

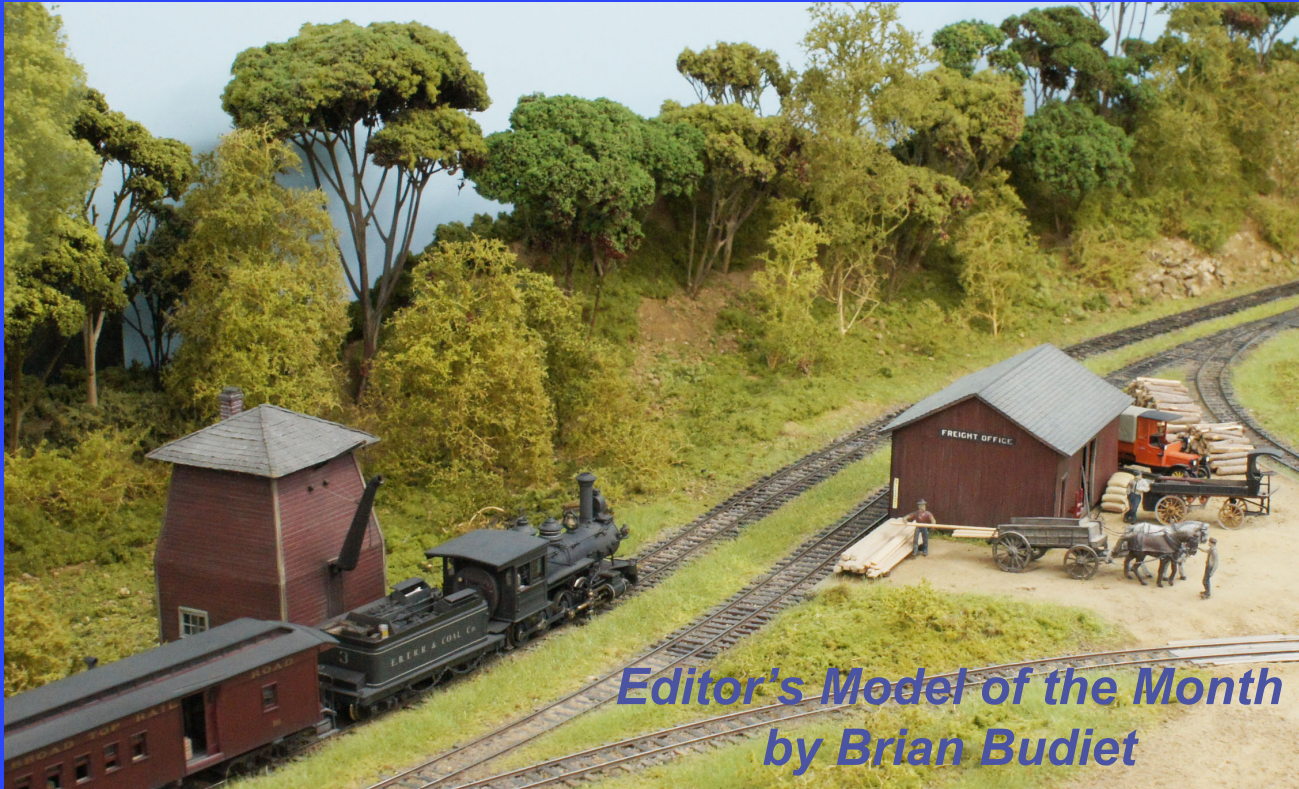
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*Editor's Model of the Month
by Brian Budiet*

Bring'n'Brag

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 - 2:00 PM and after the
meeting if needed.

Jan	Anything Goes
Feb	Bridges
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Submission Deadline for the June Flyer:

June 3, 2016

Those of you fortunate enough to have visited Brian Budiet's HO scale model railroad as part of this year's Jamboree layout tour will recognize the scene, above. What modesty almost certainly prevented Brian from mentioning, however, is that he has absolutely nailed the scene - Shade Gap, Pennsylvania, ca. 1900 - from the few photos of this very rural place to have survived. In 1912, your editor's maternal grandmother was a soon-to-elope 17-year-old plowing a field behind two mules on her parents' farm about 5 miles from this place. Do I get sentimental whenever I walk into Brian's basement? un HUH!



From the Super's Desk

XL

The abbreviation "XL" can stand for a loader equipped boxcar, a particular class of early boxcar on the Pennsylvania Railroad, or Extra Large in the world of clothing. Here it means forty, the number of columns I have written for this newsletter over the past four years.

I want to fill my remaining space with a few thank you's.

I have been ably assisted the whole time by Keith DeVault, always organized, supportive, there when I needed him, especially with the little nudge during a meeting when I had forgotten an agenda item or name.

In my first two years Dennis Lippert served as Chief Clerk and when he had to relinquish the job, John Gallagher filled this spot. I don't think they ever missed getting meeting minutes to our editor for publication, or if they did it was so rare as to be forgotten.

Individuals chairing committees throughout my four years as Superintendent include Tom Gaus for membership and webmaster, Jack Pscherer for education, and Dennis Vaccaro for the Achievement Program.

Vagel Keller deserves special recognition as Keystone Flyer editor for a decade now. I could always count on him.

We witnessed several changes in chairs, in all cases after years of service: Treasurer from Carl Volkwein to Jeff Gregg; Company Store from Dick Flock to Jerry Kyslinger (interim) to Susan Werner; Bring'n'Brag from Paul Gallick to Don Austel; Modules from Bob Meier to Jerry Kyslinger. In every case the outgoing chair displayed forethought and grace and the incoming chair understanding and resourcefulness.

A few names you will not generally have seen on our masthead: Kent Miller stewarded our convention account since 2012 and Andy Blenko does it today. Once again this year, Jim Sacco, Grier Kuehn and Gary Carmichael put on a first-rate Model Railroad Jamboree, as they have for a number of years. And Jerry Kyslinger stepped in with advice and tangible help many times.

To all these people, my sincere thanks.



OK, Mike. No more excuses, now that you're no longer Super. Time to get to work on that layout!

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Minutes

John Gallagher

The meeting was convened by Superintendent Hohn at the Annual Division 2 Jamboree at the Sewell Center of Robert Morris University. He dispensed with the usual agenda. The bulk of the meeting consisted of recognizing volunteers who helped with the Jamboree

The minutes of the previous meeting in Jeanette were accepted, as corrected, by acclamation. Tom Gaus' last name was spelled wrong.

The results of the recent election were announced:

Keith DeVault was elected Superintendent

Frank Benders was elected Assistant Superintendent

John Gallagher was retained as Chief Clerk

Tom Gaus reported that our membership is holding steady. He is still working on the web site and is looking for photos from Div. 2 members to use on the web site.

Since this was Superintendent Hahn's last meeting as "Super", he took the opportunity to thank the many people who'd made his job easier. He started by thanking the people who made the Jamboree a success. He noted that we had 143 attendees, 26 of whom were non-NMRA members before the get-together. He thanked:

Organizers Jim Sacco, Grier Kuehn and Gary Carmichael

Thanks to all the clinicians who entertained and informed us.

...to all the people who donated raffle prizes

... to Marge Meehan, Rob Twigger and others who organized the raffles

... to Don Austel who organized and ran the contests

... to Bob Meier and other Free-Mo members who ran the White Elephant Sale

... to Vagel Keller for organizing the layout tours

... to the layout owners who will have their layouts open for visitors

... to the people who helped with registration at the door

Finally to anyone he may have missed who made the Jamboree a success in any way.

The Treasurer, Jeff Gregg, noted that our finances are still in the black.

Dennis Vaccaro presented Mike Hohn with his eighth Achievement Award. He already has his Master Model Railroader. He now has eight of a possible eleven awards.

Keith Devault, the new Superintendent, noted upcoming meetings: May at Scenic Express; June at the Marshall Township Municipal Building (he noted that the June meeting has been moved to the 26th to avoid a conflict with Father's Day); August will bring the annual picnic at Henley Park in Leetsdale. These are the last meetings for which he is responsible for finding a location. This job now falls to Frank Benders, the new Assistant Superintendent.

Marge Meehan was awarded the Modeler of the Year Award for accumulating the most points in the monthly Bring N Brag contests.

Several members were recognized for length of membership in the NMRA: Bill Defoe - 50 years; Dick Flock - 55 years; and Bud Brock - 60 + years.

The now former Superintendent expressed his thoughts about the satisfaction of being Superintendent. The reason has been the people. It has been the most satisfying of the various organizations he's belonged to. To conclude, he read a poem by Robert Frost, "The Road Less Taken".

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 1:28 p.m.

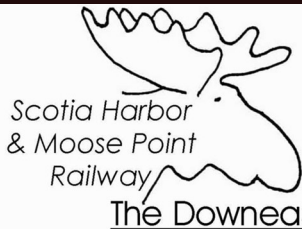


Here's a look back at some of Modeler of the Year Marge Meehan's B'n'B entries from 2015. These garnered the most votes from the members present at those meetings.



Scenery is the theme for the modeling pictures in this month's *Flyer*. Why? Because we're going on a shopping spree at Scenic Express before, during, and after our monthly meeting! This beautiful farm scene on Keith and Janet DeVault's HO layout caught your editor's eye when we met in Morgantown in March last year. A year earlier, the scenery in the foreground and the near and far background of this On3 switching layout on display at the Midwest Narrow Gauge Show in Greenford, Ohio was as much an essential part of the modeled scene as the train.





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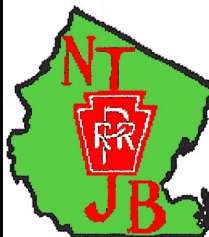
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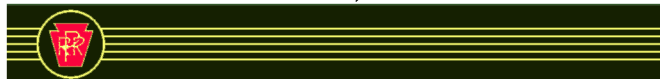
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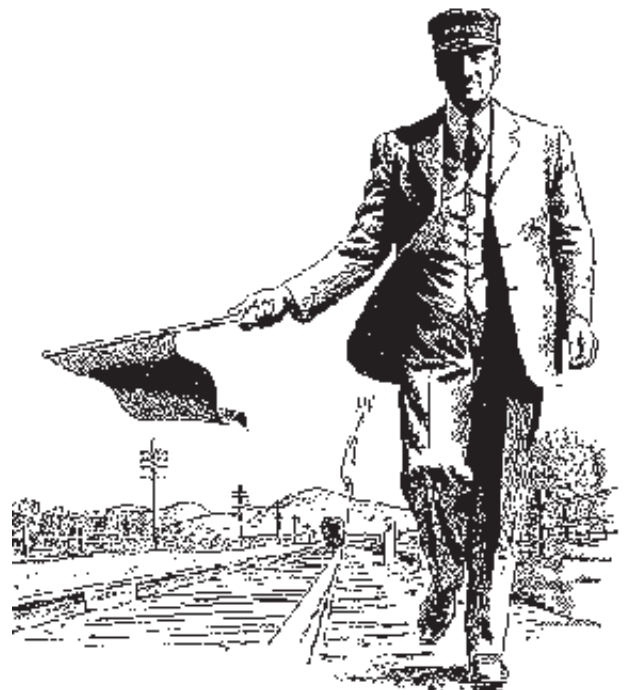
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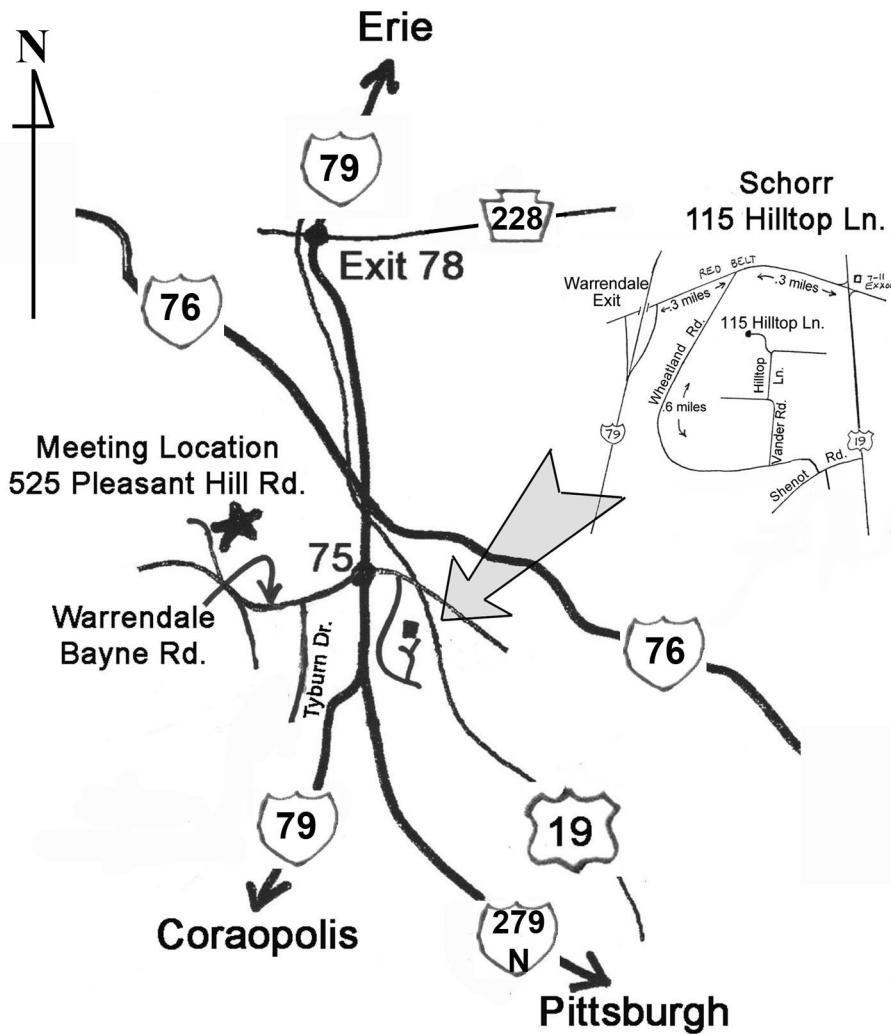
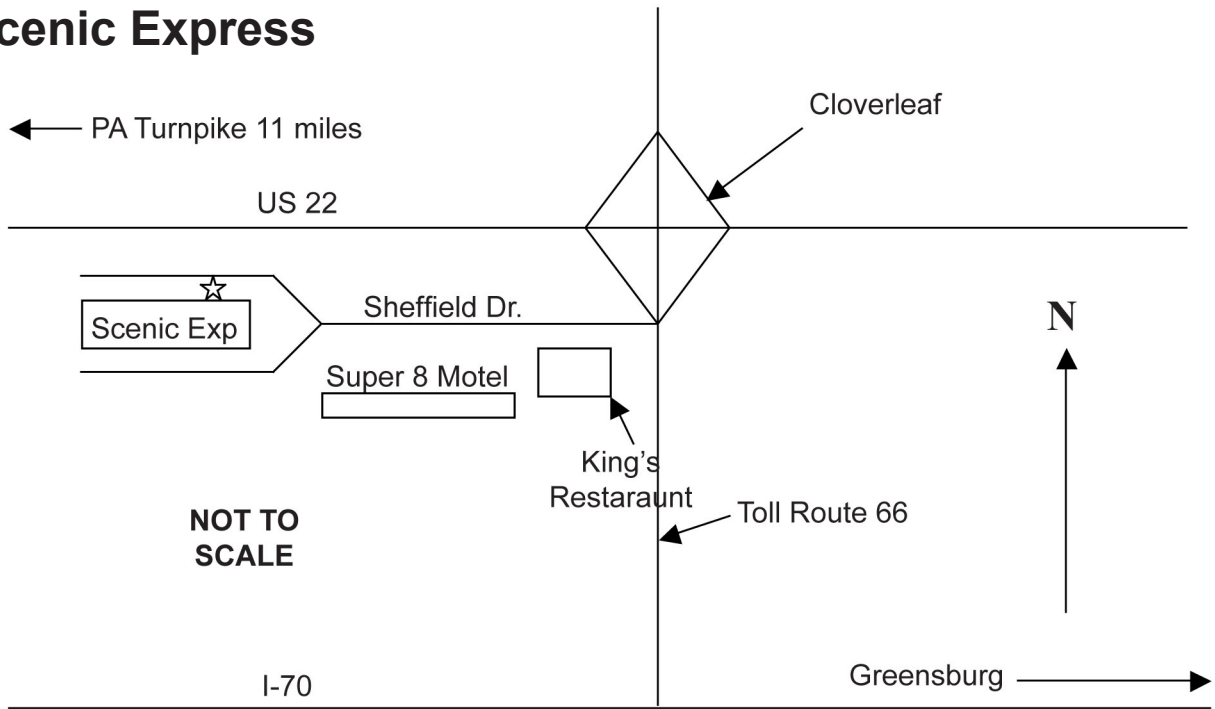


Jim Elster, captured above waving his magic hand, will be our host at Scenic Express for the May meeting. How many NMRA divisions outside of Milwaukee can boast such a fantastic source of model railroading materials in their backyards?! Let's not forget that scenic elements are essential parts of even the smallest scenes, such as John Ainsworth's July 2013 Editor's Model of the Month haunted house, below left.



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.



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