

**MEETING DATE CHANGED TO JAN 27TH; NEW LOCATION, TOO**

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# THE *Keystone Flyer*

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Div. 2

## *Editor's Model of the Month* by Kevin Kuzman



### **Division Meeting Schedule**

**January 27** - Old Economy Village Visitors Center,  
270 16th St, Ambridge, PA 15003

Layout: Ohio Valley Lines, 1225 Merchant St

Layout open 12:30 PM

Meeting: 2:30 PM; Visitors Center open at 1:00 PM for  
B'n'B and Co. Store set-up

**February 17** - W. PA. Model RR Museum, 5507 Lake-  
side Dr, Gibsonsia, PA 15044

Layout open 1:30 PM

Meeting: 2:30 PM

Program: TBD

**March 17** - McKeesport Model RR Club, 2209 Walnut  
St, McKeesport, PA 15132

Layout open 1:30 PM

Meeting: 2:30 PM

**April 27** (Saturday) - **JAMBOREE**  
(Flyer & Registration Form, p. 7)

### **Bring'n'Brag**

<b>Jan</b>	Anything Goes
<b>Feb</b>	Intermodal Equipment
<b>Mar</b>	Steam Power
<b>May</b>	MOW Equipment
<b>Jun</b>	Off-Line Structures
<b>Aug</b>	Boxcars
<b>Sep</b>	Tank Cars
<b>Oct</b>	Interlocking/Switch/Yard Towers
<b>Nov</b>	Plants & Trees

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# From the Super's Desk

## Operations, Pt. 2

Back to operations. Whole books have been written on the subject, but I don't think I know enough to write a long article. Nevertheless, I've had some good times running railroads of my own or others, large and small, serious or

relaxed.

Perhaps the simplest approach to operating a model railroad is "swap the car." Let's assume you have railcars spotted at the industries around your layout in some kind of logical pattern, in other words, types of cars appropriate to what would be shipped to or from each switching location. "Swap the car" means simply that you run a train around the layout—or perhaps to just one town having a group of sidings—and pick up the cars spotted at each location and drop off a car of the same type, boxcar for boxcar, reefer for reefer, and so forth

While this sounds too simplistic to represent real life, think about it. Chances are a given industry has a fairly constant ebb and flow of cars, and the range of car types is limited. Some sources of revenue have very specific needs such as hoppers or pulpwood cars, and so the only thing that varies is the rate of cars coming in and the cars going out.

One variant is to have a pack of cards from which the operator pulls directives; for instance, faced with the order "deliver two boxcars to Acme Products" the operator drops off two boxcars and picks up any cars already spotted at that business. This has potential to add more variety to each session. By selecting just a few cards, only some of the industries will be switched out. The operator could pull enough cards to make up a full-length train, whatever that might be. Or, there could be several directives for a given industry that vary the type and number of car, within certain bounds of course.

Many variants and complications can be added to satisfy the user. For instance, it's reasonable to assume that cars originating from industries on your layout have goods shipped out on cars from your own railroad. Some industries might only be served by the railroad for shipping goods out, so all cars delivered to that industry should be home road cars, whereas other industries might receive raw materials or parts from foreign road cars but ship everything by truck. One coal mine might always receive home road empties, whereas another is owned by a foreign railroad and uses their cars.

All these methods are essentially "paperless" because the operator need not fill out any forms at all; nor does he or she need to read numbers off a car. In some ways they are about as realistic as most schemes published in books and magazines, especially if these directives are written in the form of waybills.

... *Mike Hohn*

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# Minutes

**DENNIS LIPPERT**

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Michael Hohn, at 2:32 PM.

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

Grier Kuehn stated that his name had been misspelled in the October minutes. The official copy has been corrected. Aside from that change, the minutes were approved as published.

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

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Company Store: Dick Flock reported availability of a couple of new books in the inventory, as well as some marked-down clearance items.

Membership: Tom Gaus reported that membership was down by a few this month. Our table at the Greenberg show netted zero new members this time around.

Web: Tom reported that he's working on a web page for the April Division 2 JAMBOREE.

Freemo: Bob Meier was not in attendance, and left no report.

Bring N Brag: Paul Gallick reported six entries in the month's Open Loads category. He also announced that the new scoring system (voted on months ago) will go into effect with the new year. It adds an additional point for a kitbashed model, and two points for scratchbuilding. He also reminded us to vote after the meeting.

Video Library: Bud Brock reported no news.

Programs: Keith DeVault reported that the upcoming schedule is now firmed-up through the April Jamboree. Next meeting is at the Ambridge Club in January.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro reported no news.

Highline to Pittsburgh: Susan Werner reported that she still has two pumphouse kits (paid) that haven't been picked up. She will mail them.

Jamboree: Grier Kuehn reported on progress. We're working to get a couple of nationally-known speakers to help spark attendance. Also trying a "mini diorama"

contest category... using a 4x4" square or 4" round base with "whatever fits" on top. Use imagination. Also, the price for the banquet will be \$3 LOWER this year.

## OLD BUSINESS

New digital projector: Keith DeVault has been doing research.

NEW BUSINESS – None presented.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Susan Werner announced that the Monesson Public Library had donated a collection of old VHS tapes (mostly sourced from even older film) to the New Eagle Model RR Club, and that they had in turn gotten them transferred to DVD. A total of 13 volumes. A copy of each has been donated to the Division 2 Video Library.

Dick Flock announced that he is participating in a Railroad photography show at the Latrobe Art Center, which will run from now thru December. [www.latrobeartcenter.org](http://www.latrobeartcenter.org)

With no other business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 3:18 PM.



## JAMBOREE UPDATE

NMRA PRESIDENT CHARLIE GETZ IS CONFIRMED AS A CLINICIAN AND BANQUET SPEAKER.

Those who have heard him speak before will know that he is both an informative clinician and a humorous and entertaining speaker, so this is an exciting turn of events for Division 2's Jamboree.



# Bring'n'Brag

## PAUL GALLICK

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. 2012's last contest category was "Open Loads" and there were six entries.

Marge Meehan won first place, receiving 11 of the 29 votes cast, for her even dozen N-scale Hopper, Gondola, and Flat car open loads. Marge scratch built all the loads from a wide assortment of materials.

Second place was won by Steve Ross for three HO scale open load models. Steve's models received 7 votes. They included an Athearn offset side twin hopper painted by Third Rail Graphics for the D&H with a load of simulated recycled glass, AMDC bulkhead flatcar with a Jaeger Products lumber products load, and a Bowser F30A flatcar which he painted and lettered and loaded with six upgraded Lifelike Farmall Super M farm tractors.

Third place was won by Larry Kline who received 4 votes for his set of O Scale Gondolas. Larry's models included Pipe, coil, and ingot mold loads.

Other entries to this month's contest included:

Charlie Hallman entered a hopper car with a cola load made from real coal.

Hans Warner entered a model of a 1948 Caterpillar as an open load.

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

Mike Hohn entered a scratchbuilt flatcar with a lumber load.

Kevin Kuzman brought in his Saratoga Mine and magazine article For 'Display Only'.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Bring 'n' Brag contest for 2012. Next January we start another contest cycle. Remember that starting next year there will be an extra point awarded for kitbashed models, and 2 extra points given for scratchbuilt models. Please note on your model description cards if your entry is scratchbuilt or kitbashed. Considering that first place has been decided by less than 4 points difference for the last five years, this change will impact who is the next Modeler of the Year winner. The categories for 2013 are listed on the front page, so get your models ready.

Congratulations to Steve Ross for winning the 2012 'Modeler of the Year'. The final standings for 2012's contest are as follows:

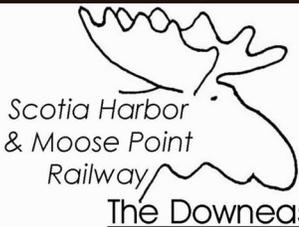
### Bring'n'Brag Standings:



Name	Points	Name	Points
Steve Ross	36	Tim Moffat	6
Marge Meehan	31	Jim Whipple	6
John Ainsworth	16	Jim Kubanick	5
Bill DeFoe	12	Patrick Altdorfer	4
Joe Lofland	12	Charlie Hallman	4
Dick Flock	11	Paul Boget	2
Dennis Williams	9	Jim Dodds	2
Robert Hickman	8	Paul Gallick	2
Andy Lorince	7	Howard Heltman	2
Hans Werner	7	Larry Kline	2
Gary Carmichael	6	Dennis Lippert	2
Joel Everly	6	Dennis Vaccaro	2
Michael Hohn	6	Robbie Whipple	2



Marge Meehan's most popular entry in the Bring'n'Brag contest for this month.



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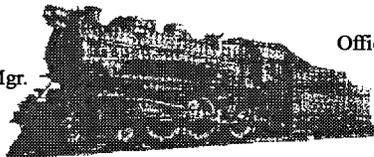
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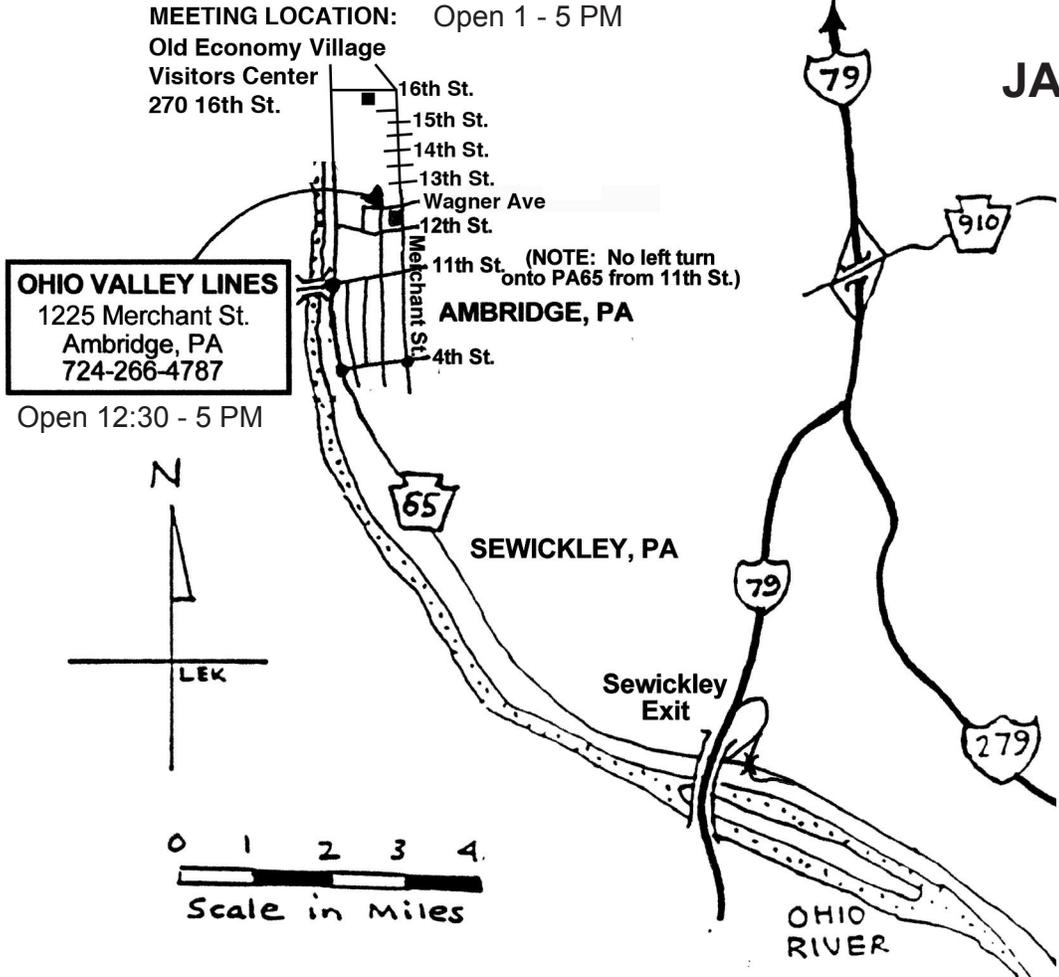


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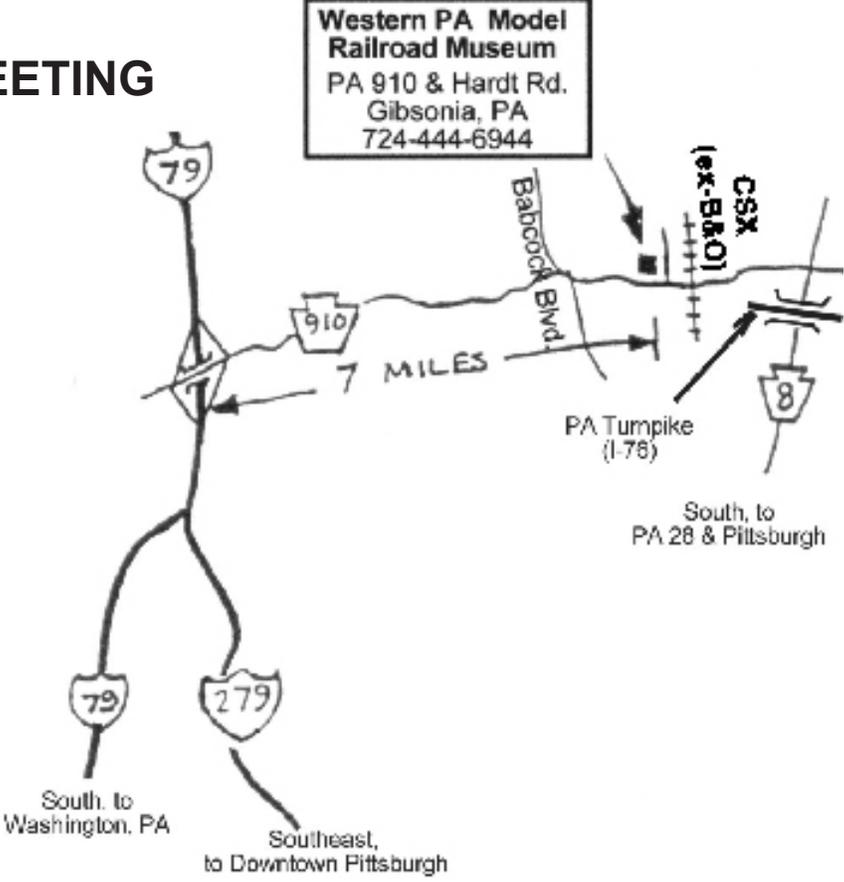
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# MAP TO THE FEBRUARY 17, 2013 MEETING





# 2013 PITTSBURGH MODEL RAILROAD JAMBOREE

**ENJOY A FULL DAY OF MODEL RAILROAD ACTIVITIES!**

**Saturday April 27, 2013  
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Registration information will be distributed upon arrival April 27th.  
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Program subject to change without notice.

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