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Editor's Model of the Month by Bill DeFoe

Division Meeting Schedule

August 17, 2014 - Annual Picnic, Henley Park, Ferry Street, Leetsdale, PA 15056
Gathering starts at 12:30; food ready by 1:00 PM
Meeting following the food.

September 21, 2014 - Youngstown Model RR Association, 751 N. Four Mile Run Rd, Austintown, OH 44515
Layout open 12:30 & 'til 4:00 following meeting
Meeting at 2:30

October 19, 2014 - Norwin Public Library, 1 Caruthers Ln, Irwin, PA 15642
Layouts: Bob Prehoda open 11 - 2 & after meeting 'til 5;
Program: Trolleys, by Andy Blenko

November 16, 2014 - New Eagle VFD, 156 Chess St, New Eagle, PA 15607
Layout: Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club

Bring'n'Brag

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

Submission Deadline for the September Flyer:

August 29, 2014

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From the Super's Desk

Picnic Fare and Weather Fair

The passing of seasons encourages us to step off the same old path and do something different. Although this can mean less time for building our personal rail empire, time being devoted instead to mowing the lawn and trying to get

the trimmer started, opportunities abound to observe actual railroads at work and gather with friends.

Our division celebrates the summer season with our annual picnic, this year once again at Henley Park in Leetsdale, details elsewhere in this issue. In addition to the usual picnic fare and conversation, we have a business meeting--extended debate cut short by passing trash trains--and monthly bring and brag. The division supplies hot dogs and burgers with buns, and you supply the rest.

Make sure you RSVP with Keith DeVault if you plan to attend so he can buy the right quantity of meat. Bring your model, your family, dish to share, and folding chairs, join us for the annual picnic. Expect double stacks, auto racks, coal and trash, and pray for fair weather-- it generally is.

... *Mike Hohn*

Minutes of the May 2014 Meeting

The [May 2014] meeting was convened by Superintendent Hohn at 2:29 p.m. at the Scenery Express.

The Superintendent thanked the owner for hosting the meeting.

Several guests and one friend were recognized.

The minutes of the previous business meeting were discussed. It was noted that three members have passed away since our last business meeting. The motion to accept the minutes as printed in the Flyer passed by unanimous voice vote.

Reports

The Keystone Flyer Editor was not present so there was no report for the Keystone Flyer. Carl Volkwein, the Treasurer, noted that March and April's reports have been lumped together for convenience. The financial issues for the Jamboree are still being resolved. Bills are still being submitted. All issues should be resolved by the June meeting.

Assistant Superintendent Devault expressed thanks to our host, Bob Eltsner for hosting the meeting. The next meeting will be held at Esther's Hobby Shop in Millvale with the business meeting at the former St. Anthony's Cafeteria, a few blocks away.

Dick Flock was not present, but the Company Store was. Members were encouraged to spend money there as well as Scenic Express.

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Minutes

John Gallagher

The [June 2014] meeting was convened by Superintendent Hohn at 2:29 p.m. at the Holy Spirit School Cafeteria in Millvale.

The Superintendent thanked Jim Sacco and the owner of Esther's Hobby Shop for hosting the meeting.

Several guests and one friend were recognized.

There were no minutes in the Keystone Flyer due to an error on the part of the Chief Clerk. He has resolved not to let it happen again.

One new member (Keith Berkebile) and two guests (Frank Kocher and Jules Juliano) introduced themselves.

Superintendent Hahn thanked Dennis Lippert for serving as the Chief Clerk until a replacement could be found. Dennis was the Chief Clerk until his work schedule was changed to include Sundays.

Reports

The Keystone Flyer Editor pointed out that the deadline for items (like minutes) is printed at the bottom of the current edition, to avoid future confusion.

Carl Volkwein, the Treasurer, noted that our current checking balance is \$1,220. Income from the Jamboree was over \$8,000. All areas showed a marked improvement. We had a net profit of \$980. While it doesn't seem like a lot of money, our primary goal is not to make a large profit.

Assistant Superintendent Devault expressed thanks to our host. There will be no meeting in July so hopefully everyone can attend the National meeting in Cleveland. The next meeting will be at Henle Park in Leetsdale the 3rd Sunday in August. This is the same location that we've enjoyed in years past. Let Keith Devault know if you have any special requirements such as diet or access.

The September Meeting will be at the Youngstown Club. The October Meeting will be at the Irwin Public Library and we will complete 2014 at the Mid-Mon Valley Club in New Eagle.

Dick Flock reported that he had two groups of items for sale: the Company Store and the estate sale. The items from the estate sale are priced to sell, so please purchase them so Dick won't have to keep hauling them around. He has been carrying several books for quite awhile because the people who ordered them have not attended a meeting to pay for them. In the future, all books will be paid for when you order them.

Tom Gaus reported for the Web-site and membership Committees. We now have 246 members, an increase of two from last month. Pictures from the Jamboree have been posted on the web site.

Bob Meir, representing the Free-Mo people, reported that they made over \$500 at the White Elephant Sale. As

usual, they are looking for people to help with the Free-mo set up at the July Greenberg Show.

Bring N' Brag. This month's entries are passenger train head end equipment. There are 5 entries. Please vote.

The Video Library had no report.

Dennis Vacarro reported that Dennis Coglionnese had received a Golden Spike Award.

The Welcoming Committee had no report other than they were still welcoming.

Apparel Committee reported that there are a few extra shirts and hats for sale.

Old Business. There was no Old Business.

New Business. Sadly, member Bill Wilson of McKeesport passed away. [ed. note: While Bill was a long-time model railroader and a fixture on member Bob Prehoda's operating crew, there is no record of his being a member of NMRA.]

For the Good of the Order. Susan reported that she will be teaching classes for the Railroading Merit Badge for the Boy Scouts this summer. She would appreciate help and it's always fun.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.



Minutes, May 2014, cont'd ...

Tom Gaus reported for the Web-site and membership Committee. We are looking for pictures from the Jamboree to display. We also have gained eight new members to give us a total of 244. We also picked up 11 Rail Pass members from the Jamboree.

Bob Meir, representing the Free-Mo people, thanked everyone for excellent sales at the White Elephant Table. He also reported that we will be sharing space with the South Hills Free-Mo group at the July Greensburg Show.

Bring N' Brag. This month's entries are farm structures. Please vote.

The Video Library had no report.

Dennis Vacarro had no report for the Achievement Program except that one model had been submitted for a Merit Award.

The Welcoming Committee had no report other than they were still welcoming.

Old Business. The only Old Business was that Grier Kuehn reported that the Jamboree could be considered a success.

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Bring'n'Brag

PAUL GALLICK

June's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at Holy Spirit Church school cafeteria in Millvale, PA. The theme for this month's contest was 'Head End Equipment' and there were five entries.

First Place voting resulted in a tie between Bill DeFoe and Frank Benders with each of their entries receiving 7 votes out of the 24 ballots cast. Bill entered an HO Scale Mail Car (RPO) built from an Athearn kit and painted and lettered for the Cinder Valley. Bill fabricated new stirrup steps and mail bag hooks from brass wire. Frank entered a set of Märklin passenger cars consisting of a baggage car, diner, and second class coach from a set he received in 1956.

Steve Ross won Second place with 5 votes for his HO scale Erie Lackawanna Tool Car. Steve started with a smooth side Rivarossi Baggage Express car painted for the Lackawanna. He replaced the trucks with Athearn 8' wheelbase Commonwealth friction bearing trucks, added new stirrup steps, Kadee couplers and body mounted boxes, and seven Train Station Products roof vents. He then added ERIE plus REA lettering and a patched number to the sides.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Susan Werner entered an express box car lettered for the B&O. She had repaired and assembled it from a Blue Box kit and weathered the car with acrylic stains.

Hans Werner entered a set of German Railroad baggage cars with a passenger coach.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. Please remember that Bring and Brag entries are supposed to represent the creative effort of the modeler entering it. The next contest will be at the annual summer picnic in August at Henley Park located in Leetsdale, PA. The modeling category theme will be "Cabooses."

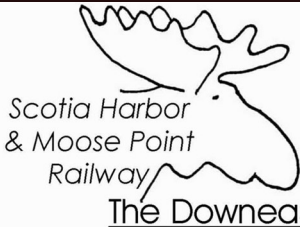
Bring'n'Brag Standings:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Bill DeFoe	24	Dom Candelore	7
Marge Meehan	16	Dick Flock	7
Hans Werner	13	Charlie Hallman	7
Frank Benders	12	Joel Everly	6
Dennis Vaccaro	11	Bob Hickman	6
Bob DiBenedetto	10	Neal Schorr	4
Steve Ross	9	Jerry Hallman	1
Susan Werner	8		



Frank Benders's antique Maerklin passenger cars tied for 1st place in the B'n'B contest with Bill DeFoe's *Model of the Month*, even though Frank's entries weren't in the category of "head end equipment," while Steve Ross's reworked Rivarossi car, below, a head end car if ever there was one, garnered 2d place in the B'n'B contest.





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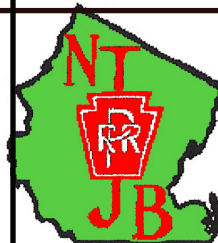
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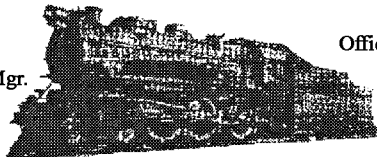
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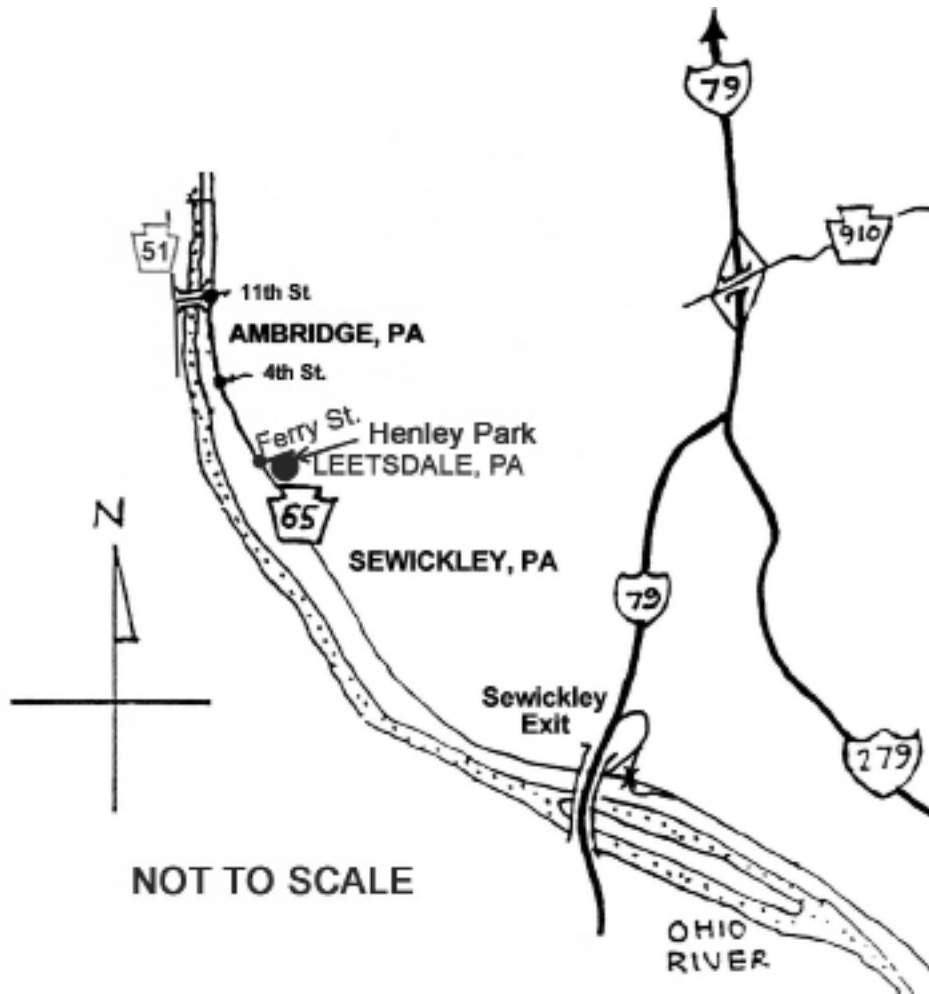
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MAP TO THE AUGUST 17, 2014 PICNIC



Division 2 Picnic

Where: Henley Park, Leetsdale, PA -- Same place as last year.

When: Sunday August 17, 2014. We'll start gathering at 12:30 and aim to have food ready around 1:00. The business meeting will follow, while everyone is napping from all the good food.

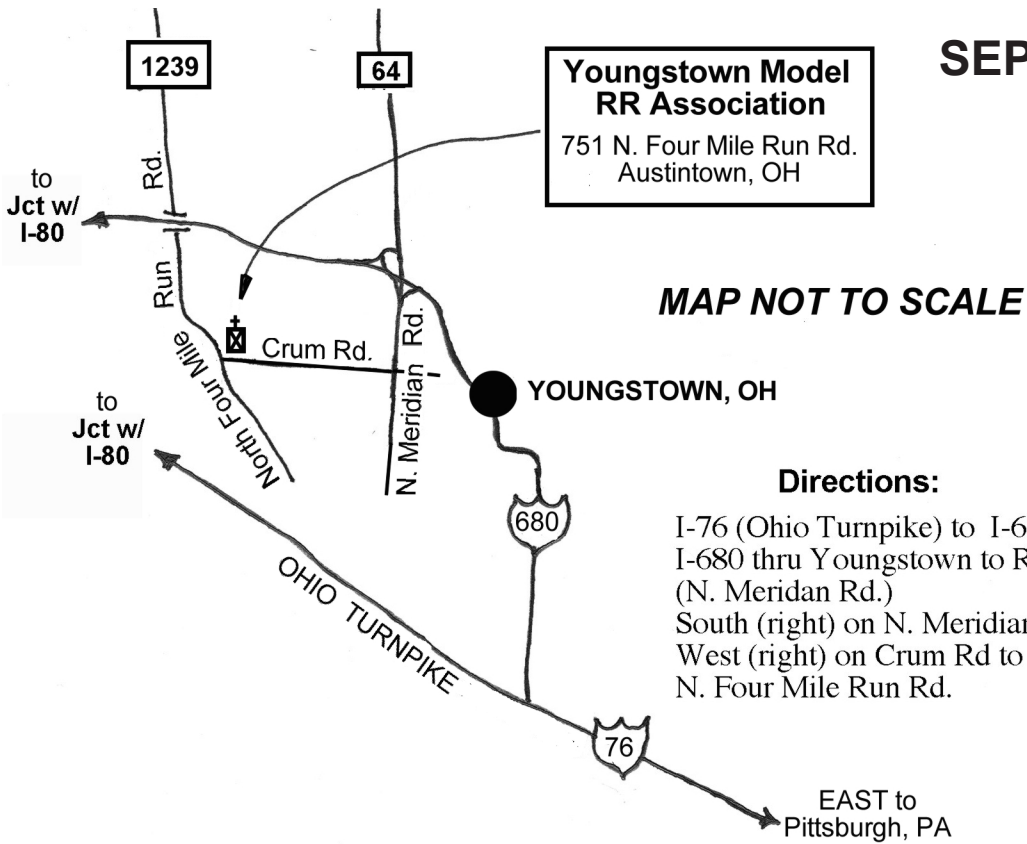
Food: The division will supply meat, bread, and sodas. **IMPORTANT: please contact Keith DeVault with the number of people in your party and the covered dish you will be bringing.** Contact information is below. Bring 1 serving for every item you will put on your plate (usually 6) times the number in your party.

Parking: Lots of parking on the street.

Seating: We will have a shelter with tables, but some space is needed for food and Bring n Brag. You might want to bring a folding chair for long-term comfort. It's up to you.

Contact Information: Keith DeVault, 304-276-2509 (cell); 304-599-5261 (home)
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MAP TO THE SEPTEMBER 21, 2014 MEETING



Susan Werner's B&O weathered Express Boxcar, below, and Hans Werner's antique German cars, above, were nice additions to the B'n'B contest.



Minutes, May 2014, cont'd ...

New Business. Unbelievably, there was no New Business.

For the Good of the Order. John Gallagher thanked everyone for their concerns about his health.

It was pointed out that the Greenburg Show is the weekend that the National Convention begins in Cleveland.

The Trolley Museum is having an Open House.

Phipps Conservatory will be having model trains as part of its floral display until October.

People were reminded that the next meeting will be at Esther's in Millvale.



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