



**Editor's  
Model of the Month  
by Neal Schorr**

**Division Meeting Schedule**

**February 19, 2017** - Western PA Model RR Museum,  
5507 Lakeside Dr, Gibsonia, PA 15044  
Layout open at 1:30 PM, Meeting at 2:30 PM  
Program by club member.

**March 19, 2017** - Mon Valley RR Historical Society,  
128 Pleasant St, Morgantown, WV 26505  
Layouts: Club open at noon; Hohn, DeVault, and Colvin  
open 11:30 - 1:30 PM

**Saturday, April 29, 2017** - Division 2 Jamboree, Robert  
Morris University Sewell Center, Moon, PA

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as it comes out and other Division 2 news flashes and  
announcements via email. Contact Susan Werner  
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**Bring'n'Brag**

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|-----|---------------------|
| Jan | Anything goes       |
| Feb | Re-purposed box car |
| Mar | Trucks and tractors |
| May | Cranes and Derricks |
| Jun | Structures          |
| Aug | Work -in-progress   |
| Sep | Diesel power        |
| Oct | Tank cars           |
| Nov | Houses of Worship   |

**Submission Deadline for the next Flyer:**

**February 3, 2017**

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<http://www.keystonedivision.org>



## From the Super's Desk

Railroad Prototype Modeling comes to our division on March 24th and March 25th at the Ramada Inn in Greensburg. Join us with model railroaders just like you, interested in faithful, accurate reproduction of the prototype. Celebrate the rich history and modern vitality of the railroads in and around the great areas of Western Pennsylvania, Ohio and West Virginia. Learn from other model railroaders how and why certain prototype railroads operated and looked like they did. This meeting will have some 42 clinics in a span of less than 2 days.

Whenever people complain that our hobby is dying, I say go to a RPM meeting and have a great time, and learn from others. I think this type of meeting is the best combination of a social event, and learning opportunities, that this hobby has to offer. The cost is \$35.00 for the weekend or \$20.00 for just one day. If you have not attended before, go for one day and see the model room (no judging, just some model railroaders displaying their modeling skills). Talk to the modelers at their table, learn how they put the model together, what techniques that they used. It does not hurt to ask, and you will not be embarrassed.

On to another subject, we have lost this past month, two members of the division that attended meetings and gave us some good ideas for our railroads. Monroe Mechling and Jim Dodd have both passed, and Division 4 lost a member at their meeting. We need to discuss a procedure to follow in the case of illness/incapacitation of a member during a meeting. Please let me know your thoughts either by email or at our next regular meeting at the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Museum in Gibsonia.

With the winter weather upon us, we would like to obtain an email address for Susan, who is the only one in the division with the addresses and will not under any circumstances sell or market them. We have 262 members in the division at this time, but we have valid email addresses for only 85 of you. We need your email address, if you have one, to send alerts of bad weather, changes of plans, cancellations, special notices, etc.

Please contact Susan at [swerner48@yahoo.com](mailto:swerner48@yahoo.com) with your email address.

I would like to thank all of you who attend our monthly meetings.

... *Keith DeVault*



A pair of exquisitely detailed and weathered HO-Scale semi-trucks by Dick Flock from the January B'n'B Contest.

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# Minutes

**John Gallagher**

The meeting was convened at 2:30 p.m. by Sup't Devault. He thanked Frank Kocher and Rich Jackson of the Ohio Valley Lines for providing our venue at the Old Economy Visitors' Center.

We had one new member, Mike DeSensi

The minutes of the of the previous Business Meeting were approved as published in the *Keystone Flyer* by unanimous voice vote.

**Keystone Flyer:** Editor Vagel Keller gave a brief explanation of current postal rates for mailing the Flyer. Apparently, bulk rates have remained low because First Class mail cannot compete with the Internet, so bulk mail is the Post Office's main profit center.

**Financial:** Year end totals for the various accounts: Checking: \$949.00; CD: \$ 11,626.00; Savings: \$5,002.04

**Programs:** Today's program after the meeting will be some newly acquired Chessie slides by Keith Devault.

Feb: Something from the Gibsonia club.

Mar: Prototype Signals at the Morgantown club

Apr: Jamboree at the Sewell Center at RMU

May: No program at the McKeesport Club due to lack of space.

Jun: DARE program and HO layout in Peters Twnshp

Aug: Division Two picnic at Henley Park in Leetsdale.

Sep: Ohio Northern group layouts around Steubenville.

Oct: Pt 2 about the Disney Train, Norwin Library.

Nov: Program TBD at the New Eagle VFD

**Company Store:** Susan Werner announced that Morning Sun Books is now venturing into the realm of soft-cover books. If you see anything interesting contact her. Neil Schorr has copies of both the new and old editions of books on the Pa. Turnpike.

**Membership & Website:** We've gained 8 new members since the last meeting. That gives us a total of 266 members, which is above the year-end total of last year.

**Free-Mo:** No report.

**Video Library:** No Report.

**Bring N' Brag:** 11 entries. Please vote. Remember, when you enter an item, it's supposed to be anonymous.

**Achievement Program:** Judges will be visiting a local layout soon for a Golden Spike Award.

## The Jamboree Needs Your Help

We all have some model railroad "stuff" we'll never use. Why not help our Raffle be even more successful by donating one or two NEW items. Just bring them the morning of the Jamboree so they can be placed on the tables. The bigger the selection, the more tickets will be sold. That way the Division benefits and you have contributed...it's a win/win.

**Jamboree:** Grier Kuhn asked if the Free-Mo layout will be set up for the Jamboree. There was no answer. Clinics are pretty well set-up. There will be no duplicates of the clinics at the RPM Meet, though there may be some duplicate presenters. Don't forget the White Elephant Sale. Bring your "no longer loved" stuff to sell. We need more entries for the contests. Remember, they are by popular vote, not NMRA rules, which increases your chances of winning. Donations for the raffle, our biggest money maker, usually come from vendors and manufacturers. Now, attendees can donate items as well. **Be sure to thank the donors**, or the donations will dry up. Lionel Strang will give a clinic and be the after-dinner speaker. (The Chief Clerk can personally attest that he is hilarious). If the name sounds familiar, he was formerly an Associate Editor at Model Railroader Magazine.

**Old Business:** The confusion about insurance for meetings at other than NMRA sites has been resolved.

The RPM Meet is scheduled for 24 - 25 March in Greensburg. A One Day registration has been added for those who cannot attend both days. It's \$20 for one day and \$35 for two. There will be new vendors as well as old favorites in the Vendor Room. There are 32 clinics and growing. There will be displays, but no contests.

**New Business:** Moe Mecklin, a local modeler for many years has passed away.

Bob Evans announced that he has given away a total of 750 HO train sets over the years to local kids

**For the Good of the Division:**

Please vote for the Bring N' Brag.

There will be an N Scale Convention at Station Square 21 - 25 June.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.



## AMTRAK CHARTER & TOUR OF ALTOONA MUSEUMS

The Train Collectors Association is offering a chartered AMTRAK trip from Pittsburgh to Altoona and return on June 25, 2017. The cost is \$275 per person.

Admission to the Railroaders Memorial Museum, Horseshoe Curve, and lunch is included. Registration deadline is March 31, 2017.

Information on the web at:

<https://tcaconventionpittsburgh.squarespace.com/altoona-rail-tour>

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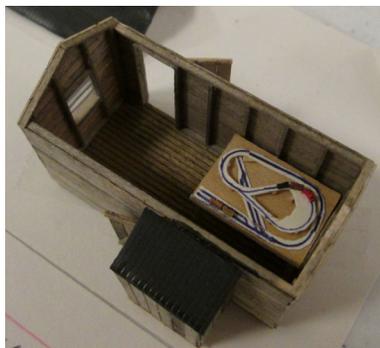
# Bring'n'Brag

## Donald Austel

A big “thank you” to Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, Pa for coordinating the Division 2 meeting at Old Economy Village Visitors Center. This month’s Bring N Brag was “Anything Goes,” the fun month where we get to see all kinds of different work all together. First place was Neal Schorr for his Pennsylvania RR Signal Tower, built from an old Quality Craft kit representing the interlocking tower at Jacks Narrows on the PRR west of Mt. Union, PA. Neal substituted a scratch-built chimney as a substitute for the non-prototypical one supplied in the kit and added a detailed interior lit with LEDs. Second Place was Alden McBee for his Turntable Bridge fabricated from Micro Engineering bridge girders and other detail parts. Third Place was Mike Hohn for his scratch-built general store. This month’s contest had 12 total entries of structures, rolling stock, and an old oil switch lamp. In order of their signing in other members where Steven Schorr, Marge Meehan, Dennis Vaccaro, Jim Braum, Bryce Walat, Bill DeFoe, Mike Vinski, Jim Whipple, Dick Flock. And as always an extra big Thank You to all the members who voted.

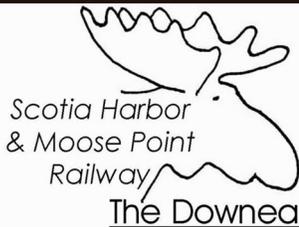


<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Neal Schorr	7	Marge Meehan	2
Michael Hohn	7	Steven Schorr	2
Alden McBee	6	Dennis Vaccaro	2
Jim Braum	2	Mark Vinski	2
Bill DeFoe	2	Bryce Walat	2
Dick Flock	2	Jim Whipple	2



Mike Hohn’s scratchbuilt General Store, above, and Alden McBee’s kit-bashed turntable, below, garnered Third and Second place, respectively, in the January B’n’B Contest. Bill DeFoe’s neat little model of a model railroad in a shack really caught your editor’s eye; it’s based on Bill’s memories of his first layout as a teenager in the “shop” of his Dad’s farm. All models are HO scale.





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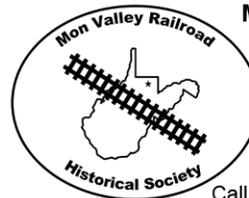
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## RAILROAD PROTOTYPE MODELERS SEMINAR - EAST

Sponsored by Division 2, MCR-NMRA

1:00 pm Friday, March 24 through 11:00 pm Saturday, March 25, 2017  
Registration opens at 10:00 am Friday. Set up any time after 8:00 am.

**RAMADA Hotel, 100 Ramada Inn Drive, Greensburg, PA, 15601.**

Located just off of US Route 30 east of Greensburg.

Room rate: \$104.00 plus taxes. This rate becomes effective January 1, 2017.

Call direct to reserve your room 724-836-6060.

Mention **"Railroad Prototype Modeler's (RPM)"** for the event rate.

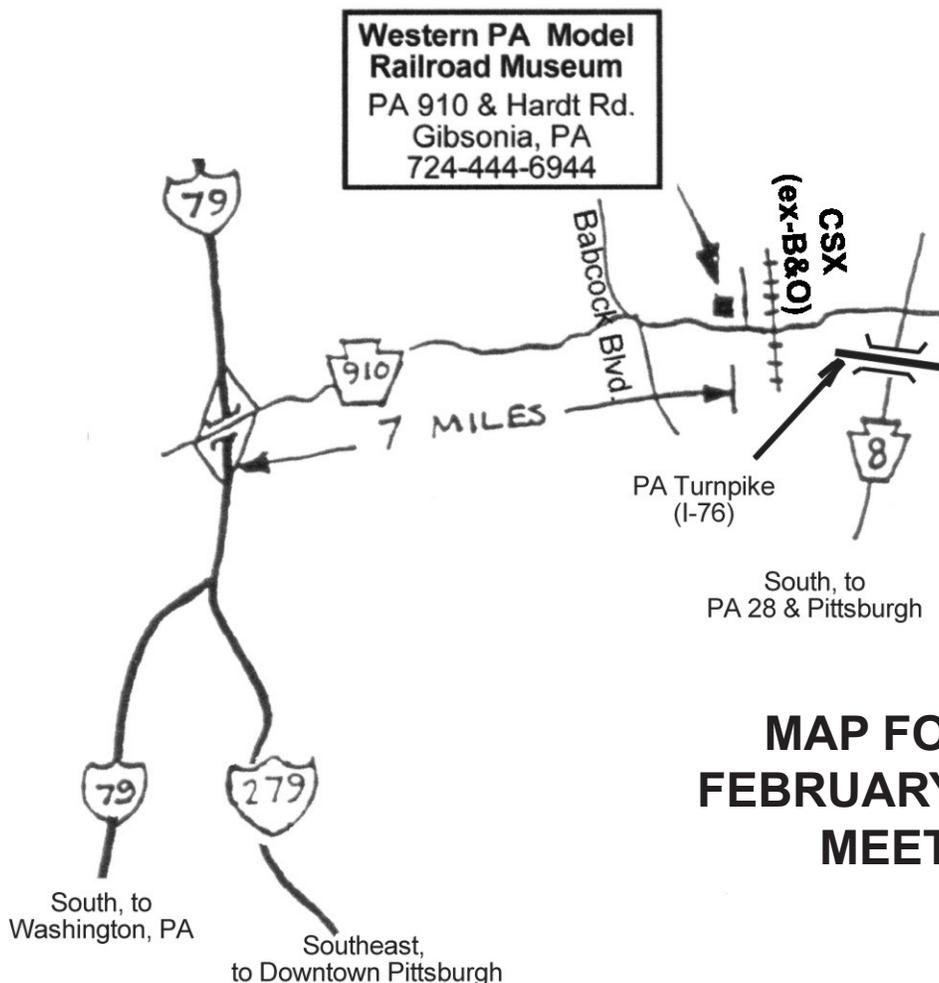
- Early Bird operating sessions scheduled for 6:00 pm, Thursday, March 23.
- Top notch presentations on prototype and modeling Friday and Saturday.
- Layout tours on Sunday, March 26.
- A large display room for models. **Please bring your models.**
- Limited number of vendor tables are available at \$20.00 each.
- Hotel overlooks the Norfolk Southern (PRR) main line.
- Amtrak serves Greensburg with east and west bound trains, seven days a week.  
Consult the Amtrak Pennsylvanian schedule for details.
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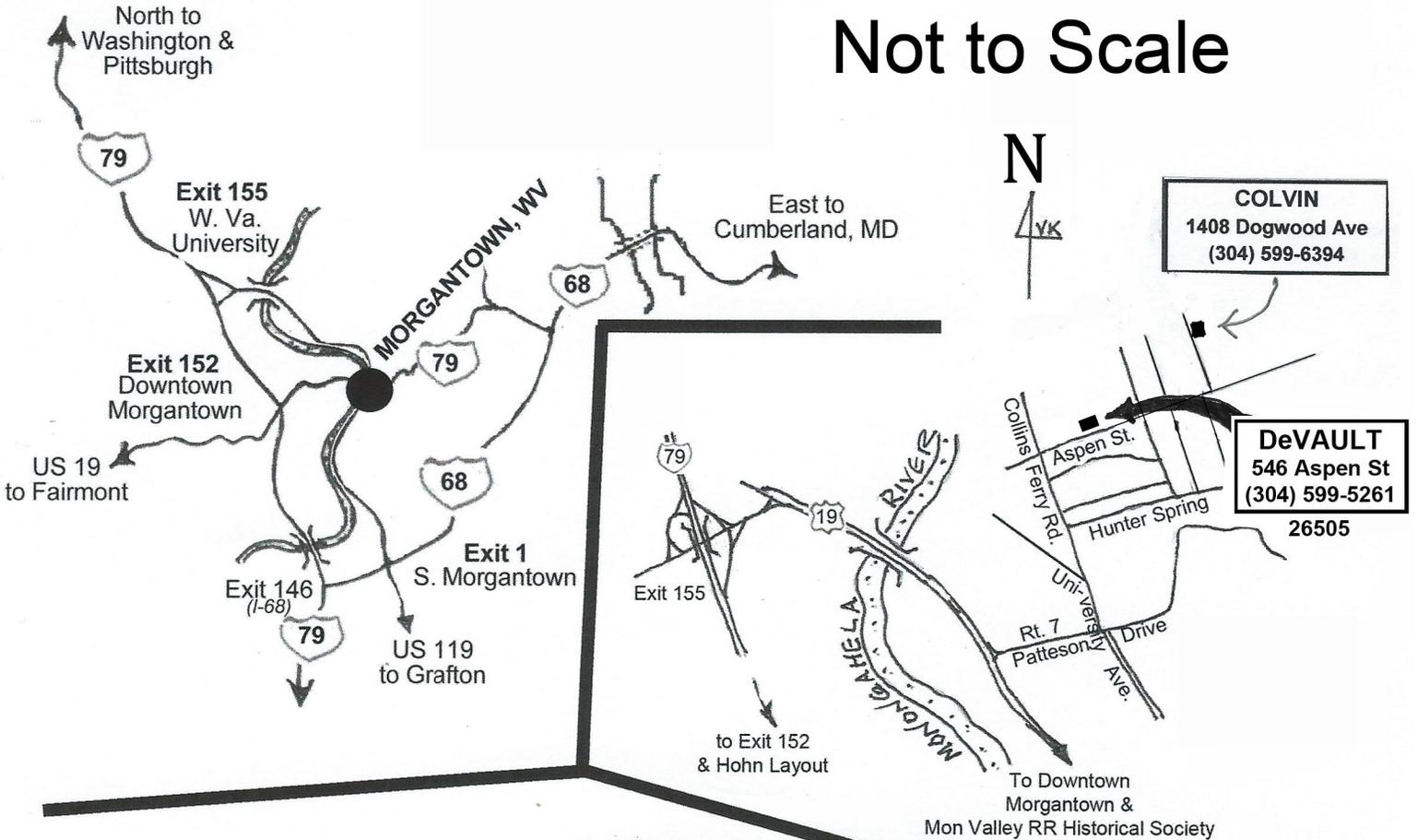
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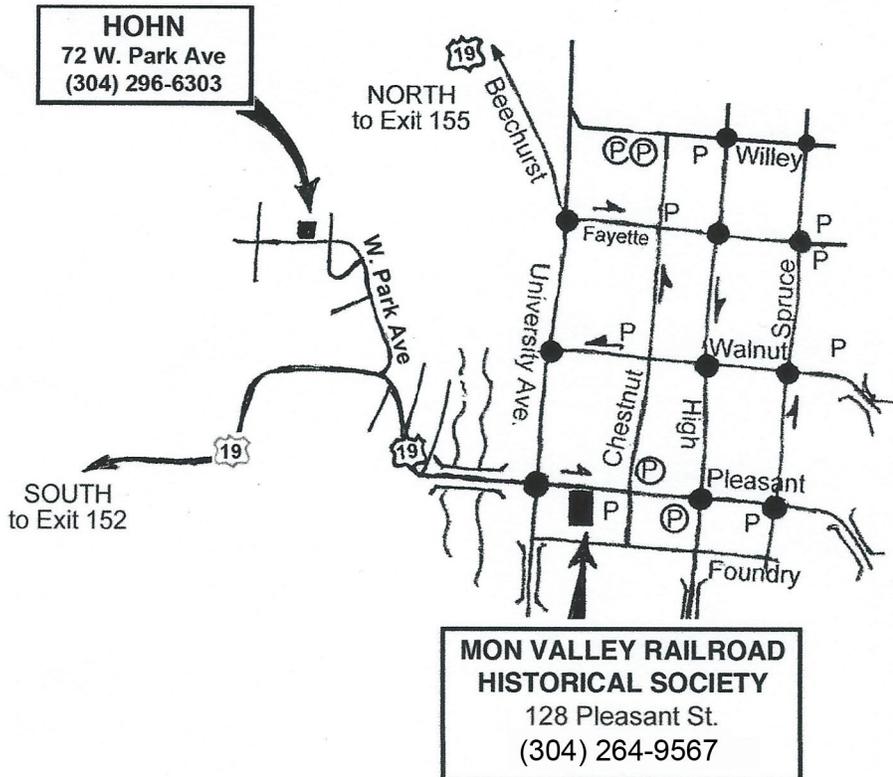
### MAP FOR THE FEBRUARY 19, 2017 MEETING

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## DOWNTOWN MORGANTOWN, WV

Arrows denote One-Way traffic.  
"P" is for parking; circle "P" are free lots.



## MAP FOR THE MARCH 19, 2017 MEETING

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