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# THE *Keystone Flyer*

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Div. 2



Donald Austel photo

## *Editor's Model of the Month by Vinny Kaplack*

### Division Meeting Schedule

**February 21, 2016** - Western PA Model RR Museum,  
5507 Lakeside Dr, Gibsonia, PA 15044  
Layout open at 12:30 PM, Meeting at 2:30 PM  
Program: Keith DeVault, "Blowing Up Steam," follow-  
ing the meeting

**March 13, 2016** - Jeannette Eagles Hall, 223 South 4th  
Street, Jeannette, PA  
Layout: Andy Blenko open noon - 2:15 PM & after the  
meeting, Meeting at 2:30 PM  
Niedzalkoski's Train Shop, across the street from the  
Eagles Hall, will be open 1 - 2:15 & after the meeting

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### Submission Deadline for the March Flyer:

**March 4, 2016**

**NOTE: Due to the Editor's travel schedule, the March Flyer will not be mailed in time for the March meeting. However, the color edition will be available on the Div. 2 website at some time during the week preceding the meeting.**

### 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

### Additional Jamboree Clinic

In addition to the published clinics, Dennis Vaccaro will present a 2-hour interactive clinic on CAD Layout Design before and after lunch, 11:30AM-12:30PM and 2-3:00PM. There is no additional charge. However, to be most effective, participants will need to provide their own laptop with Windows XP or an OLDER Microsoft version (no Apple) in order for the CAD software to be installed. Room size limits participants so RSVP IS REQUIRED. Please email Grier Kuehn at [gekuehn@com-cast.net](mailto:gekuehn@com-cast.net) only if you will attend.



## From the Super's Desk Schoolhouse, Pt. 2

As I announced several months ago, the Mid-Central Region is selling laser kits of a schoolhouse located in Canal Winchester, Ohio. Last month I provided some tips you might find useful in building the kit.

Per usual, I did not follow instructions very closely. In places I tried to improve on the kit to make it more of a foreground model. Here are some of the steps I took.

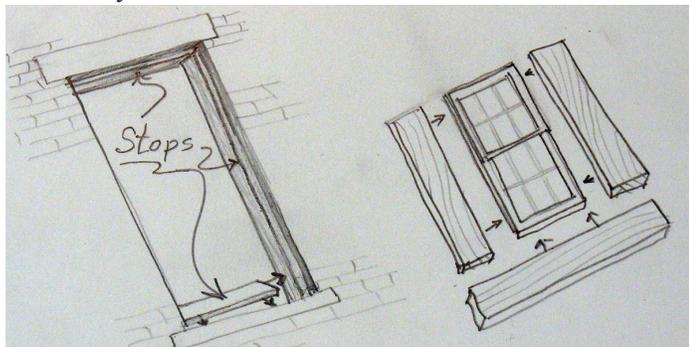
**Brick:** I have never been satisfied with my rendering of brick. Applying a creamy white or grayish white mortar after painting the brick color usually results in a pink wall. Some people paint the mortar color all over and follow with dry-brushing the brick color. No fun. Too much time. I'd probably fail.

As I mentioned last month, I painted walls with raw sienna acrylic paint. Painting by hand, I needed several coats to cover completely. Once the paint had set—an hour or so—I brushed on a milky mix of wet water and light gray Bragdon powder, then blotted up most of the wet powder on the face of the bricks while trying to leave the mix between the bricks. Once the mortar was close to dry, I wet a finger and rubbed the brick firmly to mobilize the powder remaining on the faces of the brick. I immediately blotted up this wet stuff. To my eye the results looked pretty good. I had learned something new.

**Stone Lintels and Sills:** Unsure I'd be able to disguise the grain of the laser cut wood parts provided, I used styrene strip, painted gray from a spray can, weathered a little with the gray Bragdon powder. Not bad.

I forgot that the window sills should stand proud of the walls by about an inch. Most people won't notice.

**Windows:** Laser cut wood parts make up the double sash windows. They are supposed to fit in the openings but perhaps because of all the layers of paint, mine did not. I simply glued sash assemblies to the backs of the walls, centered in the openings. As shown in the drawing I glued lengths of stripwood to the sides and bottoms to give more area for glue. To improve their appearance I used 1 by 3 stripwood as stops along the four sides of each opening. Same story with the doors.



... See "Super," p. 4

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Please note that the email address for Jim Sacco has been incorrectly shown in previous issues of the Flyer. It has been corrected, above. ed.

## THE KEYSTONE DIVISION

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# Minutes

**John Gallagher**

The meeting was convened at 2:33 p.m. by Superintendent Hohn, at the Old Economy Visitors Center. He thanked the Ohio Valley Lines for hosting the meeting. There were approximately 55 members present. John Gallagher, representing the Ohio Valley Lines welcomed the members and guests to another January Meeting in Ambridge. He noted that the model railroad in the Club Building, two blocks away, will be open until 5:00 p.m. or everyone has left. Superintendent Hohn recognized several guests: Grier Kuehn's grandson, Vinny; Tom Steiner and Greg Short, from Division 6. There were no new members.

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: The Treasurer gave a report covering the last two months since there was no meeting in December. He detailed profits from the Company Store, and early income and expenses for the Jamboree.

Programs: Keith Devault reported that we will have February's meeting at the Gibsonia Club, as is our custom. March's meeting will be hosted by Niedzalkowski's Train Shop in Jeanette. The meeting will actually be at the Jeanette Eagles nearby. Niedzalkowski's will be open for browsing and purchasing needed items. April is the Jamboree. In May, we will return to Scenic Express.

Company Store: Jerry Kyslinger reported that Susan Werner will take over the Company Store 1 May. We sold 42 books during our "fire sale", substantially reducing our inventory that wasn't moving. The Company Store will be at the New Eagle Train Show in two weeks. Prices for what's left are negotiable. There will be no orders of new merchandise until Susan takes over 1 May.

Membership & Web Site: Membership is back up to 240 members. Tom Gaus has been emailing "dormant" members to see if they intend to remain members. People who have not paid dues for over one year are deleted. He is still working on updating the web site. He could use pictures from local layouts.

Free-Mo: Jerry Kyslinger reported that we have confirmed space at the February Greenberg Show. He inquired about having permanent space. He was told that only vendors can have permanent space. The layout plan for the Greenberg Show is completed. If you're interested, see Jerry. Andy Blenko has been helping Jerry. They could more help setting up on Friday and packing up on Sunday.

Bring N' Brag: Don Austel reported that there are two tables' worth of entries. Please vote.

Video Library: There was no report.

Achievement Program: Dennis distributed two Master Model Railroader certificates to John Crellin for Civil Engineering and Scenery. He already has the certificate for Electrical.

## Old Business

Nomination Committee: The committee members listed the candidates: Keith Devault for Superintendent; Frank Benders for Assistant Superintendent; and John Gallagher for Chief Clerk. There were no nominations from the floor, so the nominations were closed. The ballot will be in the February Keystone Flyer. Mail it or bring it to the March Meeting. The ballots will be counted in March.

Jamboree: Grier Kuehn pointed out that there is a fourth contest this year: photography. Prizes for all categories will be awarded by popular vote. The clinicians have been arranged but the schedule isn't firm. Some of the clinics are: Steve and Cindy Priest from the NMRA Magazine and Railroad Model Craftsman; Scenery; layout planning; Western Pa. trolleys during WW II; LED lighting; CAD Rail layout design theory; and hands on clinics if enough people are interested. There 20 registrations so far. Sign up soon.

## For the Good of the Order

It was pointed out that there is a Narrow Gauge Convention in March. Applications are available.

Bob Evans announced that he has given away 625 train sets to interested youngsters, for which he was applauded.

Jerry Kyslinger announced the death of former member Don Reid on November 22 after a long bout with cancer. He will be remembered for helping build many of the division modules and was an excellent modeler and carpenter in his own right. He was always very generous with help.

Members were reminded that the next meeting is at the Gibsonia club. Doors open at 12:30. The meeting in Jeanette is 13 March, not the usual third Sunday. This was to avoid conflict with the Easter season.

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



# Bring'n'Brag

## Donald Austel

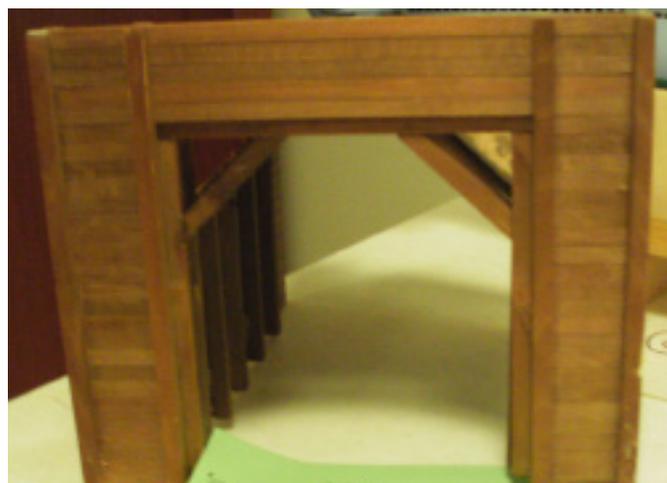
And as always an Extra big Thank You to all the members there who voted for them. Thank you again.

A Big thank you to the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, Pa for hosting Division 2 meeting was held at the Old Economy Village Visitors Center. This month's Bring N Brag was "Anything Goes". First place was Alden McBee for his detailed Flexi-Flo Hopper. Second Place was Marge Meehan for her 2 Cars for other than rail use. Third Place was Bill DeFoe for his Wagoner Wood Works structure.

This month's interties saw scratch builds, ships, structures, rolling stock and the first of the 3D printers being used. In order of their signing in other members where Neal Schorr, Jerry Kysliger, Vinny Kaplack, John Gallagher, Bryce Walat, Hans Werner, Bud Brock, Dennis Vaccaro, Frank Benders, Ken Hanawalt, Jim Kubanick, Bob DiBenedetto, Charlie Blenko, Michael Hohn.



Name	Points	Name	Points
Alden McBee	8	Bob DiBenedetto	2
Bill DeFoe	7	John Gallagher	2
Marge Meehan	6	Michael Hohn	2
Bud Brock	5	Vinny Kaplack	2
Ken Hannawalt	4	Jim Kubanick	2
Frank Benders	4	Hans Werner	2
Neal Schorr	4	Jerry Kysliger	2
Dennis Vaccaro	4	Bryce Walat	2
Charlie Blenko	2		



"Super" ...

**Roof:** The kit includes sheets of gray paper cut to represent slate. Before cutting them apart, I randomly applied a dark gray Bragdon powder to individual slates. Once glued on the roof, they varied in a subtle pattern that simulated a natural material. Flashing around the cupola and the roof ridges is simply modeled with strips of the gray paper rubbed with rust-colored powder folded and glued in place.

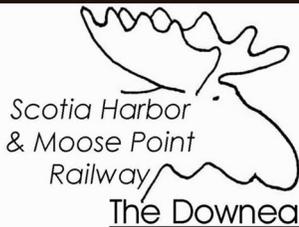
Commercial kits are always a compromise between accuracy and price. This model is no exception. However, unlike many kits it provides a great foundation for a number of variations. Leave the cupola off, perhaps add a clerestory or vent, put up a sign, and you have a small industrial building such as a machine shop. This model begs for alteration and detailing. Construction took me longer than expected because the more I did, the more I wanted to take full advantage of its potential.

Give it a try.

... *Mike Hohn*

It's always nice to see the results of modeling with traditional old-school materials. Ken Hanawalt's 3d Place Wagoner Wood Works and Bud Brock's board-by-board tunnel portal are proof that if you want it to look like wood, USE WOOD! One of Marge Meehan's off-line re-purposed railroad cars from her 2nd Place entry is pictured below. Unfortunately, the picture of Alden McBee's nicely weathered 1st Place covered hopper did not come out well enough for publication. Donald Austel photos





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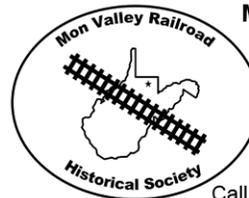
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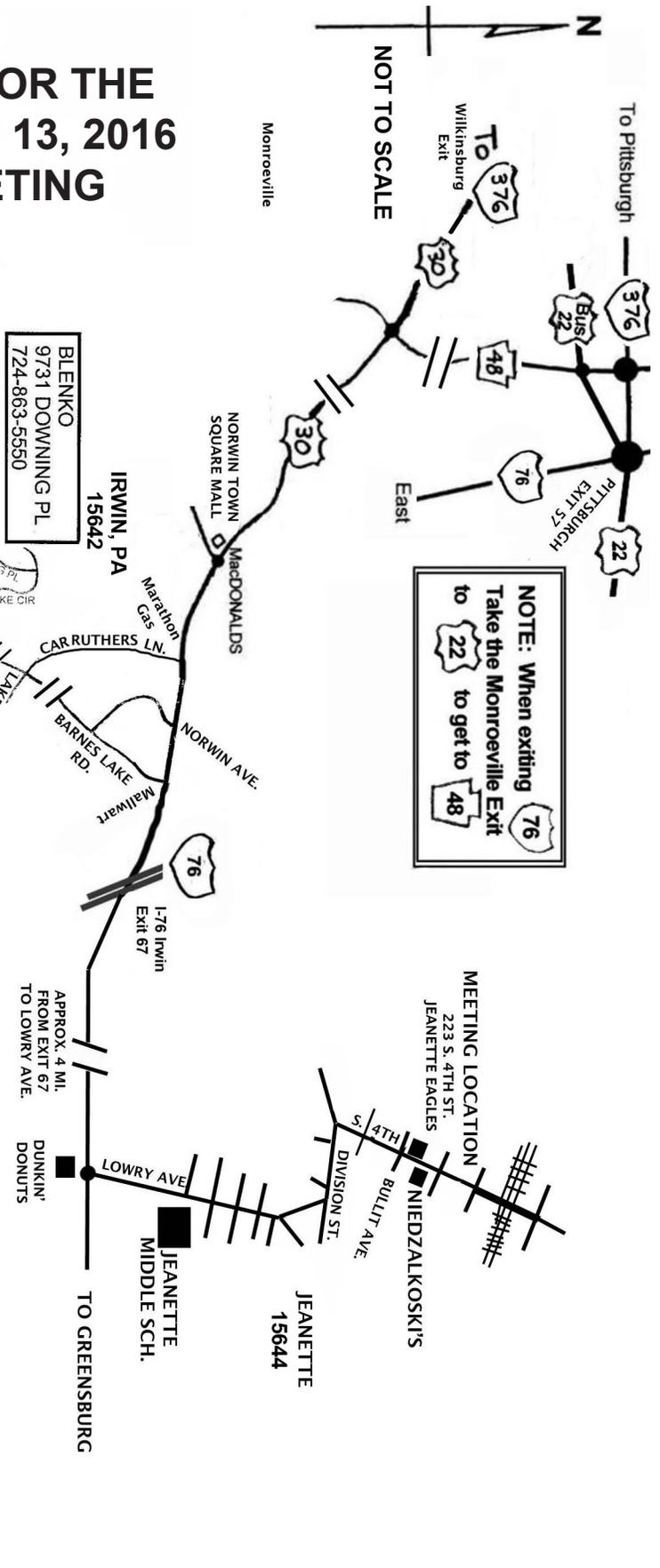
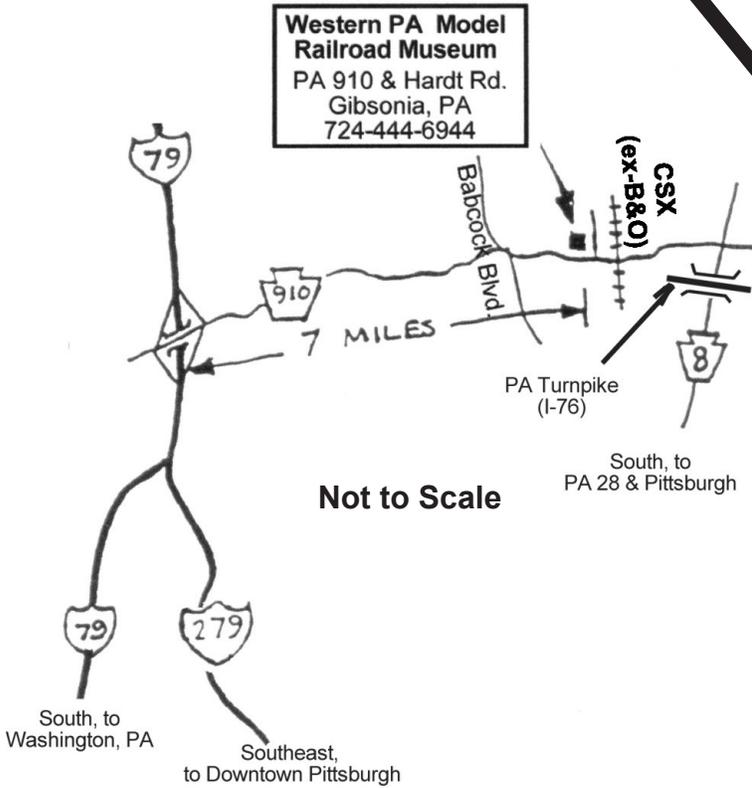
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# MAP FOR THE MARCH 13, 2016 MEETING



# MAP FOR THE FEBRUARY 21, 2016 MEETING



**Official NMRA Division 2 MCR Ballot**  
(Place an "X" in the box for ONE candidate for each office only)

**For Superintendent:**

**Keith DeVault**

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(Write-In)

**For Assistant Superintendent:**

**Frank Benders**

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(Write-In)

**For Chief Clerk:**

**John Gallagher**

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(Write-In)

**Cut-out and mail your completed ballot to:**  
**NMRA Div 2 Election, c/o Arley Mitchell, 129 Jane Street, Wellsburg, WV 26070-2271**  
**or bring it to the March meeting.**

**For Superintendent:**

Keith DeVault

I have been involved in model railroading since 1971 and joined the NMRA in 1998. I have served for the past fifteen years as Treasurer of our local railroad historical society in Morgantown. I served as National Editor for the Operation Sig organization from 2005-2007. I have presented clinics at Regional Conventions, National Convention, our division meetings and RPM meets. I served on the committee of the 2012 Highline to Pittsburgh Regional Convention

I am building an HO Scale home layout I call the Aspen Sub, which follows the history of the B & O and the M & K railroads around Morgantown. I enjoy attending our monthly Division meetings as a place to interact with other modelers about the different aspects of the hobby. I have served the division as Chief Clerk and Assistant Superintendent.

**For Assistant Superintendent:**

Frank Benders

I was introduced to model trains in the early 1950's, when my Dad bought home a set of Marklin trains, but the layout never moved beyond a ping pong table. While living in Phoenix, I joined an N-Trak club. Moving to Morgantown in 1976, I continued working in N scale until our growing family crowded out the dream of a home layout. Since 1987, I have been involved in the HO club started by Eric Hansmann, now the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society, in which I have held the positions of Treasurer, Member at Large, Vice President and President, each multiple times.

**For Chief Clerk:**

John Gallagher

I have served as Division Two Chief Clerk for the past two years. Prior to that I served in various capacities at the Ohio Valley Lines, including President, Secretary and Chairman of the Board Over the last 30 years. I am very experienced at administrative duties.

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