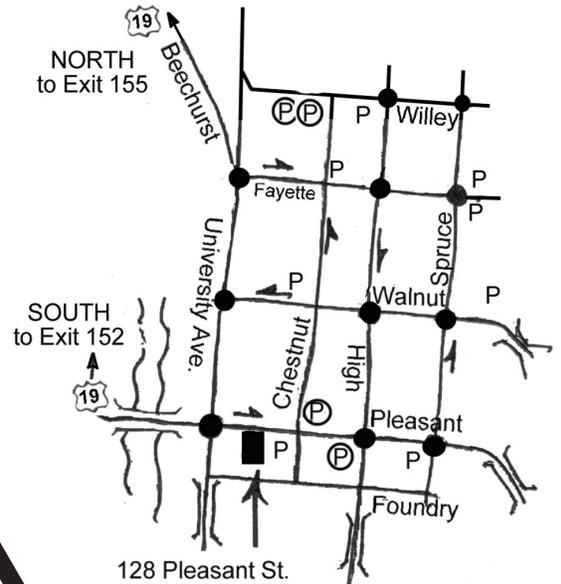
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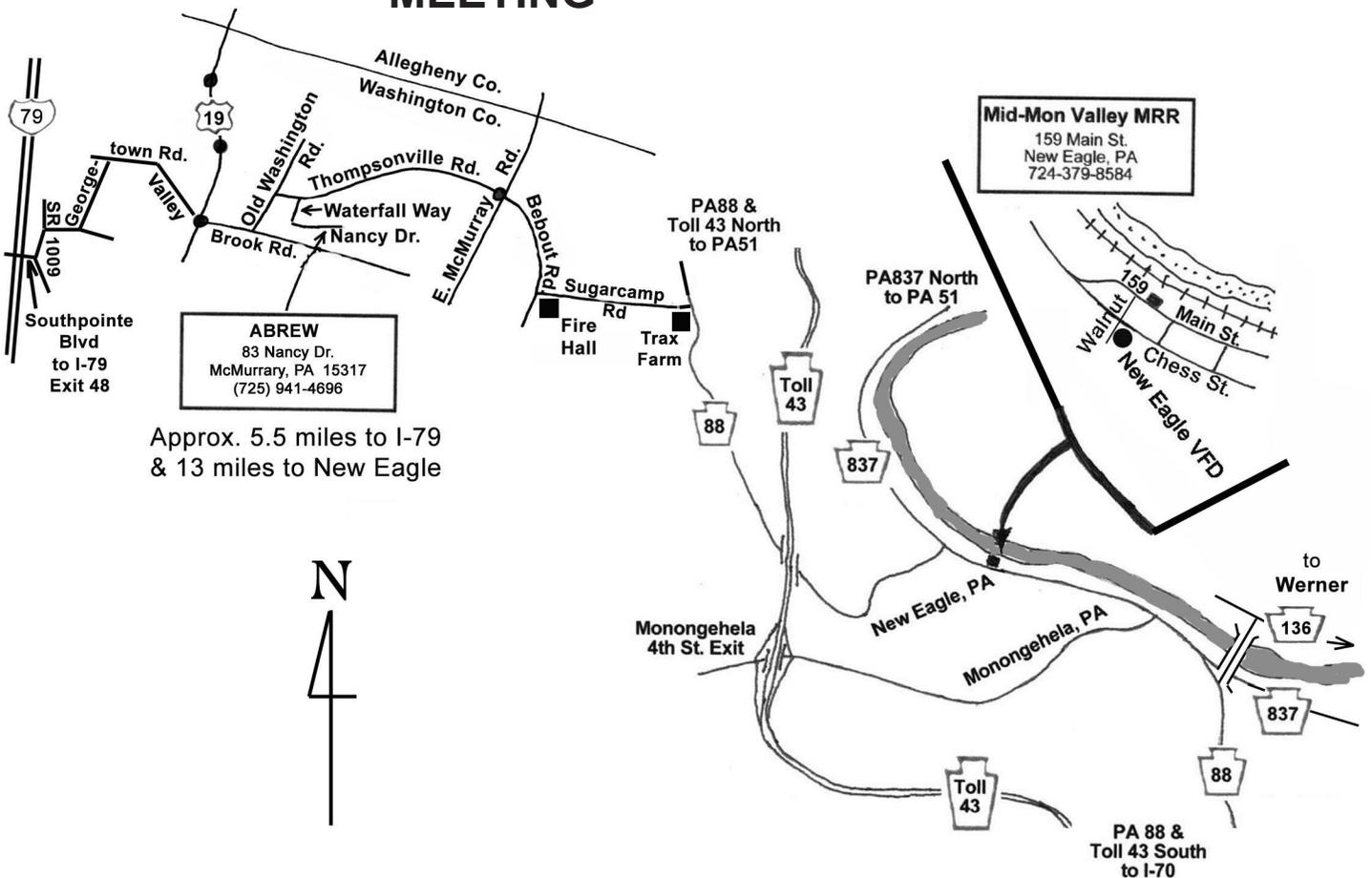
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