



**Editor's Model of the Month
by Dennis Vaccaro**

Division Meeting Schedule

October 15, 2017 - Norwin Public Library, 1 Caruthers Ln, Irwin, PA 15642
Meeting: 2:30 PM
Layouts: Andy Blenko and Bob Prehoda open 11 AM - 2 PM & after the Meeting until 5 PM.
Program: Andy Blenko, "Walt Disney's Railroad, Pt. 2"

November 19, 2017 - New Eagle VFD, 156 Chess St, New Eagle, PA 15607
Meeting: 2:30 PM
Layouts: Map incomplete. Susan Werner open before meeting, Time TBA. Richard Jodon N Scale layout, map and times TBA.
Program: Jim Braum slide show on Wheeling & Lake Erie RR

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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

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October 27, 2017

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From the Super's Desk

I am taking keyboard in hand and as I write this column, it is finally the date of the beginning of fall, September 21st. Summer is over and now it is time for all of us to get back to the hobby of model trains. In other words, put away the lawn tools and pick up your tools for building cars and or structures! This is the time of year that we get ready for the holidays, but also, we get geared up for model train operating sessions. If only a few of you have ever gone to a model train layout operation session, I would like to explain a few details that I have learned over the years. First, you get to enjoy some longer friendship time with other model train enthusiasts, than we do during our monthly division meetings. I know that I enjoy traveling to these layouts as I see other places that I have not seen before. Sometimes either I drive or ride along with other train operators, stop for some coffee and “chew the fat” before we arrive. When you arrive at your destination, always thank the owner for letting you come to operate. Do not hesitate to ask questions, all questions are worth it, and if you don’t ask it could lead to a problem during the session. Volunteer to do a yard job starting out, or if the group is large enough ask to be a conductor so you can go along with a person that is familiar with the layout. Travel the main line and you can learn how this layout operates. We, as modelers, enjoy visiting and running trains that are realistic in appearance and operated in a realistic manner. I have had the pleasure over the years to be able to operate on some great layouts, hosted by some fine gentlemen, that echo the mission of a real railroad, either switching industrial districts or being able to move freight and or passengers.

You learn from these operating sessions that it all requires teamwork (we have that in this division) and this holds true in these sessions. “Op” sessions are to be fun, interesting and educational. You learn in these sessions-car forwarding system, traffic control, how to operate a throttle different from your home layout. When to communicate and how to communicate properly. What special actions are needed to run your locomotive, speed, braking, and if you have a steam engine where to stop for water and coal. But most of all have fun and again thank the owner for the session.

The papers have been submitted to the regional officers for us hosting the 2020 Regional Convention here in the Pittsburgh Area. Please volunteer to serve on the committee, as we will hopefully give the other divisions a great time for themselves and their families.

... Keith DeVault

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Minutes

Keith DeVault

The meeting was convened at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent DeVault. He recognized Joel Everly of the ORNY BUNCH for his leadership in setting up the layouts and to Bob DiBenedetto for arranging the Library and our guest speaker.

There were no members and or guests at the meeting. The minutes that were published in the Flyer were Approved as published. Committee reports from our treasurer Jeff Gregg and our Conventions treasurer Andy Blenko. It was moved and seconded that Susan Werner become the new assistant conventions treasurer, motion carried. Frank Benders report stated that the October meeting will be at the Norwin Public Library with Andy Blenko giving his part 2 topic on the modern Walt Disney train. His layout and that of Bob Prehoda will be open from 11 to 2 and after the meeting to 5:00. November meeting will be at the Mid Mon Club with Jim Braum giving a presentation on Wheeling and Lake Erie from Castle Shannon to Belle Vernon. Susan will have her layout open only before the meeting and Richard Jodon will have his N scale layout open. Hours will be published in the October Flyer for the layout. Company store is here at the table up front and Susan will be taking orders for calendars thru next meeting and will have them at the November meeting. Membership stands at 271 members and Tom Gaus stated that the website will have a different look coming in the near future. It was discussed that since we missed the chance to have Free Mo at the November Greenburg show that Jeff Gregg contact the President of the show and see if we can get a table only for membership drive.

Bring N Brag has 7 entries, please vote after the meeting. Dennis Vaccaro with the Achievement Program has members working on the Author Certificate, Engineering Certificate and one member will be receiving a certificate for his entry in the last regional convention.

Old business, the membership voted on the idea of Pittsburgh 2020, Trains, Friends and Fun, but can be changed if another idea comes along. It was also voted on to try to hold the convention in April, since that is the month of the Jamboree as long as it does not interfere with Easter. Greg Kohler presented his 4 structures for the convention and was approved by the membership to proceed with the kits. It was mentioned about trying to find a new venue for the Jamboree, since Robert Morris is under construction for a new building. Some members talked with Jim and Grier about places and a report will be forth coming either in October or November about a date and location. In New Business, Jerry Kyslinger stated that he is tearing down a former members layout and will have things for sell, hopefully at the November meeting and at the Mid Mon Train show in January.

For the good of the division, we all wished the following people a speedy recovery in their illness. Bob Evans from the Ohio Valley Lines with his broken leg, and Marge Meehan from her recent hip surgery. Bob DiBenedetto introduced our guest speakers from the Ohio Rails, a small company from Ohio.

Meeting adjourned at 3:20 p.m.



Bring'n'Brag

This is a short version of the B & B report. People picked up their models and descriptions before we could collect them or take pictures. The theme for September was diesel power, and yet ...

First Place - Dennis Lippert for his Penn Central box car in progress

Second Place - Alden McBee for his "Christmas gift gone good." a C&O Also C-630, which was kit bashed from a Tyco C-630. The original Tyco model came painted Chessie C&O, had a high hood, was numbered 1102, and had bogus trucks only one of which was powered. All these had to be corrected. I stripped the paint, cut down the short hood, painted the loco Floquil C&O blue with yellow frame stripe, numbered it 2102, scratch-built a brass frame and was able to purchase Oriental ltd. 6 axle brass Alco Hi-Adhesion trucks. I added a can motor and flywheels. Molded-on drop steps were removed and replaced with wire ones. The horn was cut down and remounted, and a brass and plastic bell was added. Horn hook couplers were replaced with Kadees. Although it is a much better loco, my wife still hasn't forgiven me for "chopping up" her gift to me. Unfortunately, the model was taken away before a photo could be taken.

Third Place tie - Jim Braum for his F-series self contained railcar kitbashed from a Rivarossi frame/cab & Con-Cor observation car (What could have been had the RDC

never been built); used in commuter service on AV&DC (only pulls itself); RDC style motors

Third Place tie - Jim Braum for his Wheeling & Lake Erie 303 GP40; former D&RGW (Rio Grande). Atlas model with custom airbrush paint and decals, nose headlight notched to match prototype, ditch lights added, as well as beacon and metal case on roof; Microscale decals and custom printed warning decals; LOK sound installed; light weathering on body and heavy on trucks.

Third Place tie - Dennis Vaccaro for his ALCO GE brass diesel custom painted for the National Railways of Mexico.

Also entered - Rick Steele 3D printed train Station.

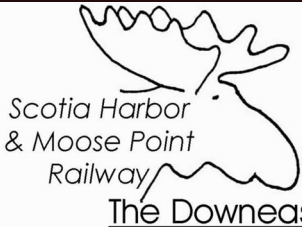


<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Alden McBee	43	Mark Vinski	4
Neal Schorr	22	Bryce Walat	4
Jim Braum	19	Steve Ross	3
Bill DeFoe	18	Richie Jodon	2
Marge Meehan	14	Joel Everly	2
Dick Flock	9	Jerry Kysliger	2
Dennis Vaccaro	9	Andy Laurince	2
Michael Hohn	7	Steven Schorr	2
Hans Werner	6	Jim Whipple	2

No updated points were received at press time [ed.]



Den Lippert's work-in-progress.



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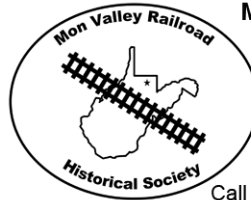
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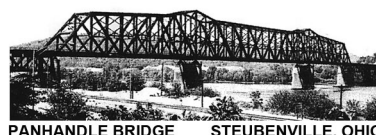


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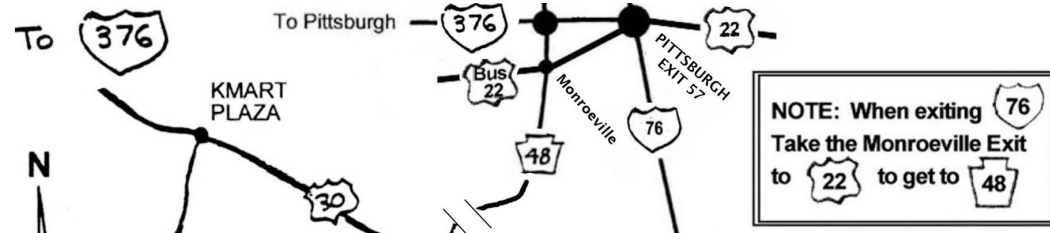
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Jim Braum's "never, never / what-if" passenger thingie, above, and ex-D&RGW GP40 renumbered 303 by new owner, Wheeling & Lake Erie, below, were among the three entries tied for Third Place in the B'n'B voting at the September 2017 meeting. Learn more about the W&LE druing the program at the November meeting.

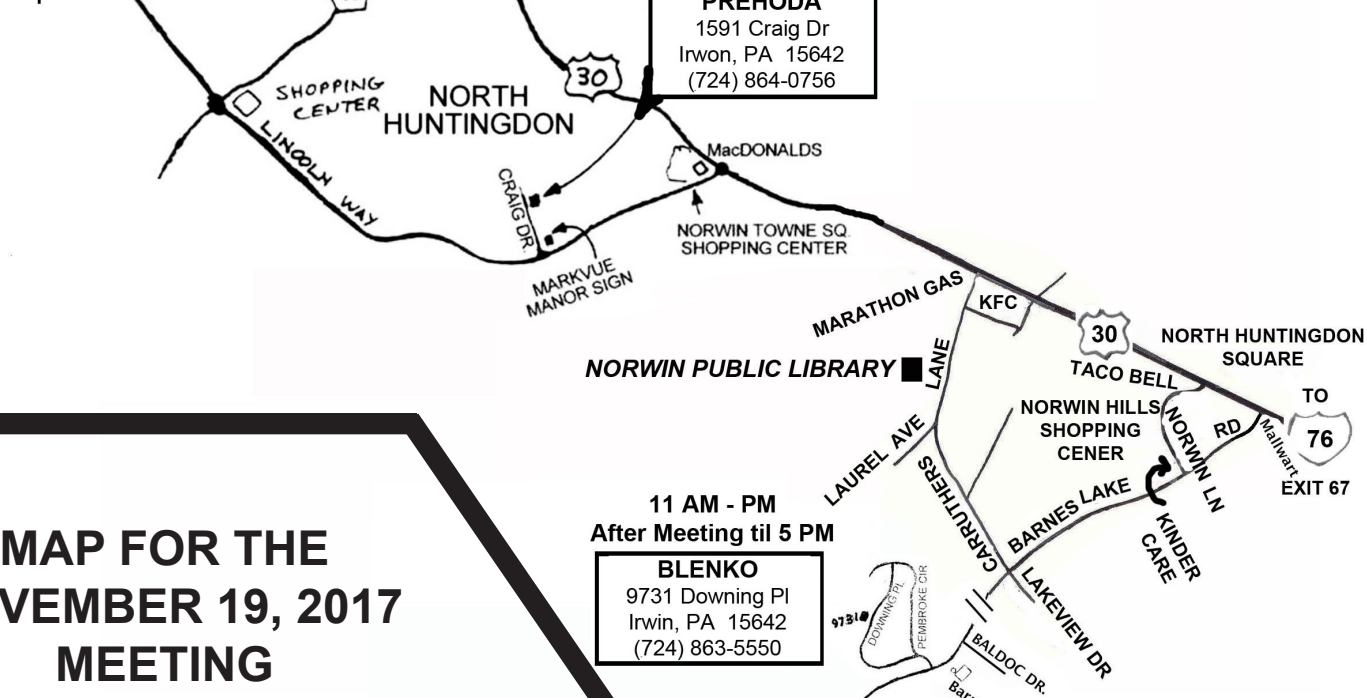




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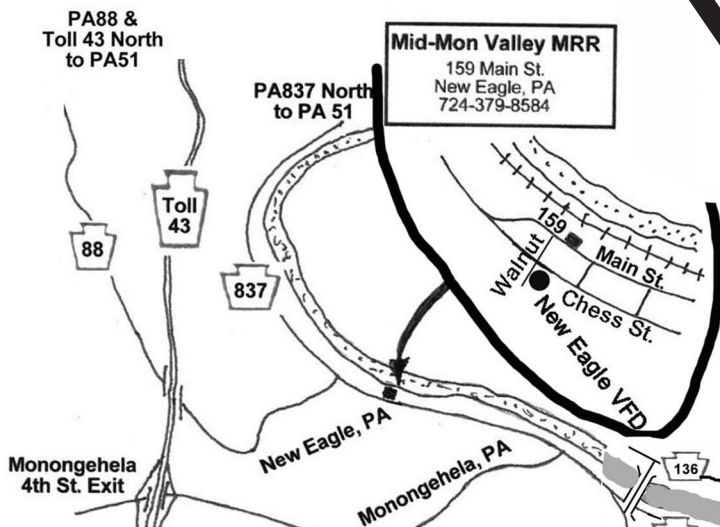
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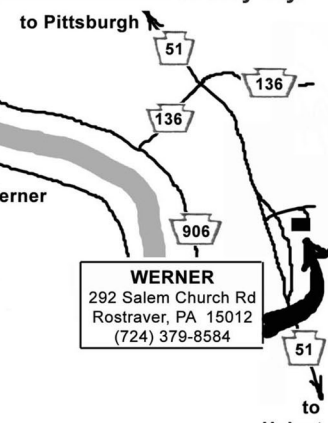
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