

# NOTE CHANGE OF LOCATION FOR SEPTEMBER'S MEETING

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## THE *Keystone Flyer*

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John Polyak photo

### *Editor's Model of the Month by Steve Ross*

#### Division Meeting Schedule

**September 21, 2014** - Zion Lutheran Church, 140 S. Pennsylvania Ave, Greensburg, PA 15601  
Layouts: Dick Flock open 11:30 AM - 1:30 PM & after mtg  
Other layouts possible; maps at the meeting  
Meeting at 2:30 PM

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

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

**Submission Deadline for the October Flyer:**

**October 3, 2014**

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# From the Super's Desk

## Action . . . Reaction

Even as a geologist and model railroader, I have written a lot over the years or hung around with writers. I remember so-called writing lab in high school where I was required to write rather than wait for inspiration in the evening at home, where I'd be tempted to listen to a Blackhawks game from Chicago on my Sears Silvertone radio.

Like all college freshmen, budding scientists like me were required to take Lit & Comp, where I struggled with writing about subjects that interested me not at all. I would play around with sentences and paragraphs, once trying to write an essay with as few correctly-structured and understandable sentences as possible. This garnered a comment from the professor, something about a bronco threatening to throw the writer off at any moment. I stopped doing that.

A couple years later I was working for our college newspaper, doing graphics and paste-ups and writing the occasional film or concert review. There I learned what it meant to write to a deadline twice a week, either first-hand or by watching reporters. Through eight years of college I pulled only one all-nighter for academic reasons, but several for the newspaper when staff writers did not meet the deadline. As paste-up person I carried out the last task before the paper was sent to the printer.

A professional career brought grant proposals, papers in scientific journals, two editions of a book, and four years as editor-in-chief for a journal in geology. Then, editor of this newsletter, which will leave eternally grateful to Vagel Keller for picking up from me so ably. Of all the service I've performed in my professional and private life, I have probably received most satisfaction out of my stints as editor, largely because the results are so tangible, and failure to perform is immediately obvious to all.

The student writing a term paper can expect a grade in the end. The geologist submitting a paper for publication can expect acceptance or rejection, sometimes accompanied by some not-very-friendly criticisms. I did not expect any feedback resulting from these monthly scribbles, but have received a few nevertheless. There was the monthly meeting when I mentioned my Super's column, and I swear I could hear from somewhere in the back rows: "Write it so we can understand." On the other hand, there is the time a member pulled me to one side and thanked me for "writing like we are adults." I conclude I am on the right track, but I should not write like I'm back in that freshman Lit & Comp class.

A column written earlier this year—the one about my problems with grabirons in a hotel room—motivated Moe Mechling to write me a letter detailing his approach to the problem, generously illustrated with two pages of very small but readable hand printing. The more recent column on operations elicited the suggestion that I also have it printed in our 'club' newsletter.

See "Super," p. 3

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# Minutes

**Keith DeVault**

Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Mike Hohn at 2:00 p.m. at Leetsdale Boro Picnic Pavilion. We had 48 people in attendance, and more train action on the main line today, since we have been coming to the Park. The Superintendent recognized John Gallaher for arranging the picnic and getting the permit. Pass The Hat was taken, and the money will be given to the treasurer at the next meeting.

We had lots of families with wife's, kids and grandkids in attendance today. Minutes of the previous meeting were approved as published.

Programs by Keith DeVault, Assistant Superintendent announced a change of venue for the September 21, 2014 meeting. It will be held at the Zion Lutheran Church in Greensburg, Pa, with Dick Flock having his layout open before and after the meeting. Please check the newsletter and or website to see if any additional layouts and times will be announced. October Meeting will be October 19, 2014 at the Norwin Public Library with a couple of layouts to be open.

Company Store by Dick Flock, he has Sylvan Trucks for sale, along with 2015 Calendars which must be ordered by the October meeting. If interested, please see Dick

Membership and Website by Tom Gaus, we now have 265 members on the roster, with the website running smoothly each month. We have 6 new members from the last Greenberg Show.

Free Mo by Bob Meier, The July show went very well with the South Hills group, and we are pending for available space for the November show.

Bring N Brag by Paul Gallick, he has 10 entries with the title of Caboose, please vote after the meeting.

Video Library is here courtesy of Bud Brock, please stop by his table if interested in any videos.

## THE KEYSTONE DIVISION

"Super" ...

It's been about two years since I started writing these columns, really without a particular goal in mind other than to comment on activities of our division or events and trends in our hobby. However, if can spark an idea in somebody's mind or get one more person to attend our meetings, I feel I've been a success.

... *Mike Hohn*

Achievement Program by Dennis Vaccaro, he has 1 merit award approved from the Jamboree. Please see him to get some of your paperwork going to receive any of the certificates that you have earned in this hobby.

Old Business-None

New Business- It was recommended that the Treasurer at the next meeting have a complete financial breakdown on the Jamboree. Many of the members would like to see the statement in writing to review.

For the Good of the division-John Polyak has Trolley Museum calendars for 2015 for sale at \$12.00 each. Please see John if interested in buying one. Neil Schorr had the latest Train Magazine which features a foldout and story of the PRR in Pennsylvania.

Everyone was in agreement to have the picnic again here at Leetsdale next year. Meeting was adjourned at 2:35 p.m.



Two of Keith Berkebile's 2d Place CSX Cabooses from the B'n'B contest. John Polyak photo.

# Bring'n'Brag

## PAUL GALLICK

August's Bring 'n' Brag contest was held at the annual Division 2 summer picnic at Henley Park in Leetsdale, PA. This month's contest category was "Cabooses" and there were ten entries.

Harold Roth and Les Lemley's HO Scale models tied for first place with 6 votes each out of the 24 ballots cast. Harold entered a collection of five cabooses including two bobber cabooses lettered for the Ma & Pa and Jersey Central to which he added glazing, Kadee couplers and Kadee metal wheels. His second entry was built from a kit but with added detail parts, window glazing, and body mounted couplers, painted and lettered for the Boston & Maine. Lastly he had an Industrial & a logging caboose built from Kadee Master Builders Kits to which he added new brake wheel assemblies, jeweled marker lights and window glazing.

Les entered three HO cabooses including a B&O cabooses built from a Gloor Craft wood and lead castings kit, a P&WV caboose built from a MDC kit which he painted and decaled, and an O&WV caboose kitbashed from an Athearn Bay Window caboose model.

Second place voting also ended in a tie between Bob DiBenedetto and Keith Berkebile with three votes each for their entries. Bob entered three HO Scale cabooses all painted and lettered for Conrail including an Athearn Bay Window caboose, and Atlas Trainman center Cupola caboose, and a Walthers Bay Window caboose. All were weathered and had Kadee couplers installed. Keith presented a collection of 23 cabooses, nearly all Athearn Bev-Bel repaints of Chessie System Safety Slogan and Operation Lifesaver cabooses. His cabooses are in various stages of completion.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

- Bill DeFoe entered an HO scale horizontal board caboose painted and lettered for the Missouri Pacific which he had built from a Hallmark wood kit. He painted it with Scalecoat paints, and lettered it with Oddballs decals. Marker lights are from Utah Pacific castings lit with red LED's and powered by 2 AAA batteries.

- Steve Ross entered an Athearn Bay Window caboose painted and lettered for the Delaware & Hudson road number 35803. He added express reefer trucks new brass wire end railings, Run8 Productions vacuum formed window glazing, Kadee #5 couplers, and wheel inspection dot decals.

- Dick Flock entered a collection of HO scale Sylvan truck and trailer kits

- Bryce Walat entered a PRR work caboose in the process of painting and decaling.

- Bob Hickman entered a set of three HO Scale Athearn Bay Window cabooses two painted and lettered for the Union Pacific and the third lettered for the Western Pacific. All three are also examples of "Safety Slogan" paint schemes.

- Dennis Vaccaro entered a cake with a caboose picture printed on the surface.

I am planning to retire this October. After that my wife and I will be residing in Somerset, PA. If anyone is interested in taking over running the Bring 'n' Brag contest starting next January 2015, please let me or Mike Hohn know.

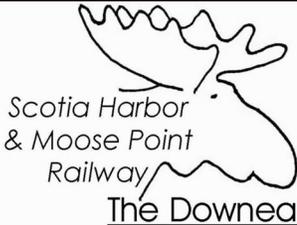
Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. Next month's featured category is "Lumber and Logging Industry."

### Bring'n'Brag Standings:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Bill DeFoe	26	Dom Candelore	7
Marge Meehan	16	Charlie Hallman	7
Bob DiBenedetto	15	Joel Everly	6
Hans Werner	13	Less Lemley	6
Frank Benders	12	Harold Roth	6
Dennis Vaccaro	12	Keith Berkebile	5
Steve Ross	11	Neal Schorr	4
Dick Flock	8	Bryce Walat	2
Bob Hickman	8	Jerry Hallman	1
Susan Werner	8		



One of Bob DiBenedetto's 2d place HO Cabooses from the B'n'B contest. John Polyak photo.



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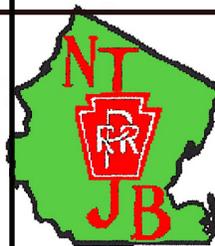
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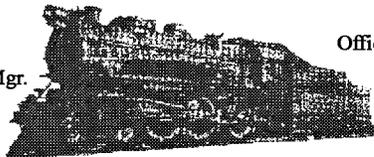
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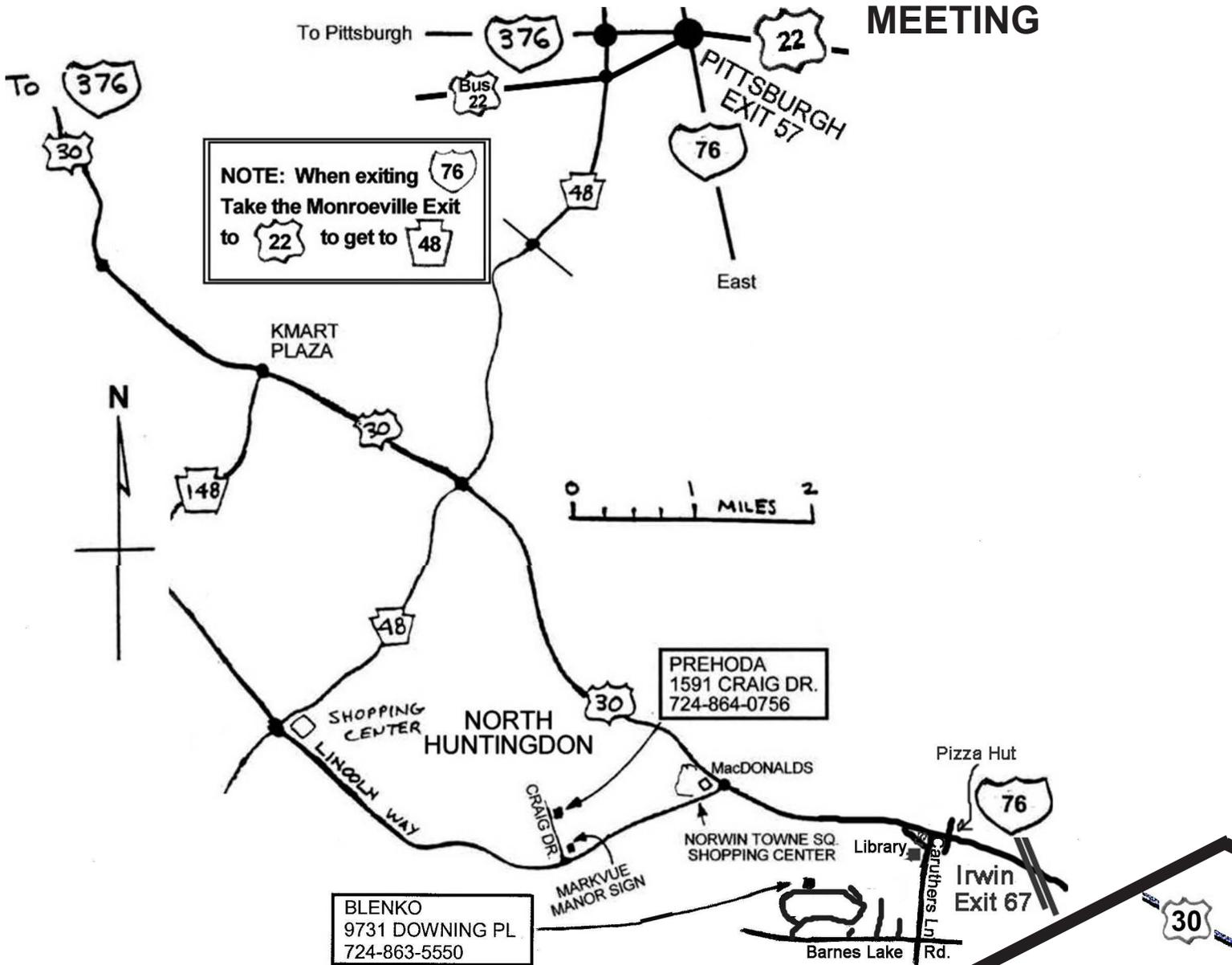
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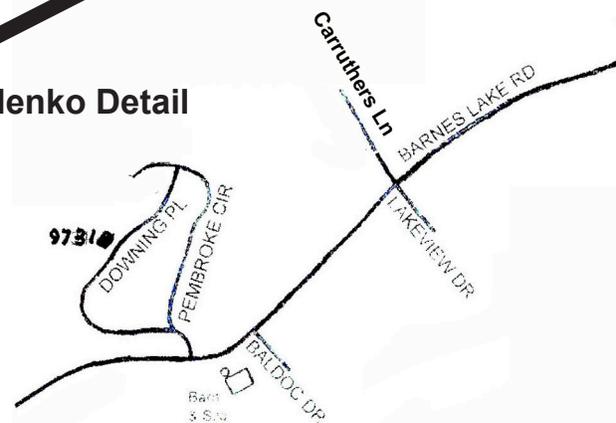
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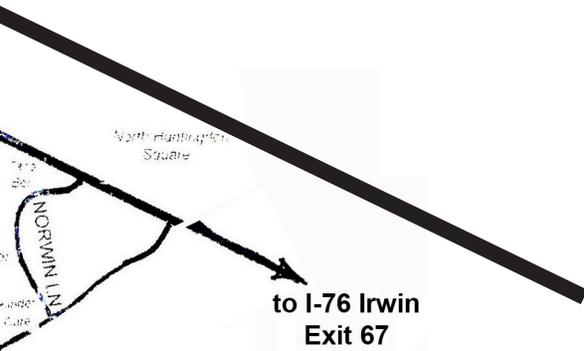
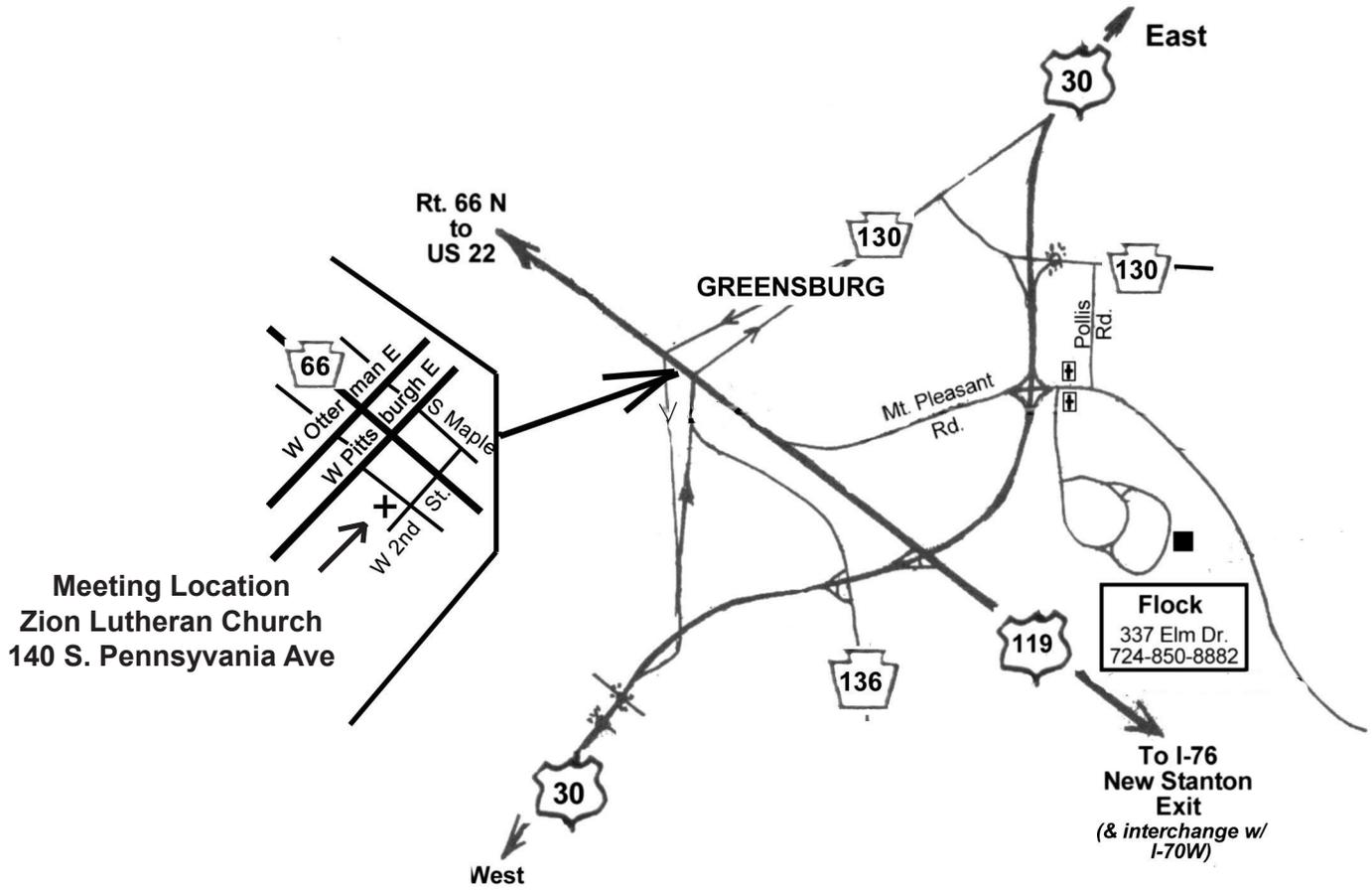
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