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# THE *Keystone Flyer*

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Div. 2

## JAMBOREE MODELING CONTEST: "WHAT CAN YOU DO WITH A PLASTICVILLE KIT?"

The rules are simple and what the name of the contest says - what can you do with a Plasticville kit? You may do whatever you want with it in any scale. You can kitbash more than one together, just make one and detail it, weather it, etc. The only rule is that, in keeping with the theme, the bulk of your model must be made from a Plasticville kit (or parts from different Plasticville kits). We're not going to specify a certain percentage since that's impossible to determine accurately and we want this to be fun for everyone!

The winner will be decided by a popular vote of those in attendance. That means each person may vote on whatever appeals to them. There is no single basis for voting. Their vote maybe based on realism, ingenuity, humor, weathering, painting, etc. With that in mind, you can let your imagination run wild!

We will give one warning - Plasticville kits have appeared in a variety of packaging over the years. Some kits have been made for many years while others have come and gone. Many only made brief appearances in the line before being discontinued. So if you are using one of the more obscure Plasticville kits, be sure that you have supporting evidence that it truly was sold under the Plasticville label, Many of our members have sharp eyes and will call you out if you can't prove it!



### Division Meeting Schedule

**January 19** - Old Economy Village Visitors Center,  
270 16th St, Ambridge, PA 15003

Layout: Ohio Valley Lines, 1231 Merchant St,  
Ambridge, PA 15003, open at 1:30 PM

Meeting at 2:30 PM

Program: Jerry Hallman on Live Steam, Pt. 1

**February 16** - Western PA Model RR Museum,  
5507 Lakeside Dr, Gibsonia, PA 15044

Layout open at 1:30 PM, Meeting at 2:30 PM

Program: Jerry Hallman on Live Steam, Pt. 2

### Bring'n'Brag

<b>Jan</b>	Anything Goes
<b>Feb</b>	TBA
<b>Mar</b>	TBA
<b>May</b>	TBA
<b>Jun</b>	TBA
<b>Aug</b>	TBA
<b>Sep</b>	TBA
<b>Oct</b>	TBA
<b>Nov</b>	TBA

**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 February Flyer:**

**January 31, 2014**

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<http://www.keystonediivision.org>



# From the Super's Desk

## Volunteers Needed

Several months ago, NMRA national President Charlie Getz asked our division through Jim Sacco whether a group in the Pittsburgh area could provide a modular layout for the International Performing Arts for

Youth Showcase, January 22nd-25th. (Website: <http://www.ipayweb.org/showcase/>). The group I belong to in Morgantown has agreed to provide our twelve-module layout. Not quite the Pittsburgh area, so we will have a challenge ahead of us.

The layout will be used by the Terrapin Puppet Theatre, out of Australia, ([www.terrapin.org.au](http://www.terrapin.org.au)). We will probably take our modules up to the venue in downtown Pittsburgh on Tuesday of that week.

Because of the distance from Morgantown, I'm asking for volunteers to stand by and make sure the trains keep running. We are being given a budget, so expenses such as parking and meals will be happily reimbursed.

Here is the schedule:

### Wednesday 22nd January

8am till 11:30 am  
5:30pm till 7:30pm

### Thursday 23rd January

1:30pm - 5pm

### Friday 24th January

11:30am - 1:30pm  
3:30pm - 8pm

### Saturday 25th of January

9am - 12 pm

Really, only one person is needed at a time. The layout is simple DC, two parallel tracks in an oval, and no operating turnouts. If several members of a club in our division were to volunteer, their club would receive a modest honorarium.

If you can volunteer some time, please give me a call or send me an e-mail for more details.

This looks like the kind of event that benefits the youth from many places and provides an opportunity for clubs and our Division to carry out our mandate to bring model railroading to a larger audience. It's certainly going to look good on our resumes. Please consider this request for help; it's sure to be something a little different!

*... Mike Hohn*



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# Minutes

## Keith DeVault

Minutes of November 17, 2013 by Keith DeVault, Assistant Superintendent.

Meeting called to order by Superintendent Mike Hohn at 2:30 p.m. with 46 members in attendance.

A thank you was given to the Mid Mon Valley Railroad Club for hosting this meeting. Refreshments were made available and enjoyed by all.

Pass the hat was underway.

We had no new members or guests today.

Minutes published in the *Flyer* were approved as written.

Carl Volkwein gave the financial report, no questions of the report.

Keith DeVault gave the upcoming program schedule, with January at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, February at the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Museum in Gibsonia, March at the Mon Valley Historical Society in Morgantown and April is the Jamboree.

Tom Gaus gave his report with membership at 242, no stats available for number of hits on website, the holiday and open houses are posted on the website.

Bob Meier on the Free Mo Committee, he stated that we will not be attending the January show, had good attendance at the November Greenberg show, and he is still looking for a suitable space to work on the modules.

Paul Gallick on Bring N Brag, he had no entries for this month, and with that John Ainsworth was recognized at Modeler of the Year. Paul mentioned that the category for January is "Anything Goes."

Bud Brock on Video Library with no report.

Dennis Vaccaro on the Achievement Program, no entries, people still working on different stages of this area.

Susan Werner on the Welcoming Committee, she has name badges, please get one and wear.

Old Business:

Logo for the shirts that were voted on, will be available for the membership either in Jan or Feb.

Grier Kuehn gave a report on the Jamboree for April 26, 2014 at Robert Morris University; the committee has 10 out of 12 clinics booked. Our banquet speaker will be Tony Koester. We will have white elephant table for your stuff not being used, Company Store, raffle area and a popular vote contest on Plasticville Kits.

Superintendent Mike read a thank you card from the Norwin Public Library for the donation from the Division for hosting our meeting.

New Business: None to Report

Good of the Division:

John Gallagher reminded everyone of the meeting in January at Ambridge with the meeting at the Old Economy Meeting Room just down the street from the Club.

Mike Hohn thanked Joel Everly who was in attendance today for the September meeting and hosting the terrific layouts we visited and good to see him up and around from his surgery.

Susan's layout will be open after the meeting, maps on the table.

Looking for Chief Clerk for the upcoming elections, please contact Dennis [Vaccaro] if interested.

Jerry Hallman spoke on the upcoming live steam convention in Ohio in August 2014, and he will be presenting programs in January and February on live steam for our meetings.

The NMRA National Convention will be held in Cleveland in July 2014. The closest it has been since we hosted in Pittsburgh.

Meeting adjourned at 3:08 p.m.

Today's program will be 3-D Printing by Dennis Vaccaro.



## THE KEYSTONE DIVISION



### Final Bring'n'Brag Standings for 2013:

<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

# OFFICER NOMINEES FOR 2010 - 11

## For Superintendent:

**Michael Hohn, MMR.** I was about 8 years old when I started model railroading; my parents gave me a Marx HO train set for Christmas, a friend gave me some Model Railroader magazines, and I built a layout in the basement. I went off to college in the late 60's; railroading was largely—but not completely--forgotten as I began a career, moved to WV, married, and started a family. Discovering a box of my modeling efforts dispatched me back into the hobby 25 years ago. I soon joined the NMRA.

It seemed a natural thing to do, and as with any group I join, I like to participate in the activities to the full extent. During my time as Keystone Flyer editor, Assistant Superintendent, and now Superintendent, my overwhelming motivation is to serve the members of our division. I don't believe that being an officer in the NMRA or Div. 2 is about "running things"; the Division runs itself pretty well, but there still need to be a few people to coordinate, provide encouragement, set up meetings, listen to the members, respond to questions, and provide a link to the regional and national organizations – in other words, to serve the members. Once again, I promise not to lose the gavel or any part of it!

## **Jan. 25 Railroad-Themed Movie Night Benefit for Yough-Central RR Club**

The Industrial Model Shop and the Yough Central Railroad Club are hosting a Spring Fever Night Out, Saturday January 25th, from 4pm to 7pm at the Grand Theater in Elizabeth Pa. featuring a private showing of "*The Emperor of the North.*" The evening will start with Warner Brothers cartoons, Three Stooges, railroad shorts and newsreels, followed by the main feature. This is not a public showing.

The Emperor of the North is one of the greatest railroad movies filmed. Set in the Pacific Northwest at the height of the Great Depression, Oscar winners Lee Marvin and Ernest Borgnine face off in an epic battle of railroad conductor vs. hobo.

The cost for this night of fun and enjoyment is only \$7.00 per person. Tickets are available at the door, and reservations aren't required. However we would like to get some idea on how many plan to attend, so if you plan on coming please email Scott Schaller at

**tracksidephotos@yahoo.com.**

The theater concession stand will be open. Ticket proceeds above the theater rental will be donated to Division 2.

There will also be a Silent Auction Table to benefit Yough Central RR club

Thanks, and we hope to see you for a great night of fun and entertainment.

## For Assistant Superintendent:

**Keith DeVault.** Incumbent Assistant Superintendent. I have been involved in model railroading since 1971 and joined the NMRA in 1998. I have served for the past ten years as Treasurer of our local railroad historical society in Morgantown. I served as National Editor for the Operation Sig organization from 2005-2007 after the untimely death of the founder. I have presented clinics at the 2004, 2006 and 2010 Regional Conventions, our division meetings and RPM meets.

I am building an HO Scale home layout I call the Aspen Sub, which follows the history of the B & O and the M & K railroads around Morgantown. I enjoy traveling to see and operate on other model railroads, where I can learn more about the hobby. I enjoy attending our monthly Division meetings as a place to interact with other modelers about the different aspects of the hobby. I have served the division recently as Chief Clerk and have learned from this position the inner workings of the division. With this new position I can also gain more knowledge to help this division be one of the best in the NMRA.

## For Chief Clerk:

**John Gallagher.** I have been a model railroader for over 30 years. During most of that time, I have been a member of Division 2, as well as a member of the Ohio Valley Lines, currently in Ambridge. I've been a member of the Ohio Valley Lines for over 31 years. For all but 5 of those years, I have served as either Secretary or President, so I'm used to dealing with organizational business.

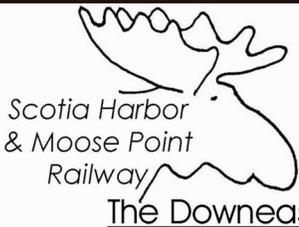
I have earned a Masters Degree in Organizational Leadership from Geneva College in Beaver Falls, so I have experience in taking notes and preparing text and correspondence.

During my working career, I attained the rank of LtCol in the Air National Guard/ Air Force. Prior to my retirement, I ran an organization with 36 full-time and 55 part-time employees, so I feel, I have above average people skills.

As Chief Clerk I could apply my experience in organizational affairs, as well as my communication and leadership skills to the benefit of the members of the Division.



Ballots will be printed in the February Flyer.



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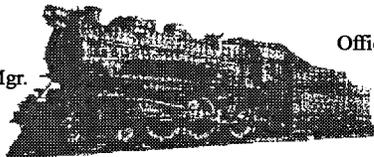
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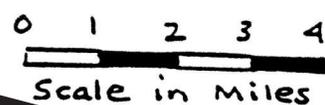
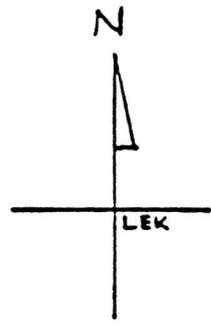
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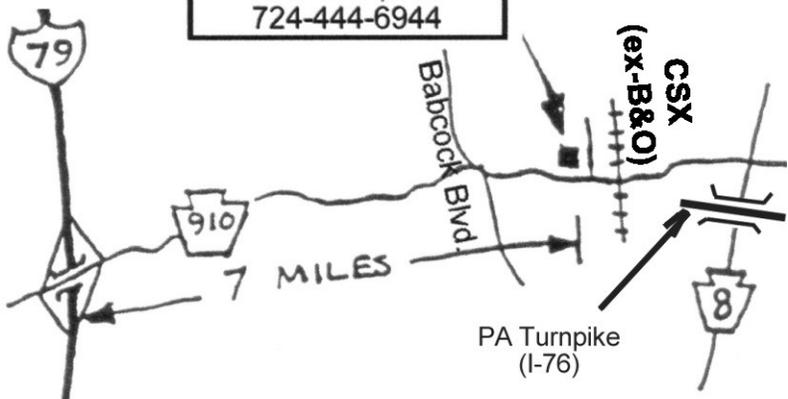
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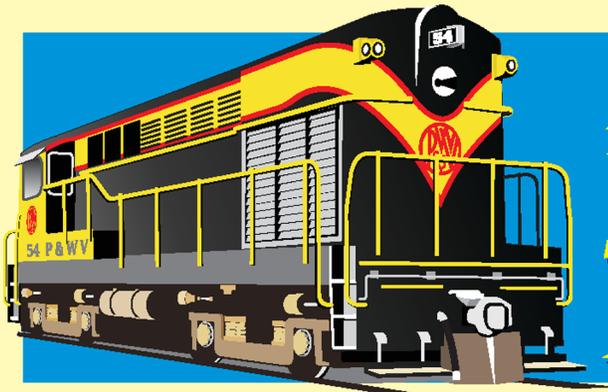
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South, to  
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to Downtown Pittsburgh



# 2014 PITTSBURGH MODEL RAILROAD JAMBOREE

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<b>Add \$5 after April 12th</b>	<b>\$5.00 x _____ = _____</b>

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