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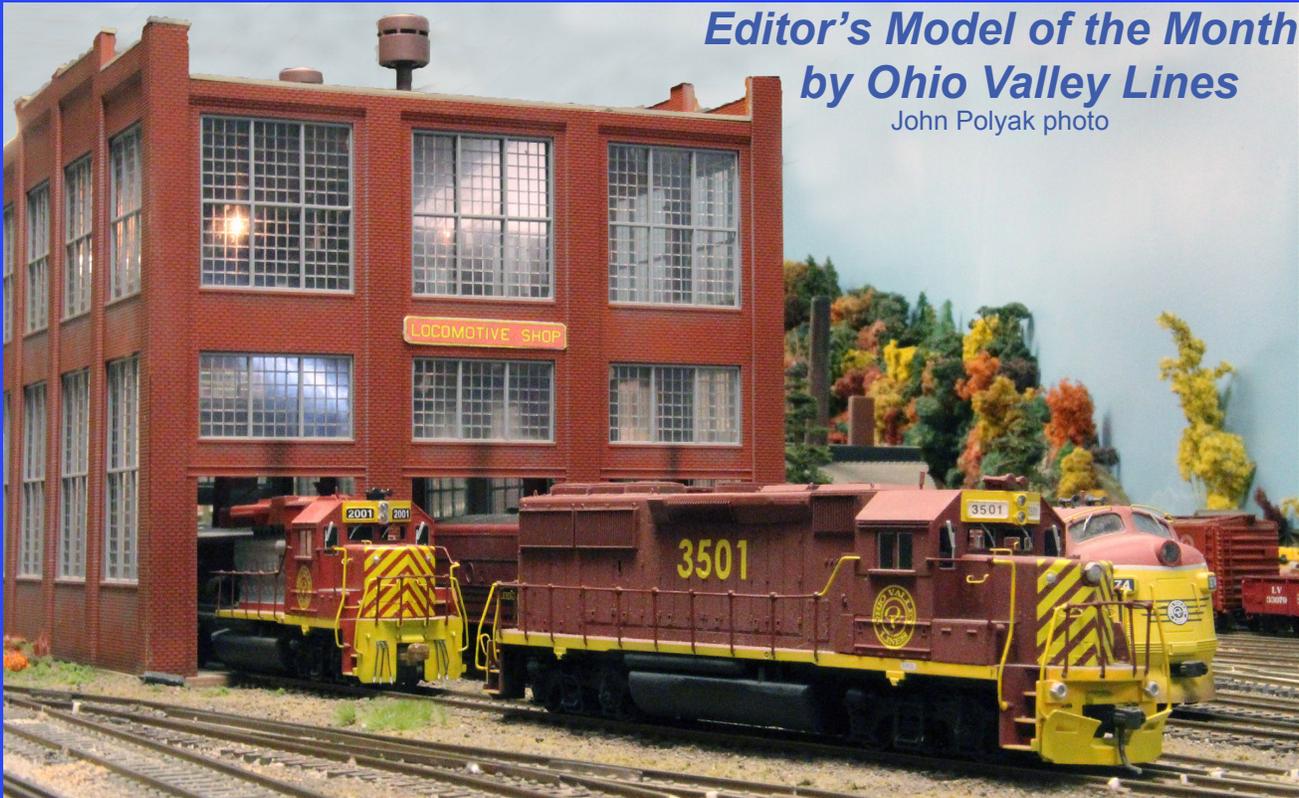
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THE *Keystone Flyer*

MCR
Div. 2

Editor's Model of the Month by Ohio Valley Lines

John Polyak photo



Division Meeting Schedule

February 16 - Western PA Model RR Museum,
5507 Lakeside Dr, Gibsonsia, PA 15044
Layout open at 1:30 PM, Meeting at 2:30 PM
Program: Charlie Hallman on Live Steam, Pt. 2

March 16 - Mon Valley RR Historical Society, 128
Pleasant St, Morgantown, WV 26505
Layouts: Mike Hohn and Keith DeVault open 11:00 -
1:30 & after meeting; club layout open 10:30.
Meeting: 2:30 PM

Bring'n'Brag

- Jan** Anything Goes
- Feb** Covered Hopper Cars
- Mar** Switchers & Critters
- May** Farm Structures
- Jun** Passenger Head End Equip.
- Aug** Cabooses
- Sep** Lumber & Logging Ind.
- Oct** Advertising & Signs
- Nov** Works-in-Progress

**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:

February 21, 2014

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From the Super's Desk

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1. Looks like a box of January Keystone Flyers were missing in action for several weeks; many of us in outlying areas of our division received our copies a week or more after the January meeting. On the one hand, I'm a little surprised I did not hear from

any members affected, really only finding out during a telephone conversation with a Pittsburgh area member that theirs had long since arrived.

On the other hand, model railroaders seem pretty patient and understanding generally. Perhaps it indicates that a lot of our members regularly access the online version of the Flyer. I hope so. The recent postal delay shows what a nice backup the online version provides. Plus, it is in color and usually available even before the paper copy comes in the mail.

If you don't know already, you can access the *Flyer* from our division's homepage: <http://www.keystonedivision.org/>

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2. We were recently sent a list of division members who have not provided an e-mail address to national headquarters or whose e-mail addresses in their database is no longer current. The list was fairly short, so most of us have provided and updated our e-mail address. I had to do this a short while ago myself. We generally do not send e-mail addressees to headquarters unless they are provided in the expectation that we will do so. So, it is up to you if you wish to receive the bulletins sent out by national, or notifications from our region that a new issue of the Kingpin is available on the MCR website.

The place to do this is: <http://www.nmra.org/member/content/member-info-update>

Meanwhile, as I was writing this, an NMRA eBulletin arrived in my inbox with some very important information to those who wish to register for the national convention in Cleveland:

“Many of you have received the February issue of NMRA Magazine with the 2014 Convention insert. Because of a printing problem, three registration pages were not printed. These pages included the merchandise order forms for men's and ladies' shirts, convention cars and other items, and the Extra Fare order form for ordering banquet tickets and registering for Modeling With The Masters clinics.

“You can register online and purchase any of the items mentioned through the NMRA Company Store without the missing forms.

“Forms can also be found on the Convention website: <http://www.2014cleveland.org/registration.htm>”

3. I would like to thank Dan Grieco, and Charlie and Jerry Hallman for help with the International Performance Arts for Youth event a couple of weeks ago. Recall that the group I belong to in Morgantown agreed to set up our modules in the August Wilson Center for African American Culture, providing a stage for the Terrapin Puppet Theatre

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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>

Minutes

John Gallagher

The [January] meeting was convened by Superintendent Hohn at 2:35 p.m. at the Old Economy Visitors' Center in Ambridge, Pa.

The Superintendent thanked the Ohio Valley Lines (OVL) for hosting the meeting. He recognized John Gallagher and Frank Kocher as representing the OVL. John welcomed the members and gave a short update on the new OVL building facade.

Two new members were introduced: Kevin Kavanaugh guided by Susan Werner, and Paul Kwiecinski.

The minutes of the previous business meeting were discussed. It was noted that some members did not receive their copy of the Flyer. It seemed, from a show of hands, that the members who did not receive the Flyer were located in West Virginia. Despite this, it was moved and seconded that the minutes of the previous business meeting be approved as printed in the Flyer. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Reports

There was no report from the *Flyer* editor as he wasn't present.

Carl Volkwein briefed the members on our current financial situation, including that our CD will be expiring in the near future. When that occurs, he hopes to diversify the proceeds into more profitable areas. He also wrote a check to Mrs. Temple for \$309 as the proceeds of her late husband's estate sale.

Assistant Superintendent Devault discussed the upcoming meeting sites:

February - Gibsonia; March - Morgantown; April - Jamboree; May - Scenic Express; June - To be determined; July - No Meeting; August - Annual Picnic in Leetsdale.

Dick Flock spoke about the Company Store. He brought only a few books to sell, due to the weight of merchandise he would have to transport. The remains of the Temple estate will be at the New Eagle train show. See Dick, if you wish to order books. He's going to place another order tomorrow. Neil Schorr mentioned that he had extra 2014 calendars for sale if anyone was interested.

John Gallagher discussed the upcoming railroad themed movie event in Elizabeth, Pa. sponsored by the Industrial Model Shop. Any proceeds from the movie will be divided among two local clubs and Division Two. If the event breaks even, more such events may be held.

Tom Gaus discussed membership and the web site. We have gained one new member from Greensburg.

We can no longer count the number of visitors to our web site as Go Daddy, our host, has dropped this function. We never really used it anyway.

Mike Hohn mentioned that all officers of the Division

must be members of the NMRA for insurance purposes. This has never been a problem in our division, but apparently there have been issues elsewhere.

Bring N' Brag. Paul Gallick reminded members that this month's category is "Anything Goes" as is traditional for January. There are 8 entries. Please vote.

Bud Brock spoke for the Video Library. They are running a special this month. If you borrow one "How To" video, you can borrow one "Travel" video for free.

Dennis Vaccaro reported the Achievement Committee had awarded one Golden Spike

Award and submitted the paperwork for several others to NMRA Headquarters.

Grier Kuehn reported on progress for the Jamboree. The slate of clinicians has been firmed up. He has flyers to distribute. He will also be distributing flyers at the Timonium and Springfield Train Shows.

Old Business

Superintendent Hohn spoke about the upcoming elections. At the moment, we have a full slate of candidates. He asked for nominations from the floor. Since there were none, the nominations were officially closed. Mike spoke briefly about the trials, tribulations and rewards of being an officer. He also asked the members to vote, even though there is only one candidate for each office. The votes will be counted at the March meeting by Dennis Vaccaro.

Ken Hanawalt and Dennis Vaccaro discussed the effort to devise a new logo for the Division. They are stalled at the moment. It seems the members voted to use the "old logo". However, we have no artwork for the "old logo". He suggested that we use a "new logo" designed by Jim Sacco. After some discussion, the motion to use Jim Sacco's "new logo" passed by unanimous voice vote.

New Business

Mike Hohn spoke about how the Morgantown club will have their modular layout set up at the International Performing Arts for Youth at the August Wilson Center January 22nd to 25th. They need volunteers for Friday and Saturday to run the layout and help take down the modules. If you can help, please see Mike.

John Polyak brought up two issues: first, he has a list of items to help a friend's family liquidate his train collection. If you might be interested, see John for the list. He also pointed out that we should have some type of inventory for the day when our family has to conduct an estate sale.

John also reported that he attended the Railroad Prototype Modelers (RPM) meet in Cocoa Beach, Fla. He brought back two impressions: the modeling wasn't up to

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Bring'n'Brag

Welcome to the 2014 season of the NMRA MCR Keystone Division 2 Bring 'n' Brag contest. January's contest was held at the Old Economy Village Visitor's Center in Ambridge, PA. The contest theme for the first month of every year is "Anything Goes," and eight entries were received.

Marge Meehan won First Place with her N Scale Shoreham covered bridge. Marge's model received 7 of the 28 votes cast. She started with a Branchline Laser Art kit, but replaced the deck with wooden planking to represent the current status of the bridge as part of a hiking/biking trail. Marge received an extra point for kitbashing.

Hans Werner won Second Place with 5 votes for his Live Steam Stationary Engine model. His engine was made of copper and brass from a Midwest Models kit. Hans fired up the boiler with Sterno so we could see it run.

Third Place went to Bill DeFoe for his kitbashed HO Scale 0-8-0 switcher. Bill's model received 4 votes. He started with a Sunset boiler and mechanism to which he added a Tyco tender with a brass coal bunker. He also added an extra headlight to the pilot beam and DCC. Bill received an extra point for kitbashing. Bill also brought in a pair of 1940's/1950's vintage Varney Streamliners showing 'Before and After' (a lot of work) for Display Only.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Steve Ross entered a pair of HO Scale 50' insulated boxcars built from Details West kits. He added A-Line Sturrrup steps and Tichy grab irons to match prototype photos, and weathered both cars with markers and Bradgon's powders.

Susan Werner entered a HO Scale Code 83 hand built switch. She cut the wooden ties and installed Micro Engineering nickel-silver rail using a Fast Tracks switch making jig. Operation of her switch requires "bending the iron" of the closure rails instead of using hinges. Susan received 2 extra points for scratchbuilding.

Neal Schorr entered a scratchbuilt O Scale underpass based on the original US Routes 11/15 underpass in Duncannon, PA. The model represents typical 1920's PRR construction with dressed stone walls and narrow 10' lanes. The stone material is from Scenic Express while the road surface and sidewalk is made from Masonite painted to look like old patched concrete. Neal received 2 extra points for scratchbuilding.

PAUL GALLICK

Bob Hickman entered a pair of HO Scale Overland Track-mobile models 4550 TIY and 4850 TH, to which he added red flasher bars to the cab.

Charlie Hallman entered three HO Scale hand painted plaster cast automobiles.

The Categories for this year's model contest are listed on page 1. Please note that you can enter any model that you have made regardless of the contest category. The only difference is that models that match the category get an extra point towards the 'Modeler of the Year' standings. As we started last year, Scratchbuilt models will receive two extra points, and kitbashed models will receive one extra point.

Bring'n'Brag Standings:

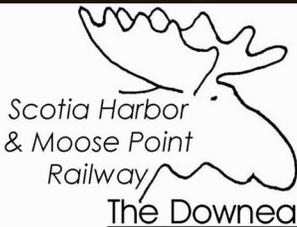


<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Marge Meehan	7	Neal Schorr	4
Bill DeFoe	5	Steve Ross	2
Hans Werner	5	Robert Hickman	2
Susan Werner	4	Charlie Hallman	2



Marge Meehan's 1st Place B'n'B entry, above. Below, we've been watching this great blast furnace complex at OVL taking its shape for several years, now. . John Polyak photos.





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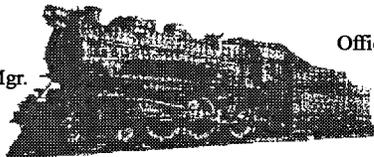
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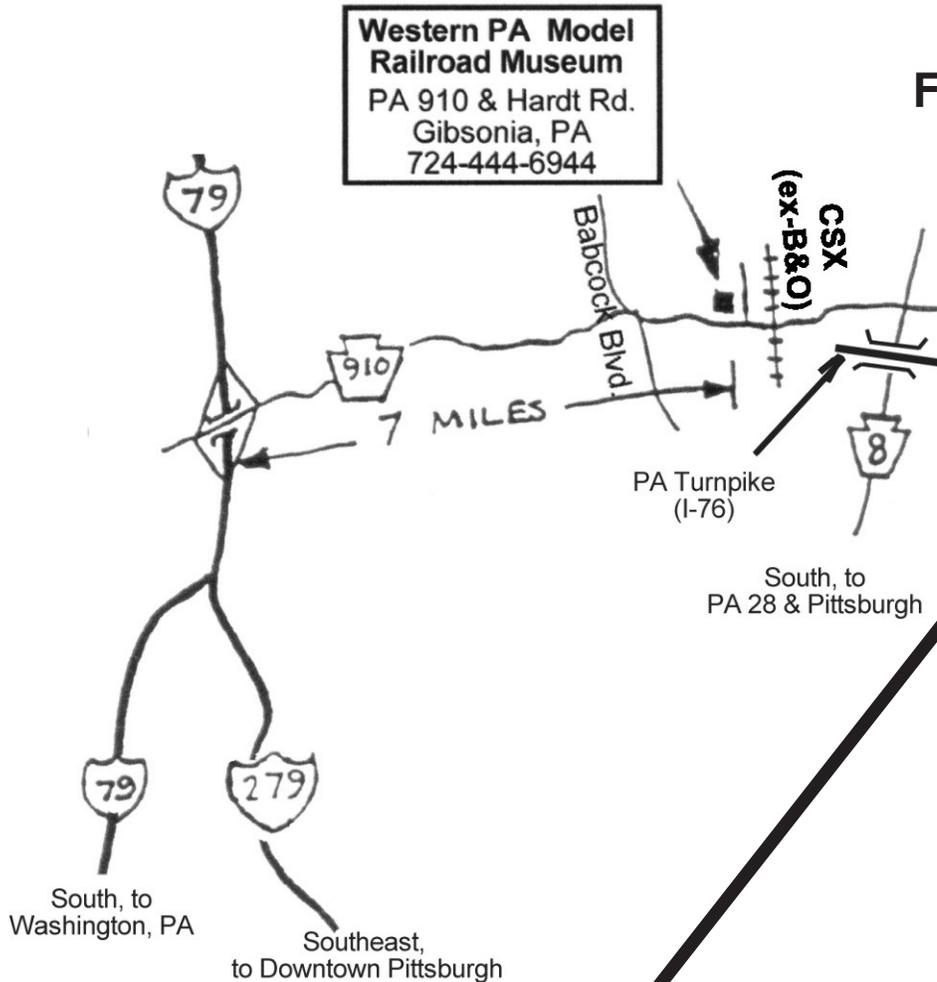
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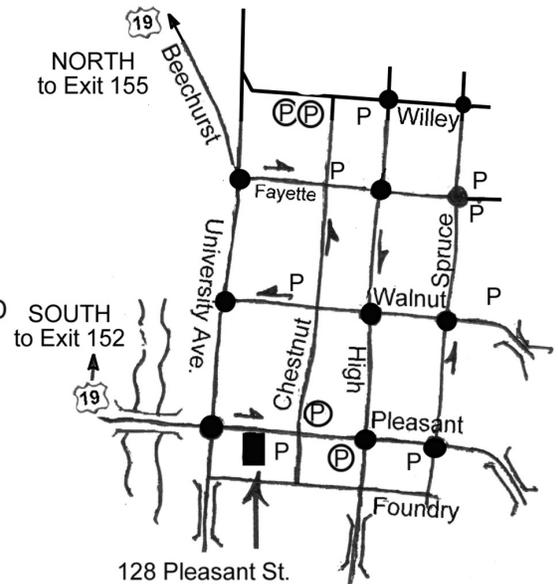
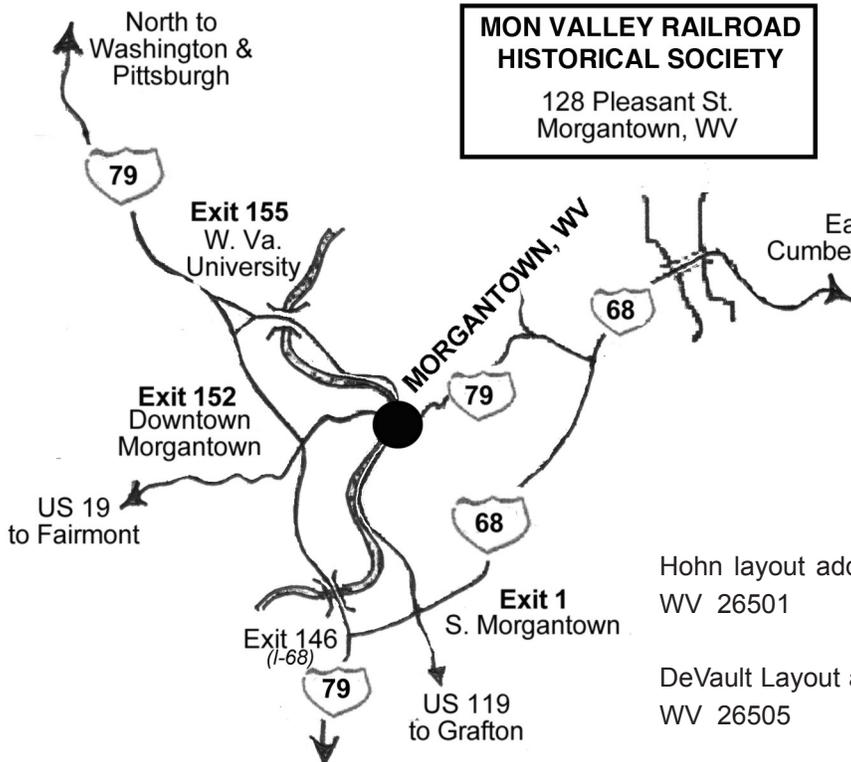
MAP TO THE FEBRUARY 16, 2014 MEETING



MAP TO THE MARCH 16, 2014 MEETING

DOWNTOWN MORGANTOWN, WV

Arrows denote One-Way traffic.
"P" is for parking; circle "P" are free lots.



Hohn layout address: 72 West Park Ave, Westover, WV 26501

DeVault Layout address: 546 Aspen St, Morgantown, WV 26505

Maps in March issue, space permitting

Official NMRA Division 2 MCR Ballot
(Place an "X" in the box for ONE candidate for each office only)

For Superintendent:

Michael Hohn

(Write-In)

For Assistant Superintendent:

Keith DeVault

(Write-In)

For Chief Clerk:

John Gallagher

(Write-In)

Cut-out and mail your completed ballot to:
NMRA Div 2 Election, c/o Dennis Vaccaro, 830 Daugherty Lane, Belle Vernon, PA 15012
or bring it to the February or March meeting.

"Super," cont'd ...

to do their multimedia, interactive story-telling using HO-sized figures. The stories along with photos and videos can be viewed on the web here : <http://ithinkicanonline.com/>

From all accounts, the event was a big success, even though the trains stopped running. Interesting the effects of leaving the modules in a U Haul truck overnight, then driving them from Morgantown to Pittsburgh through snow showers, then setting them up with the sections clamped securely together. Yes, you're right, we ended up with kinks in the rail. Should have left more gaps while laying track! Nevertheless the show went on as planned.

Anyway, thanks to all the Division 2 members and members of the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society in Morgantown who helped; it was much appreciated.

... Mike Hohn

"Minutes," cont'd ...

the level he expected and he was very impressed by the sample Broadway Limited H10s that should be available soon.

There were several informal discussions about estate sales, how to wire a crossover, and upcoming conventions.

For the Good of the Order

Mike Hohn plugged the upcoming Jamboree and the National Convention which will be held in Cleveland this year.

Bob Evans spoke about the Trains for Tots program. He is looking for cars and dead locomotives to use for parts.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:31 p.m.



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