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Editor's Model of the Month by John Ainsworth

Division Meeting Schedule

September 15 - Schiappa Library, 4141 Mall Drive, Steubenville OH 43952

ORNRy Bunch layouts open 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (except 1/2 hr before and after meeting)

Meeting at 2:30 PM

Program: Alan Hall, "Advice for First-time Train Travelers"

October 20 - Norwin Public Library, 1 Caruthers Ln, Irwin, PA 15642

Layouts: TBA

Meeting at 2:30 PM

November 17 - New Eagle VFD, 156 Chess St, New Eagle, PA 15067

Bring'n'Brag

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

Submission Deadline for the October Flyer:

September 23, 2013

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From the Super's Desk

Unfinished Projects

How many projects on your model railroad need that final push to completion?

I don't mean endless projects such as "more scenery" and "make more trees." Rather, I mean projects like "letter that boxcar" and "paint the backdrop,"

in other words, projects with clear end points. Of course, if your goal is to build a dozen PRR H-21 hoppers, the work can seem endless, and pointless if you do not have a clear reason for building those cars.

A couple of months ago, a young member of the Morgantown group asked me how many projects I had in the works. I don't know if he was awed by my productivity, skeptical of my goal-setting ability, or needling me for my lack of control. Nevertheless his question became a challenge and something I needed to answer, at least to myself. So here's the inventory of the projects I have well along their way to completion:

1. B & O tower at Rowlesburg, WV for our group's modules
2. Southern Central Passenger depot and offices at Auburn, NY for my own layout
3. Coal trestle for a wagon factory
4. Two Grand Trunk boxcars for the home layout
5. Auburn Freight house

That's not to mention the two frames built for carriage cars from the 1890's; three frames for Lehigh Valley boxcars built in the late 1880's; and the Central of Vermont boxcar, two Lehigh Valley reefers, and two Milwaukee cars needing paint and decals. All these have been put aside as I concentrate on structures after several years of building rolling stock almost exclusively.

Of course, each project has a perfectly rational reason for its state of incompleteness:

1. The tower is mostly painted and ready for final assembly once I paint the large windows in front. In the last week I found out from Gary Deavers how this one little window appeared, which will take about two minutes to build, then I can finish this project.

2. Except for painting the 26 doors and windows and two brackets, the depot is ready for final assembly. I just need to set up my airbrush and do the painting.

3. The coal trestle is ready to assemble, with all the parts stained and weathered.

4. The box cars have been put aside until I get the structures completed. With few building on the layout and so many boxcars in my yard, the incomplete depot and freight house are more noticeable than a couple more pieces of rolling stock.

5. I am working on the freight house most actively right now since having it done will give additional switching locations; just have the doors and roof to do. Uh oh, do I have enough shingle material?

I'm good at making progress almost every day, so I should be checking items off the list over the next few weeks. Meanwhile, I started a crossing tower a week ago. Maybe I am out of control!

... Mike Hohn

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Minutes



The meeting was called to order by our Superintendent, Mike Hohn at 2:08 PM.

This meeting's location was outdoors, and the weather largely cooperated, despite threatened storms. The group thanked John Gallagher for again making the arrangements for the site.

One new member was recognized: Bob DiBenedetto? No guests were recognized, aside from spouses and family members.

Carl Volkwein was not present, and no Treasurers Report was on hand.

The minutes of the June meeting were approved as published.

COMMITTEES

Keystone Flyer: Vagel Keller reported that the due date for the next Flyer is Aug 26.

Programs: Keith DeVault reported that our upcoming schedule includes Steubenville in September, the Norwin Library in October, and New Eagle in November. LOOK FOR CHANGES to the layouts for September – the map in the August Flyer WILL be updated before the September issue!

Company Store: Dick Flock was present., but the store inventory was not. The Division will be hosting (and benefitting from) an ESTATE SALE to be held on Oct 5. Look elsewhere in this Flyer and next month for details.

Membership/Web: Tom Gaus reported that membership is up by 1 this month. Web site has been updated with all currently-known Division events.

The group thanked Tom for doing the cooking chores for the day's festivities!

Freemo: Bob Meier reported that we have applied for a spot at the November Greenberg show, but have not yet received confirmation. We're also contemplating our

options for attending the 2014 NMRA National in Cleveland... either as a standalone layout, or merging with another Freemo.

Bring N Brag – Paul Gallick reported EIGHT entries on display. Vote!

Video Library: Bud Brock had no report.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro reported that a few folks have submitted paperwork recently, which is crawling thru the process. There was a discussion of "what qualifies for 'volunteer points'?" in terms of AP scoring.

Welcoming Committee: Susan was not present, no report.

OLD BUSINESS – None presented.

NEW BUSINESS: None presented.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Keith DeVault thanked everyone for coming to the picnic. An informal show of hands showed a strong opinion in favor of come back to the same location for the picnic again next year.

With no other business to transact, the meeting was adjourned at 2:28 PM.



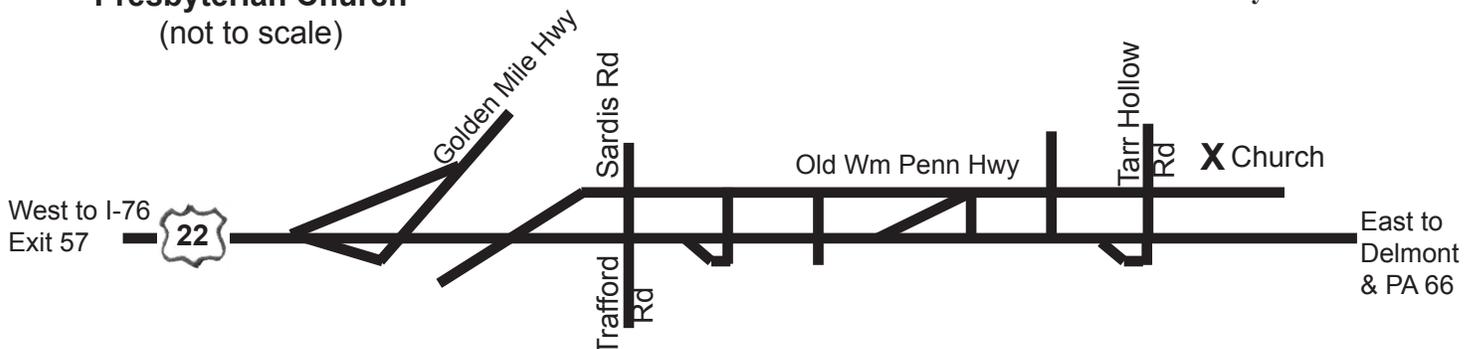
Model Railroad Estate Sale

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

An HO liquidation sale will be held by Division 2 at **Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church, 4600 Old William Penn Hwy, Murrysville, PA 15668**. 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, Tortise 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 Newlonsburg Presbyterian Church (not to scale)



Bring'n'Brag

August's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at the annual Division 2 summer picnic at Henley Park in Leetsdale, PA. This month's contest category was "Boxcars" and there were eight entries.

John Ainsworth won First Place with his HO scale scratchbuilt Southern Ry. Tobacco Hogshead Boxcar. John's model received 9 of the 17 votes cast. The model was built from styrene with CalScale AB brakes and Central Valley trucks. John used pieces of three different sets of Microscale decals to letter his model. John received points for scratchbuilding in the totals for his model.

Second place was won by Dom Candelore with 4 votes for his two On3 East Broad Top wooden boxcars. The models were built from FEBT Plan Service resin kits with added brake parts, air lines, and steps. His cars were painted and lettered in an early and late era schemes.

Steve Ross won third place with 3 votes for his HO scale UP double plug door 50' boxcar model. Steve started with a factory painted Details West kit. He sanded the existing lettering to simulate fading and then weathered the car with powders. He added Proto 2000 metal wheels and KD #58 couplers.

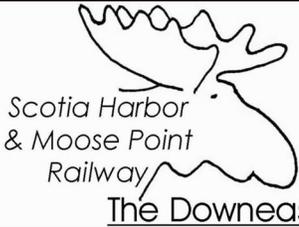


Bring'n'Brag Standings:

Name	Points	Name	Points
John Ainsworth	34	Mike Hohn	3
Dom Candelore	28	Jm Montgomery	3
Larry Kline	11	Charlie Hallman	2
Bill DeFoe	11	Joel Everly	2
Bob Hickman	8	Andy Lorince	2
Joe Lofland	7	Hans Werner	2
Bryce Walat	7	Susan Werner	2
Dennis Lippert	4	Jim Whipple	2
Steve Ross	4	Dennis Vaccaro	1
Greg Dixon	3		

Narrow Gauge modeling was well represented in this month's B'n'B contest by Jim Whipple's S-scale log loader & Dom Candelore's 2d Place EBT Boxcars in On3





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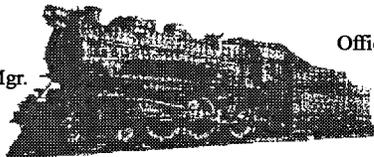
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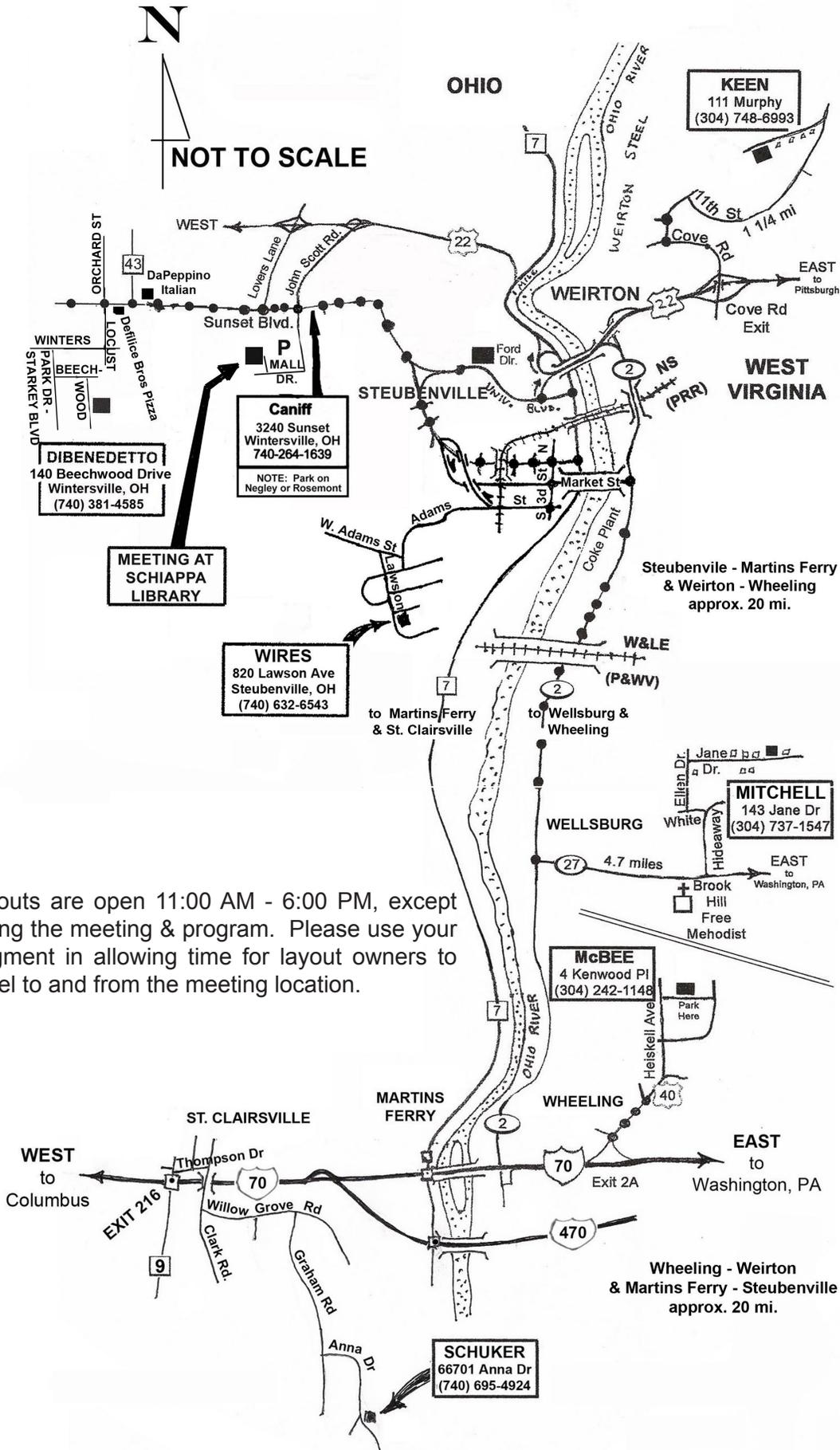
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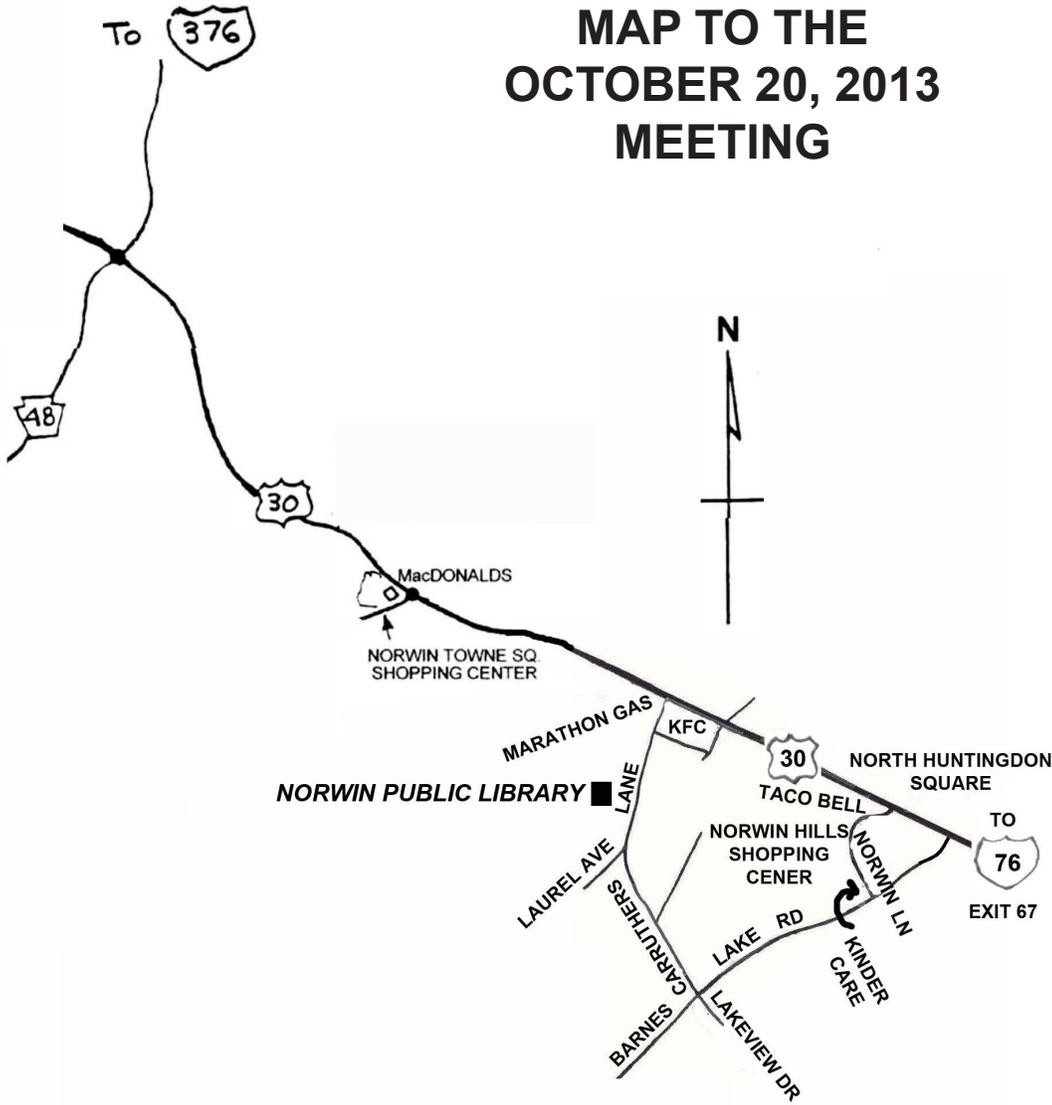
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MAP TO THE OCTOBER 20, 2013 MEETING



Steve Ross's excellent weathering and decal work is evident in this HO box car, which came in 3d in the B'n'B Contest.

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