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Donald Austel photo

Editor's Model of the Month by Alden McBee

Division Meeting Schedule

March 13, 2016 - Jeannette Eagles Hall, 223 South 4th Street, Jeannette, PA

Layouts: Andy Blenko, Rob Enrico, and Dick Flock
open 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM

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

SATURDAY, April 23, 2016 - JAMBOREE at Robert Morris University Sewall Center, Moon, PA

Registration open at 8:00 AM

Visit us on the World Wide Web at
<http://www.keystonedivision.org>

Submission Deadline for the April Flyer:

March 25, 2016

Bring'n'Brag

Jan	Anything Goes
Feb	Bridges
Mar	Steam Power
May	Scratch Built Model
Jun	Built Laser Kits
Aug	Railroad Stations
Sep	Coal Industries
Oct	Farm Structures
Nov	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@comcast.net only if you will attend.



Train Show Musings

The Greenberg show has come and gone. I would like to thank all those who helped with the setup and teardown of our modules; transportation; setting up the display unit; talking to curious onlookers about the NMRA, our modules, and the Jamboree; and running trains. I think I always saw one of our members handing out information and encouraging people to come to the Jamboree. Most of the time several trains were running to the point of near congestion. Of course, while waiting for the mainline to clear, engineers were available to answer questions. I answered a few questions myself, including how to make a waterfall (I didn't know) and who had lettered a car (Charlie Blenko).

I thought we had a well-thought-out arrangement of modules, display, and information desk. We presented a friendly face to the public and extended a welcome. After all, we are not some kind of secret society.

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Walking around the show I saw tables covered with orange boxes and customers walking around with gigantic bags holding their purchases. After all, Greenberg shows cater primarily to the toy train market and do quite well at that. Scale trains definitely form a minority of dealers and attendees. Even stock in HO and N scales tends more toward a middle ground between scale and toy. However, I noticed one vendor exclusively trading in scale model trains had a respectable crowd around his tables.

Although I wish for more scale-oriented dealers, I enjoy seeing the whole range of products from clearly toy at one end to scale models at the other. The middle ground seems problematic. I wonder whether anybody is well served by some of the more toy-like offerings in HO, which neither run well generally nor have the aesthetic appeal of the larger gauges. In addition, I always see lots of old, often beat-up models that probably do not run well once the buyer gets them home. How many first-time buyers are turned off by such products?

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I always have at least one conversation at a Greenberg show that I remember later and value. This year somebody remarked that they do not build models to win contests. I know members of our diverse hobby that do build models to enter in contests or to earn the encomium of others. We all have different goals, yet we arrive at the same place. I

... See "Super," p. 3

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Minutes

Keith DeVault

Meeting called to order at 2:30 PM by Superintendent Hohn at the Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum in Gibsonia. We had 73 members and guest in attendance. Bob Meier represented the Museum and thanked everyone for attending; he talked briefly on new members and the expansion that the museum will be doing. New [Div 2] members or guests were recognized, with Vinny Kaplack as a new youth member and Mark Hoeller. Minutes of last month's meeting were approved, with the following corrections: under the FreeMo group it should read Charlie Blenko, not Andy, and under the good of the division it should have read Narrow Gauge Show in Greenford, Ohio on March 17 – 19, with the annual [National Narrow Gauge] convention in Augusta, Maine in September. After corrections, motion passed.

Reports:

Editor-Vagel Keller was unable to attend, but the next Flyer will not be mailed in time for March meeting but will be online at the website.

Financial by Jeff Gregg-he reported on the Jamboree registrations, and Andy Blenko reported on the convention account.

Programs by Keith DeVault-the March meeting will be at Niedzalkowski's Train Shop in Jeanette, with the meeting at the Jeanette Eagles. The following layouts will be open for viewing: Dick Flock, Andy Blenko, and Rob Enrico's layouts will all be open from 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM; please visit these nice layouts. The Jamboree will be April 23 at Robert Morris University May at Scenic Express, and June at Marshall Township Hall in Wexford.

Company Store-Jerry Kyslinger reported we have just over 50 books left to sell, with Susan Werner taking over May 1.

Membership and Website-Tom Gaus was unable to attend, with no report.

FreeMo Group-Jerry Kyslinger reported we are at the Greenberg Show on Feb 27 and 28; always need help.

Video Library-Bud Brock reported that he has the NMRA Clinic DVD's for viewing.

Bring N Brag by Don Austel-he stated he has 18 entries covering Bridges for this month.

Achievement Program by Dennis Vaccaro-he was happy to present John Crellin with his Scenery Certificate.

Jamboree Report by Jim Sacco and Grier Kuehn-all clinics are full with Stephen Priest editor of Railroad Model Craftsman and Cynthia Priest editor of NMRA magazine to be our guest speakers and also will be doing a clinic. Jim reminded everyone of the contest for the Jamboree, the subject is Photographs either of prototype or models, with only 2 entries per person.

Old Business: Superintendent Hohn reminded everyone to vote for the new slate of officers and give your ballot or mail your ballot to Arlie Mitchell. Some discussion followed on the ballot,

New Business-None

For the Good of the Order-Members were reminded about the March meeting in Jeanette at the train shop and the 3 layouts that will be open before and the Date of March 13.

Program to follow by Keith DeVault, with Slides of the B&O and Western Maryland steam locomotives.

Meeting adjourned at 3:15 PM.



Spring Open House at the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society

The doors will be open again in April for our Spring Open House. Trains will be rolling on Saturday, April 2, 2016, from 10 am until 4 pm, and on Sunday April 3, 2016, from Noon until 4 pm!

Make plans to visit an upcoming open house and see our big HO scale layout. Admission is free. The Historical Society is located at [128 Pleasant Street](#) in downtown Morgantown, W. Va., in the basement under Black Bear Burritos.

Visit our website at <http://mvrhc.org> Check out our web pages on locomotives and freight cars and see what members have done to customize models for the Society's railroad.

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Visit our virtual layout tour on our website. Several pages of text, images, and track diagrams will carry you along our HO scale mainline to illustrate our project. [Go to the Layout page to begin.](#)

"Super" ...

have written before about the importance of vision, objectives, and goals. Equally important is a little flexibility, allowing temporary enthusiasms to knock us off track into a new direction, learning along the way a new construction material, technique, scenic effect, or tool. I know the Mystery Dispatcher often sends me onto a siding.

... *Mike Hohn*

Bring'n'Brag

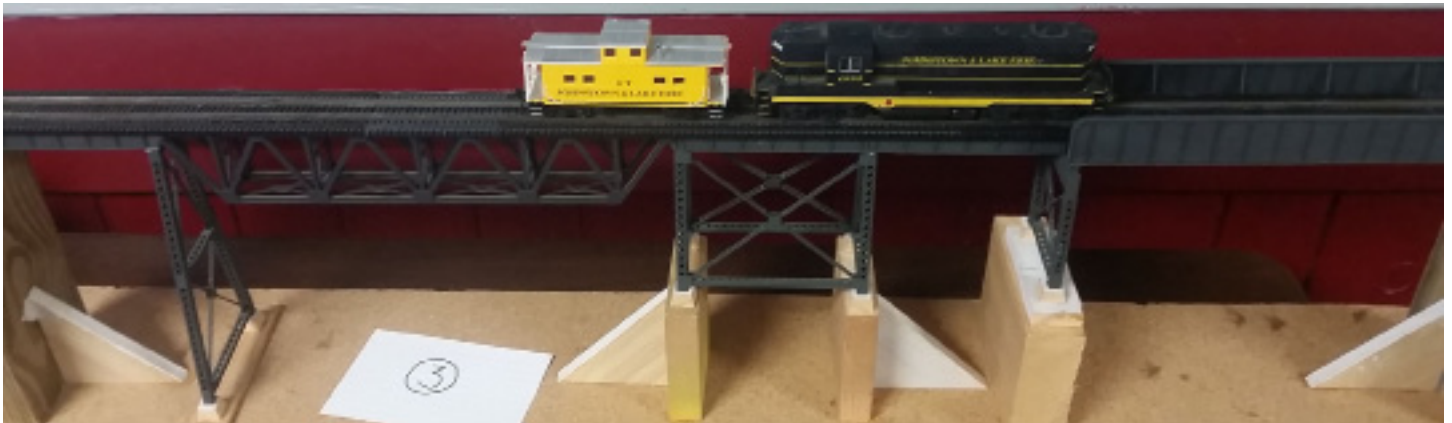
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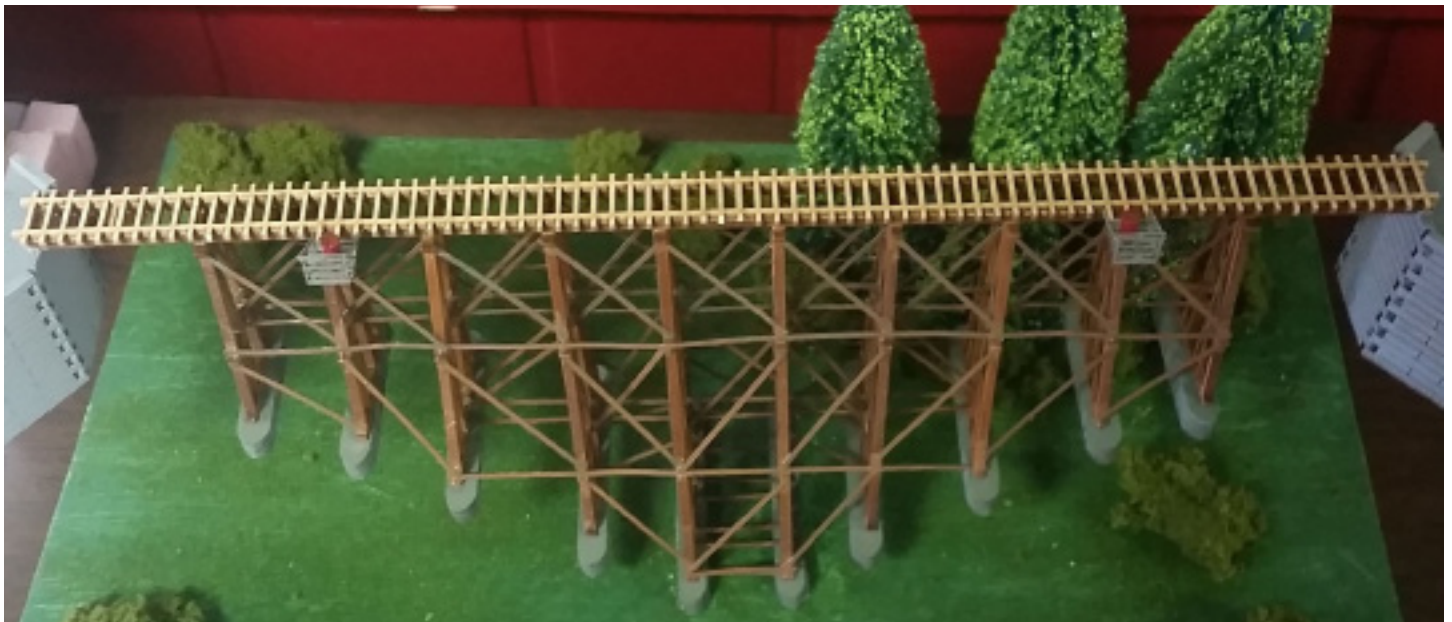
A thank you to the Western PA Model Railroad Museum in Gibsonsia, PA for hosting Division 2 meeting. With so many great plans for the future of this great place to come, it will be wonderful to return to see them come true. This month's Bring N Brag was "Bridges." First place was Alden McBee for his HO Scale bridge east end Grafton. Second Place was Marge Meehan for her N Scale Trestles bridge. Third Place was Dick Flock for his Long Bridge structure. This month Charlie Blenko brought his Edge-water Steel #1 Observation Car on Display, which he had modified an Athearn RTR heavyweight car. Others that brought their bridges were: Frank Benders, Bill DeFoe Bud Brock, Dennis Vaccaro and Hans Werner. And as always a Thank You to the 46 members there who voted for them. Thank you again.

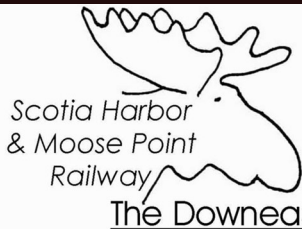


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Alden McBee	14	Neal Schorr	4
Bill DeFoe	11	Hans Werner	4
Marge Meehan	10	Charlie Blenko	3
Bud Brock	8	Bob DiBenedetto	2
Dennis Vaccaro	8	John Gallagher	2
Frank Benders	6	Vinny Kaplack	2
Dick Flock	6	Jim Kubanick	2
Ken Hannawalt	4	Jerry Kyslinger	2
Mike Hohn	4	Bryce Walat	2



A variety of bridge types appeared in this month's B'n'B contest, including Dick Flock's third-place winning multi-span "long bridge," above, and Marge Meehan's second-place timber trestle, below. Donald Austel photos.





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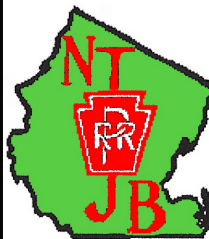
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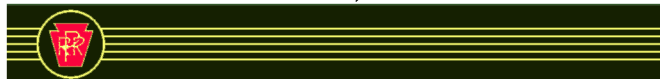
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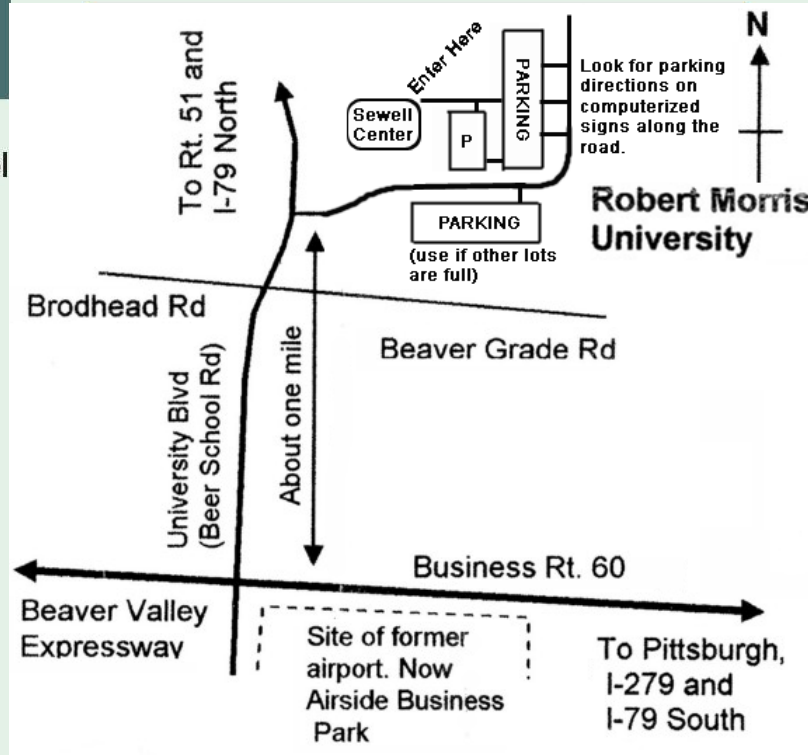
Registration information will be distributed upon arrival April 23th.
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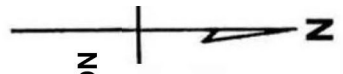
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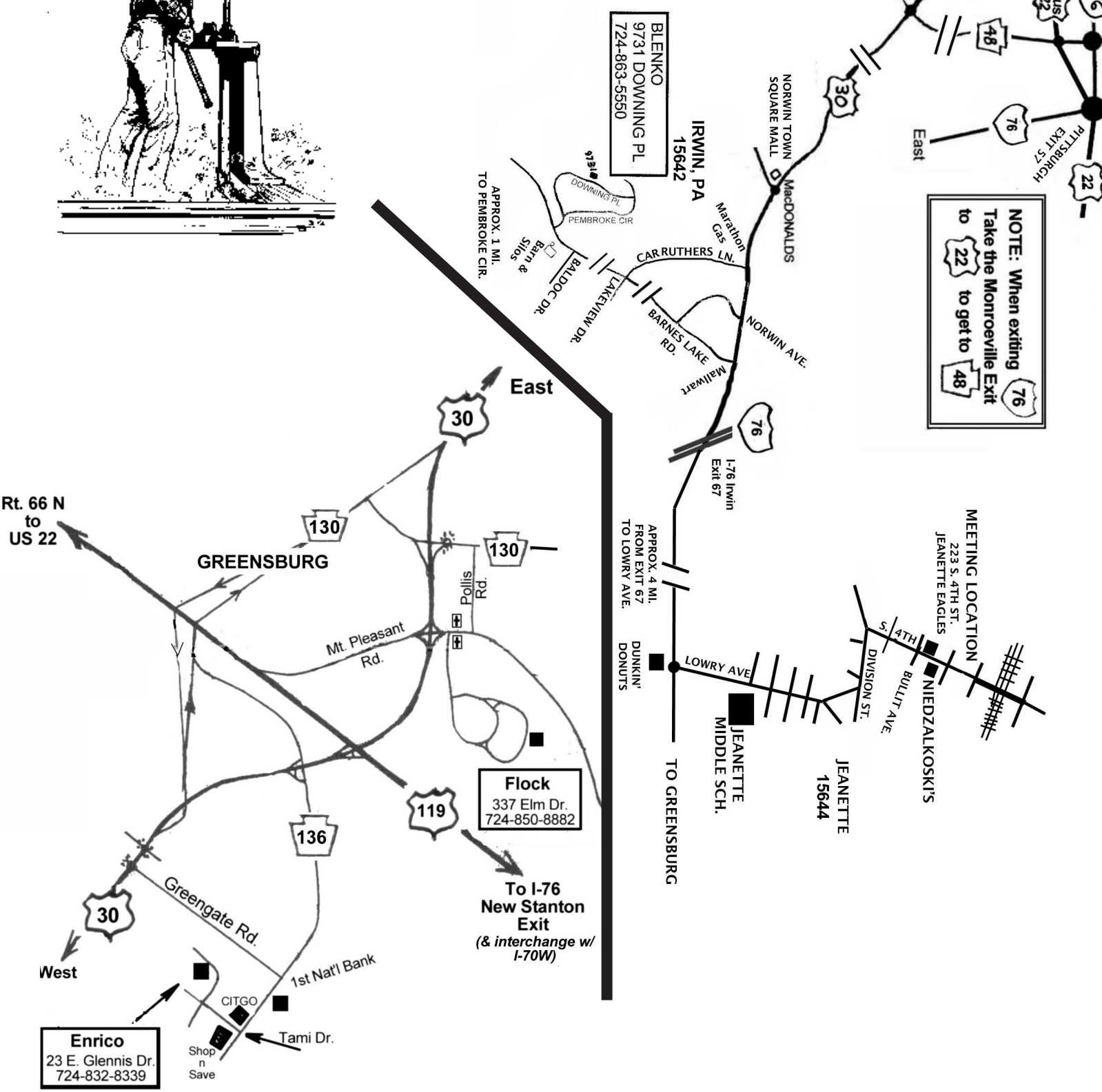
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