

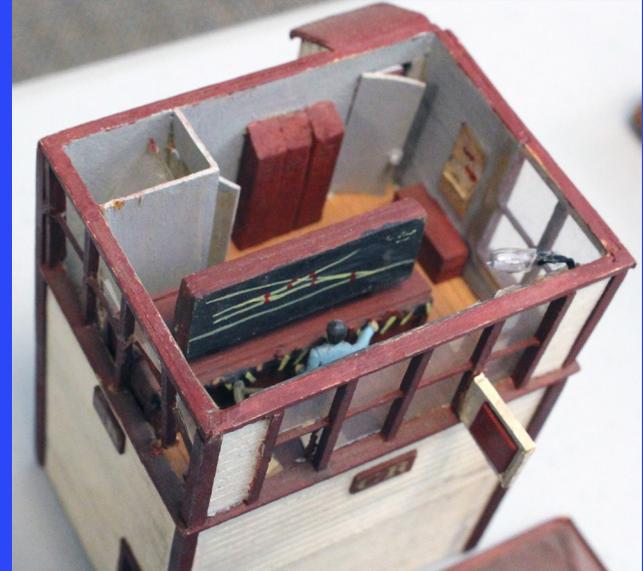
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# THE *Keystone Flyer*

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Div. 2



## *Editor's Model of the Month by Larry Kline*

### **Division Meeting Schedule**

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

Layouts: Mid-Mon Valley Club open 1 - 2:15 PM; Fred Abrew's On3 W&W open Noon - 2:00 PM; Susan Werner open after the meeting

Meeting: 2:30 PM

Program: Dennis Vacarro, "3D Printed Trains"

**December** - No Meeting

**January 19** - Old Economy Village Visitors Center, 270 16th St, Ambridge, PA 15003; Layout: Ohio Valley Lines

### **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

**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 January Flyer:**

**December 18, 2013**

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# From the Super's Desk

## Speedy Delivery

I regret I was unable to visit all the layouts open before and after our September division meeting. This was partly due to the number open thanks to the work of our hosts in Steubenville, Wheeling, and

nearby areas, and the willingness of the layout owners to open to our members. In fact, I feel a real benefit of NMRA membership is the ability to visit layouts in people's homes; I know I'd hesitate to open my home to the general public, yet do not hesitate to welcome modelers.

Because time was limited, the four of us who drove up together from Morgantown had to decide on a subset of layouts to visit, and we agreed to take a look at a couple new to us. Both were definitely worth a visit, but the subject of this column is the G-scale

garden layout of Larry Caniff. Any of you who stopped by his house had to be amazed by what he has accomplished in less than two years, from nothing to a backyard filled with track and trains.

I think it was NMRA President Charley Getz who commented on the fast rate that Bob Brown, editor of the Narrow Gauge and Short Line Gazette is able to model; I cannot remember if it was speed in kit-construction or scratchbuilding, but it's all pretty much the same. If you've seen Bob Brown's layout in the magazines or in person, you know what an accomplished modeler he is, so his speed is not carelessness or cutting corners.

I find the kind of rapid-but-effective modeling hard to imagine and even more difficult to achieve. I tend to go off in too many directions and burn out pretty quickly on any one project. I guess that explains why I do multiple projects almost simultaneously.

How can focused, sustained modeling be achieved? Perhaps working to a deadline helps. When I get an assignment at work, one of the first things I ask is "when is it due?" Not to procrastinate, but rather because like many, I work best to deadline.

Practice no doubt helps. I know when I'm working on a model and finishing a step, I'll be thinking about the next step. If I have built similar models before, I can go seamlessly from one step to the next without having to think about a new skill, what tools I'll need, whether I have the raw materials, and the most efficient way to get the job done. Maybe I even have a jig from making an earlier model that will speed up the task.

A tolerance for mistakes is important—as long as they are not too major. "Mistakes" might be the wrong word; willingness to try something and tear it apart to try again might be important. Again, as long as the changes are not extensive.

Probably most important is a clear vision of the final goal. Certainly, kits are relatively fast to build because we have a picture and plan of the result to be attained. The

See "Super," p. 3

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# Minutes

## Keith DeVault

Division 2 meeting called to order by Superintendent Mike Hohn at 2:30 p.m. at the Norwin Public Library in Irwin, Pa. We had 55 members in attendance.

Andy Blenko thanked our Host the Norwin Public Library for letting us hold our meeting

Pass the Hat was started, we had no new members or guests in attendance today

Minutes that were published in the October *Keystone Flyer* for the September meeting were approved as published

Reports:

Treasurer Carl Volkwein read his statement with no questions on the report

Programs by Keith DeVault, with November to be held at the Mid Mon Valley Railroad Club at the New Eagle VFD, no meeting in December, and the January meeting will be held at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, Pa

Company Store by Dick Flock, Calendar Flyers to order are on the table, if you desire any books or calendars please stop after the meeting. The estate sale for the division will be available after the meeting and at the New Eagle Show in January

Membership and Website by Tom Gaus, we stand at 245 active members, and the report on the website was unavailable because the host was down

Free Mo by Bob Meier, we will be at the Greenberg Show on November 9 and 10, please contact Bob if you are able to volunteer

Bring N Brag by Paul Gallick, he has 4 entries in the category of Interlocking/Switch/Yard Towers, please stop after the meeting to vote

Video Library by Bud Brock, No report today

Achievement Program by Dennis Vaccaro, he reported no activity this past month

Welcoming Committee by Susan Werner, no new members or guests, but remember to wear a name badge and greet your fellow division members each month

Old Business: Ken Hanawalt and Dennis Vaccaro reported on T Shirts and Polo Shirts for the division. Several examples are on the back table, The logo will not change. Screen print shirts will be \$ 15.00 and Embroidery Shirts will be \$ 18.00. Separate price on patches will be told to the membership next month.

Grier Kuehn is requesting clinicians for the Jamboree in April 2014, please contact him if interested in presenting, Still needs a chair person for the raffle program. Dick presented our treasurer some money for the beginning of the estate sale.

New Business: Bill Defoe gave us Mel Dietrich address which is Marian Manor, 2695 Winchester Drive, Pittsburgh, Pa 15220 Room B-217

Mike Hohn reported on the Regional Meeting in Columbus on October 6, that the *Kingpin* newsletter will be sent out by email, if you have your address on file with NMRA.

Motion by Bob Meier and second by Tom Gaus to change the meeting of the June meeting to the 4th Sunday to miss Fathers Day. Motion Passed with a discussion about changing the constitution to reflect this change

Dennis Vaccaro as chairperson and Susan Werner are heading up this year's Nominating Committee for elections. Please step up if interested in holding a position.

Good of the division:

Bob Meier and John Gallagher spoke about the Greenberg show in January, which is the same weekend as our meeting in Ambridge. Bob spoke about not going to the show because of the weather and that a show was just held in November.

Bob Evans spoke on the kids program at the Ambridge Club, he hopes to pass out 130 sets of trains to kids this holiday season

Greg Stewart spoke on a layout that is being donated to any hospital, veterans or retirement home, if you know of any place, please see Greg, it takes 4 people to lift the layout.

Forest Lucas from the Susquehanna Division passed out a sheet for open tours of layouts during this upcoming holiday season, if interested in visiting please visit website [svmr.pennsyrr.com](http://svmr.pennsyrr.com)

The program for November will be by Dennis Vaccaro entitled 3D Printed Trains

Greg Dixon has Resin Castings of Trailers in the rear of the room

Today's program will be by Charley Blenko called "Creating a website for your railroad by Weebly"

Meeting was adjourned at 3:22 p.m.



## THE KEYSTONE DIVISION

"Super," cont'd:

same applies to scenery and entire layouts. Even if all the details and buildings are only vague ghosts in our mind, clearly understanding the route to travel towards where we want to end up is important, whether model railroading or life in general.

... Mike Hohn

# Bring'n'Brag

October's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at The Norwin Public Library in Irwin, PA. The theme of this month's contest was 'Interlocking/Switch/Yard Towers,' and there were four contest entries consisting of seven separate models.

First place went to John Ainsworth for his two scratchbuilt HO scale Santa Fe Hump Yard Towers. John's models received 19 of the 31 votes cast. Both models were based on articles published in 'Model Railroader Magazine' in 1957 and 1958. The shell of Tower A was made from Basswood with brick siding printed from Paperbrick.Co.Uk. The rest of the structure was fabricated from styrene. The interior of the tower has many details including a bathroom. Tower B which represents a retarder tower was built entirely from styrene excepting the extra fine sandpaper used to simulate the roofing paper.

Second place was won with 6 votes by Larry Kline for his scratchbuilt HO scale YM Tower. His model which was built in 1958 represents a tower he used to frequent on the Reading Railroad.

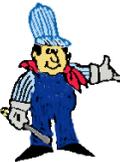
Mike Hohn's models received 4 votes to win third place with his two scratchbuilt HO scale towers. The first model represents a B&O tower located in Rowlesburg, WV circa 1955. His second model was



of a Southern Central 1880's Crossing Tower. Both structures were built of wood.

The only other entry this month was Dick Flock's two versions of the HO scale Model Power Plastic tower kit. The first was built exactly as designed, while the second was kitbashed with a new roof, downspouts and smokestack.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. November's Bring n' Brag contest category is "Plants and Trees," and will be held at the next meeting in New Eagle, PA.

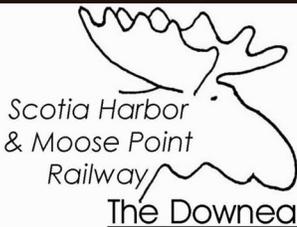


## Bring'n'Brag Standings:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
John Ainsworth	50	Dennis Lippert	4
Dom Candelore	34	Steve Ross	4
Larry Kline	26	Greg Dixon	3
Bill DeFoe	11	Jim Montgomery	3
Mike Hohn	10	Joel Everly	2
Bob Hickman	8	Andy Lorince	2
Joe Lofland	7	Hans Werner	2
Bryce Walat	7	Susan Werner	2
Dick Flock	5	Jim Whipple	2
Charlie Hallman	5	Dennis Vaccaro	1



Two pairs of towers by Mike Hohn above, left, and John Ainsworth, above, right, earned 3rd and 1st place, respectively, in October's B'n'B voting.



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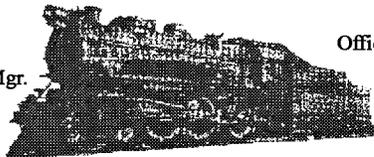
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Dates & Times:

## 2013 - 2014 Holiday Display Hours

Date	Open	Close
SAT. NOV. 09	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. NOV. 10	11:00 am	05:00 pm
FRI. NOV. 15	06:00 pm	09:00 pm
SAT. NOV. 16	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. NOV. 17	11:00 am	05:00 pm
FRI. NOV. 22	6:00PM	09:00 pm
SAT. NOV. 23	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. NOV. 24	11:00 am	05:00 pm
FRI. NOV. 29	11:00AM	09:00 pm
SAT. NOV.30	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. DEC. 01	11:00 am	05:00 pm
FRI. DEC. 06	06:00 pm	09:00 pm
SAT. DEC. 07	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. DEC. 08	11:00 am	05:00 pm
FRI. DEC. 13	06:00 pm	09:00 pm
SAT. DEC. 14	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. DEC. 15	11:00 am	05:00 pm
FRI. DEC. 20	06:00 pm	09:00 pm
SAT. DEC. 21	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. DEC. 22	11:00 am	05:00 pm
MON. DEC. 24	CLOSED	
TUE. DEC. 25	CLOSED	
THURS. DEC. 26	11:00 am	05:00 pm
FRI. DEC. 27	11:00 am	09:00 pm
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SUN. DEC. 29	11:00 am	05:00 pm
MON. DEC. 30	11:00 am	05:00 pm
TUES. DEC. 31	11:00 am	05:00 pm
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SUN. JAN. 05	11:00 am	05:00 pm
FRI. JAN. 10	06:00 pm	09:00 pm
SAT. JAN. 11	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. JAN. 12	11:00 am	05:00 pm

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12/13 7 - 10 PM	12/14 1 - 7 PM
12/20 7 - 10 PM	12/21 1 - 7 PM
12/27 7 - 10 PM	12/28 1 - 7 PM

Sundays 12/22 & 12/29, 1 - 6 PM

Admission: 18 & over, \$3; 5 - 17, \$2; under 5 Free.

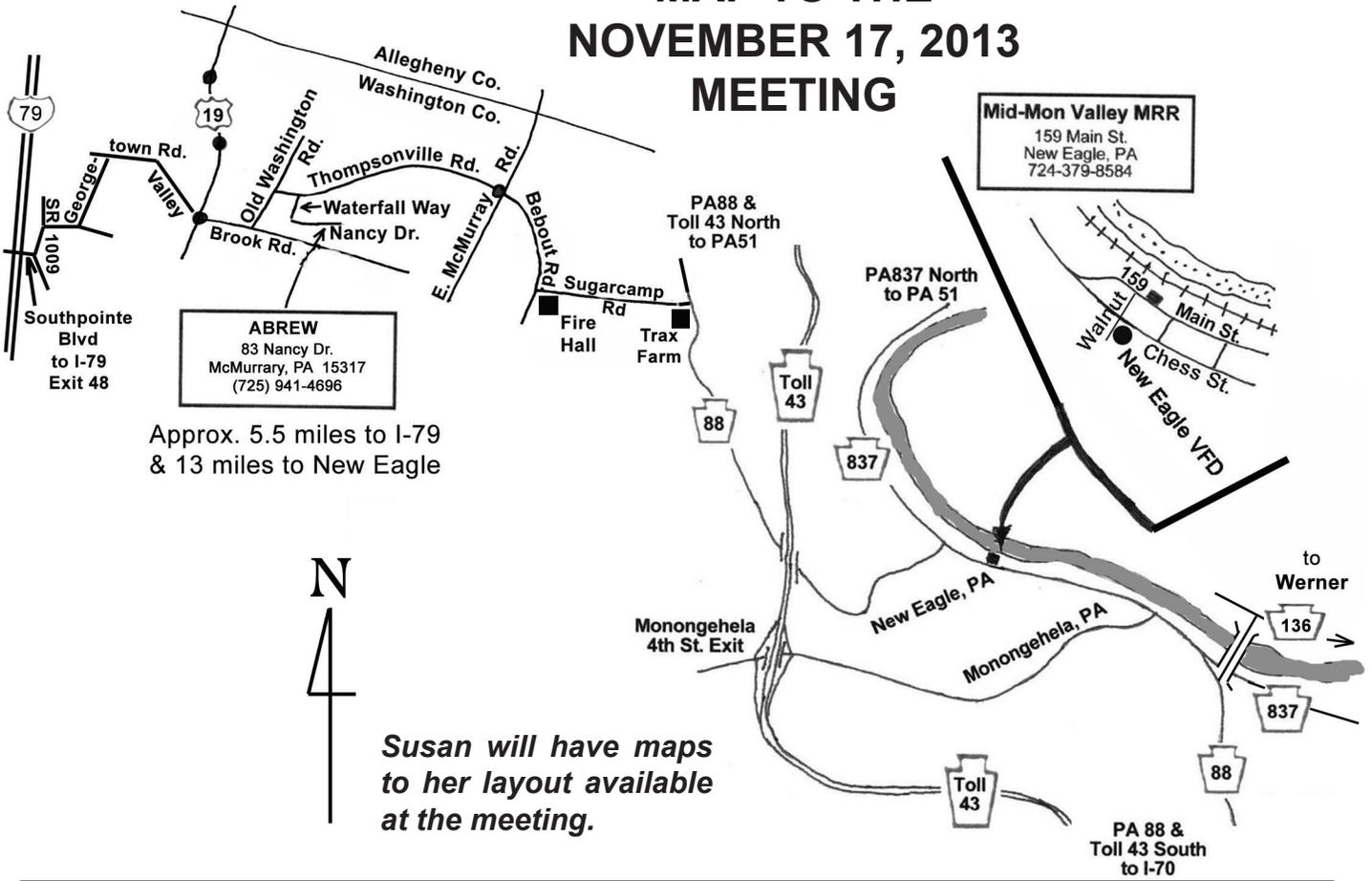
Submissions welcome! Contact the Editor with announcements, including dates, times, location name and address, and sponsor's name and contact information.



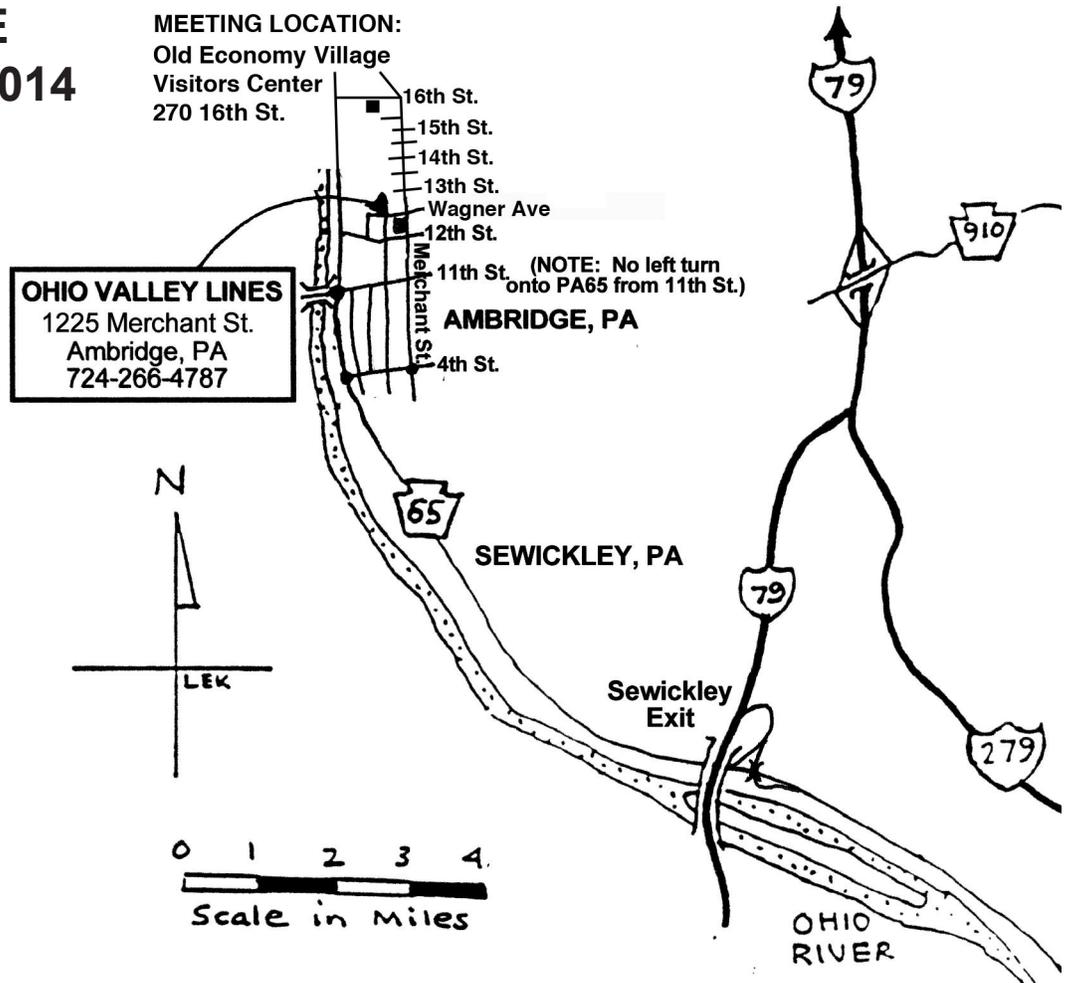
Please be sure to allow time to visit Fred Abrew's On3 Waynesburg & Washington, above, and the Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club layout, below, before the November meeting.



# MAP TO THE NOVEMBER 17, 2013 MEETING



# MAP TO THE JANUARY 19, 2014 MEETING



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