



Editor's Model of the Month by Alden McBee

Division Meeting Schedule

June 25, 2017 - DARE Club, 800 Venetia Rd, Venetia, PA 15367

Layouts: Ken Hanawalt Turtle Creek RR open Noon - 2:00 PM; DARE Club, 3 Layouts, open Noon - 5:00 PM.

August 20, 2017 - **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

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Bring'n'Brag

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*:

July 14, 2017

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From the Super's Desk

To all Division II members: As voted on at the Jamboree and discussed at the business meeting in McKeesport this past Sunday, we have committed to applying to host the NMRA regional convention in the year 2020. The board meeting held at this past regional convention in Lexington, Kentucky awarded the 2019 convention to the Youngstown, Boardman Ohio area. We will have to bid on the convention at next year's board meeting to be held in Cincinnati, Ohio on May 20, 2018. This will go a long way for our division to host this regional, and hopefully put some money into our bank account. We discussed a name for the convention; a few have been mentioned to me already, as Trains, Canes and Walkers, Clear Track Ahead, Clear Signal Ahead, 2020 Vision of Trains. A few people said that the convention should mention something with 2020 as perfect eyesight. I had a few other suggestions such as Fort Pitt Express, Pittsburgh Express, Steel City Express, The Golden Triangle, and Keystone Special. Please take a few minutes of your time and jot down a few names and see what you think of a theme. We will discuss more at the next meeting on June 25th at the Dare Building in Venetia, Pa. With the bid coming up in one year, we need to start working on a full slate of committee members. Please step up and volunteer to help out anyway possible so we can host a top notch convention. If you know of a place to host, please let me know that also, so I can contact them as to price and availability.

Vagel Keller, our *Keystone Flyer* Editor, mentioned that we need to have some more Golden Spike Award recipients in our division. The rules are very simple, even I did one. The Golden Spike Award Program is much easier than MMR and just requires demonstration of modeling skills in three areas. This is a good way to get your feet wet and get some recognition for your modeling skills.

The first area is "rolling stock", this requires you to have 6 model either locomotives or cars, which can be either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits, or detailed commercial kits. All you need to do is add some weathering, new couplers, and possibly a few additional details and your all set.

The second area is "construction"; this requires constructing a minimum of 8 square feet with some scenery, and five structures on your layout, which must be scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or detailed commercial kits. The 8 square feet is only 2 feet by 4 feet, which if you have a free modular or anything that is 8 square feet then you match the requirements. Also don't forget bridges as they are also structures.

SEE "Super," next page

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Minutes

John Gallagher

The meeting was convened at 2:32 p.m. by Superintendent Devault. He extended our thanks to the McKeesport Model Railroad Club for hosting our meeting. Their layout is undergoing extensive renovations.

There were no new members or guests.

There were no minutes from a very brief meeting at the Jamboree.

Keystone Flyer: Vagel reminded the members to contact him if they didn't receive their copy of the Flyer before the monthly meeting.

Financial: Jeff Gregg reported that we made a \$690 profit on the Jamboree. We sold \$1,800 worth of raffle tickets. The members were reminded that the purpose of the Jamboree is to have fun, not necessarily raise money. Although we don't want to lose money.

Programs: Frank asked the members who will be attending the annual picnic in Leetsdale to email him with the number of guests you will be bringing so he can calculate the amount of meat and soft drinks we will need.

He also thanked the Mon Yough Club for hosting the meeting and reminded the members that next month's meeting will be in Peters Township.

Company Store: Susan announced that she has a few classic City Classic items for sale.

Membership & Website: We are now up to 269 members. We signed up three new members at the Jamboree. The web site is in good shape.

Free-Mo: The members will be doing a scenery clinic at the July Greenberg show. It will serve the dual purpose of making progress on the modules as well as possibly attracting new members. Further, we hope to work with Division One on combining to make a larger setup, once some structural conflicts are resolved.

Video Library: No Report.

Bring N' Brag: Don was sick this month. There were only two entries.

Achievement Program: No report. Vagel reminded the membership that one can use a Free-Mo module to get a Golden Spike Award if it has the required items.

Old Business

Jamboree Report: Jim Sacco reported on the Jamboree. It was the usual success. Planning has already begun on next year's event. We need to find a new location as the current site is being torn down to make room for a sports complex. If you have any suggestions, see Jim. There were 121 attendees for the clinics; 69 stayed for the banquet. The Superintendent extended everyone's thanks to all those who worked on making the event a success.

New Business: A motion was made, seconded and passed to submit a bid for the 2020 Regional Convention.

For the Good of the Division:

The World's Greatest Hobby show will be returning to Monroeville in January. It is run by the same people who run the Greenberg Shows. The emphasis will be on recruiting "younger" members instead of selling "stuff".

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



The Western Maryland Railway lives again at the McKeesport Model Railroad Club!

"Super," cont'd:

The third area is "engineering", this requires the completion of three types of trackage, a turnout, crossing, even track on a grade is considered a type of trackage. The three examples of trackage do not need to be different, a passing track and spur will require three turnouts which will satisfy this requirement. The entire track must be ballasted and installed with proper roadbed. All of the trackage must be properly wired so two trains can be operated simultaneously by using a doubletrack main or single track with siding. Also one additional electrical feature must also be provided, and this is a powered turnout, a signal, a lighted building, a turnout indication.

Many of you will quickly discover that you have already completed these requirements with your own layout or a free mo modular. Just fill out the application and then let Dennis Vaccaro know that you are ready for an inspection. If I can do it, anybody in this division can, and my certificate looks good on my train room wall.

... *Keith DeVault*

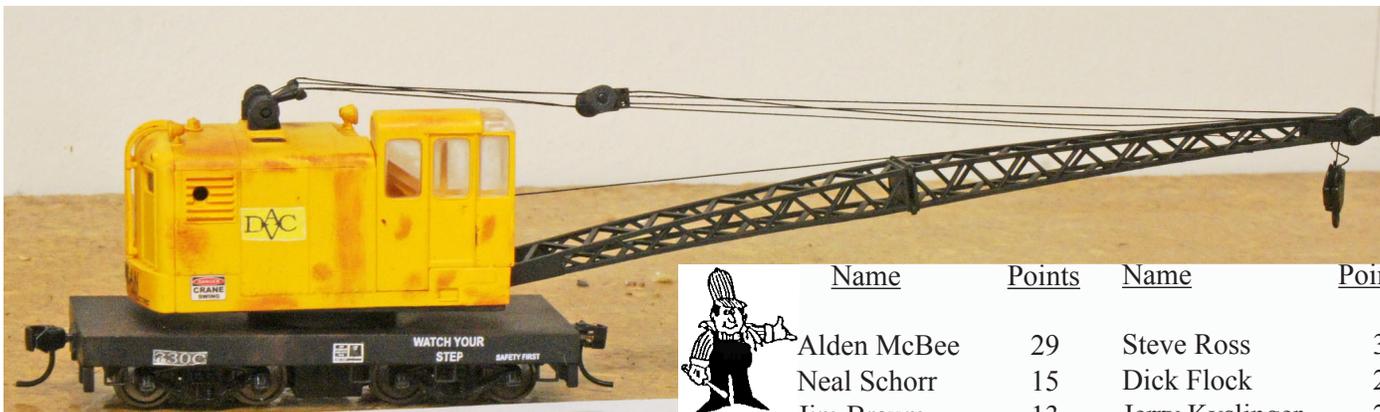
Bring'n'Brag

A thank you to the McKeesport Club for the hosting the May's NMRA Division 2 meeting this month's Bring N Brag, "Cranes and Derricks". There were only two entries this month, so First place was Alden McBee for his extensively kit bashed Tyco Crane. Industrial Brownhoist 250 ton Relief Crane, B& O 217. The house was scratch-built, as were most deck details, and the deck ends, which were made from shim brass with embossed rivets. The boom and one hook can be raised using cable rollers accessible through the right side door. The movable roof section is sheet brass with soldered-on lift rings. Details from Grandt Line, NJ International, Cal Scale, Athern, MV Lenses, and Detail Associates were used. The "Industrial Brownhoist" on the rear is a photo from the real B&O crane, which was assigned to Grafton, WV.

Donald Austel

Second Place was Jim Braum for his AV&DC Industrial Crane. Walthers product; custom weathered with Doc's weathering powders; home printed decals. Used on MOW/ snow trains; former US Steel crane. And as always a Thank You to the members there who voted for them and a big THANK YOU to Susan Werner who help me again this month when I was sick. Thank you again.

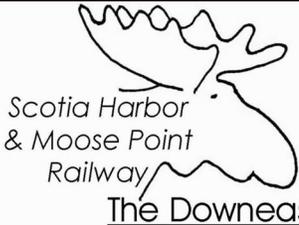
THE KEYSTONE DIVISION



<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Alden McBee	29	Steve Ross	3
Neal Schorr	15	Dick Flock	2
Jim Braum	13	Jerry Kyslinger	2
Bill DeFoe	9	Andy Laurince	2
Marge Meehan	8	Steven Schorr	2
Michael Hohn	7	Mark Vinski	2
Hans Werner	6	Bryce Walat	2
Dennis Vaccaro	4	Jim Whipple	2

Jim Braum's Second Place entry, above, in the May 2017 B'n'B contest. Our hosts for the May meeting, the McKeesport Model Railroad Club, have made great progress in the total overhaul of the previous layout. As this dual gauge scene, below, shows, there is a lot of great modeling ... and model railroading ... going on.





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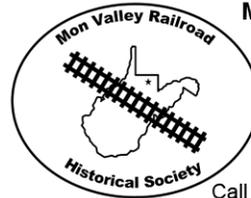
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Chasing the Chatahoochee Choo Choo

Joe Birsa

Back in the 1980's, I was working for Westinghouse, programming computer simulations of the electrical portion of Westinghouse nuclear power plants.

My part consisted mainly of the substation, main generator, in-plant distribution, and especially the emergency diesel generators. I particularly enjoyed simulating the diesels because it gave me an excuse to read railroad and model railroad magazines under the guise of 'research'.

You see, the diesel engines in the emergency diesel generators were identical, or nearly identical to the diesel engines in railroad locomotives and I was able to cross reference into Alco, EMD, and even Fairbanks Morse locomotives. And truth be told, I got a lot of information from Kalmbach publications (*Trains* and "The Diesel from D to L") and even the NMRA *Bulletin* ended up in my simulations.

One of the plants we did a lot of work for was the Farley Nuclear Plant in Dothan, Alabama, and I made several trips to their training center to fix problems that came up and install upgrades. Now, the training center worked from 7 am until 3:30 pm, and at 3:30 pm, everybody VACATED! It was almost like they were practicing an emergency evacuation on a daily basis. And after 3:30 I really couldn't do much work without the customer there to sign off on the changes.

One day in the late spring, I decided that I really, really didn't want to spend the afternoon and evening in the

"thriving metropolis" of Dothan, having already gained significant familiarity with the eateries and entertainment available, so I decided to check out the Chatahoochee Industrial Railroad, which was a relatively easy drive from the plant.

When I got to the Chatahoochee Industrial Railroad, they were very friendly to this yankee railfan. In those simpler times all you had to do was sign a release form and promise not to get hurt on the property. They even loaned me a hard hat! I walked around the yard, took some pictures, and found out that a train was leaving for the interchange at Saffold, GA. So, having stocked up on AAA maps before I left, I drove down along the railroad to Saffold, stopping for the occasional picture. At Saffold I watched the crew exchange cars and even participated by driving the brakeman to and from the yard office to exchange paperwork.

Then, on the way back I followed the train, again taking some pictures, until I ran out of either road or light; I forget.

Back in Pittsburgh, we had to fill out weekly progress reports, so on my report for that week, I duly noted that: "During my limited free time in Dothan, AL I endeavored to observe diesel engines under varying conditions of loading in order to improve my computer simulations in this area." When I got the report back, there was a note from the division general manager commending me on the productive use of my time. My manager, who was in on the gag, thought that was a hoot.

Division 2 Picnic

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

When: Sunday August 20, 2017. 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.

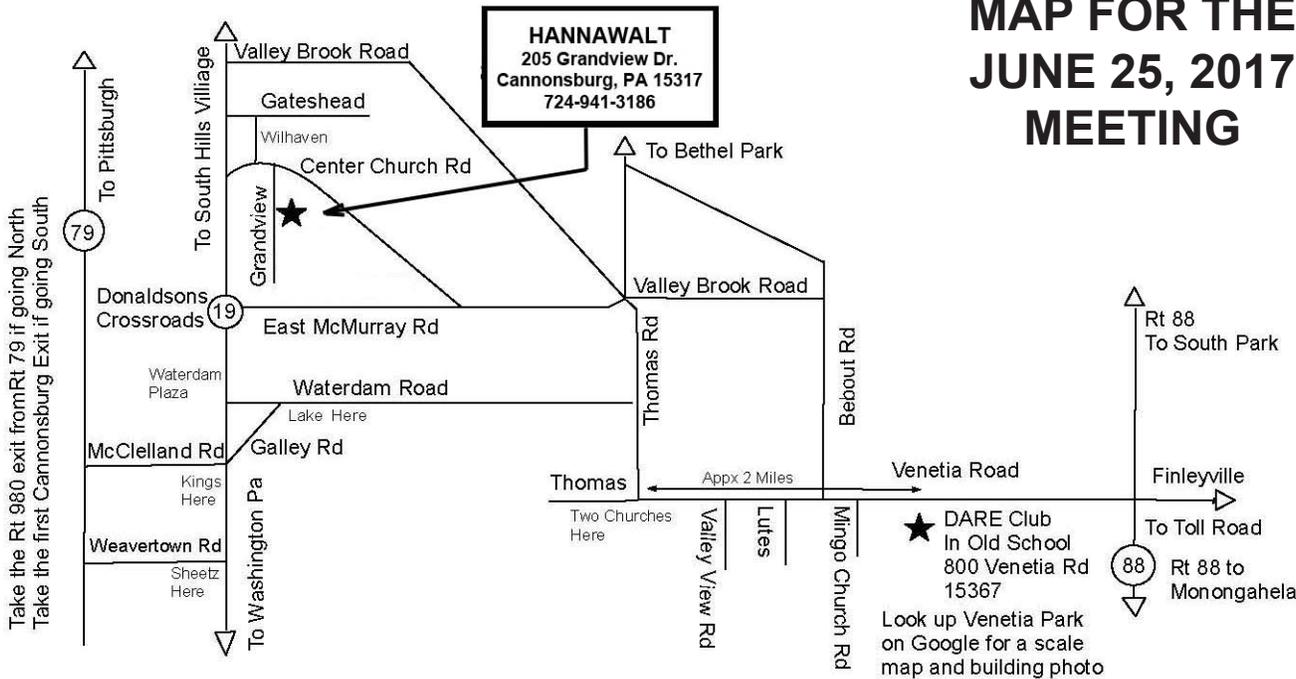
Food: The division will supply meat, bread, and sodas. **IMPORTANT: please contact Frank Benders with the number of people in your party and the covered dish you will be bringing.** Contact information is below. Bring 1 serving for every item you will put on your plate (usually 6) times the number in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

Parking: Lots of parking on the street.

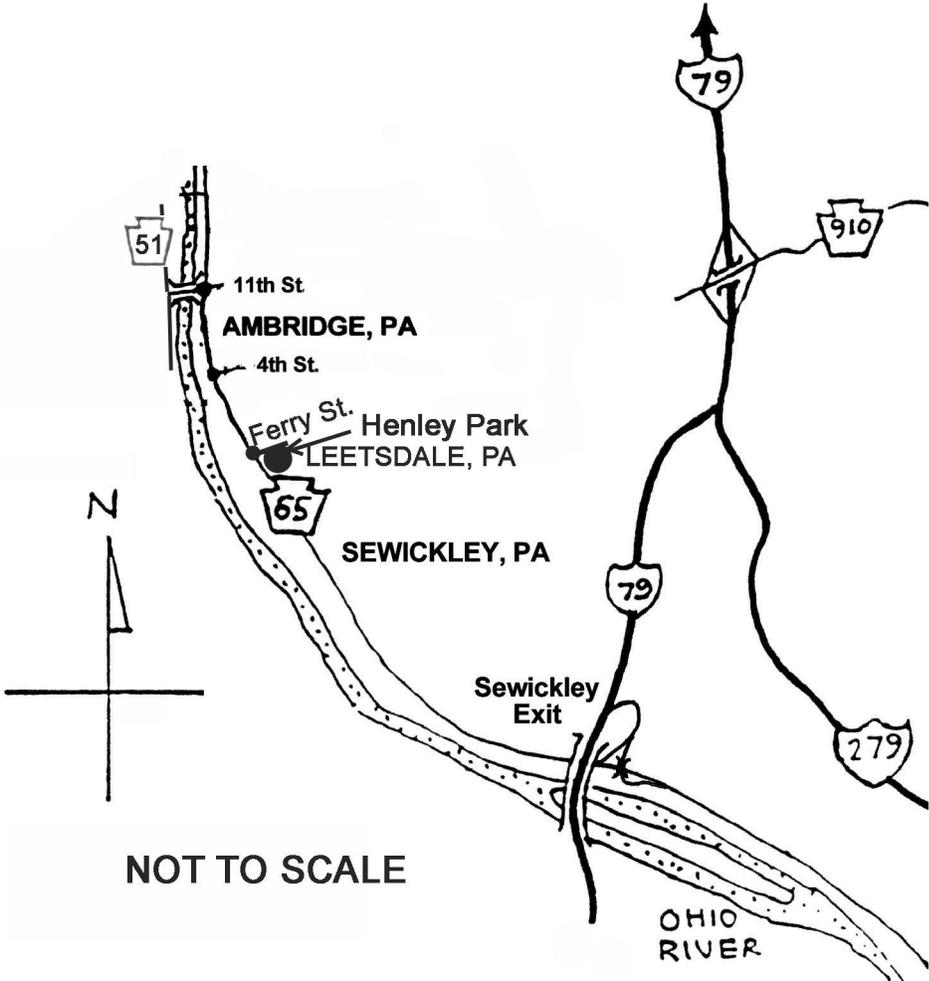
Seating: We will have a shelter with tables, but some space is needed for food and Bring n Brag. You might want to bring a folding chair for long-term comfort. It's up to you.

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.

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