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Division Meeting Schedule

January 21, 2018 - Old Economy Village Visitors Center, 270 16th St, Ambridge, PA 15003
Layout: Ohio Valley Lines, 1225 Merchant St, Ambridge, PA 15003, open at 1:30 PM
Meeting at 2:30 PM

February 18, 2018 - Marshall Township Municipal Building, 525 Pleasant Hill Rd, Wexford, PA 15090
Layout: Neal Schorr's PRR Middle Division open 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (**Weather Permitting - check your email the day of the meeting**)
Hobby Express, 10 min. from meeting locaiton, open 11:00 - 5:00 PM
Meeting at 2:30 PM
Program: Neal Schorr, "History of the Pennsylvania Turnpike"

Get the Color Version of the Keystone Flyer as soon as it comes out and other Division 2 news flashes and announcements via email. Contact Susan Werner swerner48@yahoo.com

OPEN TO EVERYONE!
Registration opens at 8:00 a.m.
Activities run all day!

Clinics run all day on a variety of topics - model railroading, scenery building, detailing rolling stock, prototype railroading and local history!

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

Registration Form in February *Flyer*

Check our website for list of clinics, program schedule, contest rules and latest information!
www.keystonedivision.org

Submission Deadline for the next *Flyer*:

February 2, 2018

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NOW EXPANDED TO TEN, COUNT'EM 10, PAGES!!!



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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Pike ads are available to publicize your home or club model rail empires for a \$15.00 yearly fee. You may supply artwork or have it produced by the editor for a nominal fee. Pike ads are also posted on the Division's website: <http://www.keystonedivision.org>

Jamboree News!

As you may have heard, we have Saturday, April 29th, reserved at Robert Morris University for our annual Model Railroad Jamboree. It's moving to their Yorktowne Hall just up the road from the main campus. The new location suits our needs perfectly so we're all set!

Our guest speaker this year will be Tony Cook. If you're not familiar with him, Tony is an associate editor of "Railroad Model Craftsman", editor of "Model Railroad News" and "HO Collector" magazine. Tony also maintains the "HO Scale Trains Resource" website which documents the history of HO scale products. We think you'll enjoy what he has to say about our hobby!

We also have a new contest for this year - the Three-In-One Model Contest!

We wracked our brains trying to come up with something really different, so here it is! It should be easy and fun to enter. The rules are simple.

Your model/scene can be any size up to 6" x 6" and it has to include these three items:

1. A tree - any size or shape.
2. A figure - It can also be an animal.
3. A piece of pasta. Yes, that's right! A piece of pasta. There are so many shapes that we're sure you'll find something you can use as part of your entry.

Of course, you can use more than one of each item above. Your model, though, has to include at least one of each to qualify. All scales are allowed.

Don't forget our three regular categories too - Motive Power, Rolling Stock and Structures/Dioramas. We always have plenty of room for entries.

So there it is. Put on your thinking caps, eat some pasta and go to work!

Look for more updates soon on our website.

What is the Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree?

It's a one day gathering of model railroaders where modelers can share their hobby with others, learn more about the hobby and have fun in the process! It is not, however, a train sale or show. Our event is different and features the activities listed below.

What goes on at one of these events?

There are a variety of activities. Some of the most popular are instructional seminars or clinics presented on a variety of topics. There are also model contests, space to display models you've built, a large raffle of high quality railroad items, the opportunity to meet other modelers, a buffet dinner and after-dinner program. It's a way to learn more about railroading and meet others who have the same interests.

Do you have to be an NMRA member to attend?

No! But with the special offer above, everyone who qualifies can enjoy a trial membership and enjoy all of the local activities that NMRA members enjoy year 'round! You'll get our local newsletter informing you of who we are and what is taking place locally.

What are the "clinics" that you mentioned?

Each one runs an hour and there are about 12 different topics to choose from. They may include slide presentations, actual demonstrations and open discussion on a variety of model and prototype railroad subjects. The clinics are informal and open to everyone who attends. We will try to have a timetable available ahead of time so that attendees may plan out their day.

What model contests do you have?

We have three separate categories for models - Motive Power, Rolling Stock and Structure/Displays. Anyone may bring models to enter and judging is by popular vote of those in attendance. Plaques will be given to the winners in each category. Bring your models to share with others! Special contests may be added. See our website for details.

What other activities do you have?

A white elephant table will be available where everyone can bring items to sell. Bring any train related items you can find in your closet and we'll sell it for you for a small commission! There may also be small switching layouts in operation throughout the day. There will be space where attendees can gather, relax, and meet. Our local division will also have it's "Company Store" open for modelers to purchase a variety of items. There's a little of something for everyone.

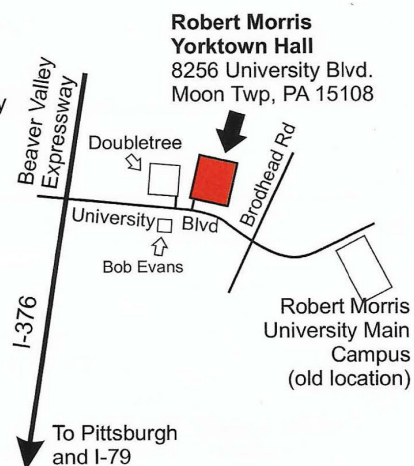
What about meals?

A lunch buffet is included with your registration along with coffee and doughnuts in the morning.

How formal is the banquet?

It's not formal at all. It's actually a buffet dinner that concludes the day's activities. Dinner is followed by a brief awards presentation and after-dinner speaker. A great way to end a day of fun and friendship!

www.keystonedivision.org for latest information and contact info.



Bring'n'Brag

Donald Austel

The New Eagle VFD, Pa. the November Bring N Brag was "House of Worship." First place was Aiden McBee's scratch-built Newburg, WV United Methodist church. It is constructed of styrene using brick sheets, concrete block sheets, shingle sheet, laser shingles and numerous styrene strips. Grandt Line windows and hinges were used as well as a BTS door latch. The front door was scratch-built. Micro Engineering gutters and downspouts were added. Stained glass for the windows was printed from a picture on the internet. Woodland Scenic lighting was employed including the sconces. This church is frequently seen in photos and videos of B&O and Chessie System trains beginning their ascent of the 2% Newburg grade with rear end helpers.

Second Place was Margie Meehan for her Vollmer N scale Cathedral and Steps.

Third place was a tie between Dennis Vaccaro's HO Chapel Car, an AHM passenger Car converted with a new interior and paint, and Neal Schorr's First Methodist Church in Mapleton, PA kit bashed out of two Plasticville churches. The bell tower is the signature feature of the structure and was built out of two steeple towers provided with the original Plasticville churches. The stone work was dry brushed, and the graveyard to the side was built using Woodland Scenic's tombstones. The entire structure was lifted on a stone enclosed platform to give it more height.

As always, a "Thank You" to the members there who voted for the modeling work done this year, for those who have seen the great work done this year thank you, and Yes Alden McBee is the Bring-n-Brag top point's winner at 66 points for the 1917 year. Great work and looking forward to seeing more people show us their work.



Modeler of the Year for 2017 Alden McBee took first place in the November B'n'B contest for this Scratch Built HO scale model of the Newburg, WV Methodist Church.



Marge Meehan's Vollmer N scale cathedral and steps, left, and Neal Schorr's Mapleton, PA First Methodist Church, above.

There is now more space for pictures, articles, pike ads, etc. in the expanded digital *Flyer*. Page numbers will depend on content.

Articles published in the *Flyer* earn points toward the Model Railroad Author certificate in the NMRA Achievement Program, with extra points for photos and plans.

Pike ad space is available at \$15.00 per year. You may submit publication-ready art work yourself, or the Editor will develop art work based on your sketch for a one-time \$25.00 contribution to the Keystone Division.



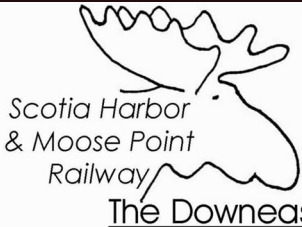


Dennis Vaccaro's HO scale chapel car, is pictured above.



The contributors of the HO scale synagogue, left, and P&WV Bruceton station, below, were not mentioned in the B'n'B report. Will the modelers please make themselves known to the Editor?





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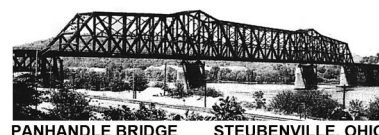


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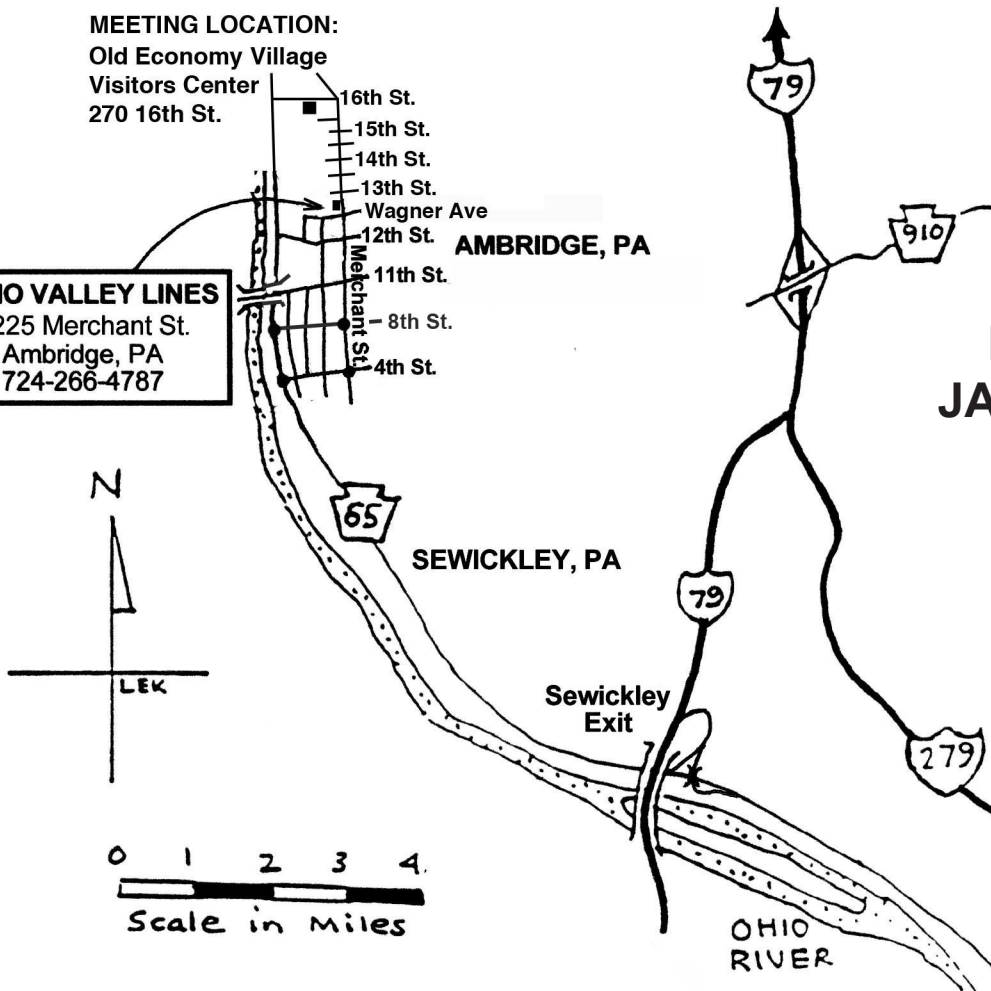


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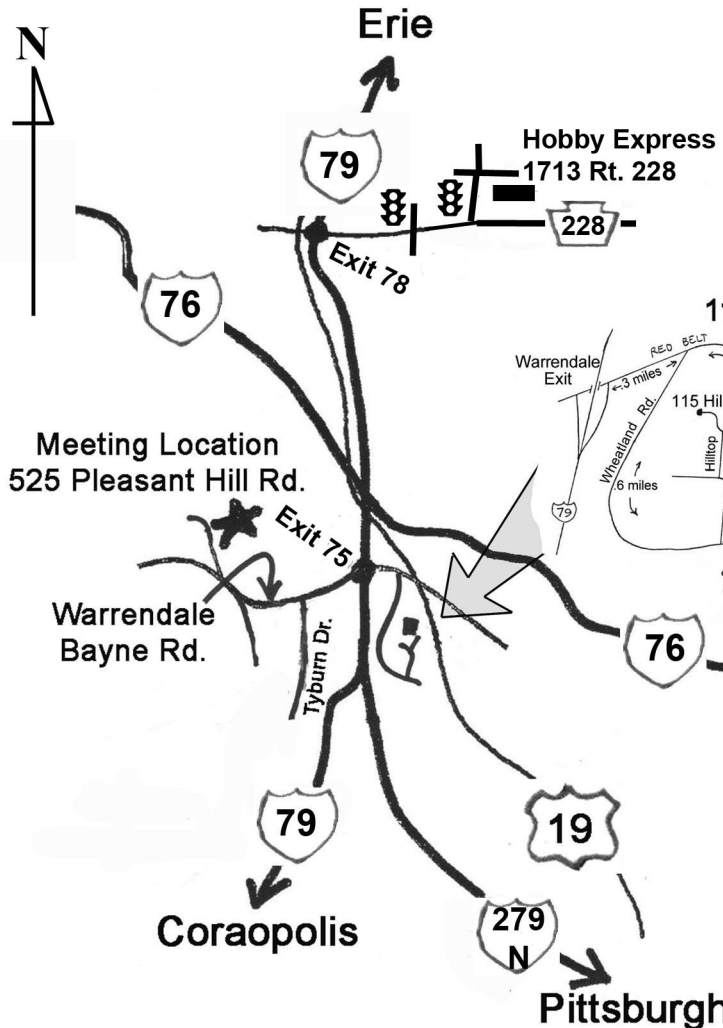
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**MAP FOR THE
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**MAP FOR THE
 FEBRUARY 18, 2018
 MEETING**

In case of hazardous street conditions, lay-out will not be open. Check email on day of meeting.

Schorr
 115 Hilltop Ln.

No Parking on Hilltop Ln.
 Park on Vander Rd.

Neal suggests stoping at his place first, then head to Hobby Express before the meeting. There are tons of places to eat along Route 19 between my house and Hobby Express as well. You can then shoot back to the meeting after you visit the hobby store.

Effective after the January 2018 issue, Division 2 will discontinue printing and distribution of the *Keystone Flyer* to the general membership via bulk mail, because the annual cost of printing, maintaining a USPS bulk mail permit, and postage far exceeds the annual revenue taken in by the Division and the deficit can no longer be sustained.

In lieu of the 8-page black-and-white printed version, Division 2 will continue to produce the in-color digital version of the *Flyer*, which has been available for several years on the Division 2 website, www.keystonedivision.org, and has also been sent as an Adobe PDF file to members on the Division 2 email distribution list maintained by Susan Werner in recent months. These decisions were approved by a vote of members attending the November 2017 meeting.

Future in-color issues of the *Flyer* will be published by the 10th day of each month (except July and December) in an expanded format, with additional space for pike ads, model railroad photos from Bring'n'Brag and other events, and articles, drawings, etc. submitted by you.

Since February 2017 an invitation to join the Division 2 email distribution list has appeared on the top of Page 1 of the *Flyer*. If you have not already done so, it is important that you do NO LATER THAN THE JANUARY 2018 MEETING, either by contacting Susan at:

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or by including your email address in your response below, or both.

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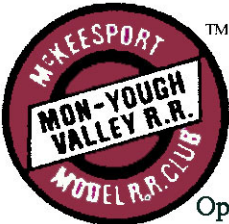



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