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Editor's Model of the Month by Jim Kubanick



Jim Kubanick's November B'n'B entry was clearly the best of the lot, yet it only came in second in the voting. As Winston Churchill said, "The best argument against democracy is a 5 minute conversation with the average voter." John Polyak photo

Division Meeting Schedule

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 & Susan Werner's layout open after the meeting

Meeting: 2:30 PM

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

January 20 - Ohio Valley Lines, 1225 Merchant St, Ambridge, PA 15003

Layout open 1:30 PM

Meeting: 2:30 PM

Program: TBD

Bring'n'Brag

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

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From the Super's Desk

The Latest NMRA Magazine

The November issue of the NMRA Magazine really got me thinking. It includes Harold Russell drawings of a coal dock; announcement of NMRA.net; description of an award-winning display layout; and a challenge

to members. Let me tell you how I reacted to each story.

For several decades, Harold Russell has created innumerable drawings of prototype structures, always accurate and descriptive. The latest drawings of a coal bunker, office with scales, and barn accompany an excellent article by Paul Mays with photos by Meghan Brennen--truly a team effort. The prototype stands in Highland, New York on the New Haven, but looks generic enough that it might have existed in much of the nation. It's a little too new for my period, but I'm still tempted to build a model, perhaps back-dated a bit.

NMRA.net: I have almost no idea what this is, but this brief article sure is intriguing. Similarly, I'm not sure I really understand gravity, but it sure is useful! One photo shows the author, Don Goodman-Wilson conducting a clinic on this new standard. The screen behind him has the bullet points: "What is it? Why should I care? What can it do for me?" I assume future articles will answer these questions. What I really noticed, something I observed at a clinic on DCC a year ago: the speaker and audience average less gray hair than in most clinics. At a time when we worry about the aging of our membership, I feel the best thing we can do is get out of the way of those with new ideas and up-to-date skills.

A third story describes changes made to an existing S Scale portable layout in time for the NMRA national convention this past summer. Key to its success was a clear vision: a layout made up of typical Midwestern farm, town, country, and industrial scenes that flow from module to module, "the homogenous appearance of a fine home layout." They not only accomplished their goal through clear vision and teamwork, they won an award with the results.

Two years ago I visited the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento while attending a conference on geothermal energy. What a museum! I left convinced there could be no better location for the new model railroading museum that is in the works. Meanwhile, as described by our new NMRA President, Charlie Getz, the NMRA has the opportunity to build an extensive display entitled "The Magic of Scale Model Railroading." Definitely pay attention to this new initiative, and if you have the wherewithal to provide monetary support, remember that it will be matched by an anonymous donor who has pledged the incredible (to me) sum of \$250,000 in matching funds if the NMRA can come up with that amount of money through new pledges. In his presentation about the West Virginia Railroad Museum at the October Division meeting in Morgantown, our speaker emphasized the need for railroad enthusiasts to contribute to museums of their choice.

SEE "Super," next page ...

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Minutes

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The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Michael Hohn, at 2:31 PM.

A round of thanks was given to our hosts, and Gary Deavers welcomed us on behalf of the MVRRHHS.

Mike asked if there were any new members or guests in attendance. Tom Pavick admitted to being a new member... sort of. He had been a member decades ago! Welcome back! There were also several guests in the form of MVRRHHS members.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved with one correction: the Fayette Central RR has not ceased their fan trip operations yet... rather, this will happen at the end of the year.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Volkwein read the September report, and it was filed for audit.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Company Store: Dick Flock reported availability of a new book on industrial railroads, and also the new City Classics storefront buildings.

Membership: Tom Gaus reported that membership was steady this month.

Web: Tom reported that the web site now has a new page for the 2013 Jamboree. He also mentioned that we currently use about 0.36 Gb of the space available on our web service. We are allowed up to 150Gb. So, feel free to send photos and such to Tom for inclusion on the site! Also, any local clubs are reminded to send holiday show information to Tom.

Freemo: Bob Meier reported that we will NOT have a layout at the November Greenberg Show. HOWEVER, the Division WILL have a table there to promote membership and the upcoming Jamboree. Tom Gaus is the point-of-contact for manning the table.

Bring N Brag: Paul Gallick reported three traction entries on display, and reminded us to vote after the meeting.

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... "Super," cont'd.

At least consider donating any sum you can manage to your association's initiative in Sacramento. And if you find yourself on the west coast, try to visit the rail museum in Sacramento. What a museum!

... Mike Hohn

Video Library: Bud Brock reported that the library has lots of videos available to borrow, and is in transition to a new record-keeping system.

Programs: Keith DeVault reported that the upcoming schedule is now firmed-up through the April Jamboree. Next meeting is Nov 18 in New Eagle. No meeting in December.

Jamboree: Grier Kuhn reported on progress. We're looking to boost attendance this year. He encouraged us to bring a friend... and to promote non-member attendance (non-members pay \$10 more, but that includes a FREE 6-month Railpass membership)

OLD BUSINESS – None Presented.

NEW BUSINESS –

Keith DeVault brought up the idea of the Division purchasing a second (newer) digital projector... to have as a backup for the current one, to provide a second unit for the Jamboree presentations, and also to take advantage of newer technology. A motion was made to spend up to \$1000 for the purchase of said projector, along with a hard carry case and a spare bulb. Motion was seconded and passed. Dennis Lippert will assist Keith in taking on this project.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dick Flock announced the 2013 Railroad Prototype Modelers East meet, to be held March 22/23 at the Greensburg Ramada (former the Sheraton Four Points).

Dick also mentioned that he will be participating in a Railroad photography show at the Latrobe Art Center, which will run from November thru December. www.latrobeartcenter.org

Dick also announced that the former model railroad club in Latrobe is becoming active again, with its' layout under new ownership.

Ned Kluth mentioned a recent visit to the RR Museum in Dennison OH, and recommended it to others who might find themselves in the area.

Keith Devault stated that we'd been approached about doing a meeting next summer at an outdoor location, and wanted to judge opinion on the idea. Being a nice sunny day, the consensus was that an outdoor meeting would be just fine!

With no other business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 3:11 PM.



Bring'n'Brag

October's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at The Mon Valley RR Club of West Virginia in Morgantown, WV. The theme of this month's contest was 'Traction', and there were three contest entries consisting of five models.

First place went to Tim Moffat for his two HO scale Pittsburgh Railways cars. Tim's models received 9 of the 22 votes cast. They included a model of a 1914 4200 series Low Floor Car, and a MOW Line Car Number M-210. Both cars were scratchbuilt by Tim.

Second place was won with 7 votes by Jim Kubanick for his O Scale Lake Shore Electric Car # 18. Jim built his car from a wooden LaBelle kit though the window guards and fenders were fabricated from brass stock. The # 18 car was from a series of coaches built by Barney & Smith and is recorded as having been the first interurban car to reach 100 mph.

Steve Ross garnered 6 votes to win third place with his HO scale Johnstown Traction Company PCC Trolley and St. Louis Car Company Trolley Coach. For the Post-war PCC car Steve started with a Bowser factory painted model. He moved the trolley pole retriever to be above the

PAUL GALLICK

rear windows, added a Pepsi-Cola bottle cap sign to the front, added a "Ride This Car" sign to the rear, and lightly weathered it with Bragdon's powders. For the Trolley bus he started with an American Precision Models old style GM bus. He added trolley poles, sanded off some light details, repainted and decaled it with custom made decals.

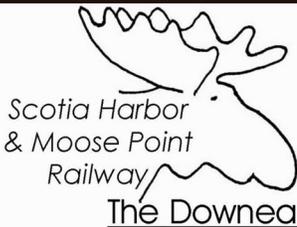


<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Steve Ross	31	Jim Kubanick	5
Marge Meehan	27	Hans Werner	5
John Ainsworth	16	Patrick Altdorfer	4
Bill DeFoe	12	Michael Hohn	4
Joe Lofland	12	Paul Boget	2
Dick Flock	11	Jim Dodds	2
Dennis Williams	9	Paul Gallick	2
Robert Hickman	8	Charlie Hallman	2
Andy Lorince	7	Howard Heltman	2
Gary Carmichael	6	Larry Kline	2
Joel Everly	6	Dennis Lippert	2
Tim Moffat	6	Dennis Vaccaro	2
Jim Whipple	6	Robbie Whipple	2



Steve Ross's PCC car (above) and trolley bus garnered 3d place in the B'n'B voting. John Polyak photos.





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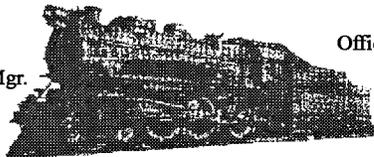


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McKeesport - McKeesport Model Railroad Club Holiday Open House, 2209 Walnut St., McKeesport, PA 15132; Phone: (412) 672-4490. Dates & Times:

Sat	Nov 10	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun	Nov 11	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri	Nov 16	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat	Nov 17	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun	Nov 18	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri	Nov 23	11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat	Nov 24	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun	Nov 25	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri	Nov 30	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat	Dec 1	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun	Dec 2	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri	Dec 7	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat	Dec 8	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun	Dec 9	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri	Dec 14	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat	Dec 15	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun	Dec 16	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri	Dec 21	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat	Dec 22	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun	Dec 23	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Wed	Dec 26	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Thurs	Dec 27	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri	Dec 28	11 a.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat	Dec 29	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun	Dec 30	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Mon	Dec 31	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri	Jan 4	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat	Jan 5	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun	Jan 6	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Fri	Jan 11	6 p.m. - 9 p.m.
Sat	Jan 12	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.
Sun	Jan 13	11 a.m. - 5 p.m.

	Friday	Saturday
11/30	7 - 11 PM	12/1 noon - 7 PM
12/7	7 - 11 PM	12/8 noon - 7 PM
12/14	7 - 11 PM	12/15 noon - 7 PM
12/21	6 - 11 PM	12/22 noon - 9 PM

Sunday 12/23, noon - 6 PM

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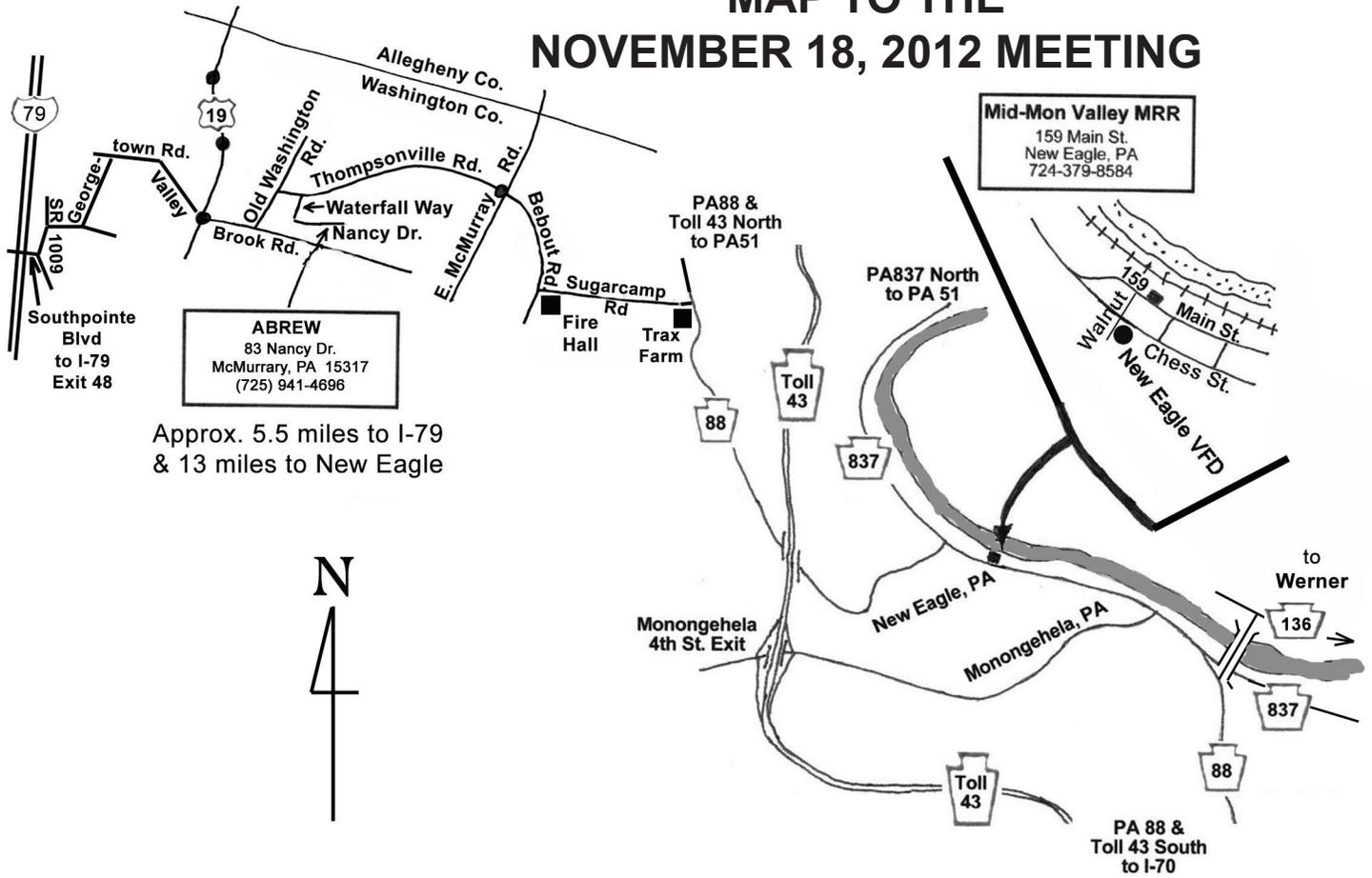
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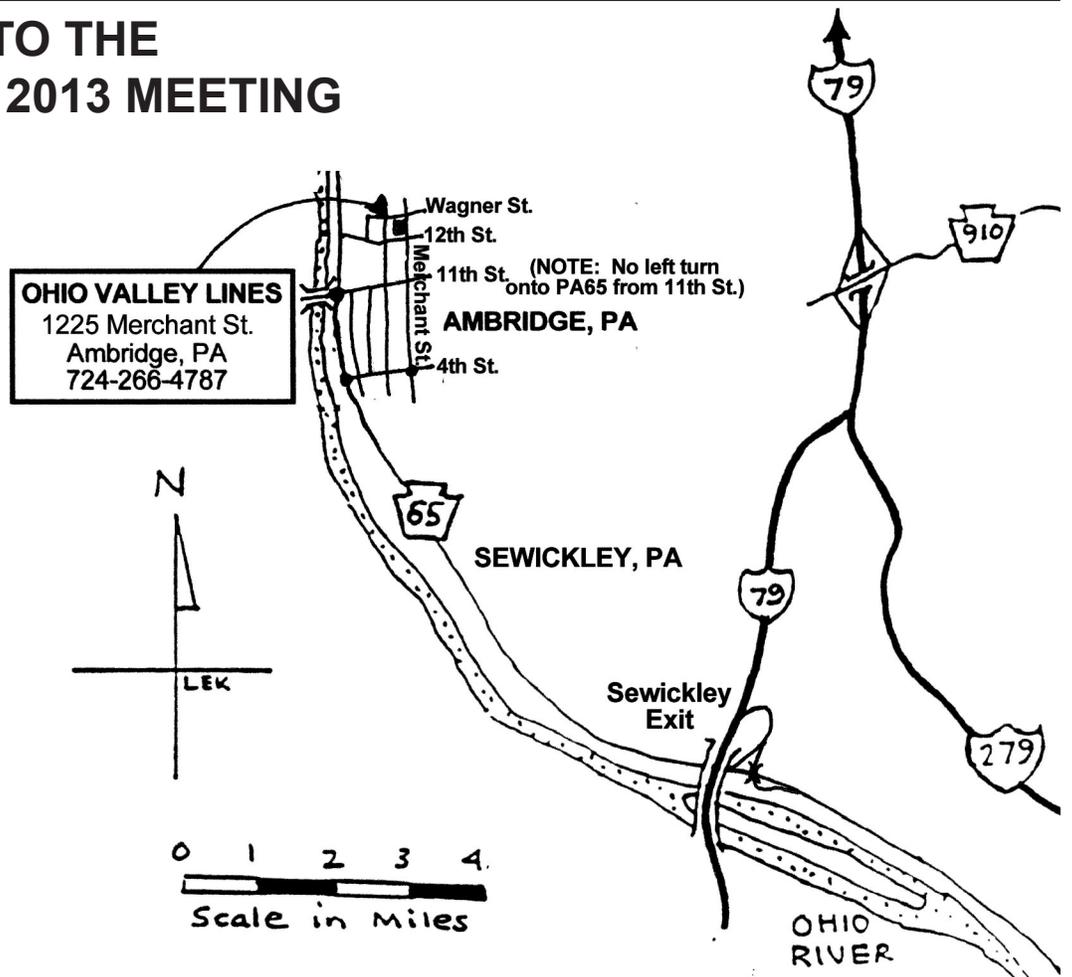
Tim Moffat's choice of Pittsburgh prototypes proved to be the most popular modeling subject among our provincial membership for the November B'n'B context. John Polyak photos.



MAP TO THE NOVEMBER 18, 2012 MEETING



MAP TO THE JANUARY 20, 2013 MEETING



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