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Div. 2



Editor's Model of the Month by John Chlebowski

Division Meeting Schedule

May 18, 2014 - Scenic Express, 175 Sheffield Dr, #100,
Delmont, PA 15626
Doors Open at 1:30 PM; Meeting at 2:30 PM

June 22, 2014 - Esther's Hobby Shop, 219 North Ave.,
Millvale, PA 15209

August 17, 2014 - Annual Picnic, Leetsdale Park

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.
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From the Super's Desk

Words of Appreciation

In the past month or so, we lost a couple of members of our model railroad community: Joe Lofland and Larry Kline. I think Joe was a part of our division for a relatively short time, but they were obviously both talented modelers

The following appreciation was distributed by e-mail by Tony Thompson shortly after Larry's death:

Larry was an active model railroader his entire life, and was continuing to work on his home layout. He was an outstanding modeler in O scale, with particular interest in trolley cars. He was a skillful scratchbuilder and had completed a number of ambitious projects, some of which won national contest recognition.

Larry's home layout was set to model the Pittsburgh area, allowing him to include a number of railroads: Western Maryland, Baltimore & Ohio, Pennsylvania,

Pittsburgh & West Virginia, and Pittsburgh & Lake Erie (P&LE). Larry was especially active in the P&LE Historical Society and had edited its magazine, "The Little Giant," for a number of years. He was also active in the National Model Railroad Association at both the local and national level. He often presented talks on both modeling and prototype railroad topics at local and national meetings, including the Prototype Railroad Modelers (RPM) meets around the country. He was co-chair of the recent series of RPM-East meetings, held in alternate years in the Pittsburgh and Philadelphia areas.

Larry was always generous in sharing information and modeling approaches with others, and wrote numerous articles for hobby publications. He also contributed regularly to several on-line discussion groups. There is no question he will be missed by many.

An appreciation of Joe Lofland appears elsewhere in this issue.

As we see each other at monthly division meetings, train shows, and conventions, we usually can't always see the ways we support each other as model railroaders, and more importantly, as human beings. We may not learn of the kindnesses that we give to each other, unless that kind act is shown to our own selves. At Joe Lofland's memorial service, a model railroader told me how one of our members had on many occasions helped him deal with serious illness over a period of time with simple acts of kindness. I won't name names, because I'm sure there was no expectation it would become material for my column. Nevertheless, it is a reminder that through a hobby we have in common, an organization like the NMRA can also become a community.

Our after-dinner speaker at the Jamboree, Tony Koester, talked about some of the people he has known in the hobby through funny stories and many words of appreciation. Which leads me to my next subject, my gratitude for the organizers, speakers, and doers that put on this top-quality mini-convention. We had 154 people attend, including 27

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Joe Lofland

As many of you know, Joe Lofland passed away on March 15 following an aneurism that he suffered while at home.

Like many of us in the Division, we became aware of Joe at a Jamboree (I think it was around 2009 or 2010) when he entered a beautiful scratch built home. It had a wraparound porch and the interior had details including a model railroad in the basement! Joe had recently moved to Pittsburgh from Delaware by way of various stops. He had been a music teacher/band leader in Delaware for many years and was now retired.

Joe, like me, became a regular operator on Don Cassler's M&K Division. We all noticed that he asked Don lots of questions about the structures and he didn't seem to be afraid of a modelling challenge.

As time went on we learned that Joe had a business selling resin kits. They were very detailed and of his favorite prototype cabooses (Erie, Lehigh Valley). Interesting guy!

Joe was very outgoing and he invited me to see his layout. I was shocked when I got there. The first surprise was that he lived in a model home and the railroad was everywhere! I mean EVERYWHERE. He told me he even took down a closet so he could get the mainline length he wanted.

Although the layout was far from complete, it was well sceniced and you could see the quality structures coming in. I learned that he had a really large layout in Delaware but lost his house in a divorce. His model business website

had several articles that he authored and were published in different model magazines. It was clear he had great skill and an ability to communicate. He was a Master Model Railroader (#444) as well.

When Joe visited my layout, I mentioned that I was waiting to put in a suspended ceiling (for 10 years) and the job intimidated me. Without a thought, he said he would help and he did. Joe was like that a lot. I'm calling it the Joe Lofland Memorial Ceiling!

Joe was always willing to share his knowledge and considerable skill. I remember his scratch building clinic at the Regional several years ago. He just kept saying, you measure and cut, measure and cut and that's all there is. He had an ability to judge dimensions without measuring that could drive me crazy! But he always had a sly smile and always had his hand out to help.

One last thing. Joe was also involved in our church and had recently done a mission trip to Haiti. I can tell you that this had a huge effect on Joe and he was already planning to return.

I'm glad we had the chance, however brief, to meet and spend time with Joe. He will be missed, but I think he'll always be remembered.



Minutes

The monthly meeting of Division Two was held at Robert Morris University at our annual jamboree. The meeting was called to order by Superintendent

Mike Hohn at 12:50 p.m. with 154 members and guests in attendance. The superintendent thanked the committee of Jim Sacco, Grier Kuehn and Gary Carmichael for a wonderful job in putting this Jamboree together. A moment of silence was honored for the passing of two fine model railroad hobbyists in Joe Lofland and Larry Kline.

The committee reports were dispensed of except for the programs. Keith DeVault, Assistant Superintendent announced that the May 18th meeting will be at Scenic Express. Doors will open at 1:30 with the meeting at 2:30. PLEASE NOTE: BRING YOUR OWN CHAIRS AS THIS IS A WAREHOUSE AND NO SEATING IS AVAILABLE.

A motion on the floor was moved and seconded that the June meeting will be held at Esther's Hobby Store in Millvale, Pa on June 22, 2014. Motion was approved.

Keith DeVault

The August meeting will be our annual picnic at Leetsdale Park on August 17, 2014.

No other business was rendered and the meeting was adjourned at 1:15 p.m.



"Super," cont'd ...

non-NMRA members, out of which about a dozen joined. I would like to thank all those who helped in any way and all those who attended. I regret I was unable to do the layout tours the next day because of a scheduling conflict, because at least one layout was open for the first time and others I've not seen for many years. Something to look forward to.

See you at *Scenic Express!*

... *Mike Hohn*

JAMBOREE CONTEST RESULTS

PAUL GALLICK

Contest categories at this year's Jamboree included Motive Power, Rolling Stock, Structures, and the special category of 'What can you do with a Plasticville kit.' Participation in this year's contest was high compared to the last few jamborees. There were a total of 23 entries in this year's contests, and votes places were in the range of 69 to 79 in each category.

First Place in the Structures category was won by Kevin Yackmack for his scratchbuilt HO scale model of the Western Maryland Confluence, PA station. Kevin's model received 31 of the 77 votes cast. He used a copy of the actual floor plan of the building and covered the structure with brick sheeting painted in red with a black overwash to simulate the Insul-Brick siding of the original.

First Place in the Motive Power category was won by Dennis Vaccaro for his 2-8-2 tank engine. His model received 39 of the 69 votes cast.

First Place in the Rolling Stock category was won by Grier Kuehn for his set of HO scale GATX modern tank cars. Grier's models received 56 votes of the 77 cast. His models were all built from older Roundhouse/MDC kits which he upgraded with metal grabs and stir-rup steps, wheels, and Kadee couplers.

Finally in the 'What can you do with a Plasticville kit' category we had 12 very nice entries. Gary Deavers model of an HO scale Interlocking Tower won First Place with 16 votes out of the 79 votes cast.

Thanks again to everyone who entered models and participated in the voting.



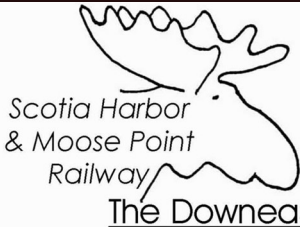
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Bring'n'Brag Standings:

Name	Points	Name	Points
Marge Meehan	11	Dennis Vaccaro	7
Hans Werner	11	Joel Everly	6
Bill DeFoe	10	Bob Hickman	6
Bob DiBenedetto	10	Steve Ross	4
Dom Candelore	7	Neal Schorr	4
Dick Flock	7	Susan Werner	4
Charlie Hallman	7		

Top to Bottom: Dennis Vaccaro, Grier Kuehn, and Gary Deavers receiving their 1st Place Awards in the 2014 Jamboree modeling contest from Div. 2 Modeling Contest Chair Paul Gallick. John Polyak photos.



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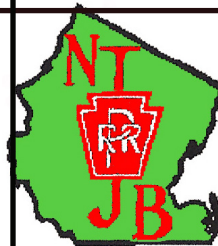
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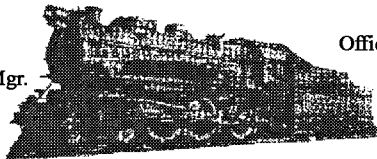
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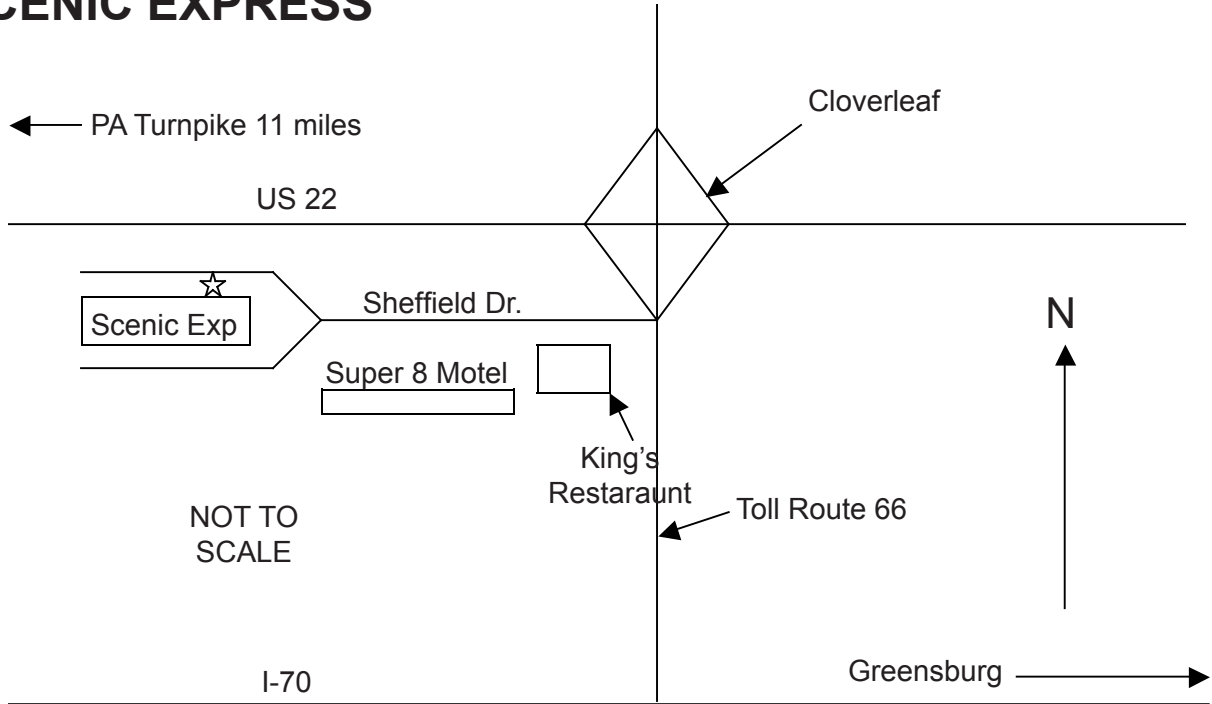
John Ainsworth, left, received his plaque as Keystone Division's 2013 Modeler of the Year from Bring'n'Brag Contest Chair Paul Gallick at the Jamboree Banquet. John Polyak photo.



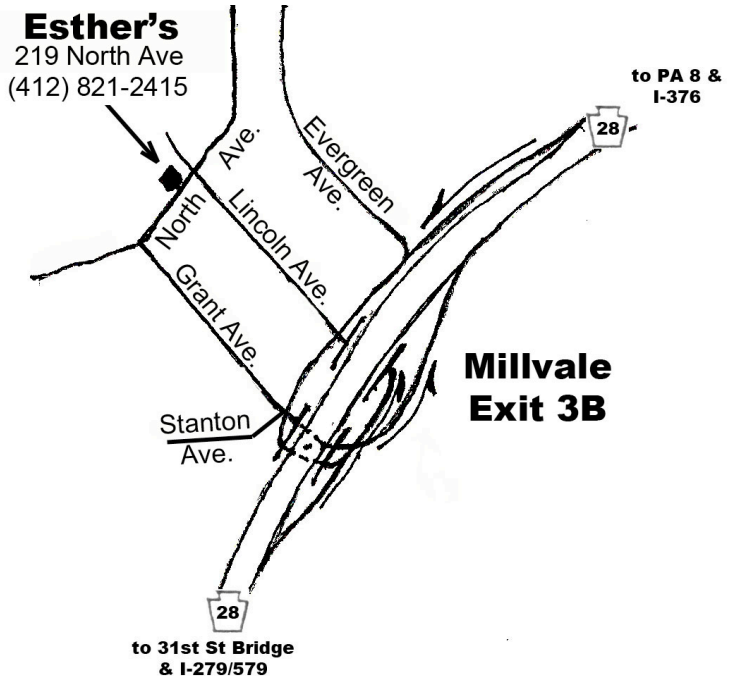
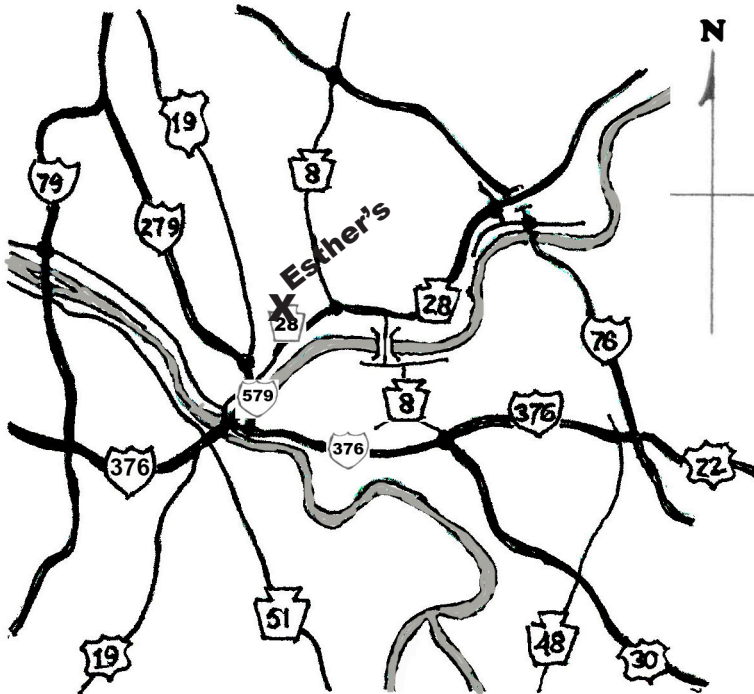
My favorite among the many popular B'n'B entries produced by John Ainsworth in 2013 (ed).

MAP TO THE MAY 18, 2014 MEETING AT SCENIC EXPRESS

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