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Div. 2



Bud Scroggins photo

Editor's Model of the Month by Bill DeFoe

Division Meeting Schedule

June 28, 2015 - Youngstown Model Railroad Club, 751 North 4 Mile Run Rd, Youngstown, OH 44515
Layout open at 1:00 PM; Meeting at 2:30 PM

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 - Steubenville, OH (ORNRy Bunch)

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:

July 13, 2015

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From the Super's Desk

Region Board of Directors

... *Mike Hohn*

Twice a year I have the duty to take part in region-level meetings of officers, committee chairs, and division superintendents. They are not long, a couple hours, largely around-the-table status reports of membership, activities, and

problems within the divisions. Committee reports are brief, centering on current activities. For instance, our region periodically releases a kit based on a specific prototype to raise money, this year a laser kit of an old time brick schoolhouse. Meetings take place at the annual regional convention and in recent years at a restaurant in Columbus, OH, fairly central to our region. I'm always impressed by the conscientiousness of our leaders as they devote time away from railroad building.

Why does Mid Central region exist? For several reasons:

First, the regional organization is best placed for coordinating some activities intermediate in scope between divisions and the national organization, itself actually

international in reach. Prominent among these activities is the annual MCR convention. Although most of the work is done by the divisions, the region makes sure a convention occurs every year, ensures that they rotate among the divisions, assesses progress as convention time approaches to make sure a wreck is not about to occur, and finds a new host division if the original organizers have to bail out.

Every region has a website, and I find a calendar of upcoming regional conventions particularly helpful. A few years ago the North Central Region held a convention literally down the road from my wife's family in Michigan. Needless to say, that time I was the one suggesting a trip to see in-laws.

Regions act as intermediaries between national and division levels, passing information back and forth to carry out the mission of the NMRA as efficiently as possible and meet legal requirements of nonprofits. Divisions vary in goals and activities. Our board meetings provide a venue for trading ideas and learning from the experience of others. In recent meetings we have discussed electronic over paper publication of monthly newsletters.

State regulations, IRS requirements for nonprofits, our insurers, and just plain common sense dictate that division and regional officers must belong to the NMRA, so once a year I receive a certificate of insurance through the region and in return must provide a signed statement that our division officers are members. This insurance covers all our activities public or members-only, including layout tours. (Homeowners on tours--if NMRA members--are also covered.)

Yes, some of this sort of boring, and, yes there's a lot of just watching others do the real work at the division level. But all of it is important, especially dealing with an emergency such as identifying a convention host or getting proof of insurance to a convention hotel. All of it is interesting, like a recent summary I passed up the chain outlining our activities with the Boy Scouts. But I do take time to enjoy the bratwurst and sauerkraut at Schmidt's Restaurant in Columbus mixed with good company and conversation.

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Minutes

John Gallagher

The meeting was convened by Asst. Superintendent DeVault. Superintendent Hohn was absent, as he was attending the Regional Convention in Lexington, Kentucky. The meeting was held at the McKeesport Model Railroad Club. There were approximately 50 people in attendance. There were no visitors or guests. Asst. Superintendent DeVault thanked the McKeesport Club for hosting us.

Dean Liberty, the President of the McKeesport Club, spoke passionately about what they have accomplished in the past two years and their plans for the future. They are up to 28 members and hope to avoid becoming dependent on Christmas shows for their funding.

The minutes from the previous meeting, as published in the Keystone Flyer, were approved as printed. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Reports

Editor of the Keystone Flyer: No report

Treasurer: The Treasurer reported a tentative profit from the Jamboree of \$5,000. A more detailed report will be available in June when all the bills have been paid.

Programs: Youngstown has been confirmed as the site of our June meeting. There are no changes to any of the other meetings. Members were reminded that the meeting will be held on the 28th of June instead of the usual third Sunday to avoid a conflict with Fathers' Day.

Free-Mo: Division 4 has developed new standards for their Free-Mo modules. They also would like us to join them. The options are being explored.

Bring N' Brag: There are six entries this month. Please vote. Further, a train set will be raffled at the picnic in August.

Video Library See Bud Brock.

Achievement Program: No report.

Welcome Committee: No report.

Old Business

It was announced that Don Cassler passed away after a long battle with cancer. A memorial service will be held at the end of May. It was moved and seconded to make a \$200 donation in Don's name to the NMRA. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

Grier Kuehn reported that the attendance at the Jamboree was excellent. We hope to go back to Robert Morris next year as the facility suits our needs well. However, we have to remain flexible on the date. They have made no commitment. We should know something definite by October.

New Business

Dick Flock announced that John Robert's layout will be auctioned off. Check the Maurer.com web site for details. The auction will be conducted 6 June in Pottstown, Pa. He had a 2 rail, O Scale layout.

Susan Werner announced that there are only 72 members on the "Division Business Only" email list. We have over 200 members in the Division. If you would like to add your name to the list, contact Susan.

Tom Gaus announced that the Division 2 display for model railroad events needs to be changed. If nothing else, it is cumbersome to set up as well as out of date. If you have any ideas to modernize the display, contact Tom. Several proposals were discussed, but no decisions were made. A committee of Jim Sacco, Tom Gaus, Susan Werner and Jerry Kyslinski was appointed to compile a list of options.

For the Good of the Order

It was announced that the Lincoln Funeral car will be in Painsville, Ohio on 6 - 7 June. That will be as far east as it comes for the foreseeable future.



Memories of Steam, Pt. 3: Rocking Boxcars and Coal Smoke

by Bill DeFoe

In the fifties, my first teenage job was motion picture projectionist at the Bailey Theater in Cabot, Arkansas. The theater sat right alongside the Missouri Pacific main line, with only a team track spur separating them. After the last show each night, I made a habit of climbing up on the roofs of sidetracked boxcars, laying on the running board, and waiting for trains to pass. I never had to wait very long.

It was almost unbelievable as to the amount of air being pushed by a highballing train only a few feet away. I had to cling to the running board as tight as I could, wrapping my hands under it, and even tucking my toes under the board, getting smothered in coal smoke. The car would rock so violently that I could hear the clunk-clunk of the car body against the bolster bearings.

One night I decided to try a new vantage point with less violent motion. A few car lengths down the tracks to the south stood the Cabot city water tower. You know the type, a tall skinny tower with an inverted dome for the tank. It was a long, physical climb in total darkness, but I couldn't wait to get up there, hoping the next train wouldn't arrive until I reached the tiny platform under the tank.

And then ... I almost fell off the tower in terror. A huge bird, I suspect it was an owl, came flapping off the tower right in my face. I never climbed that tower again, being content with the wild ride of a rocking boxcar and the smell of soft coal smoke in my lungs.

Bring'n'Brag

Donald Austel

The Bring'n'Brag contests and winners for the 2015 Jamboree where: Structures won by Vance Filby with 26 votes for his Cane Fork Coaling Tower, Rolling Stock won by Jim Ferguson with 23 votes for his Lebanon Valley Caboose, Motive Power won by Blaine Reynolds for his Athearn/Bowser Locomotives with 68 votes; and "What Can You Do With a Trainset Style Freight Car" won by Robert Twigger with 28 votes. Each of these winners received a plaque for their entries in contest area.

For the May meeting, which was hosted by the McKeesport Model RR Club, the Bring'n'Brag was Diesel Locomotives and all the seven entries showed signs of kit bashing. First was won by Frank Benders with 7 votes, second was, Bob DiBenedetto with 6 votes and 3 place tie for third was Bill DeFoe, Arley Mitchell and Dick Flock with 4 votes each out of a total of 28 votes casted.

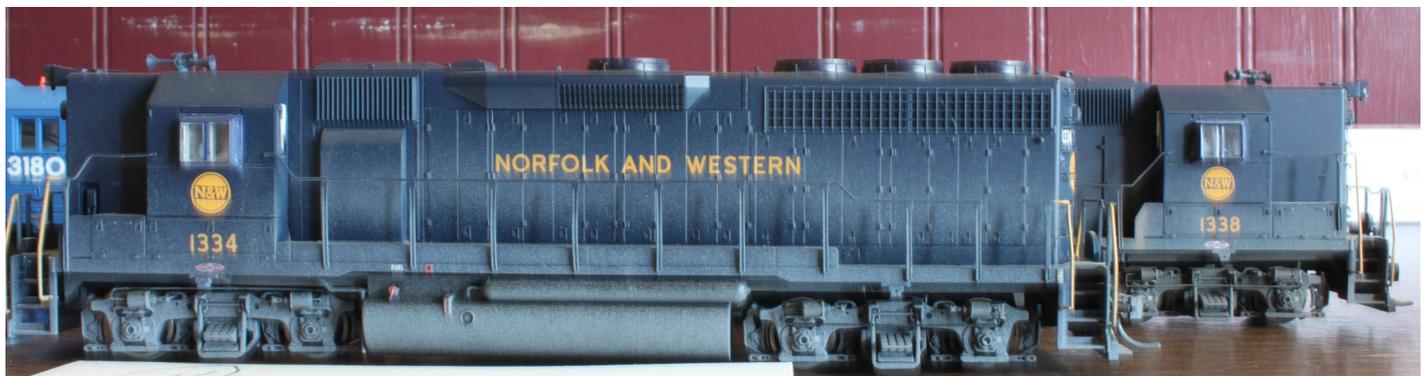


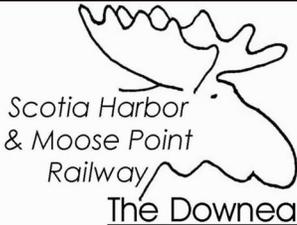
Bring'n'Brag Standings:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Marge Meehan	19	Steven Schorr	4
Neal Schorr	12	Dennis Vaccaro	4
Dick Flock	14	Jim Braum	3
Bryce Walat	8	Mark Vinsh	3
Marty Knouse	7	Hans Werner	3
Jim Kubanic	6	Mike Hohn	2
Bob DiBenedetto	12	John Polyak	1
Steve Ross	5		



Some of the other fine entries in the May B'n'B contest. Photos by Bud Scroggins.





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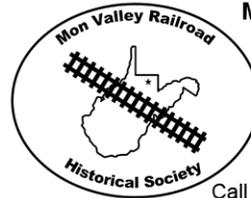
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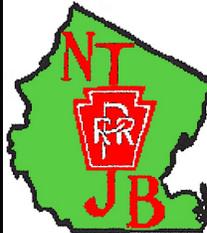
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Another entry in the May B'n'B contest. Bud Scroggins photo

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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.

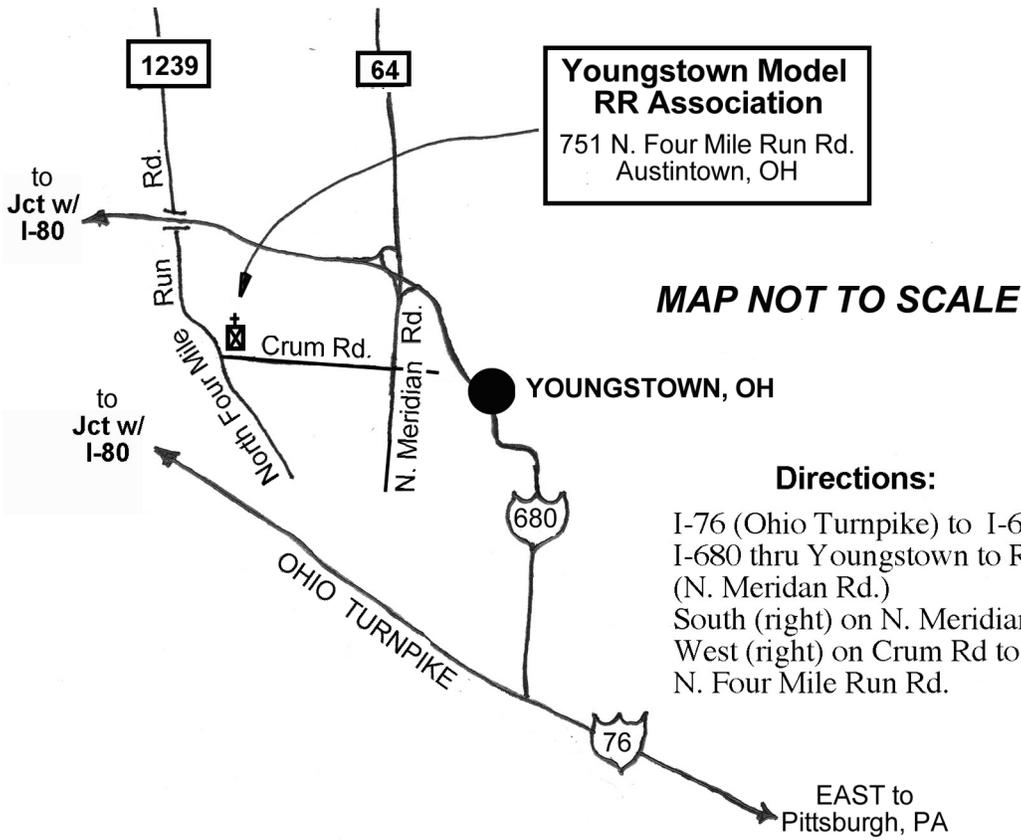
Food: The division will supply meat, bread, and sodas. **IMPORTANT: please contact Keith DeVault with the number of people in your party and the covered dish you will be bringing.** Contact information is below. Bring 1 serving for every item you will put on your plate (usually 6) times the number in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

Parking: Lots of parking on the street.

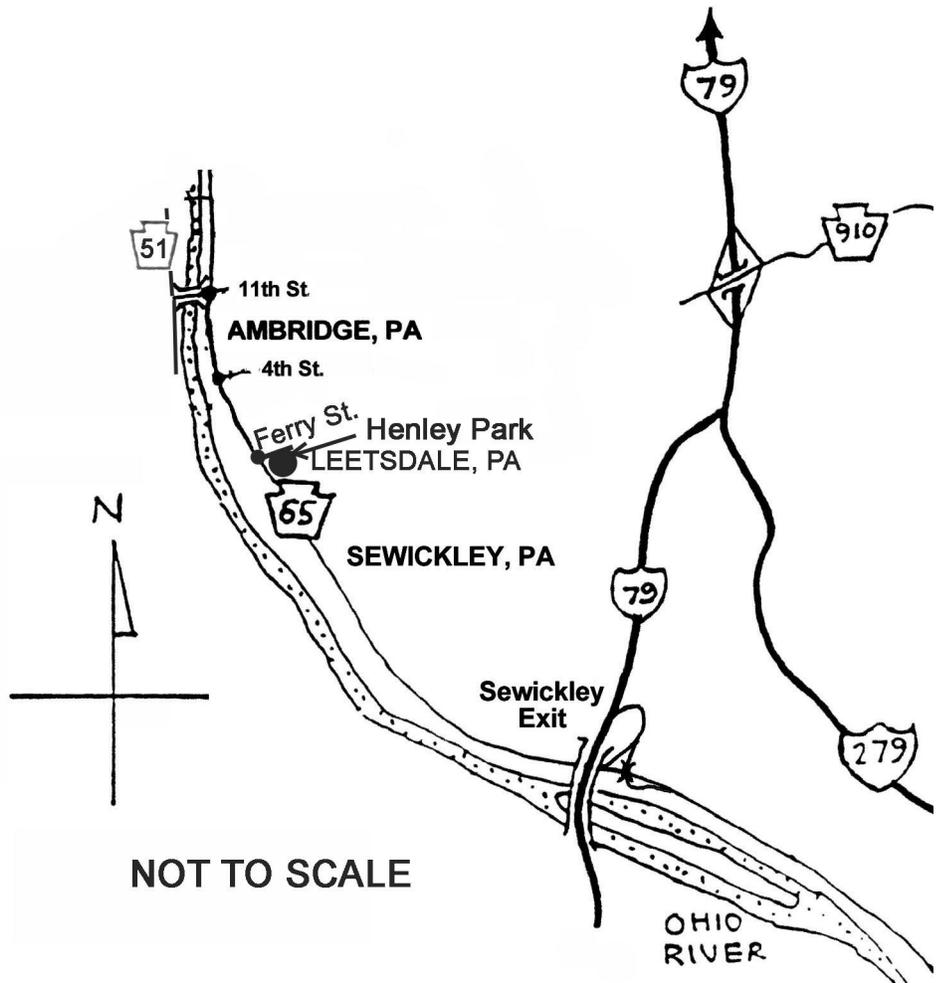
Seating: We will have a shelter with tables, but some space is needed for food and Bring n Brag. You might want to bring a folding chair for long-term comfort. It's up to you.

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