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Div. 2



Editor's Model of the Month by Susan Werner

Division Meeting Schedule

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; Dick Flock open 11 AM - 1:30 PM

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

November 15, 2015 - New Eagle VFD, 156 Chess St, New Eagle, PA 15607

Layout: Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club

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 November Flyer:

October 23, 2015

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From the Super's Desk

MCR Directors' Meeting

As part of my duties as superintendent I attend the region board of directors meetings twice a year. The board is made up of the division supers and the region's officers. The fall meeting has been held for a number of years now at Schmidt's Sausage Haus in the German village area of Columbus, centrally located in our region. I want to report on some of the doings at Schmidt's in addition to consuming too much German stodge, including creampuffs (Windbeutel).

Conventions: Convention locations for the next three years are:

2016:	Columbus	Ohio	(Div.	6)
2017:	Louisville,	KY	(Div.	8)
2018:	Cincinnati,	OH	(Div.	7)

We discussed which division might consider hosting the regional convention in 2019 but there's obviously time to mull it over.

Region Project: If you attended the regional convention in Lexington this past spring you know that the region has a new kit available, a wood and styrene laser kit of a mid to late 19th Century one-room brick schoolhouse. I brought several back from the BOD meeting and they will be available in our company store. The building looks very generic to me and could represent any number of historical small commercial, public or industrial buildings. I was told one member built it as a church. I intend to build a machine shop.

Expansion: Our region just got a little bigger. In recent years a problem had developed in the western-most division of the Niagara Frontier Region, which includes several counties in Pennsylvania, adjoining New York State, and part of Ontario, Canada, where many of the periodic meetings were held. The terrorist attacks in 2001 made the geographic spread of the region impractical, both because of distance and the requirement for passports to travel between the US and Canada. We joke about the need for paperwork to travel between Pennsylvania and West Virginia, but this was real. Membership dropped off in the affected counties, and a move started to move eight counties into our region.

The change was approved in Portland, and we decided to add three counties to Division 5 and five to Division 11 to the north of us. Travel times will still be significant, but we hope the current members of these countries will remain in the NMRA and maybe membership will grow in these counties, which include Meadville and Erie.

... See "Super," p. 3

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Minutes

John Gallagher

The meeting was convened at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent Hohn. He thanked Bob DiBenedetto, who was representing the ORNRy Bunch, for hosting the meeting at the Schiappa Public Library near Steubenville, Ohio. Bob welcomed everyone to Eastern Ohio and noted that the layouts will be open until 6:00 p.m.

There was one new member and no guests present. The new member was John Crellin from Cranberry.

The minutes of the previous business meeting were approved as published in the Keystone Flyer. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Reports

Editor of the Keystone Flyer: It was noted that there was a mistake in the address in Follansbee. The house number should be 129.

Treasurer: Carl Volkwein pointed out that the financial statement was for the last three months. Money will be shifted from savings to cover the deficit in checking.

Jeff Gregg will take over as Treasurer effective 2 January 2016. It's an appointed position, so there is no need for an election.

Programs: The activities will be as published in the Keystone Flyer. Dick Flock noted that his layout will be open from 11:00 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. prior to next month's meeting.

Company Store: The Company Store is conducting a 40% off sale to thin our inventory of books. There are also scenery items for sale. Let Jerry know what you would like the Company Store to order.

Membership & Web Site: Membership is down to 240 members, possibly because of summer activities.

Free-Mo: The modular group is getting ready for the November 6 & 7 Greenberg Show. Help is always needed for setup and tear down. People are also needed to run trains. Grab a throttle and talk to the public. They are also looking for new members.

Bring N' Brag: There were only five entries. Please vote. It was noted that everyone who was present at the picnic voted.

Video Library: Bud Brock reported that a list of the videos he received from the NMRA is now on the Division web site..

Achievement Program: Dennis noted that a Civil Engineering certificate has been awarded.

Welcome Committee: Susan had no report.

Old Business

Jamboree update. We have a verbal commitment from RMU that we can use the Sewell Center on the 23rd of April, 2016. RMU people have pointed out that their

events take precedence when it comes to scheduling. We need at least four more clinics. Remember: New faces; new topics. Photos, prototype or model, will be a new contest category. The contest will be decided by popular vote. It seems we have a better relationship with the Sewell Center people since we have been able to meet them face to face.

New Business

There was no New Business.

For the Good of the Order

There was nothing for the good of the order.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 p.m. The next meeting will be at the Norwin Public Library on 18 October.



Fall Model Train Show and Sale

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"Super" ...

EduTrain: If you want to give a clinic for a Division 2 or club event, you might want to know that the NMRA is now providing clinics on its website as part of its EduTrain program. They consist of a PowerPoint presentation and notes written by the author. They are not videos. There is the presumption that you know something about the subject or can learn enough to give the presentation with the help of the PowerPoint slides. Videos tend to be rather passive, whereas the EduTrain presentations are given by a live person who can back up, slow down, speed up, and answer questions. They are available for download on the members part of the NMRA website.

The meeting was not all sauerkraut and potatoes. There was some real meat to it.

... *Mike Hohn*

Bring'n'Brag

Donald Austel

A Big thank you to the Schiappa Library in Ohio where the September Division 2 meeting was held. This month's Bring N Brag was Paper Industry. First place was Susan Werner with her Railcar of Pulp Wood. Second Place was Michael Hohn for his PRR GE Gondolas, modified laser kit. Third Place was Marjorie Meehan for her display of paper production and George Printing Co. An Extra big Thank You to all the members there had voted for them, which almost everyone there voted, Thank you again.

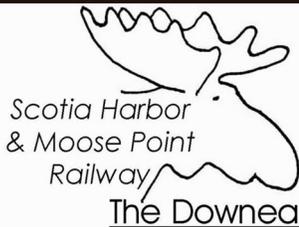
One of Mike Hohn's 2d Place-winning gondolas and Marge Meehan's 3d Place paper industry display were among several fine entries on the B'n'B table, including the lightly weathered Kaolin clay tank car by an unknown modeler at the September meeting.

Bring'n'Brag Standings:



Name	Points	Name	Points
Marge Meehan	38	Bill DeFoe	6
Bob DiBenedetto	19	Jim Kubanic	6
Bryce Walat	19	Arley Mitchell	6
Dick Flock	18	Steven Schorr	4
Neal Schorr	13	Dennis Vaccaro	4
Frank Benders	8	Jim Braum	3
Susan Werner	8	Mark Vinsch	3
Mike Hohn	7	Hans Werner	3
Marty Knouse	7	John Polyak	1
Steve Ross	7		





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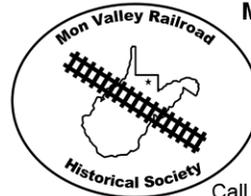
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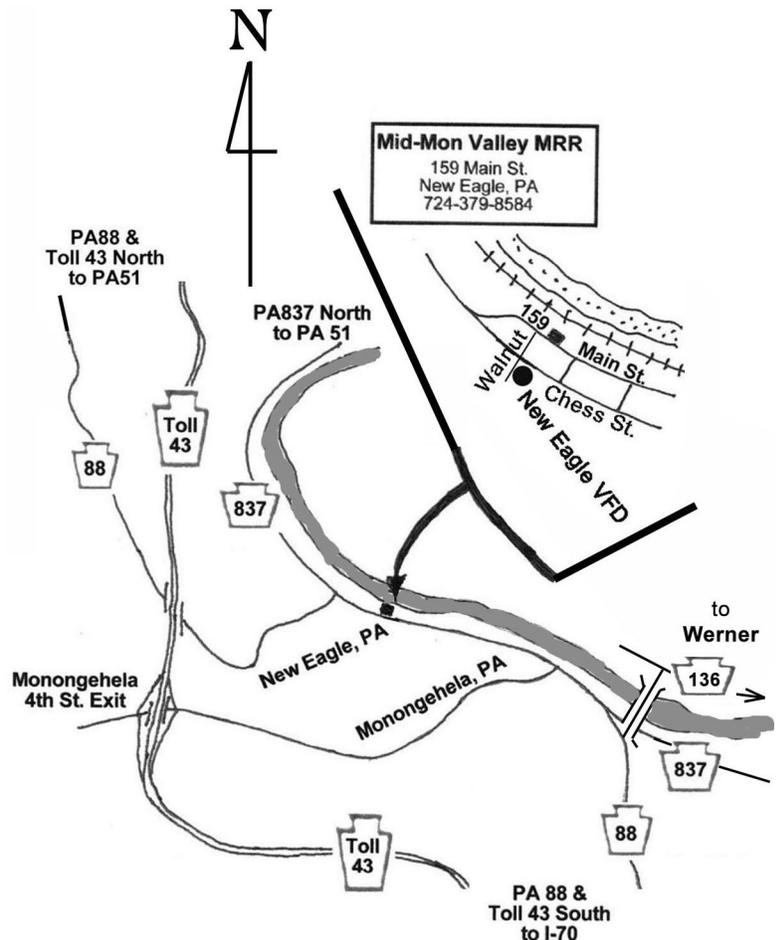
Date	Open	Close
SAT. NOV. 14	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. NOV. 15	11:00 am	05:00 pm
FRI. NOV. 20	06:00 pm	09:00 pm
SAT. NOV. 21	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. NOV. 22	11:00 am	05:00 pm
FRI. NOV. 27	6:00PM	09:00 pm
SAT. NOV. 28	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. NOV. 29	11:00 am	05:00 pm
FRI. DEC. 4	11:00AM	09:00 pm
SAT. DEC. 5	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. DEC. 6	11:00 am	05:00 pm
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SAT. JAN. 2	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. JAN. 3	11:00 am	05:00 pm
FRI. JAN. 8	11:00 am	09:00 pm
SAT. JAN. 9	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. JAN. 10	11:00 am	05:00 pm
FRI. JAN. 15	06:00 pm	09:00 pm
SAT. JAN. 16	11:00 am	05:00 pm
SUN. JAN. 17	11:00 am	05:00 pm

McKeesport - McKeesport Model Railroad Club Holiday Open House, 2209 Walnut St., McKeesport, PA 15132; Ph: (412) 672-4490. Dates & Times:

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11/27 6 - 10 PM	11/28 1 - 8 PM
	12/5 1 - 8 PM
Sundays	12/12 1 - 8 PM
11/29 1 - 6 PM	12/19 1 - 8 PM
12/6 1 - 6 PM	12/26 1 - 8 PM
12/13 1 - 6 PM	
12/20 1 - 6 PM	
12/27 1 - 6 PM	

Admission: 18 & over, \$3; 5 - 17, \$2; under 5 Free.

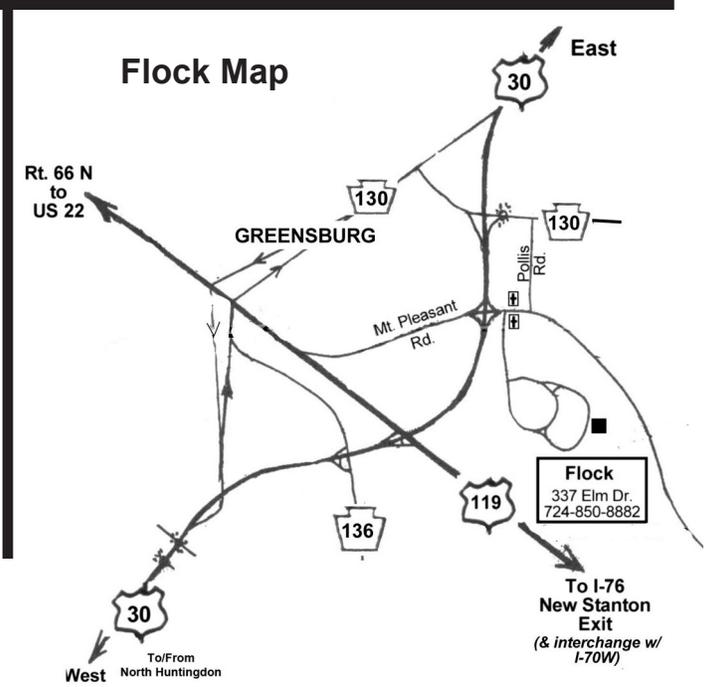
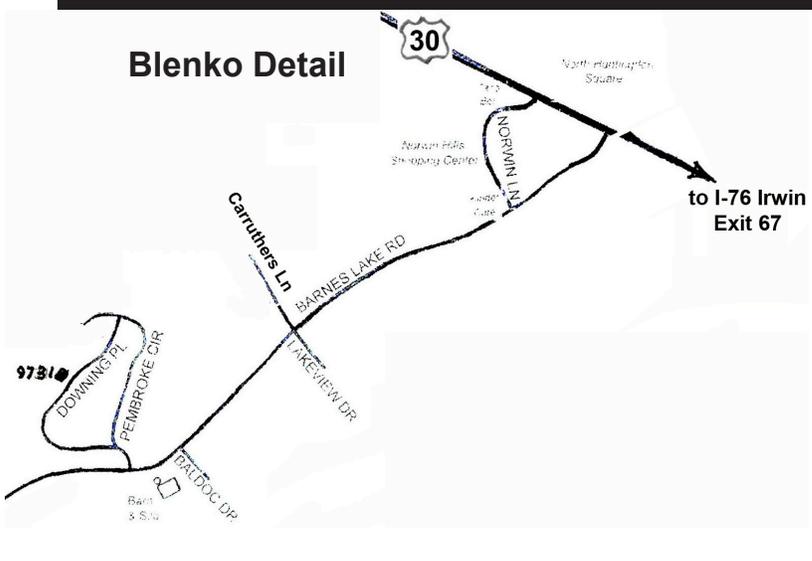
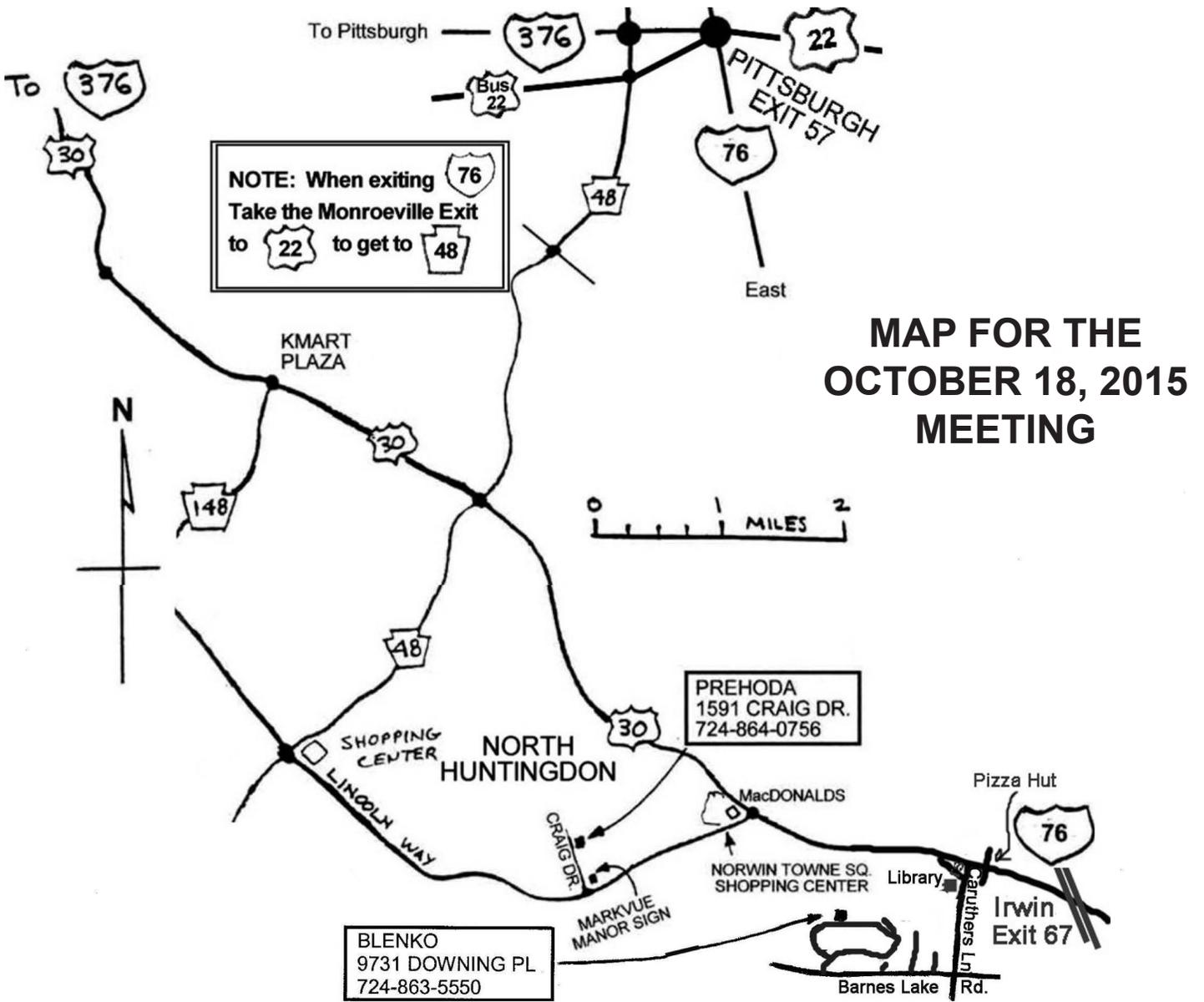
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12/5 12 - 5 PM	12/6 12 - 5 PM
12/12 12 - 5 PM	12/13 12 - 5 PM
12/19 12 - 5 PM	12/20 12 - 5 PM
12/26 12 - 5 PM	12/27 12 - 5 PM
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