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Editor's Model of the Month

"RGS East"

Division Meeting Schedule

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

ORNRy Bunch layouts open 11:00 AM - 6:00 PM (Steubenville-area layouts will close during meeting; Wheeling/Martins Ferry & E. Liverpool layouts will remain open during meeting.)

October 18, 2015 - Norwin Public Library, 1 Caruthers Ln, Irwin, PA 15642

Layouts: Andy Blenko and Bob Prehoda open 11 AM - 2 PM and after the meeting until 5 PM

Program: "Design of the Pittsburgh Mainline Layout," by Andy Blenko

November 15, 2015 - New Eagle, PA

Bring'n'Brag

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| 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 |

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From the Super's Desk

IT'S THE LAW

You might have heard of the "80 20 rule." It occurs in many situations in life and society. For instance, "80% of land is owned by 20% of people." Or, "80% of sales are made to 20% of your customers or clients." It's a rule of thumb that seems to actually be borne out by observations in the real world.

Here's my completely untested hypothesis: 80% of the detail in a landscape occurs over 20% of its area. You can turn this around to say that most of the area contains a small proportion of the details.

Yet another of my probably unprovable conjectures sprang forth as a result of an online announcement for a new Fine Scale Miniatures kit with its usual large number of details, complex roof lines, mixed wall materials including wood and stucco, and numerous groups of workers, some working, some not. There's a whole group of modelers who look forward to these announcements; they order a kit immediately and proceed to post photos and description of their progress during construction. These postings as well as kit instructions are incredible sources of information in regard to construction, painting, weathering and detailing.

Completed kits make standout scenes on any layout. I've seen a number of creative modifications of craftsman kits, often to bring them a little closer to the real world, perhaps to match a prototype or scene. Modelers also treat these kits as sources of detail parts for scattering on the layout.

Things can become a little extreme when a layout is covered with highly detailed, complex structures almost to the point of uniformity. The missing element is open space, the dull, boring miles of scenery through which a slow freight progresses.

We are told to populate our layouts: sage advice. After all, railroads serve people and unless we are modeling passenger service in the 1960's we should have paying customers on our platforms. Look around you, though, and whether you are driving down a city street in a warehouse district or in open countryside, you might not spot anyone around until you encounter a farmer starting his tractor or men unloading a truck.

As I write this I'm at the national NMRA convention. Yesterday a clinician ended his presentation with the advice to leave open space, along with other advice that resonates with me, such as: when in doubt designing track or a scene, follow the prototype. The real world is not uniform and even in a city with its high density of detail, the little things tend to cluster. Warehouse districts have a variety of building types, sizes, and functions. Large featureless warehouses

... See "Super," p. 3

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Minutes

John Gallagher

The meeting was convened at 2:00 p.m. by Asst Superintendent Devault. Superintendent Hohn is attending the NMRA National Convention in Portland. A motion was made to have our picnic at the same location next year. The motion was seconded and passed by unanimous voice vote. Sue introduced several guests: Sue Bubb; Stacy Walat; Tanner Knapp; Abby Hazlett; and McKenzie Knapp.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as amended.

It was pointed out that the next meeting will be at the Schiappa Library in Steubenville, Ohio. There is a map on our web site. There will be twelve layouts open from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. There will be a speaker on rail travel.

Reports

Editor of the Keystone Flyer: No report

Treasurer: No report.

Programs: Programs had already been covered.

Company Store: Jerry Kyslinger reported that he did not bring the Company Store assets because there is no room to set up on the picnic grounds. There will be a book sale in September.

Membership & Web Site: The Division currently has 245 members. The new web site is almost complete. There are only a few minor adjustments to make. If you see any mistakes, please point them out to Tom Gaus.

Free-Mo: Jerry Kyslinger reported that the July meeting with the Mt. Lebanon Group went well. Otherwise, there was no news.

Bring N' Brag: There were only four entries. Please vote.

Video Library: Bud Brock reported that he has received 88 videos from the NMRA on various model railroading subjects and is in the process of reviewing them.

Achievement Program: There was no report due to Dennis Vacaro's absence.

Welcome Committee: Susan again acknowledged our guests.

Old Business:

There was no Old Business.

New Business:

There was no New Business.

For the Good of the Order:

An unidentified individual, who is new to the area, was looking for someone to bring back some items from the Train Show in Portland.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:11 p.m.



Editor's Model of the Month

A Note About This Month's Cover

As I was unable to attend the Picnic, and there was apparently no one else in attendance able to take pictures of the B'n'B entries, I drew from the collection of model railroad images accumulated while visiting layouts and shows over the years.

The scene on the cover is part of the HOn3 modular layout of the RGS-East group from the Baltimore-Washington area, which I photographed at the annual narrow gauge modeling show in Kimberton, PA in 2012. It is unique in that it features iconic structures from two far-apart places: the store was at Ophir on the Rio Grande Southern, while the brick fire house still stands today on Meadow Street in Orisonia, PA across the creek from the East Broad Top RR.

"Super" ...



are balanced by small businesses, lawnmower sales and repair for example. The rural equivalent is the open fields punctuated by the occasional farm with its cluster of buildings and wash on the line.

We all like making and viewing vignettes. Their impact comes from all the areas without these charming mini-scenes of everyday life.

Things, people, activities tend to cluster, attracted to each other like planets--surrounded by emptiness. Gravity, it's the law.

... *Mike Hohn*

Company Store Book Sale

At many meetings we have heard Dick Flock say that the books are getting too heavy to carry to the meetings. Although the number of books in the Company Store has diminished over the years, we still have a lot of books that have not been sold. At the Executive Board meeting held in Morgantown on July 19th, the Board approved the suggestion to have a book sale. In the past, the books have been discounted by 20%. For this sale, all books will be discounted by 40% and then rounded to the nearest five dollar amount (which will eliminate the need to have a lot of one dollar bills in seed money). This sale will begin at the September 20th meeting in Steubenville. A list of the new prices will be posted by the books for your inspection. The list will also be posted on the Division 2 website.

Bring'n'Brag

The August meeting, which was the Division 2 Picnic, was held at Henley Park in Leetsdale, Pa. This month's Bring N Brag category was Commercial Structures. First place was Bob DiBenedetto for his HO scale Walthers Cornerstone Background Building. Second Place was by Marge Meehan with her N scale Aldi's Market, Donut Shop, and Hudson Gas Station. Third Place was Bryce Walat for his HO scale Walthers Cornerstone "Vulcan Mfg. Co." Thank you for those who came to the picnic to see people's hard work and to enjoy the great weather and good food. An extra BIG thank you to all the members there who voted for them. For the second year a train set was raffled off by the Jamboree committee for the members' children under the age of 18 years who had come to the Division's Picnic.

Memories of Steam, Pt. 4: My Favorite Train by Bill DeFoe

Everyone has a favorite train, and as a teenage boy in Arkansas, I was no different. You would think it would have been the *Sunshine Special* with its huge, powerful 4-8-2 Mountains. No, my favorite was a rather short passenger train pulled by a high stepping Pacific. Why this train? It usually had only four cars, a baggage car, two coaches, and a Cafe-Lounge open platform observation car. To me, this was the way to travel, standing on the open platform with the wind in your hair and coal smoke in your nose.

Cabot, Arkansas was a flag stop for this train as she passed through around noon each day. I always dreamed of buying a ticket and boarding her some day, but I never did. Many years later I discovered the true nature of this train and the important role she played. Her official title was train 119 / 120 and she ran between Memphis and Little Rock. Unknown to me at the time was that some exciting things happened along the way.

You see, rich Chicago millionaires liked to vacation in Hot Springs, Arkansas. They could board a couple of Pullmans in Chicago, and have them taken to St. Louis by the Alton Road. In St. Louis they were turned over to the Missouri Pacific and placed at the rear of train #7, *The Southerner* for the trip to Little Rock. In Little Rock train #7 was met by my favorite, train #119, and the two Pullmans were placed on her rear, virtually blocking the view from the observation platform.

Both trains continued south from Little Rock, but a few miles down the line our train, #119, turned west toward Hot Springs. On the return trip, everything was reversed. At Little Rock the Pullmans were dropped, to be

Donald Austel

Bring'n'Brag Standings:



| Name | Points | Name | Points |
|-----------------|--------|----------------|--------|
| Marge Meehan | 33 | Arley Mitchell | 6 |
| Bob DiBenedetto | 19 | Steve Ross | 5 |
| Bryce Walat | 19 | Steven Schorr | 4 |
| Dick Flock | 18 | 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 |

picked up by train #8, the northbound *Southerner*, and our short passenger continued to Memphis as train #120 with its open platform once again available for enjoying the passing scenery. I'm sure that the Cafe-Lounge in the observation car was not there for the benefit of the locals riding in the coaches. As there was no diner on train #119, it furnished food for the Chicagoites on the last leg of their Hot Springs trip.



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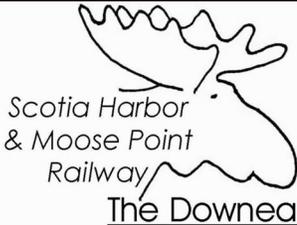
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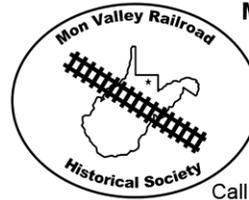
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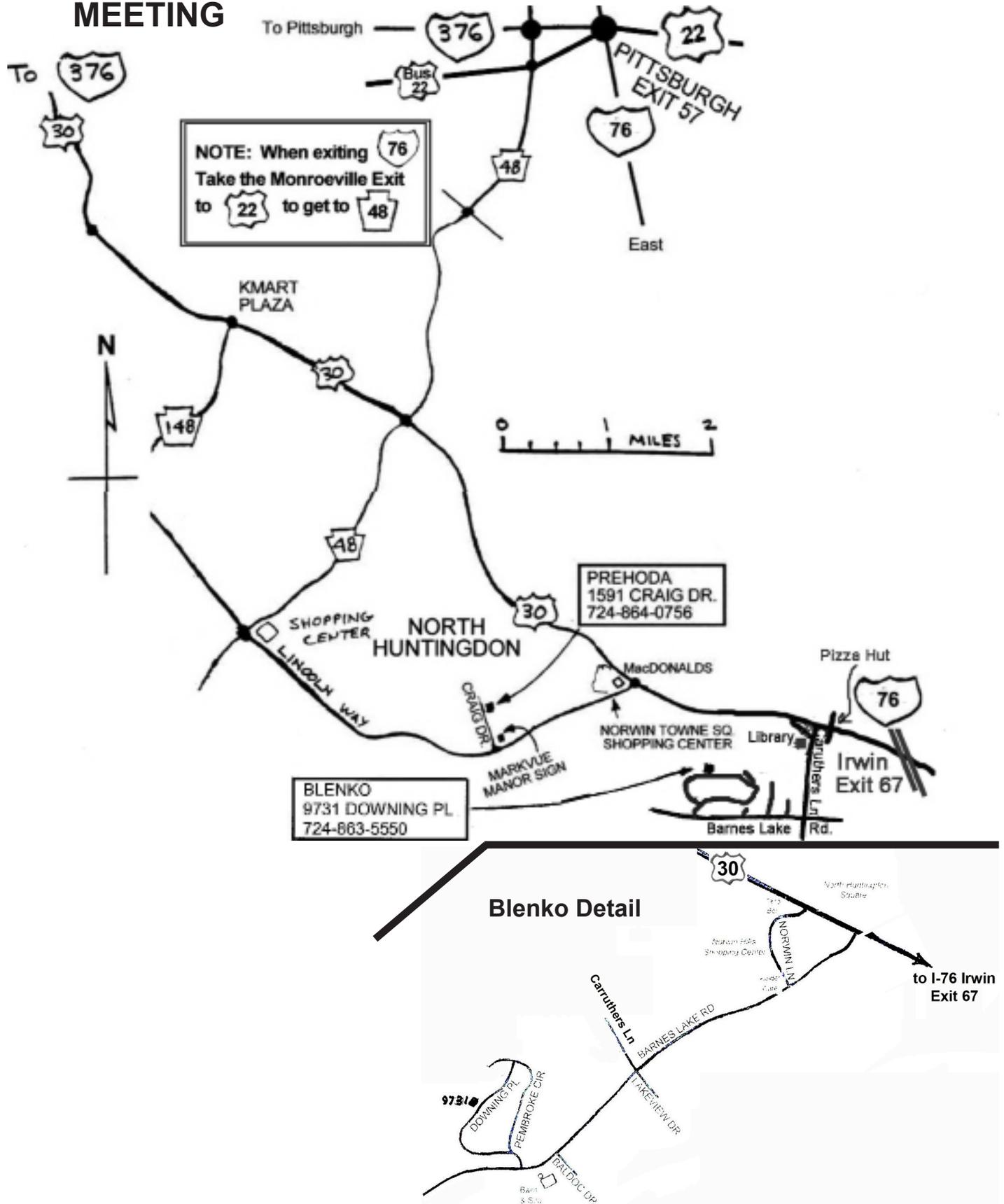


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