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**Editor's Model of the Month
by Frank Benders**

Division Meeting Schedule

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.

August 21, 2016 - Annual Picnic, Henley Park, Ferry
Street, Leetsdale, PA 15056
Gathering starts at 12:30; food ready by 1:00 PM; Con-
tact Frank Benders, fbenders@comcast.net w/ number
in your party and covered dish you'll bring. See p. 7

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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 August Flyer:

July 29, 2016



From the Super's Desk

Welcome to June

Welcome to June, the beginning of summer and all the activities that this time of year lets us enjoy. In traveling to the May meeting, I saw a double stack train heading from Altoona to Pittsburgh, and that made me think of taking pictures. I remembered as we drove through Connellsville, all the train activity that was offered "in the day." I took lots of pictures in the 1970's and 1980's and have been scanning them for clinic presentations that I enjoy doing on the history of the railroads in our area.

Each one of you that enjoys taking prototype photos of engines, rolling stock and structures should be planning to go out to your favorite spots and snap away. It's good to "beat the heat" and stay indoors and work on your layout, but we also need to enjoy what the big boys have to offer.

I believe we all picked up a camera at a very young age, no matter how simple or basic that camera may have been and started to take photos of all types of railroads. I know I did and still enjoy doing that now with my digital camera. I know a lot of you have used your photos in contests for the conventions, and also for documentation on what an engine or structure looked like in designing and building of your own railroad.

Many of the towers and stations have been demolished and are no longer available for snap shots. Some other structures, scenery, etc. have also been destroyed by progress and we can no longer enjoy them. The main way I can enjoy the that past, is sitting with my computer or photo album and remembering what it was like in the early 1970's around Connellsville, Sand Patch, Cumberland, McKee's Rocks, Conway, and other favorite railfan spots that we enjoyed so much. I guess this is my diary that I can pass on to my children and grandchildren. Do you remember watching the activity, with your camera, lawn chair and lunch?

In taking lasting photos, we also help preserve a little bit of history for future generations of how it was "in our day." Remember a picture is worth a thousand words. Stay safe at all costs, and remember to have fun and enjoy. It's all good.

... Keith DeVault



Proof from this month's B'n'B contest that the scratch building of rolling stock is not (yet) a lost art.

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Minutes

John Gallagher

The June 2016 meeting was convened at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent DeVault. He thanked our host, Jim Elster of Scenic Express for hosting our meeting,

New members Ken Enmit and Richie Jodan were introduced.

The minutes of the April 2016 meeting were approved as printed in the Flyer. The motion passed by acclamation.

Committee Reports

Editor – Vagel attended. He reminded contributors to pay attention to the due date.

Financial – We made a profit of \$728 from the Jamboree after all the bills have been paid.

Programs – September’s meeting will be in the Connellsville Canteen. It is the home of the Hobo Club.

Email what you’re bringing to the picnic in August, so we can plan the menu.

Company Store – There are still a few items available from the fire sale. We will no longer order books for stock, thinking someone may like them. Books will only be ordered on member request. Some NYC boxcars and Tichy hand car sheds are still available.

Membership – We now have 243 members after the Jamboree. Tom Higby is a new member from Delmont. Tom Gaus is in the process of updating the names of the newly elected officers on the web site.

Free-Mo – February went well at the Greenberg show. The July meeting at the Greenberg show may include the South Hills Free-Mo group. The Free-Mo layout has been a success at attracting new members.

We will be getting additional modules that were donated by a gentleman who is moving to Florida.

Bring’N’Brag – This month’s category is scratchbuilt models. There are 10 entries. Be sure to vote.

Video Library – The videos of the NMRA clinics are now available.

Achievement – No report.

Old Business - Jim Sacco spoke about the results of the Jamboree. All seemed to go well. Everyone he spoke to said they enjoyed the clinics. The after dinner speakers, the Priests, were also well-received. It looks as if we’ll be at the Sewell Center next year as well. Good ideas for improvement are always welcome. One last item: we need more contest entries, especially locomotives.

New Business

We need a new person to handle the raffle tickets at next year’s Jamboree. Charlie Blenko was suggested as a possibility. Anyone else interested?

Mike Hohn, past Superintendent, has been elected Vice-President of the Mid-Central Region. He reported that there were several local winners at the Regional Convention. Charlie Blenko and Neil Schorr won for photos. He admired a scratchbuilt turntable that was entered. It was one of the better regionals he has attended. He noted that there were more young people than previously.

For the Good of the Division

Bud Brock stated that model railroaders could learn more about weathering by observing the military modelers.

Susan Werner pointed out that Jo Ann’s Fabrics was having a sale on OTT Lights. There are several locations in our area, and you can get them on-line.

The next meeting is June 26th. That’s later in the month than usual. It’s to avoid having a meeting on Father’s Day.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



There’s still a lot of scratch-building going on in the Keystone Division, which is a good thing in this “Ready-to-Run” age we live in. That’s Susan Werner’s B’n’B Contest 3d Place winning produce stand on the right.

Bring'n'Brag

Donald Austel

May's meeting was at the Scenic Express where we all had a great time, and thank you for hosting us. This month's Bring-n-Brag was Scratch Built Models, and there was a very good turnout. First place was Alden McBee for his version of the Rowlesburg M&K engine house and machine shop. Second place was Frank Benders for his Engine Shed, And Third place was to Susan Werner for her Produce Stand with even handmade produce. Others who entered this month were Marge Meehan, Jim Braum, Dennis Vaccaro, Bill DeFoe, Dick Flock, Denny Lippert, and Jerry Kyslinger.

The Division Two of NMRA's Mid-Central Region 2016 Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree was again at the Moon Campus of Robert Morris. This year's model contest categories were: Structures, Rolling Stock, Motive Power and Photographs.

Before we announced the contest winners Mike Hohn called Marge Meehan up and gave her the award for the 2015 **MODELER OF THE YEAR**. After that award I was brought forward to announce the awards for the 2016 Jamboree Model contest. They were for Structure, Terry Stapleton for his Clark Farm, Rolling Stock, Grier Kuehn for

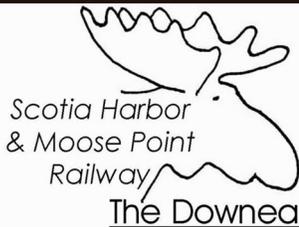
his P&LE Gondolas, Motive Power, Dennis Vaccaro for his Bower T1 w/DCC & Sound, and for Photographs, Don Coulter for his photo of a Ballast Cleaning system.

This is a Jamboree Model Contest only and each winner was given a nice award for their work. The Jamboree contest does not add to or change the monthly points for the Modeler of the year. And as always a Thank You to the members there who voted for them. Thank you again.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Alden McBee	31	Mike Hohn	4
Frank Benders	23	Denny Lippert	4
Dennis Vaccaro	19	Neal Schorr	4
Marge Meehan	17	Susam Werner	4
Bill DeFoe	16	Charlie Blenko	3
Bud Brock	8	Bob DiBenedetto	2
Dick Flock	10	John Gallagher	2
Jerry Kyslinger	6	Vinny Kaplack	2
Hans Werner	6	Jim Kubanick	2
Jim Braum	4	Bryce Walat	2
Ken Hannawalt	4	Forest Lucas	1



Alden McBee's 1st Place selectively compressed scratchbuilding project of the Baltimore & Ohio's iconic engine house and machine shop at M&K Jct. in Rowlesburg, WV brought back many fond memories of railfanning the "West End" by your editor in the mid-1990s when he should've been preparing Military History lectures for his ROTC cadets at Frostburg State.



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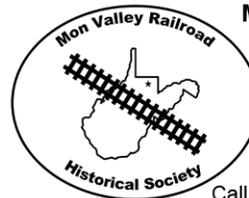
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OHIO RIVER NORTHERN RAILWAY CLUB



This nifty scratch-built passenger station with a tower was among a large and diverse number of entries in this month's B'n'B contest.

Division 2 Picnic

Where: Henley Park, Leetsdale, PA -- Same place as last year.

When: Sunday August 21, 2016. We'll start gathering at 12:30 and aim to have food ready around 1:00. The business meeting will follow, while everyone is napping from all the good food.

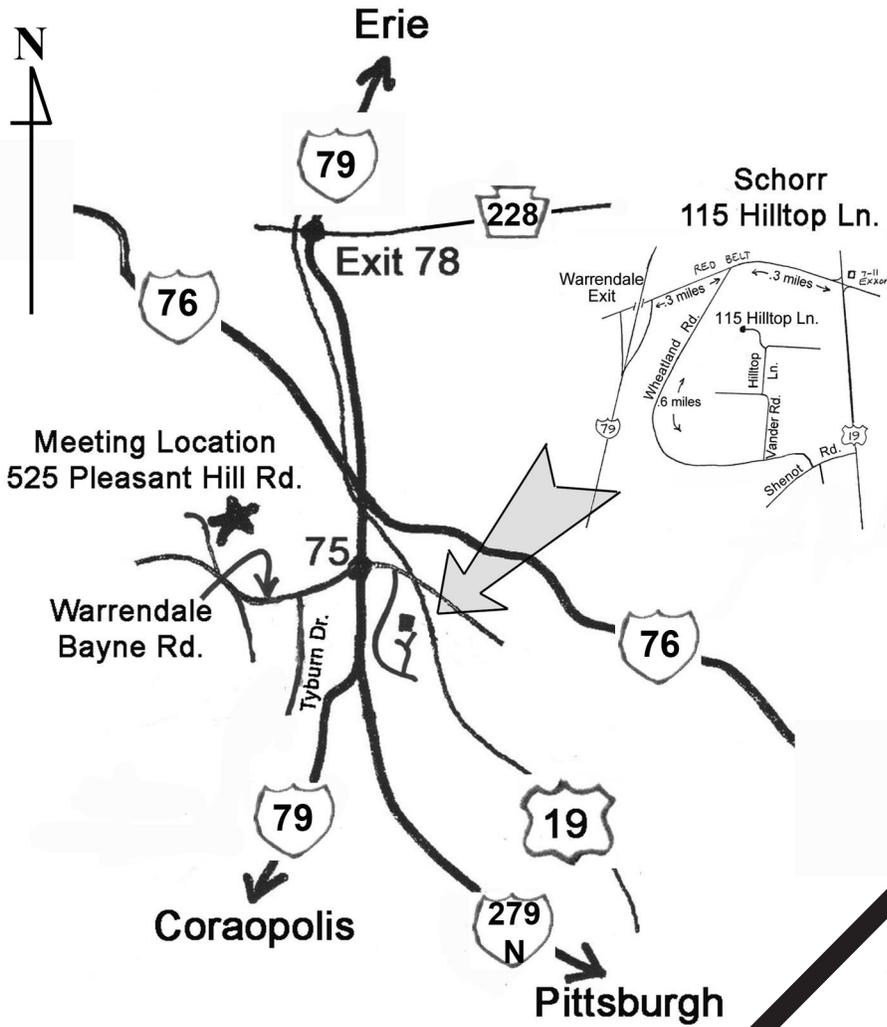
Food: The division will supply meat, bread, and sodas. ***IMPORTANT: please contact Frank Benders with the number of people in your party and the covered dish you will be bringing.*** Contact information is below. Bring 1 serving for every item you will put on your plate (usually 6) times the number in your party.

Parking: Lots of parking on the street.

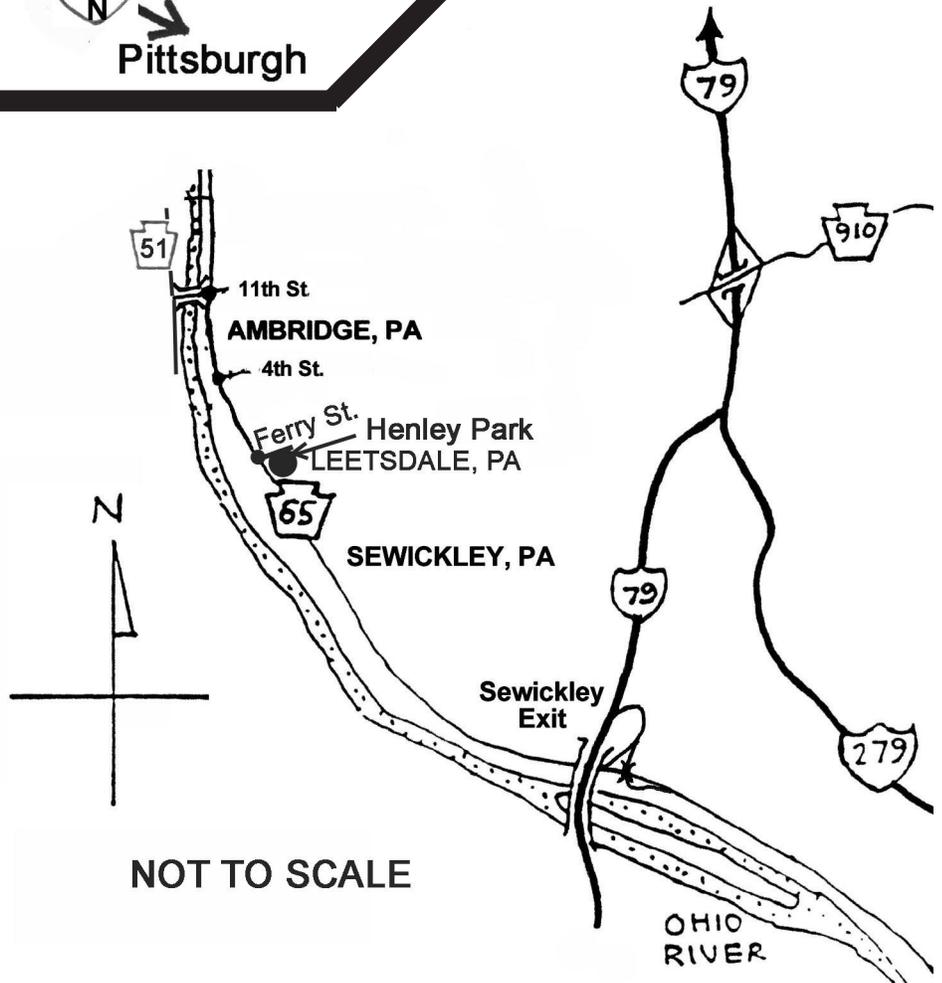
Seating: We will have a shelter with tables, but some space is needed for food and Bring n Brag. You might want to bring a folding chair for long-term comfort. It's up to you.

Contact Information: Frank Benders e-mail: fbenders@comcast.net. Email with the number in your party, what covered dish you will be bringing, and any questions.

MAP TO THE JUNE 26, 2016 MEETING



MAP TO THE AUGUST 21, 2015 PICNIC



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