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Editor's Model of the Month by Dom Candelore

Division Meeting Schedule

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

Layouts: Dom Candelore open at 1:00 PM and after meeting; Andy Blenko open after meeting

Meeting at 2:30 PM

Program by Andy Blenko

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

Bring'n'Brag

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

**Mark your calendars now
for the 2014 Jamboree!
Saturday April 26th
(or go out and buy a new calendar
so that you can mark it)**

Submission Deadline for the November Flyer:

November 3, 2013

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From the Super's Desk

Doomed Projects

Last month I wrote about those projects whose completion seems to recede slowly into the distance, while new projects are added to the “to be finished” list. This month I want to write about projects that will never complete. They range from large to small, and from the “ran out of steam” to the “never should have left the station.”

For instance, I planned my Auburn depot as a two-story building with the passenger facilities on the first floor and offices on the second, with a one-story wing as the freight house. This was a very common configuration at important cities, and also conformed to the depot footprint on an 1880’s Sanborn map I found on the web. I used as a model a wood frame station of similar age on the Southern Central in Owego, NY, changing the construction to brick.

I highballed out of the station with this model, and had

Sanborn map which clearly labeled a nearby structure “freight house.” Now I knew the freight house was separate from the passenger depot; not only that, it was a wood frame building. Fortunately, I had yet to join the two sections of my station. so now I have a partially-complete model of a brick freight house with no place to go.

I own a book contained two pictures of a New York Central track running on a short trestle along one bank of a creek in the city of Auburn for a distance of hundreds if not thousands of feet. An earlier Sanborn map shows this line running along a city street from the NYC yard and mainline to an important thrasher-manufacturing firm. Seems clear that the railroad moved the track from the street to the only option available in a densely-populated urban area, a creek bed.

What an interesting and unusual scene! I decided to model it even though it was not on the Southern Central RR. I built benchwork, started to mock up buildings, bought a turnout, and started arranging structures to get a picture of what the scene would look like. Then I stopped. Something was not right, and after looking at my progress or lack of it over a period of months, I decided the project was doomed. It just was not going to look right, and I finally figured out that I had not allocated enough space: only 8 feet instead of the 15 or 20 that would do it justice. I’m not sure I will ever complete it now.

On an even larger scale is the layout torn down before complete. Perhaps the modeler’s goals have changed, more information has come to light, or boredom sets in. We’ve all probably been there before. My first layout after getting back to model railroading did not get very far, although I learned a lot in the meantime. My next layout got much further, and my current one just keeps developing.

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Minutes

Keith DeVault

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Mike Hohn at 2:31 p.m. at the Schiappa Library in Steubenville, Ohio

The Host Group with their host Bob Dibendetto welcomed all Division 2 members to the area. The group has 8 layouts on tour, and also Joel Everly from the group was unable to make it because of knee surgery. The group wishes him speedy recovery.

Pass the hat was started, with no new members or guests present today.

Minutes of the August Meeting were approved by the membership

Editor Vagel Keller of the Newsletter stated the deadline for submission to next month's newsletter is September 23, 2013

Financial Report by Treasurer Carl Volkwein was read and he states the we are solvent

Programs by Keith DeVault, Assistant Superintendent was reported that the October meeting of October 20 will be at the Norwin Public Library with Dom Candelore to have his layout open before and after the meeting and Andy Blenko to have his open only after the meeting. We will have a program by Charley Blenko also. The November program will be at the Mid Mon Railroad Club in New Eagle, Pa, with Dennis Vaccaro giving the program.

Company Store by Dick Flock, with Steel Mills Vol 5, NS Heritage Fleet, Pittsburgh Trolley Book, Conrail Volume 2, along with Sylvan Vehicles still available at the store, please stop at the store after the meeting to purchase any of these items.

Free Mo by Bob Meier, his group is asking for help to make the modules ready for the National Convention in Cleveland next summer. They need a space big enough to work on the modules with heat and electricity. Please volunteer if you can help with structures and or scenery. The group will be at the Greenberg show in November.

Bring N Brag by Paul Gallick, he has 4 entries in the theme of Tank Cars, please vote for your favorite after the meeting.

Video Library by Bud Brock with no report

Membership and Website by Tom Gaus has no report this month

Achievement Program by Dennis Vaccaro, he has 2 people get certificates this past month, Bill Defoe and John Crylan

Welcoming Committee by Susan Werner, with no new members or guests, unable to complete her task

Old Business, none was reported

New Business, none was reported

For the Good of the Division, October 12th here at the Schiappa Library the ONRY Group will host a new Beginners Clinic on Model Railroading.

Last Year they had 15 attend the class, all the information will be at the Division Website

Discussion on Division 2 T Shirts and Polo Shirts, Ken Hanawalt will chair the project with Dennis Vaccaro checking on the Division Patches, Ken will report back at next meeting about the cost and colors available, so membership can wear proudly at our meetings.

Grier Kuehn reported on the Jamboree for April 26, 2014 at Robert Morris University, he need some fresh clinics and also needs help for someone to chair the Raffle Committee of the Jamboree, please contact him or Jim Sacco if you can help.

Long time member Mel Dietrich is now living in a nursing home, His address for cards will be available at next month's meeting.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:25 p.m.



THE KEYSTONE DIVISION

"Super," cont'd:

Meanwhile, here's my progress on the five projects I wrote about last month:

1. B & O tower at Rowlesburg: none
2. Southern Central Passenger depot: finished painting canopy brackets
3. Coal trestle: zip
4. Two Grand Trunk boxcars for the home layout: now, where did I put them?
5. Auburn Freight house: almost complete; largely down to shingles on roof; it's a large roof, so this will take a while.

And remember, I started a new project, an early signal tower at a crossing. This one is closest to be complete, requiring only a simple foundation and Campbell shingles on the very small roof.

... Mike Hohn

Bring'n'Brag

September's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at The Schiappa Public Library in Steubenville, OH. The contest model theme this month was Tank Cars and four entries were submitted.

First place voting resulted in a tie between Larry Kline and John Ainsworth with 7 votes received for each of their entries out of the 20 total votes cast. Larry entered a set of three O scale tank cars all painted and lettered for Gulf Oil Company. Cars numbered SHPX 5776 and GRCX 3746 were Atlas O models while car GATX 15572 was scratch built. John entered an HO scale J&L Tank Car for Tar. His car was built from a 1 ¼ inch wood dowel, wrapped in styrene, and detailed with Micro-Mark rivet decals. The frame was built from styrene while the remaining parts were made from brass

Third place was won by Dom Candelore with 6 vote received for his On3 scratchbuilt East Broad Top tank car. Dom made the basic tank out of PVC pipe couplers which he turned down on his lathe to get the correct diameter. He overlayed the tank with 10 mil styrene to which he had embossed rivet in prior to assembly. The frame was made from basswood with brass strips for stirrup steps and stanchions. He used trucks were from San Juan and Kadee couplers in PSC pockets.



Larry Kiine's O-Scale offerings, above, and John Ainsworth's J&L car in HO, at right, split the votes for 1st Place in the September B'n'B Contest.



PAUL GALLICK

Other entries for this month's contest included:

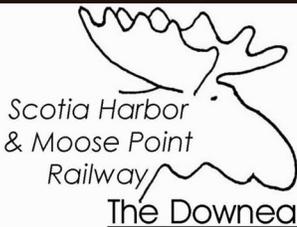
Charlie Hallman entered a scratch built British Rail 20 ton Brake Van based on a model shown in a Hornby catalog.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. The next contest will be at the October meeting, and the model category is "Interlocking/Switch/Yard Towers." In last month's report I forgot to add Dick Flock to the standings for his entry at the August picnic.

Bring'n'Brag Standings:



Name	Points	Name	Points
John Ainsworth	42	Steve Ross	4
Dom Candelore	34	Greg Dixon	3
Larry Kline	19	Jim Montgomery	3
Bill DeFoe	11	Joel Everly	2
Bob Hickman	8	Dick Flock	2
Joe Lofland	7	Andy Lorince	2
Bryce Walat	7	Hans Werner	2
Charlie Hallman	2	Susan Werner	2
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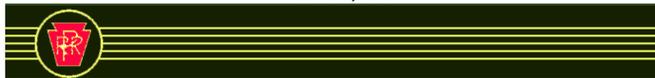
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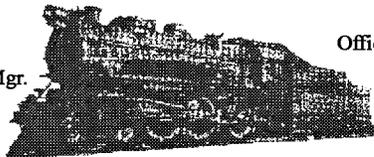
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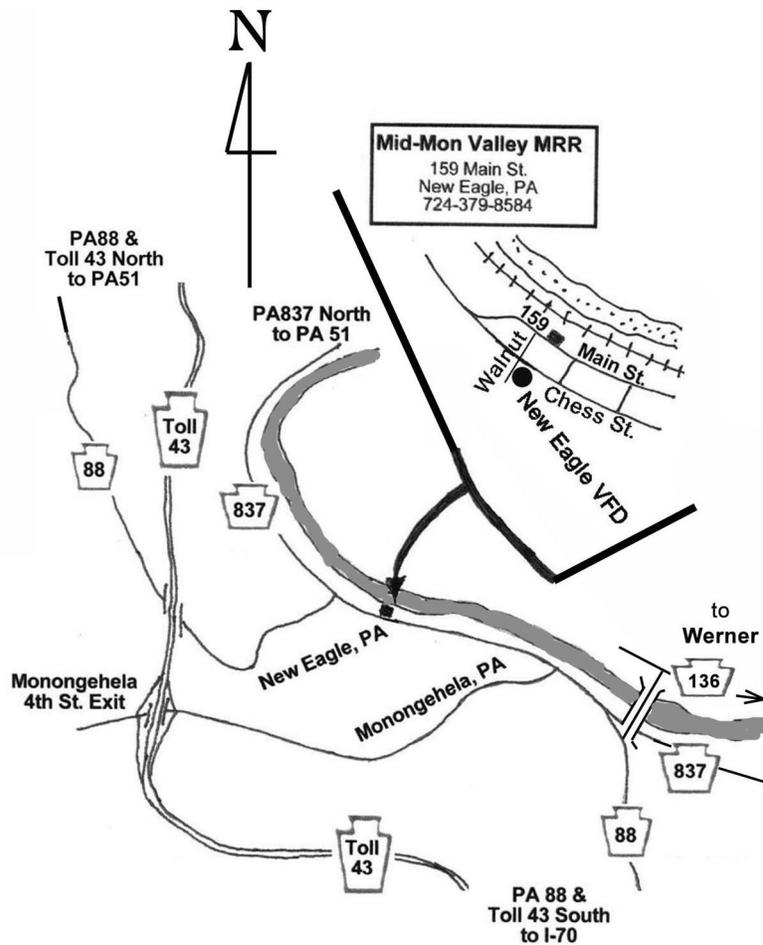
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2014 Jamboree Help Needed

Although this year's Jamboree wasn't that long ago, work has begun on next year's program. One of the areas needing assistance is raffles/door prizes. Over the past years several members worked long and hard to acquire a great selection of prizes, but now they would like to take a break and let others in on some of the fun!

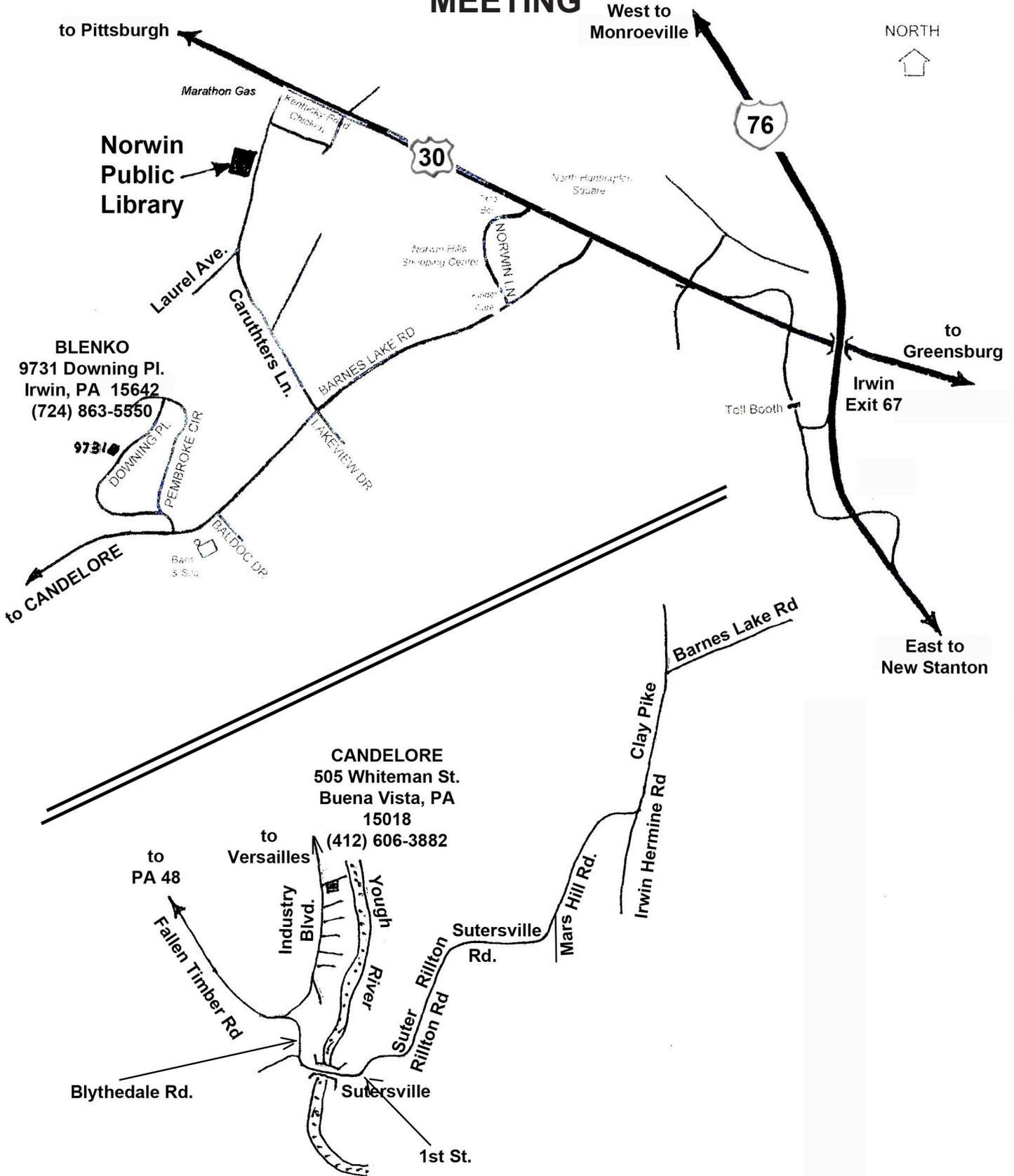
Collecting door prizes and setting-up the raffles takes no special experience or skills, nor does it matter how long you've been a member. Everything needed to do the job will be provided, plus a lot of tips and ideas. It can be one person or a group.

We hope to get volunteers since nobody wants a prize-less Jamboree! Anyone interested can contact Jim Sacco at ctyclsscs@aol.com or 412-276-6006. At a division meeting you can talk to either Grier Kuehn or Gary Carmichael.

To keep things fresh, we are also looking for new clinicians. Would you like to give one? It's not necessary to be a Master Model Railroader. All that's needed is an interest in something and the desire to share it with others. Clinics can be about anything trains related - models, prototype, local history, electronics, photography, tools, etc. We even have members who can help you prepare the presentation. Let's get a some new faces at next year's Jamboree!

Jamboree Committee

MAP TO THE OCTOBER 20, 2013 MEETING



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