

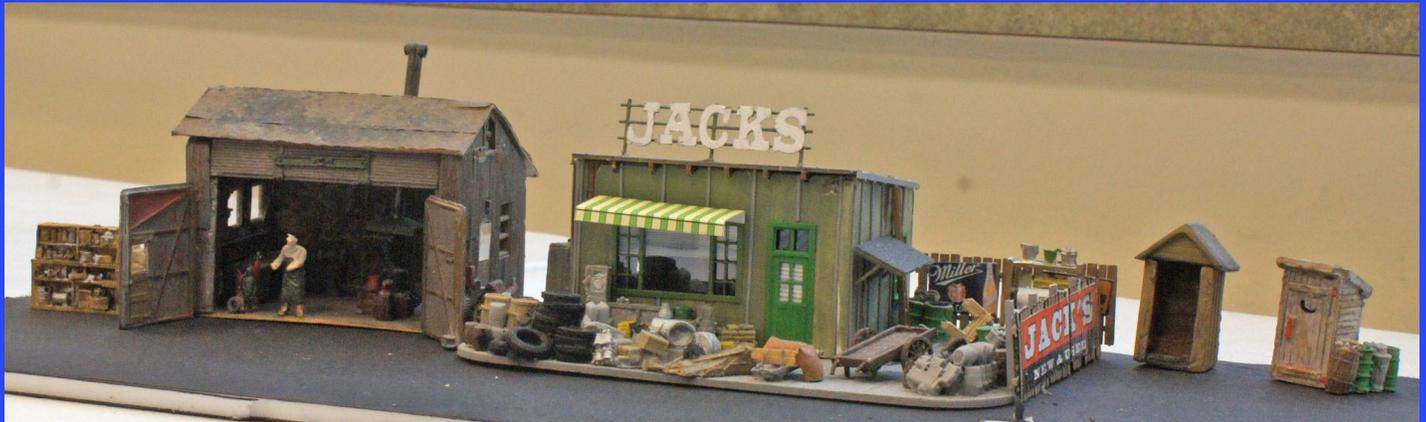
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Editor's Model of the Month by Joel "ORNry to the Bone" Everly

Division Meeting Schedule

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

September 18, 2016 - Hobo Model RR Club, Connellsville Community Center, Ground Floor, 201 East Fairview Ave, Connellsville, PA 15425
Layouts: Hobo Model RR Club open Noon - 2:15 PM; Harry Clark's Indian Creek Valley layout @ Connellsville Canteen, open 11 AM - 4 PM; Carter Higbee's B&O Layout TBD

October 16, 2016 - Norwin Public Library, 1 Caruthers Ln, Irwin, PA 15642

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

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Submission Deadline for the next *Flyer*:

August 2, 2016



From the Super's Desk

Getting Started in the Achievement Program

I received an email from a member, inquiring about the achievement program. He needed some clarification of precisely what was needed to begin the process. We all know Dennis Vaccaro is the chairman of the committee and can easily answer; it seems like a good topic for conversation here as well. Since I have written this article, and have completed all the steps for the program, I will next schedule with Dennis for inspection.

Let's begin with the basic requirements of the Golden Spike Award. The award does not require the level of expertise in the various areas of the hobby that the Master Modeler Award requires. It does require the hobbyist to demonstrate basic modeling skills in several areas: Rolling Stock (locomotive power and cars); Model Railroad Setting (structures and scenery); and Engineering (civil and electrical).

First the Rolling Stock: Display six "out of the box" units that you have detailed - weathering, decals, grab irons, etc. Model Railroad Setting: Requires 8 square feet of layout, or a module 4' x 2" would satisfy the requirement. Modelers must have constructed 5 structures for the layout. The structures may be separate, or one or more of them may be part of a single scene. The idea here is to show that you can add some detail other than gluing the kit together. Painting, weathering, decals/signage, and lighting are good things to consider. Remember bridges are included in this requirement. Engineering: You need 3 types of trackage, such as track, turnout, crossing, and/or grade elevation; in fact having 3 turnouts will qualify. All of this can be commercial trackage, you do not have to hand lay track. You must have the track ballasted, and must have the layout or module wired to run 2 trains. You can have one on a siding and the other running and it will meet the requirements. Finally, you have to provide one additional electrical feature such as a powered turnout, a working signal, a lighted building, etc. The requirement is that you understand roadbed profile and getting trains to run.

I hope I have given each person that raised your hand at the last meeting to indicate you have a layout, a reason to think about applying for the Golden Spike Award certificate to hang in your train room. This will also give Dennis, who has worked very hard helping others achieve this award, greater satisfaction for the Division Two members.

... Keith DeVault

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Minutes

John Gallagher

The meeting was convened at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent DeVault. He thanked Neil Schorr and Marshall Township for letting us use their facility. There were approximately 40 members and guests present.

New Members present were Jack Klein, Rich Behe, Cliff Howell, and Richard John. Guests were Austin Kyslinger, Charlie Blenko, and Neil Markle. We now have 242 active members. The new member last month was Thomas Whitby. Apparently, it was misspelled in last month's minutes.

The minutes of the previous business meeting were approved as amended (see misspelled name).

Keystone Flyer: It was noted that the Hobo Club of Connellsville is not in the same location as September's meeting. The Editor reminded the membership that input for the August Flyer is due by 29 July.

Financial: The Treasurer, Jeff Gregg, reported that we had \$6,086 in Jamboree and Flyer expenses. We have rolled over our CD and the Convention Account holds steady.

Programs: The Picnic Planning Committee needs to know how many people are coming to the picnic at Henley Park in Leetsdale and how much of what kind of food the members are bringing, for planning purposes.

There will be no program after September's meeting, but there will be layout tours. We will also be able to railfan at the Connellsville Yard. As usual, we are reminded to "stay off the property" except for the bridge near the Yard office.

As usual, October's meeting will be at the Norwin Public Library.

Company Store: The remaining books are in the rear of the room. Books and kits can be ordered for members, but very few, if any, items will be stocked. See Susan with your requests.

Membership: See above.

Free-Mo: We will connect with the South Hills Group at the upcoming Greenberg Show. We will begin setting up at 4:00 p.m. on Friday and dismantle the layout on Sunday afternoon. Any help, even if you don't have a module, will be appreciated.

Bring N' Brag: The category is Laser Kits. There are 10 entries. Please vote.

Achievement Program: Members were reminded to get to work on their projects. They were reminded how easy it is to get started. To get a Scenery Certificate, you only have to scenic a 2' X 4' piece of scenery. The Golden Spike Award is also relatively easy to achieve. Get moving and encourage your friends as well.

Old Business: There was no Old Business.

New Business: The Division plans to host a "Swap Meet" for Division members at the November meeting in New Eagle. There's plenty of room at the meeting hall and members probably have a lot of items they would like to trade. There is no preregistration. Just bring your stuff. There will be no money for the Division. Items can be swapped or sold. It's not too soon to start digging through your treasure trove of "once loved" items that you no longer need.

There was no other New Business.

For the Good of the Division: John Gallagher spoke briefly about a new NMRA Special Interest Group (SIG) for people who like to model steel mills. It has existed as an informal group for about 10 years, but now has its own official SIG. It covers all phases of steel mill modeling, including locomotives, rolling stock, structures, processes and history. Their annual Steel Mill Modeler's Meet will be 11 - 13 August in Marionville, Indiana, near Chicago. If you're interested, even if you can't attend the Meet, check out our web site at www.smmsig.org

The members were reminded to let Frank Benders know who and what you plan to bring to the Annual Picnic in August. As in previous years, Tom Gaus has volunteered to cook.

Neil Schorr will present a short clinic following the Bring N' Brag awards.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:00 p.m.



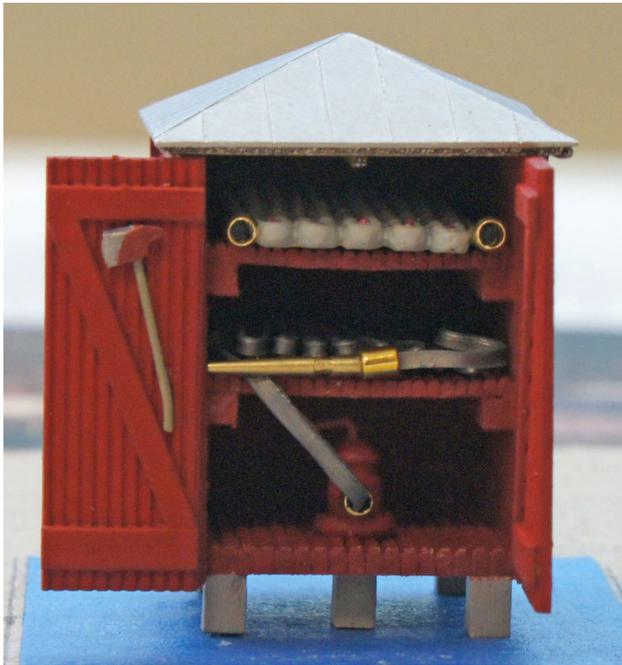
Here's a bit of whimsy by an unknown modeler from this month's B'n'B table.

Bring'n'Brag

Donald Austel

A thank you to the Marshall Township Municipal for hosting the Division 2 meeting in this June. This month's Bring N Brag was "Built Laser Kits". First place was Joel Everly for his Bar Mills Jacks Place & Betty's Diner. Second Place was Alden McBee with his B&O Fire Hose Houses. Third Place was Steve Ross Scratch with his DL&W Tower. The following members also entered models: Frank Bender, Jerry Kyslinger, Dennis Lippert, Marge Meehan, and Neal Schorr. And as always a Thank You to the members there who voted for them.

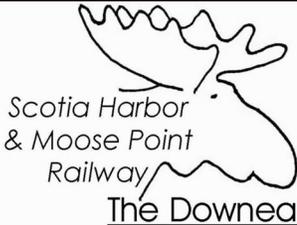
Name	Points	Name	Points
Alden McBee	39	Hans Werner	6
Frank Benders	27	Jim Braum	4
Marge Meehan	21	Ken Hannawalt	4
Dennis Vaccaro	19	Mike Hohn	4
Bill DeFoe	16	Susam Werner	4
Dick Flock	10	Charlie Blenko	3
Jerry Kyslinger	10	Bob DiBenedetto	2
Joel Everly	9	John Gallagher	2
Bud Brock	8	Vinny Kaplack	2
Denny Lippert	8	Jim Kubanick	2
Neal Schorr	8	Bryce Walat	2
Steve Ross	7	Forest Lucas	1



Laser kits are in vogue in Division 2, judging by the big turnout of excellent models in this month's B'n'B contest, such as Alden McBee's nifty detailed interior in one of his 2d prize B&O fire house sheds (left). The little cottage, above, by an unknown modeler was an eye-catcher, too.



Here is Betty's Diner, one of two highly detailed efforts by 1st Prize-winning "ORNRy Joel" Everly.



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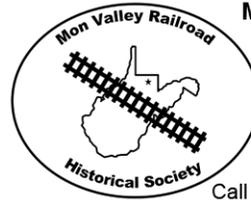
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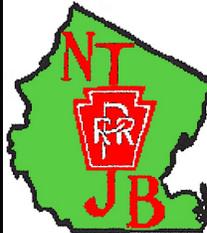


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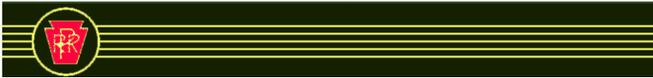


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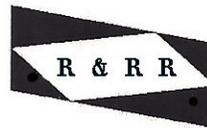


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Division 2 Picnic

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.

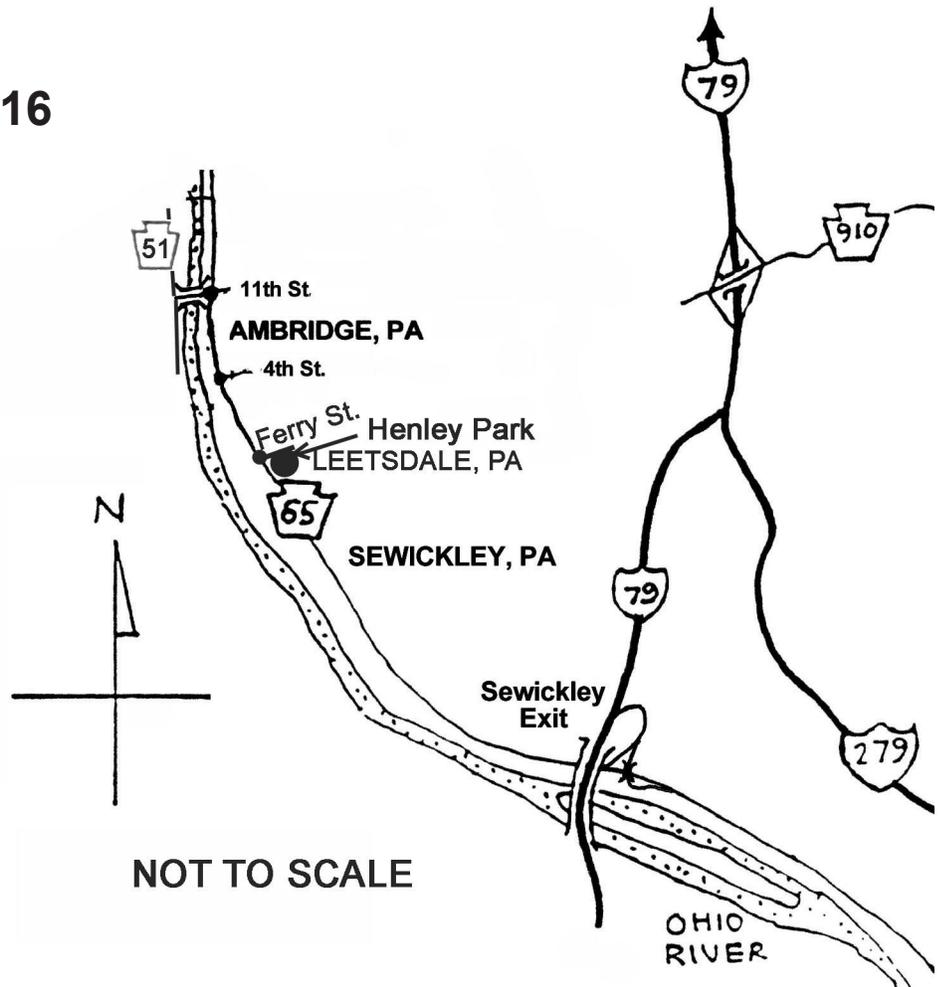
Seating: We will have a shelter with tables, but some space is needed for food and Bring n Brag. You might want to bring a folding chair for long-term comfort. It's up to you.

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.

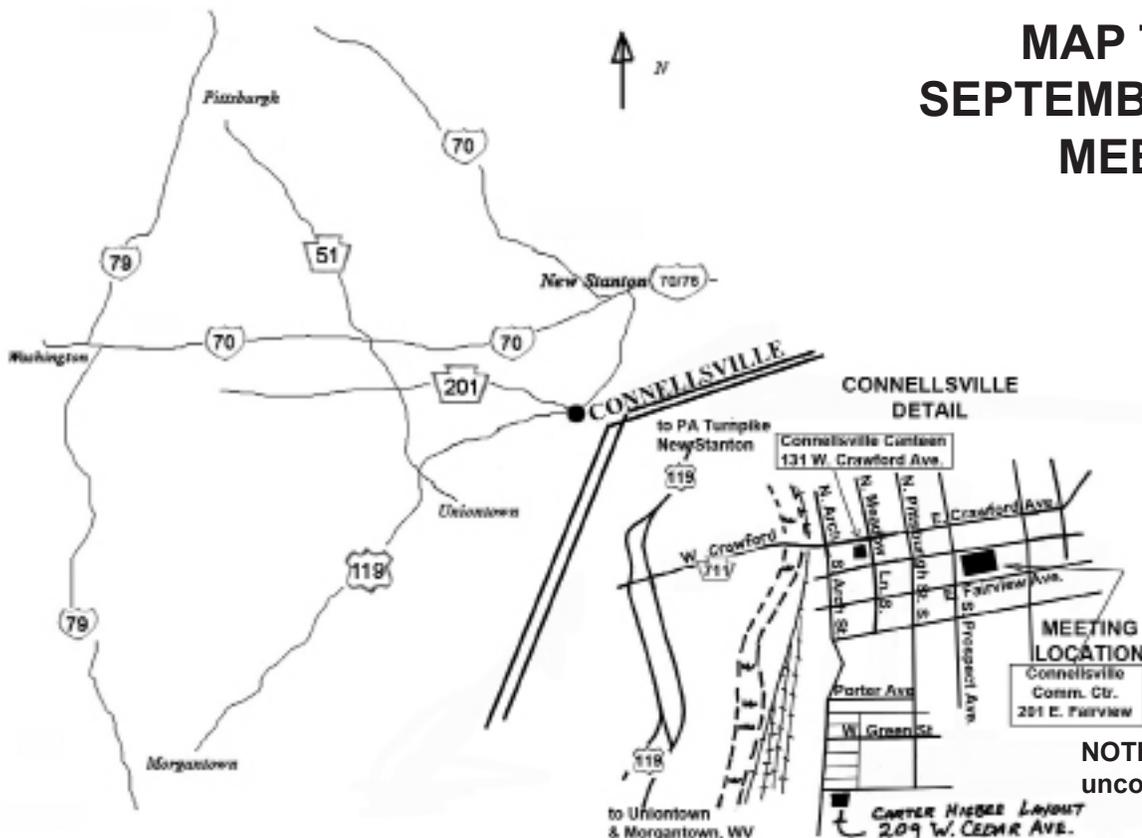


Sometimes you just have to scratchbuild what you need. So Steve Ross did just that, yielding this beautiful model of a DL&W interlocking tower. It won 3d place in this month's B'n'B contest.

MAP TO THE AUGUST 21, 2016 PICNIC



MAP TO THE SEPTEMBER 18, 2016 MEETING



NOTE: The Higbee layout is unconfirmed at this time.

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