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THE *Keystone Flyer*

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Div. 2



*Editor's Model of the Month by Jim Foster**

Division Meeting Schedule

SATURDAY, April 23, 2016 - JAMBOREE at Robert Morris University Sewall Center, 6001 University Blvd., Moon, PA 15108
Registration open at 8:00 AM

May 15, 2016 - Scenic Express, 175 Sheffield Dr, #100, Delmont, PA 15626
Doors Open at 1:30 PM; Meeting at 2:30 PM

June 26, 2016 - Marshall Township Municipal Bldg., 525 Pleasant Hill Rd., Wexford, PA 15090
Meeting at 2:30 PM
Layout: Neal Schorr open noon to 2:00 PM and after the meeting if needed.

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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

Submission Deadline for the April Flyer:

April 29, 2016

*This month's model pictures are from the Midwest Narrow Gauge Show, held in Greenford, OH every March. Jim Foster's "GP-3" is an HOn30 kitbash of an N-scale "diseasal" belonging to his Eusliss Railroad, set in Maine. Jim is a member of the Great Lakes HOn30 Module Group, and his sense of humor is evident in both his modeling and the names he gives to things and places on his modules.



From the Super's Desk

Conversation Starters

You know how it is. You're hosting one of those after-work cocktail parties with your boss, his boss, and influential coworkers. Everything is going smoothly, talk and

libations flowing, when suddenly there occurs one of those inexplicable lulls in the conversation where everybody seems to have run out of words simultaneously. You clear your throat, not because you have something to say, but because you need to clear your throat, but now everybody in the room is looking at you, expecting you to speak.

But what to say? You start to fall back on the sure-fire conversation-starter: "did you know Britney Spears and Presbyterians are anagrams?" but you think, no, better not talk politics. How about a limerick? Just as you're about to recite "There once was a woman named Guinevere . . ." you remember that's the name of your boss's wife.

I know somebody who broke the silence by blurting out accusations of an illicit affair. That was not a conversation starter, although both ended up talking to the local constabulary.

Now, if you're in a group of model railroaders, it's easy. For instance: "I know somebody who wanted some cobwebs in the rafters of a model machine shop, so he went down to his basement and collected a few to use." Not only is it a true story, but it gives opportunity for each member of your audience to chuckle conspiratorially, each thinking "I'm not that obsessive myself and only a complete nutter would do such a thing, but that's not a bad idea."

Here are some additional suggestions:

- The advantages of scratchbuilding with styrene over wood (or the other way around)
- Which DCC system is best? (from the heat this subject can generate, there must be a right answer.)
- Prototype modeling versus freelancing
- Single level versus multilevel layouts

Or, utter provocative statements with an air of authority; for instance:

- The rise of the ready-to-run freight car over the kit-built car is a signal of the decadence and decline of our hobby!
- Everybody knows the correct term for "roof walks" is "running boards!" (the "switch" versus "turnout" controversy is old hat)

... See "Super," p. 3

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Minutes

John Gallagher

The meeting was convened at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent Hohn at the Jeanette Eagles. He dispensed with the usual agenda. It seems that between the time we reserved the hall and the meeting, a member of the Eagles passed away suddenly. They decided to have a wake next to the area where we were meeting. There were no walls separating us from the wake and the membership's bar, so it was nearly impossible to hear. Not only was the meeting short, but the Chief Clerk could not hear all of the discussions. He apologizes for any items he may have missed.

The minutes of the previous meeting in Gibsonia were accepted by unanimous voice vote.

Dispensing with the usual format of committee reports, speaking was limited to those committee heads who had something to say beyond "No Report".

Reports

The Treasurer reported that we are still solvent. There is no change in the "Convention Account".

Membership/ Website - Tom Gauz reported that we now have 69 people registered for the April Jamboree. The

deadline for registering is 9 April, so get your registration in soon if you plan to attend. Local layouts will be open after this meeting.

Company Store - Jerry Kyslinger stated that the contents of the Company Store are located in the trunk of his vehicle. He will be open for business at the conclusion of the meeting.

Bring N' Brag - Don Austel stated that there were six entries. Don't forget to vote.

Video Library - Some video tapes have been donated to the Division Collection. See Bud Brock if you have a device that can play them and want to view them.

Old, New Business & For the Good of the Order. Since it was very difficult to hear, and since no one seemed to have any urgent business, Superintendent Hahn skipped these agenda items.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:30 p.m.



This 1/48-scale water tank was among the lineside structure entries in the popular vote contest at the Midwest Narrow Gauge Show.

THE KEYSTONE DIVISION

"Super" ...

Careful analysis of your audience will permit you to address topics so esoteric that they will have no response whatever. Examples:

- What are the relative merits of Kadee no. 5's and no. 58's during op sessions on code 70 track
- How do you calculate the degree of superelevation for a given radius of track and grade?

Of course, if you strike your listeners mute, mouths hanging open in wonderment, I guess you cannot call those conversation starters. They are more appropriate to end of the evening when you wish everyone would just leave so you can go down to your basement to finish installing scale couplers on your latest scratchbuilt model of a prototype bulkhead flat car of which only one prototype car was ever built.

... *Mike Hohn*

Bring'n'Brag

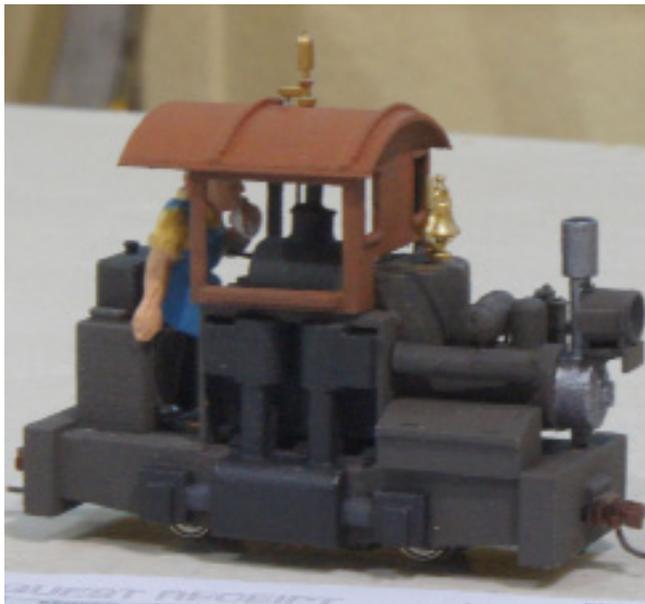
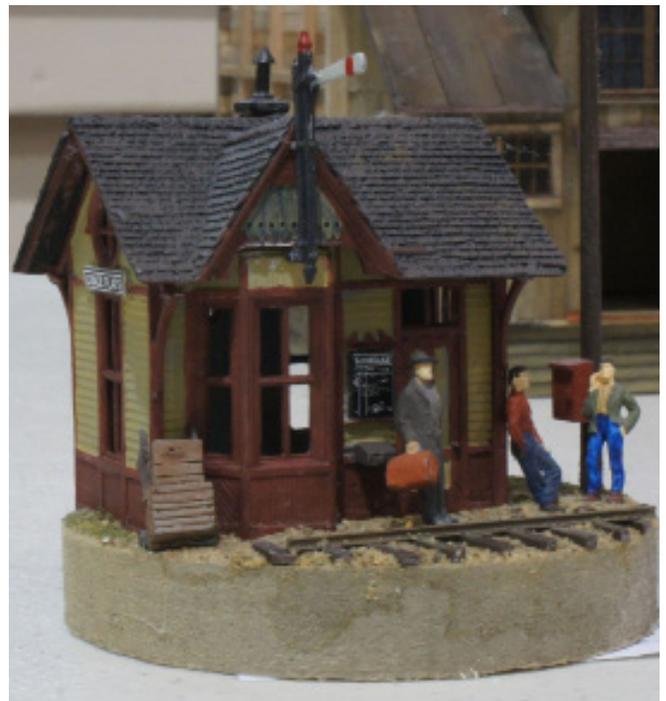
Donald Austel

A thank you to the Jeanette Eagles, in Jeanette PA for hosting the Division 2 meeting in March, this was one of the more interesting and fast meetings that I have been to in my years in NMRA. This month's Bring N Brag was "Steam Power". First place was Alden McBee for his Chessie Steam Special. Second Place was Dennis Vaccaro with his HOn30 scale Heisler Engine. Third Place was Frank Benders Scratch built Class A Climax under Construction. Also this month Bill Defoe brought in The Cannonball was built starting with a Penn Line Pennsy T-1 for Display, Other display only this month was brought in by Marge Meehan and Forrest Lucas. Others that brought their Steam Power where: Marge Meehan and Hans Werner. And as always a Thank You to the members there who voted for them. Thank you again.

Bring'n'Brag Standings:

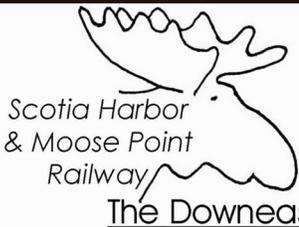


<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Alden McBee	22	Neal Schorr	4
Dennis Vaccaro	15	Charlie Blenko	3
Marge Meehan	13	Bob DiBenedetto	2
Frank Benders	12	John Gallagher	2
Bill DeFoe	12	Vinny Kaplack	2
Bud Brock	8	Jim Kubanick	2
Dick Flock	6	Jerry Kyslinger	2
Hans Werner	6	Bryce Walat	2
Ken Hannawalt	4	Forest Lucas	1
Mike Hohn	4		



Pictures from the B'n'B didn't come out too well this month. Fortunately, your editor was able to attend the Midwest Narrow Gauge Show in Greenford, OH, with his camera and tripod, the weekend following the Div. 2 meeting. The O-scale narrow gauge shifters, left, and little depot, also in O-scale, above, were among several fine entries in the popular vote contest.





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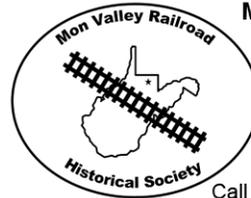
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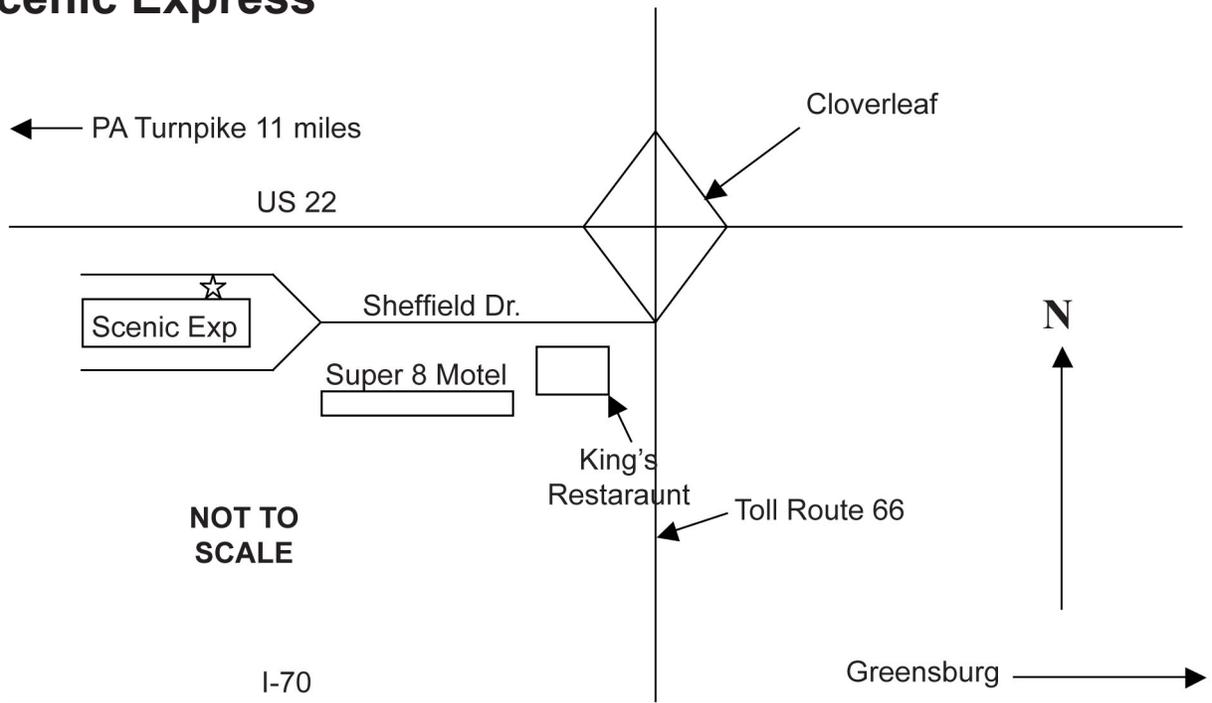


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MAP FOR the May 15, 2016 Meeting at Scenic Express

Delmont is about 11 miles east of PA Turnpike (Monroeville). Sheffield Drive is at a traffic light just south of the 22-66 cloverleaf. Scenic Express is around the right side of the building called Sheffield Business Center.



Just one of many gorgeous scenes on the layout of the Great Lakes HOn30 Module Group at the Midwest Narrow Gauge Show in Greenford, OH.



2016 PITTSBURGH MODEL RAILROAD JAMBOREE

ENJOY A FULL DAY OF MODEL RAILROAD ACTIVITIES!

Saturday April 23, 2016
Sewall Center
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Registration opens at 8:00 a.m.
Activities run all day!

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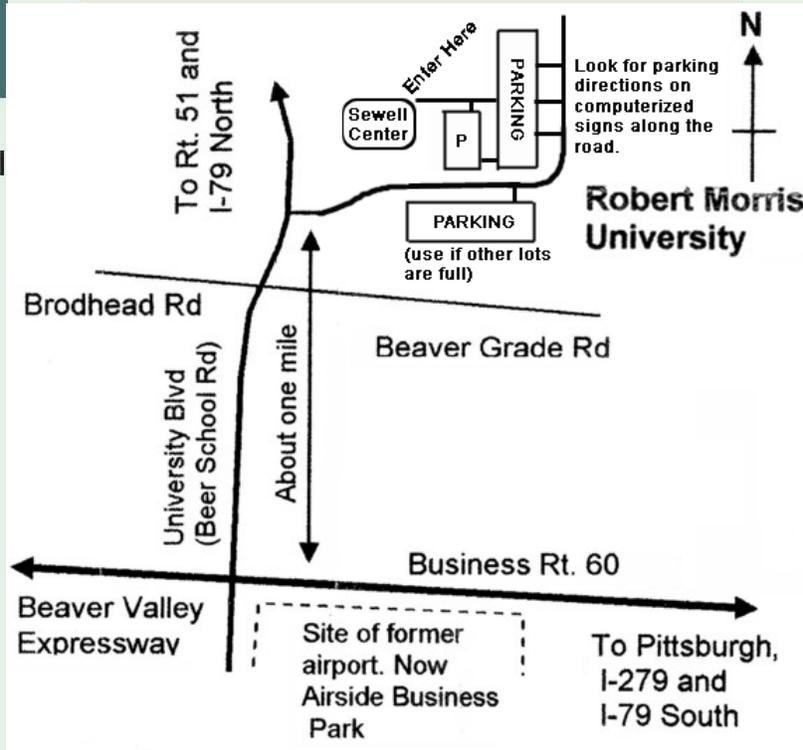
Registration information will be distributed upon arrival April 23th.
No confirmations will be mailed.

Payment by mail **MUST** be by check. Please check our website for other payment options.

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Full refunds given two weeks prior to event. No refunds for no-shows.

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