

June 2013



Vol. 55, Issue 6

# THE *Keystone Flyer*

MCR  
Div. 2



## *Editor's Model of the Month by John Ainsworth*

### **Division Meeting Schedule**

**June 23** - PA Trolley Museum, 1 Museum Rd, Washington, PA 15301

Classic Auto Show beginning 10:00 AM

Gather for Trolley Ride at 1:30 PM; meeting to follow

**July** - No Meeting

**August 18** - Annual Picnic, Henley Park, Ferry Street, Leetsdale, PA 15056

### **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

**Submission Deadline for the August Flyer:**

**July 27, 2013**

Visit us on the World Wide Web at  
<http://www.keystonedivision.org>



# From the Super's Desk

## On The Shelf

If you are new to our division, please note that we do not hold a meeting in July; we pick up again with the annual picnic in August. In addition to trains, the picnic fare, and model railroad conversation, we have the usual business meeting with bring and

brag. Come and have a good time. Meanwhile, we meet this month at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum.

Speaking of meetings, many of you know that I attended the regional convention in Dayton, Ohio rather than the monthly division meeting that took place in Altoona; one of my responsibilities as an officer of our division is to attend a semiannual business meeting of regional officers.

Getting back to Altoona, I am interested in what you thought about holding the meeting in a neighboring region, so feedback please!!

The regional convention last month was one of the best I attended from the standpoint of clinics, layouts, and

organization in general. It is always challenging to hold one of these conventions near the geographic limits of our region, which is why we have to work so hard in Pittsburgh. They did a good job. Here are a few of my observations.

First, regarding clinics: the overall theme of the convention this year was on operations, uniting varied talks and workshops on layout design, use of timetables, basic operations, prototype practice, and related issues. One of the most enjoyable clinics for me covered the subject of shelf layouts, small switching layouts that can keep several people busy for an extended period of time if planned well and operated in a manner that simulates the prototype. No, I'm not talking about the famous (infamous?) "time saver," which is more of a switching puzzle than a trackplan imitating a prototype. Shelf layouts have been around for a long time, but interest in prototypically-planned layouts seems to be on the rise, perhaps as we realize we have time for building only so much of a mainline.

Many of the illustrations were from track plans in the Kalmbach annual publication on layout design, but most were from the British magazine *Railway Modeler*, which I recommend to anybody interested in this kind of layout, as well as intrigued by detailed modeling in limited space to a fairly high standard (not ridiculously high, however.) I've enjoyed reading this magazine for more than a decade; while editor of the *Keystone Flyer*, I often picked up a copy at the Borders bookstore near South Hills Village mall after dropping off the flyer at the Northside bulk mail center. Alas, the bookstore is gone, but now I have a subscription.

Regarding layouts—I visited seven in one day—I noticed that all used dcc systems for control, although they varied in brand. All of the layouts were built to a high standard and had reached a high level of completion. Most were freelance, with perhaps a core appearance in equipment and scenery corresponding to an actual railroad. However, one of the simplest but most impressive layouts is based on a terminal along the PRR. The overall scheme is basically a long oval, one side devoted to the terminal,

See "Super," p. 3 ...

The *Keystone Flyer* is published ten times a year by Division Two of the National Model Railroad Association, Mid-Central Region.

Subscription to the *Flyer* is included with your NMRA membership if you reside within the geographical boundaries of Division Two. Additional, or non-member, yearly subscriptions are available for \$5.00. Make checks payable to: Division Two, NMRA-MCR and send with name, address, and phone number to Vagel Keller, Editor, P. O. Box 5130, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

Pike ads are available to publicize your home or club model rail empires for a \$15.00 yearly fee. You may supply artwork or have it produced by the editor for a nominal fee. Pike ads are also posted on the Division's website: <http://www.keystonedivision.org>

### Keystone Division Officials

#### Superintendent

Michael Hohn  
(304) 296-6303  
mehohn@frontier.com

#### Clerk

Dennis Lippert  
724-601-1417  
denlippert@comcast.net

#### Asst. Superintendent, Meetings & Programs

Keith DeVault  
(304) 599-5261  
devaultkj@comcast.net

#### Treasurer

Carl Volkwein  
(724) 941-6954

#### Achievement Program

Dennis Vaccaro  
(724) 929-2190  
vaccaro\_dennis@yahoo.com

#### Company Store

Dick Flock  
(724) 850-8882  
jlerr337@verizon.net

Loren McCullough  
(724) 379-8596

lorenmcc@verizon.net

#### Bring'n'Brag

Paul Gallick  
p.gallick@gmail.com

#### Webmaster & Membership

Tom Gaus  
(412) 731-8846  
webmaster@  
keystonedivision.org

#### Module Committee

Bob Meier  
SD45Bob@aol.com

#### Education Chair

Jack Pscherer  
(412) 731-6795  
JE1work@aol.com

#### Editor

Vagel Keller  
(412) 441-7881  
vckeller@comcast.net

# Minutes

**DENNIS LIPPERT**

The meeting was called to order by our Assistsnt Superintendent, Keith DeVault at 2:05 PM.

This meeting's location was outside of our normal area... held in conjunction with a day-long modeling event hosted by the club and their local NMRA division. Despite the "remote" location, the meeting was well-attended.

No new members or guests were recognized.

Carl Volkwein was present, but did not have a formal Treasurers Report on hand.

The minutes of the April 27th meeting (at the Jamboree) were approved as published.

## COMMITTEES

Programs: Keith DeVault reported that our meeting schedule is fill-out for the rest of the calendar year. June 23 is at the PA Trolley Museum, NO July Meeting, then the August Picnic in Leetsdale.

Keystone Flyer: Vagel Keller reported that the due date for the July Flyer is June 7.

Bring N Brag: Paul Gallick reported that several fine entries were shown in the Maintenance of Way category. Please vote!

Company Store: Dick Flock was not present. No report.

Video Library: Bud Brock not present, no report.

Membership/Web: Tom Gaus reported that membership is up by 3 this month, we got a handful of new Railpass members from the Jamboree. Web traffic was way up, on account of the Jamboree, as well.

Freemo: Dennis Lippert reported that we have gotten confirmation from Greenberg's for a 25x35 space at the July 13/14 show in Monroeville.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro reported no activity, aside from a couple of qualified models having been judged at the Jamboree last month.

## OLD BUSINESS

Keith reported that the Division's new digital projector is in-hand, and he thanked Dennis V for assistance in the acquisition.

The Jamboree's attendance was UP to 147 people... 20 of whom were new to the event. It appears to have been a success in all aspects. It was pointed out that the contest winners should be published in the Flyer. Paul and Vagel will work to make that happen.

NEW BUSINESS: None presented.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Next meeting June 23 at the Trolley Museum.

With no other business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 2:19 PM.



**THE KEystone Division**



Scene on the O-scale layout of the Altoona Association of Model Railroaders, our hosts for the May meeting.

"Super," cont'd from p. 2:

including passenger and freight stations and additional switching locations, and the other side to staging. In talking with the owner, it was clear that he regularly holds operating sessions, whci are challenging even on a layout that probably sounds from what I've written as very simple. He also remarked that the layout design and operating scheme is much like those for layouts appearing in Railway Modeler, the second reference to that magazine and layout design philosophy I heard during the convention.

Next year, no regional convention will be held as our region hosts the national convention in Cleveland. I'm already looking at my schedule.

... *Mike Hohn*

May's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at the Altoona Association of Model Railroader's in Altoona, PA. The theme for this month's contest was 'Maintenance of Way Equipment' and there were three entries.

Dom Candelore won First Place for his O-Scale MOW train garnering 12 of the 21 votes cast. His train included two Atlas boxcars, an X-29 and an X-26, which he weathered, two flatcars, one from a Westbrook kit which was extensively retrofitted with new brake rigging stirrups and trucks and the second car scratchbuilt from basswood and brass on a Westbrook centersill, a MTH Burro crane converted from 3-rail to 2-rail with new trucks and couplers, and an Aux Fuel tender reworked from a Max Gray Imports K-4. Rounding out the train he included two Weaver Models Troop Sleepers and a Gems Models B-6 Switcher.

With 8 votes received, John Ainsworth won Second Place with his set of MOW equipment. All of his models were scratchbuilt from plans published in 'Model Railroader Magazine.' His crane represented a Link-Belt railroad crane built in the 1920's, and was made entirely from brass excepting the trucks and couplers. The Boom car is based on plans for a PRR F30e and was also made from brass

except for the wooden deck. Finally his Rail and Tie car was built from plans in an article in the October 1968 issue based on a Canadian National prototype. Third Place was won by Bob Hickman for his UP Rotary Snow Plow Train in HO scale. Bob used a Walther's Alco Rotary Snow plow with an Atlas NREGenset engine.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. Next month's contest category is "Off-Line Structures."

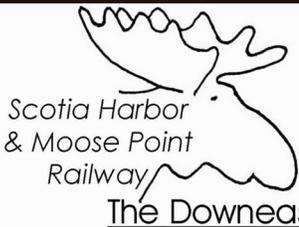
### Bring'n'Brag Standings:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Dom Candelore	23	Dennis Lippert	4
John Ainsworth	20	Greg Dixon	3
Larry Kline	11	Charlie Hallman	2
Bill DeFoe	9	Joel Everly	2
Joe Lofland	7	Andy Lorince	2
Bob Hickman	6		



Above: Dom Candelore's B'n'B 1st Place MOW train included this crane and idler car. Below, Bob Hickman's Rotary.





Scotia Harbor  
& Moose Point  
Railway

The Downeast Route

Susan Werner, CEO  
292 Salem Church Rd.  
Belle Vernon, PA 15012  
swerner48@yahoo.com

### Cumberland and Lake Erie Railroad



"The Laurel Ridge Route"

D. E. Baker, V.P. of Operations  
118 Laurlis Lane, Johnstown, PA 15904 dbakerr@aol.com



### HUNTINGDON NORTHERN RAILWAY



"THE ALLEGHENY ROUTE"

R.J. Prehoda, Operations Manager

Serving Southwestern Pennsylvania with connections to:  
B&O, CP&W, Erie Lackawanna, N&W, NYC, P&WV, PRR, WM



### Turtle Creek Railroad

"The Hardshell Route"

Serving the Center of the Universe

Ken Hanawalt (724) 941-3186  
Carl Volkwein (724) 941-6954

**Snappy Service** email: turtlecreekrailroad@yahoo.com

### FREEPORT AND CONEMAUGH

The Yellowjacket Line



### SALTSBURG AND SLICKVILLE

Serving PA Coal Country

Robert Livrone, Owner/Operator Lower Burrell, PA

### THE DUNADIN & DRAGON'S LAIR RAILROAD

Loren J. McCullough - CEO  
159 Donora Rd.  
Monongahela, PA 15603 - 3725  
loren.mccullough@comcast.net



Part of the WEST COLUMBIA SYSTEM



### WEST VIRGINIA CENTRAL & PITTSBURG RAILWAY

E. ROY WARD  
719 ROLLING HILLS RD.  
RUFFSDALE, PA 15679  
(724) 696-3028



### Mon Valley Railroad Club

of West Virginia

128 Pleasant St.

Downtown Morgantown, WV

Meeting Thursdays at 7:00 pm

Call (304) 284-9567 for more details

HO/HOn3



### Blacklog & Shade Gap Eastern Railroad

Vagel Keller, Gen'l. Manager  
vckeller@comcast.net

Follow our construction progress online at:  
[http://www.railroad-line.com/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC\\_ID=22893](http://www.railroad-line.com/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=22893)



### Richard H. Flock, CEO

337 Elm Drive  
Greensburg, PA 15601  
724-850-8882

### PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

MIDDLE DIVISION

"The Standard Railroad of the World!"

Neal A. Schorr NMRA #69443  
Owner & Chief Engineer  
Wexford, PA



### PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD NORTH JERSEY BRANCH

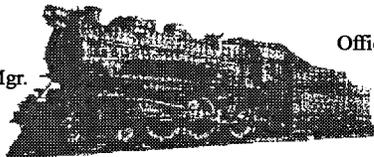
John W. Wesner

Owner & Chief Engineer

3844 Henley Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235  
412-731-7393 wesnerj@asme.org

### KNOXVILLE INNERCONNECTING RAILROAD

Mel Dithrich  
Pres. & Gen. Mgr.



Office: 236 Alice St.  
Pittsburgh, PA  
15210

H.O. NMRA 8C48



HO Scale

Robert F. Hickman  
Pittsburgh, PA  
EMAIL: wvho@aol.com

### PENN WEST STREETCAR LINE Under Construction

Owner  
&  
Chief Engineer



### FORKS RIDGE RAILWAY

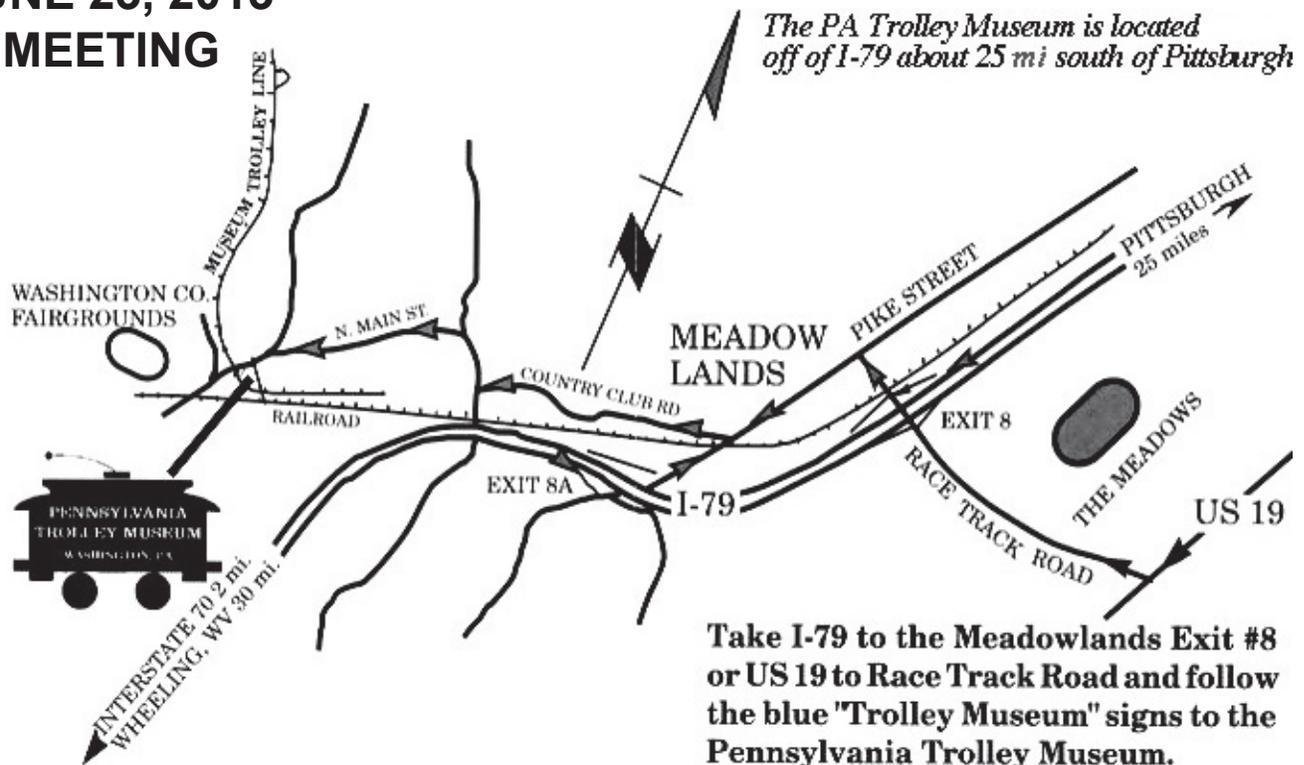


Gary P. Nastase-President & CEO  
Kathleen A. Nastase-Train Wifey  
207 State Street  
Woodbury, PA 16695  
gpnastase@aol.com

Route  
of  
the  
Whitetail

YOUR PIKE AD COULD BE IN THIS SPACE  
FOR ONLY \$15.00 / YR  
NEED HELP WITH ARTWORK?  
WE'LL DO IT FOR YOU FOR A NOMINAL FEE.  
HELP DEFRAY THE COST OF PUBLISHING  
THE FLYER - CONTACT THE EDITOR TODAY!

# MAP TO THE JUNE 23, 2013 MEETING



**Take I-79 to the Meadowlands Exit #8 or US 19 to Race Track Road and follow the blue "Trolley Museum" signs to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum.**

Phone: (724) 228-9256



Join us at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum!

## **Jamboree Switching Contest Results**

- 1st Place - Dave James and Jerry Kreuger - 25:34
- 2nd Place - Jeff Gregg - 25:39
- 3rd Place - Blaine Reynolds and Charlie Hallman - Outlawed

After making all required moves, a mere 5 seconds separated first and second place! The third place team did not complete all moves before running out of time.

Through an oversight these results were not announced at the Jamboree ... our apologies.

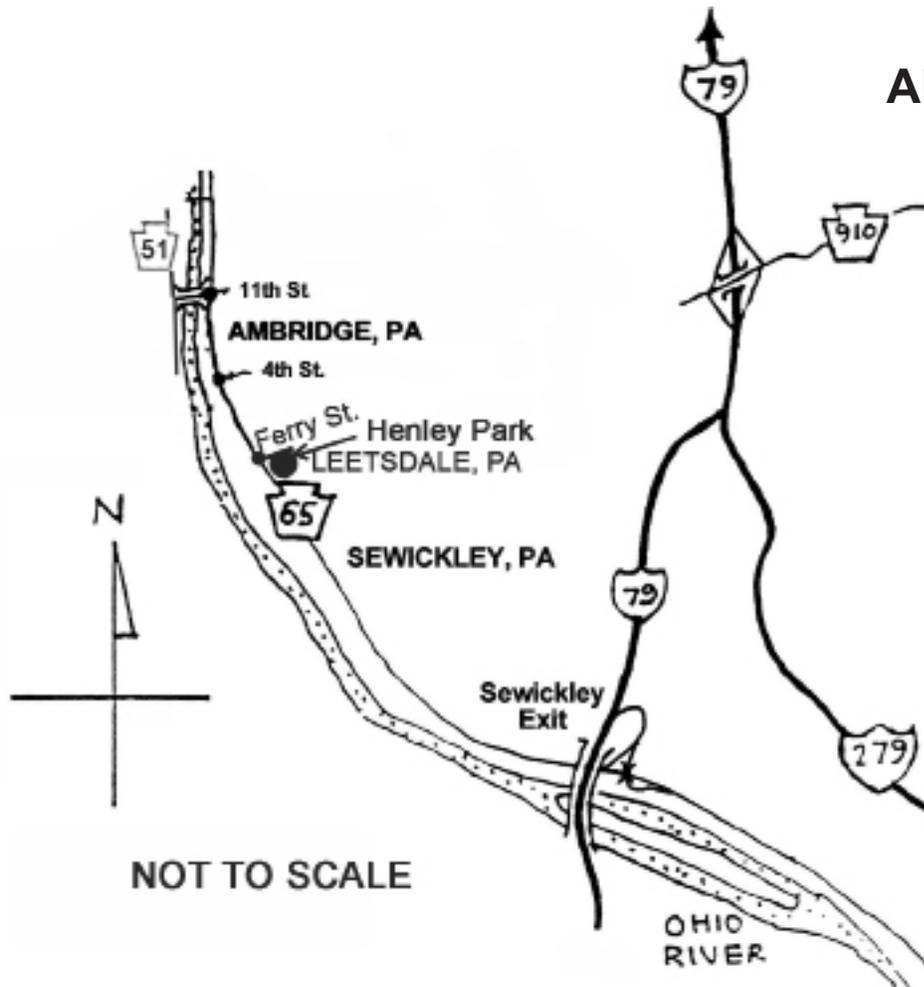
## **Model Railroad Estate Sale**

October 5, 2013 from 9:00am to 2:00pm.

An HO liquidation sale will be held by Division 2 at **Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church**. Sale includes new and used items. Over 30 locomotives, Some with decoders and sound, freight and passenger cars, built and kits, scenery materials, Structures, built and kits, Tortoise switch machines Code 100 track, Peco switches. Digitract DCC system, tools and parts. Please pass this on to others.

**All sales cash only.**

## MAP TO THE AUGUST 18, 2013 PICNIC



### Division 2 Picnic

**Where:** Henley Park, Leetsdale, PA -- Same place as last year.

**When:** Sunday August 18, 2013. We'll start gathering at 12:30 and aim to have food ready around 1:00. The business meeting will follow, while everyone is napping from all the good food.

**Food:** The division will supply meat, bread, and sodas. **IMPORTANT: please contact Keith DeVault with the number of people in your party and the covered dish you will be bringing.** Contact information is below. Bring 1 serving for every item you will put on your plate (usually 6) times the number in your party.

**Parking:** Lots of parking on the street.

**Seating:** We do have a shelter with tables, but some space is needed for food and Bring n Brag. You might want to bring a folding chair for long-term comfort. It's up to you.

**Contact Information:** Keith DeVault, 304-276-2509 (cell); 304-599-5261 (home)  
e-mail: devaultkj@comcast.net. Call or email with the number in your party, what covered dish you will be bringing, and any questions.

**The Keystone Flyer**  
 Division Two, NMRA, MCR  
 266 Gateshead Drive  
 McMurray, PA 15317

Non-Profit  
 Organization  
 U. S. Postage  
 PAID  
 Pittsburgh, PA  
 PERMIT No.  
 2819

**ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED**



**NEXT MEETING:**  
 June 23, 2013  
 Pennsylvania Trolley Museum  
 Washington, PA

<p><b>Western Pennsylvania</b> Est. 1938  <b>Model Railroad Museum</b></p> <p>(724) 444-6944 5507 Lakeside Drive, Gibsonia, Pa. 15044      Formerly the Pittsburgh Model Railroad Historical Society</p>	<p> <b>MID-MON VALLEY</b>  <b>MODEL RAILROAD</b>  <b>CLUB</b> </p> <p><b>159 Main Street, New Eagle, PA</b>  <b>Meetings: Fridays 7:30 pm</b></p>
<p> <b>McKEESPORT</b>™  <b>MON-YOUGH</b>  <b>VALLEY R.R.</b>  <b>MODEL R.R. CLUB</b></p> <p>Visitors Welcome  <b>MEMBERSHIP OPEN</b></p> <p>2209 Walnut Street      McKeesport, PA      Open Wednesday &amp; Friday Evenings</p>	<p> <b>OHIO VALLEY</b>  <b>LINES</b>  <b>INC.</b></p> <p><i>Model Railroad, Museum, and Library</i></p> <p>A modeler's information resource!      OPEN Every Monday: 7:30 - 10 PM</p> <p><b>PHONE (724) 266-4787</b>      E-Mail: ohiovalleylines@yahoo.com</p>
<p><b>All aspects of "S":</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scale • Narrow Gauge</li> <li>• Hirail • American Flyer</li> </ul> <p>Monthly meetings      Two portable layouts  <b>Membership open</b>      Contact: Jon Knox 724-287-6829</p> 	<p> <b>BEAVER COUNTY</b>  <b>MODEL RAILROAD and HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b> </p> <p>416 6th St.      Monaca, PA 15061  Visitors Welcome</p> <p>Worknights: Tuesdays 7:30  <a href="http://www.bcmrr.railfan.net">www.bcmrr.railfan.net</a></p>