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THE *Keystone Flyer*

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Editor's Model of the Month by Marge Meehan

Division Meeting Schedule

August 16, 2015 - Annual Picnic, Henley Park, Ferry Street, Leetsdale, PA 15056

Gathering starts at 12:30; food ready by 1:00 PM
Meeting following the food. Contact Keith DeVault (email preferred: devaultkj@comcast.net) with the number in your party & the covered dish you're bringing. (see p. 7)

September 20, 2015 - Schiappa Library, 4141 Mall Drive, Steubenville OH 43952

ORNRy Bunch layouts open 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (except 1/2 hr before and after meeting)

October 18, 2015 - Norwin, PA

November 15, 2015 - New Eagle, PA

Bring'n'Brag

Jan	Anything Goes
Feb	Homes & Residential Structures
Mar	Built Resin Kits
May	Diesel Locomotives
Jun	Diners & Lounges
Aug	Commercial Structures
Sep	Paper Industry
Oct	Refrigerated Cars
Nov	Open Hopper Cars

Submission Deadline for the August Flyer:

August 23, 2015

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From the Super's Desk

A Successful Foray

A week ago I attended the Greenburg Show with two guys from our club. It was my turn to drive, the weather was cooperative and we arrived in good time and spirits. Since becoming Superintendent of our division

I've attended this show several times--I missed last year due to travel. I like to see what our division has been up to with its modules and display.

I was able to conduct some business informally, including discussions about what a new display should look like. I came away with homework: look at the NMRA display at the Portland convention and see what I think.

I was happy to see the modules looking so good, most with scenery and apparently the rest with plans in members heads how they will look. One was halfway complete in scenery but obviously a project in progress, always better than showing signs of neglect. I saw the monster loop and wonder a little about the wisdom of lugging such a large module around, but before speaking I remember that if I've learned anything about management it's that the wise person lets the people doing the work make such decisions. I saw several trains running with members of the public looking on. Let's face it, people like to see movement and are attracted to action.

I managed to walk around the show once, not expecting to buy anything. One of my projects at home is a car shop with boiler, engine and tools such as bolt cutters, drill presses and lathes. I have many of the machines but I'm on the lookout for more. I ended up buying a box of pulleys and other bits that form the power train from steam engine to machine. I generally thought the show looked good although the crowd seemed a little sparse.

It seems like there was less of what I think of as flea market items, you know, endless boxes of cheap cars that have gotten beaten up over time. I worry they eventually lead to discouragement in the buyers and could well put off potential newcomers to the hobby. I wish sometimes that we would all demand a better product and that vendors would discard the trash. But we all like a bargain, I guess.

The two who rode up with me also did well in the buying and seemed very happy. We were all in the market for very different items, one fellow into collectable toy trains, another into modern rolling stock, and me with my 19th century bias. Yet we all apparently left feeling satisfied. We stopped for a late lunch on the way and arrived home in time to mow the lawn in my case.

After a long break from attending these train shows I have returned out of a sense of duty. However, it was such a nice day out I might just continue to go from time to time. Next time I'll take a train to run.

... *Mike Hohn*

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Minutes

John Gallagher

The meeting was convened at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent Hohn. He thanked the Youngstown Model Railroad Association (YMRA) for hosting our meeting. Tom Pope spoke for the YMRA and welcomed us. He gave a brief history of the organization pointing out that they have been at the same location for 35 years. They now own their building as well.

There were no new members or guests.

The minutes from the previous meeting, as published in the *Keystone Flyer*, were approved as amended. The Chief Clerk misspelled Jerry Kyslinger's last name. Plus, no one could remember who had estimated our income from the Jamboree as \$5,000. Further, the winner of the Bring N' Brag was not listed. There were no other corrections and the minutes were passed as amended by unanimous voice vote.

Reports

Editor of the *Keystone Flyer*: No report

Treasurer: Carl stated that we made \$2,100 profit on the Jamboree. We took in less, but we spent less.

Programs: The assistant Superintendent reviewed the upcoming meeting locations. Little has changed. If you plan to attend the Division picnic in August, please email Keith with the number of people you intend to bring and what additional food item you will contribute. It should include at least six servings.

Company Store: Due to Dick Flock's retirement, Jerry Kyslinger is taking over the Company Store on a temporary basis. If you're interested in running the Company Store, see Jerry.

Membership & Web Site: The Division currently has 238 members. The new format for the web site is almost complete. There are minor changes to be made. He also reported that the ad hoc committee to revamp our display has begun meeting.

Free-Mo: Jerry Kyslinger reported that we will be joining with the South Hills Free-Mo group for the Greenberg Show in July. We need assistance to transport the loop for continuous running. Otherwise, we'll be a point to point operation which is less convenient.

Bring N' Brag: There are only two entries this month. Please vote.

Video Library: Bud Brock reported that he has received a box of videos from the National headquarters, which sent a set to each division. They cover various topics and after he reviews them, they should be available by the August picnic.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro stated that he is still waiting on paperwork for several individuals. Check the National web site to learn all the requirements. It's not as complex as you think.

Welcome Committee: If you bring a guest, introduce them to Susan so she can identify them as guests with a name tag. It was pointed out that it would be nice if we all wore name tags.

Old Business

Jim Sacco stated that we might not be able to get the Sewell Center for the Jamboree next year. It suits our needs very well, but Robert Morris University may have other plans. In the interest of finding other options, if you know of another possible site, see Jim or Grier Kuehn.

See the members of the Display Committee, if you have any ideas for the Division display.

New Business

Mike Hohn announced that he has been elected Vice President of our region. Congratulations to Mike. However, he will remain as Superintendent of the Division for the remainder of his term.

We need to plan for an orderly succession at various positions. Jerry Kyslinger and Carl Volkwein have been appointed as a nominating Committee.

We have kept our PNC checking account, from the 2012 Jamboree, open to provide us with some financial redundancy, in case we cannot access our usual checking account for some reason.

Jerry Kyslinger is in charge of the Company Store only temporarily. Someone has expressed an interest in taking over permanently, but they can always use help. If you're interested in helping with the Company Store, see Jerry. Most sales are conducted at our monthly meetings as well as regional events and train shows.

It was noted that Steve Ross has replaced Dick Flock as the head of the local Railroad Prototype Modelers' Meet (RPM). He has some help, but can always use more.

We will continue to conduct estate sales and are looking for a permanent head of that operation.

Putting the *Keystone Flyer* on-line was discussed at length. Mailing costs are rising plus all the inconvenience for the Editor. However, for various reasons, including Post Office bulk mailing regulations, we will have to go completely one way or the other, snail mail or on-line. However, not all of our members have internet access.

SEE "Minutes," p. 4 ...

Bring'n'Brag

For the June meeting, which was hosted by the Youngstown Model RR Association, the Bring N Brag was Diners & Lounges. First place was won by Marjorie Meehan with her Athearn HO Dining Car, which she had kit bashed and used a Palace Car Company Interior. Bryce Walat won second place with his City Classics RT 22 Dinner. Thank you for those who took the time to see people's hard work and voted for them.



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Email Susan Werner at swerner48@yahoo.com today to stay up-to-date with what's happening in Division 2 between issues of the *Flyer*. Please type "Keystone Division Email List" in the subject line of your email message.



Photoshop Railfanning on the B&SGE: Your editor & wife, Debbie, posed for a souvineer portrait in front of the train at Silverton a few years ago. Some careful cutting and pasting resulted in being able to "pose" on Reed Trestle next to an HOn3 East Broad Top caboose re-lettered for the editor's home layout.

Donald Austel



Bring'n'Brag Standings:

Name	Points	Name	Points
Marge Meehan	27	Arley Mitchell	6
Dick Flock	14	Steve Ross	5
Bryce Walat	14	Steven Schorr	4
Bob DiBenedetto	12	Dennis Vaccaro	4
Neal Schorr	12	Jim Braum	3
Frank Benders	8	Mark Vinsh	3
Marty Knouse	7	Hans Werner	3
Bill DeFoe	6	Mike Hohn	2
Jim Kubanic	6	John Polyak	1

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... "Minutes," cont'd

Alternatives were discussed including mailing to only the few members who don't have internet access. An on-line version would save us a lot of money each year, as well as a lot of effort on the part of the Editor. No conclusion was reached.

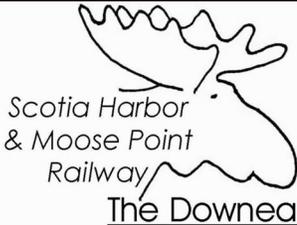
For the Good of the Order

It was pointed out that Kent Miller is in poor health. Keep him in your prayers.

It was also pointed out that the auction of John Roberts' estate has closed.

The next meeting will be the picnic on August 16th.





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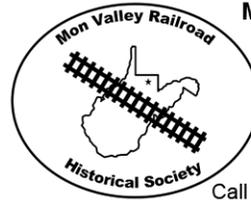
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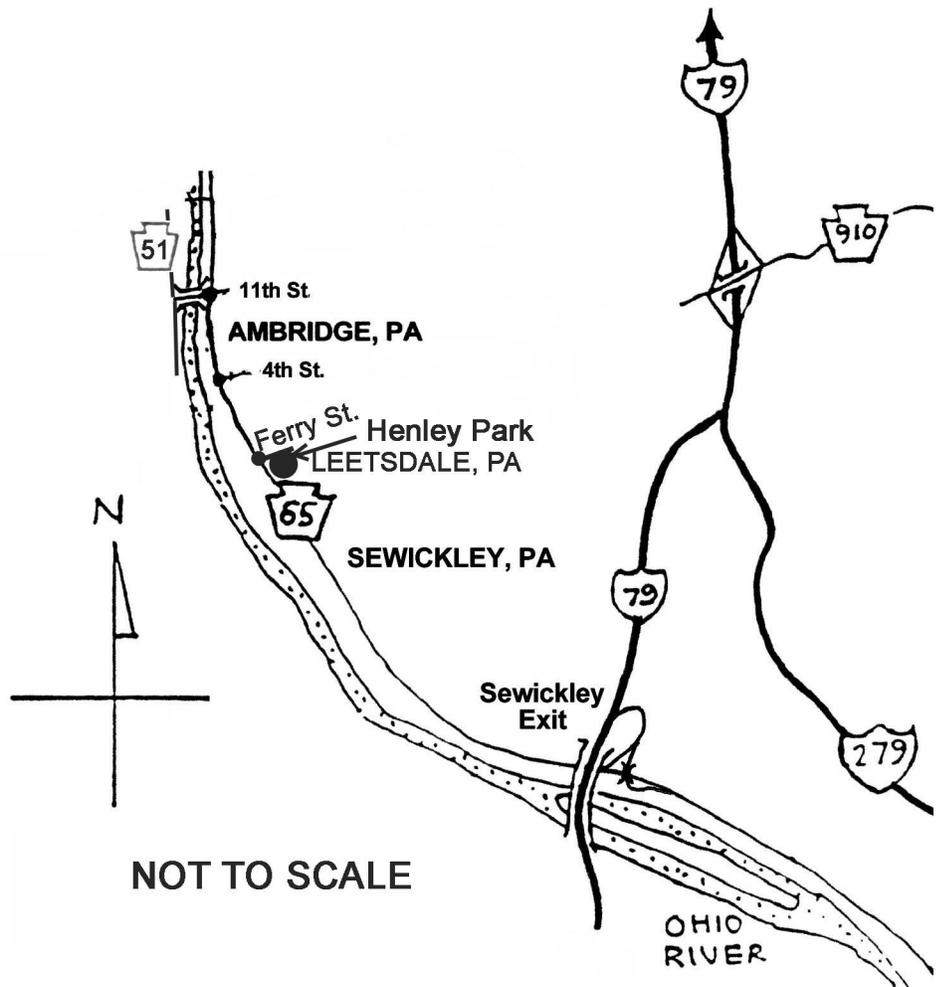


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MAP TO THE AUGUST 16, 2015 PICNIC



Division 2 Picnic

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

When: Sunday August 16, 2015. 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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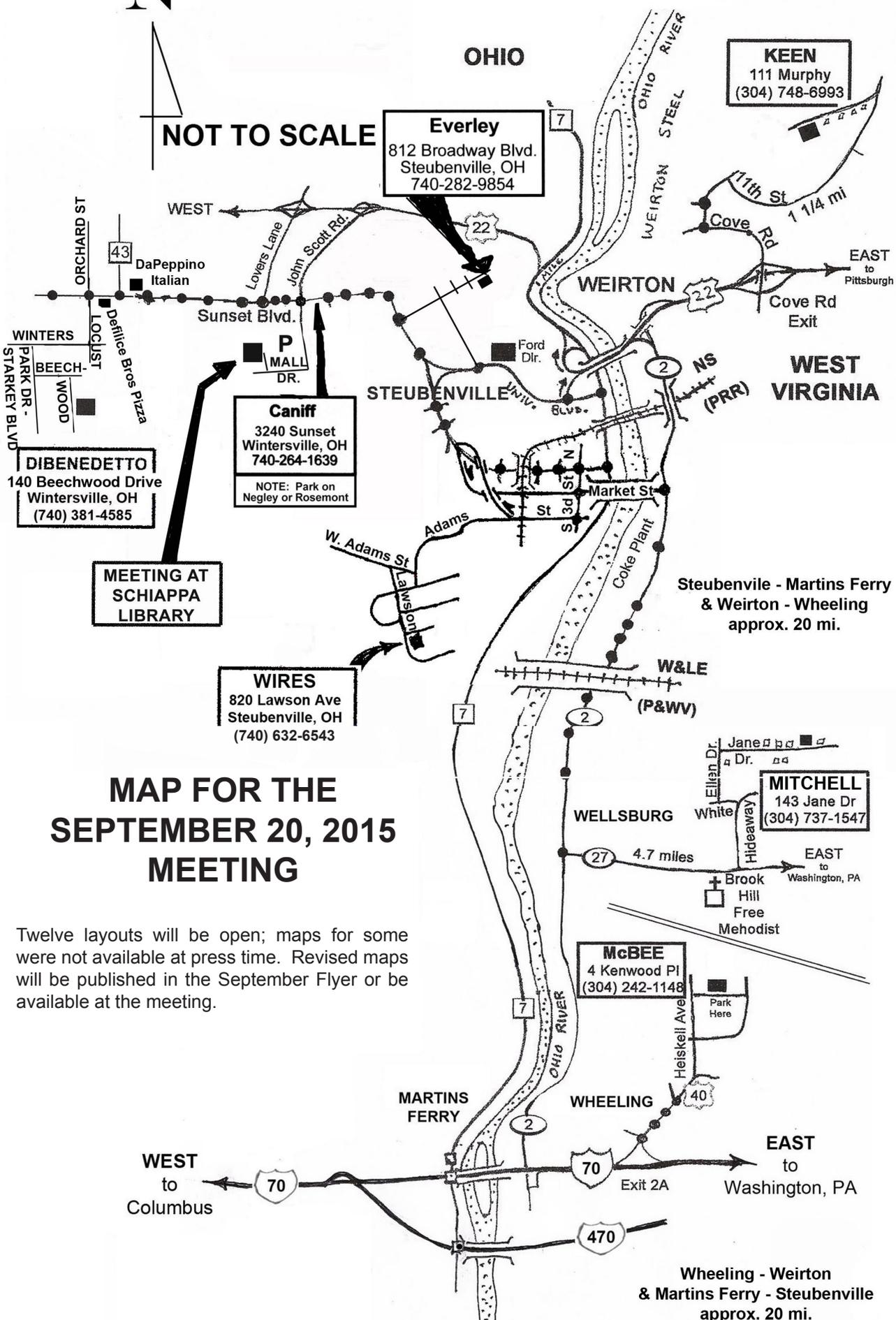
MAP FOR THE SEPTEMBER 20, 2015 MEETING

Twelve layouts will be open; maps for some were not available at press time. Revised maps will be published in the September Flyer or be available at the meeting.

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