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# THE *Keystone Flyer*

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Div. 2



## *Editor's Model of the Month by Dom Candelore*

### Division Meeting Schedule

**January 17, 2016** - Old Economy Village Visitors Center, 270 16th St, Ambridge, PA 15003  
Layout: Ohio Valley Lines, 1225 Merchant St, Ambridge, PA 15003, open at 1:30 PM  
Meeting at 2:30 PM

**February 21, 2016** - Western PA Model RR Museum, Gibsonia, PA

### 2016 Jamboree

This issue contains the registration form for the 2016 Jamboree. More details will be posted on the Division Two website, but we want to announce that our guest speakers and clinicians will be Stephen and Cinthia Priest. If you're not familiar with them, Stephen is the editor of *Railroad Model Craftsman* and Cinthia is the editor of the NMRA Magazine.

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### Bring'n'Brag

<b>Jan</b>	Anything Goes
<b>Feb</b>	Bridges
<b>Mar</b>	Steam Power
<b>May</b>	Scratch Built Model
<b>Jun</b>	Built Laser Kits
<b>Aug</b>	Railroad Stations
<b>Sep</b>	Coal Industries
<b>Oct</b>	Farm Structures
<b>Nov</b>	Layout Photographs

In addition, our special contest category will be photographs. There will be just one category which will include model and prototype photos. It will be by popular vote. See our website for the rules.

We'll post clinic details soon!

**Submission Deadline for the February Flyer:**

**January 29, 2016**



## From the Super's Desk Schoolhouse

The Mid-Central region is selling laser kits of an actual schoolhouse in Canal Winchester, Ohio. I brought several back from the region board of directors meet in Columbus a couple of months ago and put them in our Company Store, keeping one for myself. Over Thanksgiving I started to assemble it and have a few suggestions for others owning the kit or thinking of buying one.

The kit goes together pretty easily. In general I am following the instruction. There are places where I am making small modifications to the construction and in one case the design to bring it closer to the prototype in appearance.

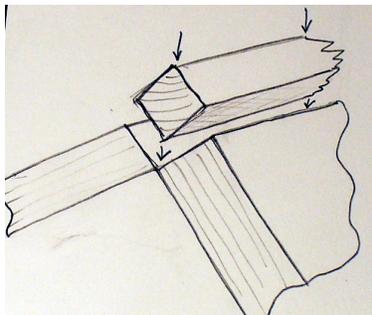
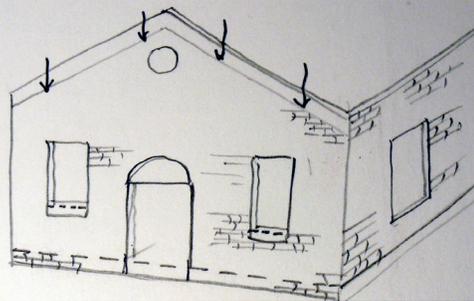
I like a strong structure with very straight walls, sharp right-angle corners, and a solid foundation for details such as windows, trim and roofing. I braced thoroughly with 1/8" square stripwood along the base and top of each wall. Even though the walls are made from fairly thin but stiff plywood, when I glued the walls together they had a little wave to them until I added bracing. No matter how precise the subwalls are cut out through the laser process, the tabs can stick out very slightly so that the styrene brick overlay cannot lie absolutely flat, so I used an emery board to smooth each wall at all four corners until silky smooth.

I used canopy glue to bond the thin styrene overlays on the subwalls for the sides, then used my emery board to make sure the ends were flush with the end walls, then glued on the front and back. The end walls are slightly wide, which allowed me to carefully trim them flush with the sides. The result was a very square corner with no gap.

For some reason the windows in the front facade are about one scale foot too high. I could not convince myself to leave them alone as being "good enough." I cut about a scale foot off the bottom of the overlay, carefully cut an equal amount from the bottom of each window opening in the plywood subwall, and glued the overlay this same distance below the top of the wall. The gap will be covered by trim. The trim supplied is a little too narrow to cover the gap; I'll dip into my lumberyard of scale stripwood for 1 x 12.

The roof fits on the four walls accurately and firmly, held in place by two tabs on each end wall. There was no provision for filling the v-shaped valley where the two roof pieces meet.

I used stripwood to fill the space, followed by sanding with the emery board



... See "Super," p. 4

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## THE KEYSTONE DIVISION

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# Minutes

**John Gallagher**

The meeting was convened at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent Hohn, at the New Eagle Volunteer Fire Department. He thanked the Mid-Mon Valley RR Club for hosting the meeting. There were approximately 34 members present.

There were no new members in attendance, but there was one guest: Grier Kuehn brought his grandson, Vinny.

The minutes of the previous meeting, as published in the *Keystone Flyer*, were approved by consensus.

## **Reports**

Editor of the *Keystone Flyer*: There was no report as the editor was not present. No one knew of any issues and everyone got their *Flyer* on time.

Treasurer: Carl Volkwein reported that slightly less came in than his last report. We remain solvent. Book sales from the Company Store brought in \$992 and \$79 from "Pass the Hat. This is Carl's last meeting as Treasurer. He is retiring as of the 1st of January. Jeff Greg has volunteered to be Carl's replacement. The Superintendent expressed the thanks of the Division for Carl's many years of service. That was followed by a round of applause.

Company Store: Jerry Kyslinger reported that 40 books had been sold as part of the "Fire Sale". Therefore, the size of the Company Store is decreasing making it easier to transport. Send Jerry an email if there are any new books you desire.

Jerry also took the opportunity to announce that the program to display the Free-Mo modules with the Methodist Church fell through due to lack of participation. Perhaps the S Gaugers can fill their requirements. The application for the Greenberg Show in February has been submitted. They are looking for more modules to increase the size of the railroad and make it more fun to operate. Charley Blenko has volunteered to help.

Switching to another of Jerry's many hats, he pointed out that elections for Division officers are approaching. Anyone interested in running for office should contact Jerry or Carl Volkwein.

Programs: January's meeting will be at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, as in past years. February's meeting will be in Gibsonia, also as in the recent past. Today's presentation will be on motor cars.

Membership & Web Site: Membership is down to 233 members. We have one new member, Bill Powers. It seems there are some "dormant" members that have failed to renew their membership but continue to attend meetings. He will follow up with those people. The NMRA does not send numerous reminders as some magazines do. There was some discussion on how to remind those members who are in arrears. The Superintendent pointed out that all officers must be current members of the NMRA. This was not the case in some divisions.

The Committee to create a new display for the Division stated that they would like to copy the one that was displayed at the National in Portland. The Superintendent displayed several pictures on his phone.

Tom Gaus is still working on improving the web site.

Tom stated that we are one of the few divisions that still provide only a print version of their bulletin. We will have to go to a digital version eventually. We will no longer be able to

provide a print version to our non-digital members. We have tried to be considerate of those who don't have a computer, but they are a distinct minority. It was also pointed out that we must have paper versions of election ballots. We will have to find a way to accommodate the election process.

Speaking of the election process, we will need volunteers to count the ballots. They cannot be an officer or a member of the nominating committee.

The Superintendent took the opportunity to thank members who fill in while functions are open. From his trips to the MCR meetings, he believes we are one of the best organized divisions.

Free-Mo: See above under Company Store.

Bring N' Brag: There were nine entries and a display. The list of next year's topics have been sent to the *Flyer* editor. As usual, January's topic will be "anything goes".

Video Library: There was no report.

Achievement Program: There was no report.

Welcome Committee: Susan had no report.

## **Old Business**

Grier Kuehn reported that a fourth contest has been added to the photo contests. The use of Photoshop to improve one's pictures was discussed. No decision was reached. Grier pointed out that this is not an NMRA contest. The winners are selected by popular vote. There is no judging.

Steve and Cynthia Priest are the after dinner speakers as well as giving a clinic. Cynthia is the editor of the NMRA magazine and her husband Steve works for Railroad Model Craftsman. They should be very interesting.

There are plenty of flyers to pass out for the Jamboree. Please take them to local hobby shops as well as train shows. There is a show in Washington on 5 January as well as a show in Adamsburg on 10 January.

If you're attending, mail your application to Tom Gaus. All the open houses on Sunday following the Jamboree will be listed on the web site.

The Superintendent announced that our monthly meetings should be more of an "event" instead of just a "meeting", per direction from the National. Having "events" is expected to increase attendance. We still need meetings to make decisions. Some divisions are run by "executive committee". A lengthy discussion followed. The general consensus was that we should continue having "meetings" to make decisions in a transparent manner as well as provide a venue for camaraderie.

It was pointed out that if you are an active NMRA member, their insurance covers your home layout.

**New Business** There was no New Business.

## **For the Good of the Order**

Neil Schorr received recognition for having a photo of his layout included in next year's NMRA calendar.

Susan will email a list of Lionel assets for sale.

... See "Minutes," p. 4

# Bring'n'Brag

Thank you to the New Eagle VFD in New Eagle, Pa for their hospitality at the November Division 2 meeting . This month's Bring N Brag was Open Hopper Cars. We had nine entries for this meeting. First Place was Dom Candelore Jr. for his HO and HO<sub>N3</sub> Hoppers. Second place was Jim Braum for his Wheeling & Lake Erie 3 bay 100-ton Hopper. Third place was a split between Mike Hohn's Resin Kits of L.V.R.R. Hoppers and Marge Meehan's Bowser HO Delaware & Hudson, New York Central, and CCC & STL open Hoppers.

The other entries where: Bill DeFoe's Westerfield N&W Hopper, Frank Benders's Accurail Western Maryland Hopper, Bob DiBenedetto's Walther's AEPX Hoppers, Jim Whipple's Cambria & Indiana Hopper Car, and Ralph Vasko's "A Hopper load of Hoppers Oops". Also, Grier Kuehn had a nice "Display Only" of PENN WESTERN GP35's.

Mike Hohn made the unofficial announcement that Marge Meehan was the year's winner of Bring'N'Brag. Official would be at next year's Jamboree. I had also stated the next year's Bring'N'Brag categories had been sent in and would be in the January's flier, and as always January is "Anything Goes". Thank you all who brought their wonderful works to show to the rest of us and a thank you for all of you that voted and helped

"Super" ...

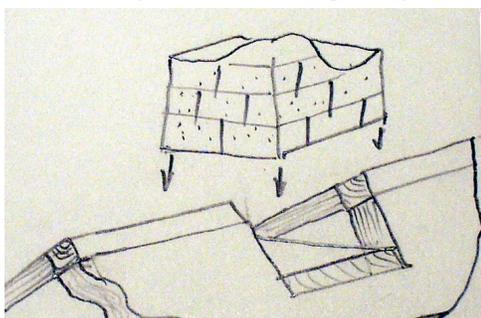
to make the ridge flush with the roof.

The chimney is a little too big for the hole provided in the roof, so I enlarged the opening. To provide a place attach the chimney securely, I built a little platform across the opening.

I am not quite done with the kit. This week I constructed most of the cupola. I had a lot of trouble getting the four pieces for the cupola roof to fit. No problem: I simply filled the gaps the same way I did the main roof.

I painted the brick with raw sienna acrylic paint picked up from our local Michael's. This color is a match to the former PollyScale "Rust" that I read long ago is a good representation of old brick. I've decided to go with a green trim.

I'm not quite finished with my model and will report any more modifications in the future. So far this has been a fun kit and I only offer this information to encourage you to buy one yourself.



... Mike Hohn

# Donald Austel

these members feel the work was worth sharing. Our Division 2 members are not only our family, but they are the greatest Library about model trains that I have ever know. Members to only name a few of so very many; Mick Hohn, Susan Werner, Vagel Keller and my personal mention Bill DeFoe have helped all of us through new or a hard parts of our growth in model railroading through answering questions or seeing what they brought to Bring'N'Brag. Thank You



## Bring'n'Brag Standings:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Marge Meehan	49	Marty Knouse	7
Dick Flock	24	Steve Ross	7
Bob DiBenedetto	21	Jim Kubanic	6
Bryce Walat	19	Arley Mitchell	6
Bill DeFoe	16	Dennis Vaccaro	4
Neal Schorr	14	Mark Vinsh	3
Susan Werner	14	Hans Werner	3
Mike Hohn	12	Ralph Vasko	2
Steven Schorr	10	Jim Whipple	2
Frank Benders	10	Grier Kuehn	1
Jim Braum	9	John Polyak	1

"Minutes" ...

Jerry Kyslinger stated that he was too busy to order 2016 calendars. Hopefully we will be able to order them next year when the new person is in charge. Susan will be taking over for Jerry on a temporary basis. We need to examine the business model for the Company Store.

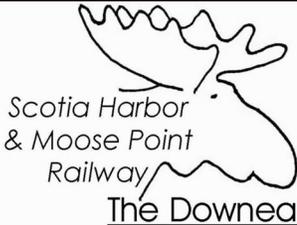
Susan Werner announced that the club layout will not be open after the meeting.

There is a new manufacturer in the hobby, Scale Model Trains.

Don't forget to vote for the Bring N' Brag.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 p.m.





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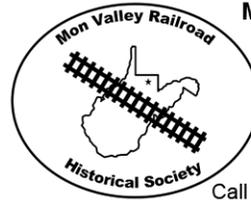
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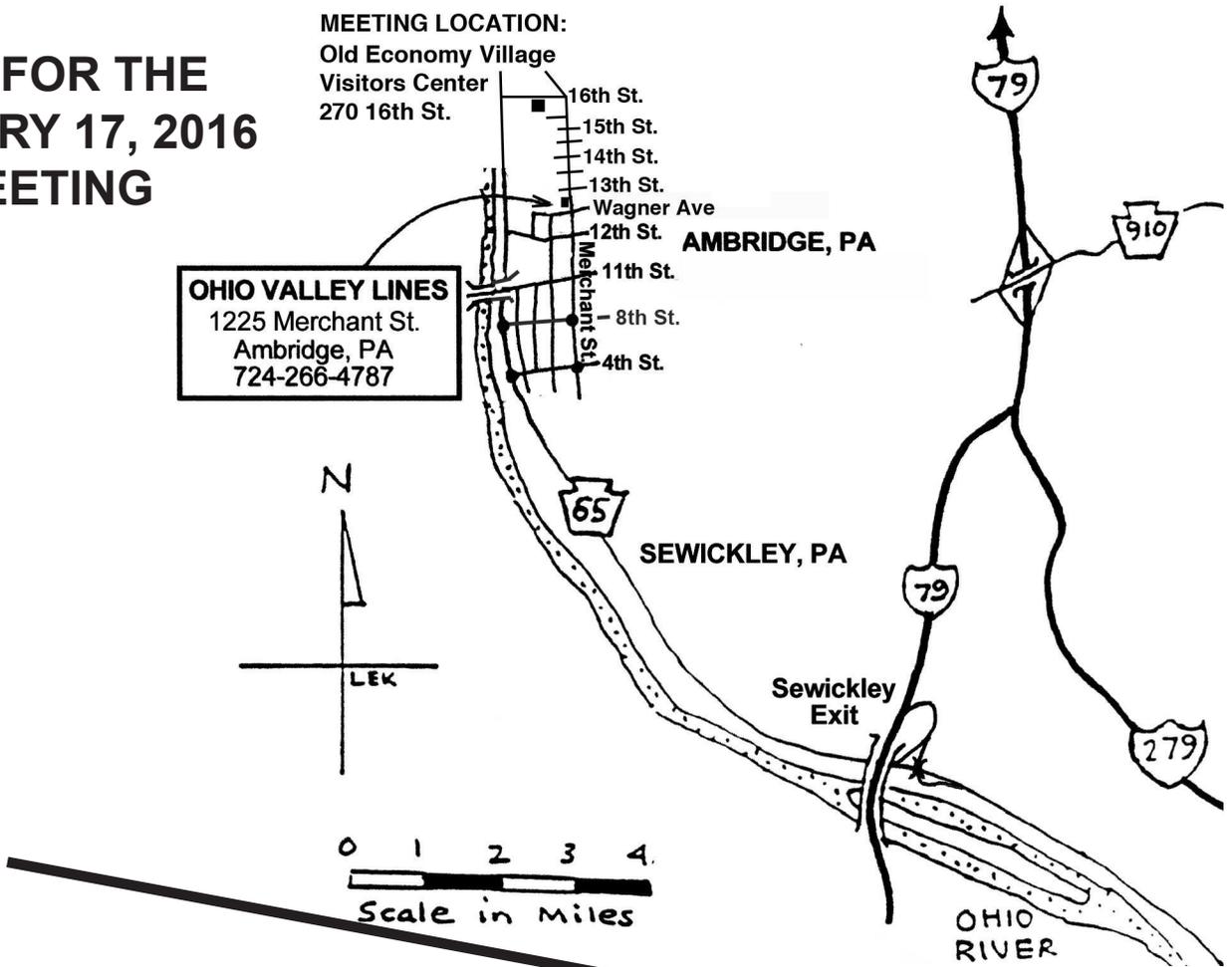
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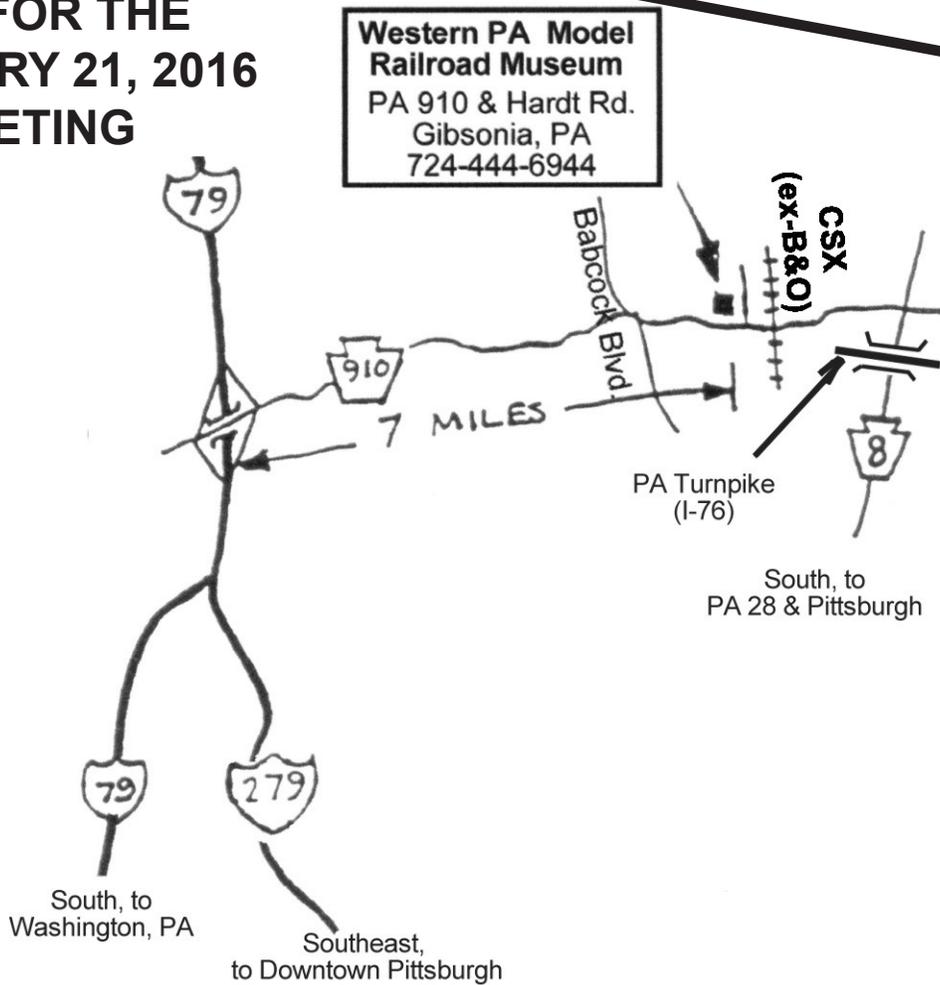
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