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Div. 2



## *Editor's Model of the Month by Dom Candelore*

### **Division Meeting Schedule**

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

Layout open 1:30 PM

Meeting: 2:30 PM

Program: Paul Kotenus, "Continuous Welded Rail"

**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

## Jamboree . . . and Blogs

While I've missed a few Jamborees over the past twenty-plus years, the number is very small and the reasons were all good. Some years I had to be creative if I were to fit both model railroad fun and family

obligations into the same day. I recall driving from the Squirrel Hill area to a marching band contest in Baldwin; it was early evening, so I was driving much of the unfamiliar route in the dark. (It's possible I'm confusing a Jamboree with one of the Railroad Prototype Modeler's meets, but never mind.)

Sometimes I miss a morning of clinics, other times I had to skip the banquet. It was still worth the time and effort. I like running into fellow members of our division and I confess to missing a few clinics for a good conversation.

This year promises to be among the best with top-notch speakers and the dynamic Charlie Getz, NMRA President

*Gauge and Shortline Gazette* for years. I don't see how he has come up with interesting material six times a year for thirty years, and now he has a monthly column for the NMRA Magazine. Some speakers will be new to most of us, coming from outside the division. With our division having hosted the regional convention last year, the Jamboree committee had to try extra hard this year to avoid repetition.

If you've not been to a Jamboree in recent years, I can tell you the venue at Robert Morris University is excellent: pretty convenient to get to, fairly central to the division, parking right next to the Sewall Center where all activities take place; good food for lunch and banquet, and a modern facility.

More details will be forthcoming, but now is the time to put it on your NMRA calendar.

**Blogs.** I've discovered model railroad blogs. I long knew they existed, but now it seems many have hit their stride and are becoming more interesting to read. In case you don't know, a blog is ". . . a discussion or informational site published on the world wide web and consisting of discrete entries ("posts") typically displayed in reverse chronological order (the most recent post appears first) . . . most good quality blogs are interactive, allowing visitors to leave comments. . ." (Wikipedia)

Many are construction logs as the writer builds their layout while others are more points of view; most lie somewhere between these two extremes. They are generally very personal and chatty. Above all, they welcome comments from the reader. I think most or all are moderated by the owner so there is no nonsense such as spam or inappropriate content. Lance Mindheim writes one of my favorites these days with a mix of information on building and operating small switching layouts mixed with philosophy. If you get into reading blogs—and maybe

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# Minutes

**DENNIS LIPPERT**

## OLD BUSINESS

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

A round of thanks was given to the Ohio Valley Lines for sponsoring the meeting. The Old Economy site is an excellent venue, and we hope to be able to use it in the future.

Mike asked if there were any new members or guests in attendance. Greg Dixon came forward as a guest, who is planning to re-join.

The minutes of the November meeting were approved as published.

Treasurer's Report: Carl Volkwein read the combined November/December report, and it was filed for audit.

## COMMITTEE REPORTS

Company Store: Dick Flock was not present.

Membership: Tom Gaus reported that membership was down by a few this month. Our table at the Greenberg show netted one new member this time around. We're working on a few ideas for how to retain more members.

Web: Tom reported that he's always looking for submissions of club shows, etc for the website calendar.

Freemo: Bob Meier reported that the Greenberg Show was heavily attended, and also extended an invitation for folks to join the Freemo module group. We can always use a few more modules!

Bring N Brag: Paul Gallick reported on the Anything Goes category for this month. He also reminded everyone that the new scoring system is now in effect with the new year. It adds an additional point for a kitbashed model, and two points for scratchbuilding

Video Library: Bud Brock reported no news.

Programs: Keith DeVault reported that the upcoming schedule is now penciled-in through September. Next meeting is at the WPMRM in Gibsonia.

Achievement Program / Education: Dennis Vaccaro and Jack Pscherer were not present.

Jamboree: Advertising flyers are available. Take a handful to your Local Hobby Shop! Keith DeVault handed out flyers for the "fill the box" contest... our 4-inch diorama contest.

## THE KEYSTONE DIVISION

"Super," cont'd ...

leaving comments—you'll probably have favorites that you go back to frequently. I find them good reading over a coffee before friends show up in the morning, or to decompress at the end of a hard day.

... *Mike Hohn*

Larry Kline announced the upcoming RPM East prototype modelers event on March 21/22. It's a Division-sponsored event, held at the Ramada (former Sheraton Four Points) in Greensburg.

New digital projector: Keith DeVault is working with Dennis Vaccaro on this, should have one in time for the Jamboree.

NEW BUSINESS – None presented.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was mentioned that everyone should drop by and support their local hobby shops. In most cases, these guys donate door/raffle prizes for the Jamboree and such, and should be thanked for their support!

Jerry Kyslinger spoke about the schedule mix-ups for today's meeting... and apologized for any confusion that was caused. We also acknowledged that by rescheduling away from the Greenberg Show, we managed to "stomp on" the New Eagle show.

Neal Schorr announced a limited-run Erie Lackawanna 70-ton 12-panel open hopper that's being done by Joe Lofland of JIL Models. He had a few flyers on hand.

Bob Meier announced that a friend of his in the North Hills passed away recently, and the family is looking for a good home for some used layout lumber. Contact Bob if you are interested.

Bob Evans reported that his Ohio Valley Lines Free Train Set project for local kids assembled and gave away 115 refurbished train sets this season, bringing their three-year total to 285. Jerry Kyslinger called for a round of applause for Bob's efforts.

Joel Everly reported that the Steubenville club had put together a successful public "introduction to model railroading" day at the Public Library in the fall, with 16 attendees. They also said that they are looking to do something like the "Route 30 Tour", which would have one of their layouts open each weekend for a casual open-house. It sounds like an interesting idea!

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



# Bring'n'Brag

**PAUL GALLICK**

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Welcome to the 2013 season of the NMRA MCR Keystone Division 2 Bring 'n' Brag contest. January's contest was held at the Old Economy Village Visitor's Center in Ambridge, PA. As is normally the case, this first month of the year's contest theme is "Anything Goes," and seven entries were received.

First Place was won by Dom Candelore for his three scratchbuilt O Scale cars. Dom's models received 11 of the 30 votes cast. His models included a B&O C-15 and a PRR B-60 baggage cars and a PRR F-29 flatcar with load. The cars were made from brass bars and sheet, copper sheets and wooden roofs on the baggage cars. All the rivet details were hand punched. In addition all the cars had complete underbody details. Dom will receive two extra points for scratchbuilding these excellent looking models.

John Ainsworth won Second Place with 6 votes for his O-Scale Steeplecab model. He started with an old body and frame that he acquired at a train show for less than \$10. He added a large number of scratchbuilt parts including the Pantograph, roof appliances, headlight, truck side frames, handrails and end foot boards. The original body had no rivet detail, so he applied Micro-Mark's scale rivet decals before painting. John will receive one extra point for kitbashing the base model that he super detailed.

Third Place went to Dennis Lippert for his set of weathered HO Scale cars. Dennis' models received 5 votes. For these cars Dennis used acrylic craft paints instead of artist-oil paints which he normally uses. He reports the paints are easy to work with and dry quickly.

Bob Hickman entered a diorama with three HO Scale City Classics buildings. Bob painted and added signage to the buildings.

Larry Kline entered a West Penn center door trolley built from a St. Petersburg Tram resin body. He added metal seats for weight and he powered the originally unpowered model with a Q Car Co. power truck. He reused the dummy sideframes with new scratchbuilt bolsters. Larry will receive one extra point for kitbashing his entry.

Joel Everly entered an HO Scale City Classics building which he painted and lettered as an Isaly's Dairy/Deli using signs he printed from internet photographs.

Greg Dixon entered a set of HO scale open auto racks using Accurail racks on BCMA and Walthers flats.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. Next month's modeling contest theme will be "Intermodal Equipment."

## Bring'n'Brag Standings:



<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Dom Candelore	8	Bob Hickman	2
John Ainsworth	6	Joel Everly	2
Dennis Lippert	4	Greg Dixon	2
Larry Kline	3		

## JAMBOREE UPDATE

*We need your help to recruit new attendees!  
Won't you please ask a friend or two to attend?*

*We have a great slate of clinics lined up along with a new contest!*

*Everything you need to get started on your entry is in this Flyer!*

*More details on clinics next month.*

*Check [www.keystonedivision.org](http://www.keystonedivision.org) for the latest news.*

Many years ago  
we had a "Shake the Box Contest."  
Now for 2013 it's the all-new

## FILL THE BOX CONTEST! (or fill the circle if you prefer)

That's right. It's the new special contest category for our upcoming 2013 Jamboree!

The rules are simple - build any scene or model that can fit in a 4" square or 4" diameter circle.\* Entries may be any height or scale, serious or whimsical and just about anything that will fit in this space. Whatever strikes your fancy.

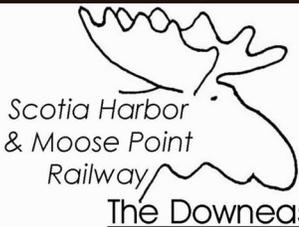
We've even given you templates to use for your entry! (but please use something more substantial than this piece of paper)

Have fun using your imagination, modeling skills and magnifying glass to come up with an entry.

A winner will be chosen by popular vote during the 2013 Jamboree and given a plaque for their achievement

Let's get to work!

\* Yes, we are fully aware that you get less square inches in a circle, but those are the rules. The 4" does not apply to any frame or display base that is not part of your actual entry.



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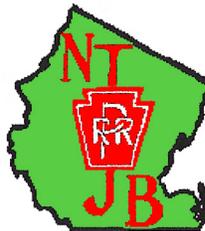
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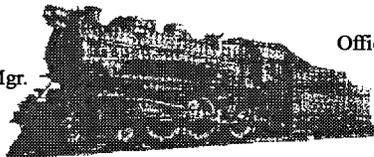
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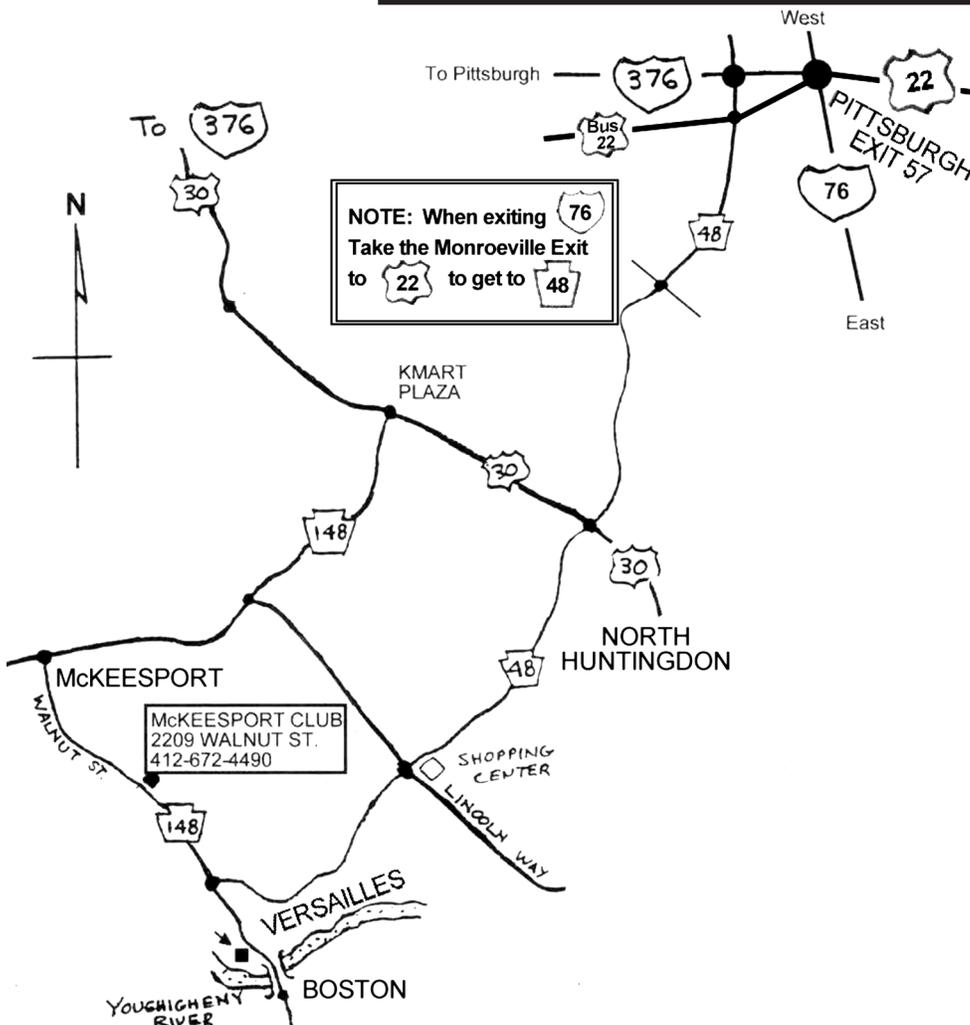
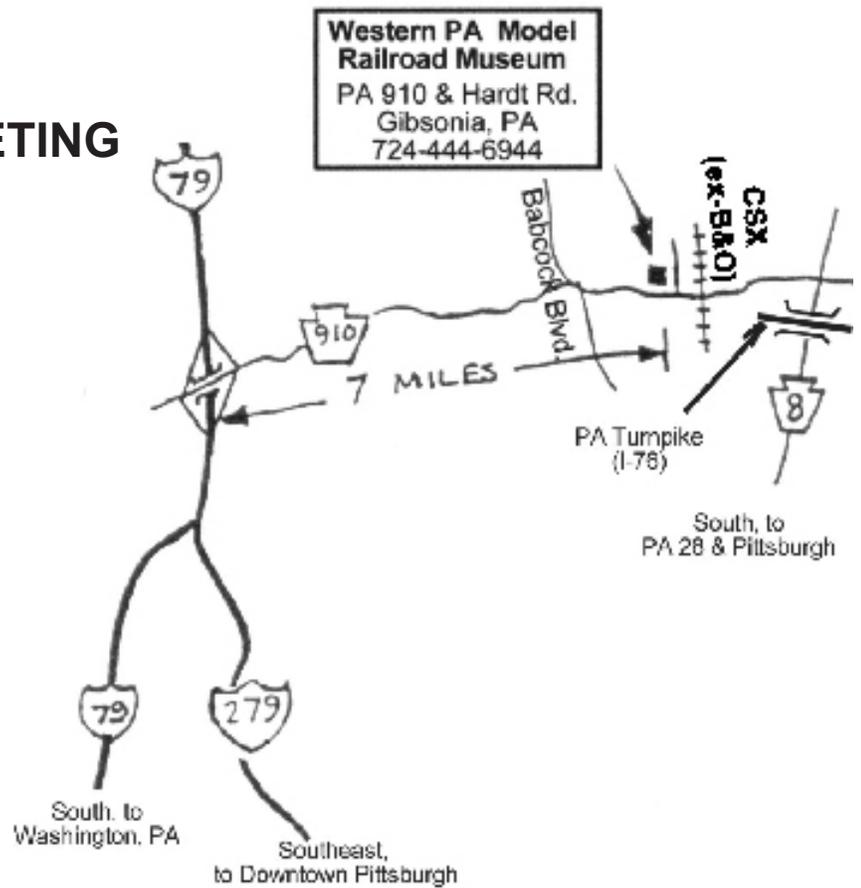


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# MAP TO THE MARCH 17, 2013 MEETING



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