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

### **Division Meeting Schedule**

**March 18, 2018** - Scenic Express, 175 Sheffield Dr,  
# 100, Delmont, PA 15626  
Doors open 10 AM - 5 PM  
Meeting at 2:30 PM  
Program: None - Shop 'til you drop

**Saturday, April 28, 2018** - Division 2 Jamboree, Robert  
Morris University, Yorktown Hall (New Location), 8256  
University Blvd, Moon Township, PA 15108  
Registration Opens at 8:00 AM  
Meeting during banquet  
Advance registration form & more info on p. 7

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### **Bring'n'Brag**

<b>Jan</b>	Anything goes
<b>Feb</b>	Railroad stations
<b>Mar</b>	Paper industry
<b>May</b>	Steam power
<b>Jun</b>	Hopper bottom cars
<b>Aug</b>	Structures
<b>Sep</b>	Lumber & logging industry
<b>Oct</b>	Cabooses
<b>Nov</b>	Advertising & signage

**Submission Deadline for the next *Flyer*:**

**April 2, 2018**

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## From the Super's Desk

We are now approaching spring as I sit down to write this article for the *Keystone Flyer*. Once again, with the sunshine and blue skies we get the itch to go out and rail-fan, to see what may be new on the main-line. With this winter I know a lot of you

have been working on your own layouts, as well as I have.

I would like to share with you a neat modeling tip that I have come across to use on my layout. It involves dirty track, which has plagued us for years. I know a lot of you have a cure for this problem, so if this is not one of them, please pass it along what works best for you. I know we have all tried alcohol, sand paper, track erasers, "goo gone" and clipper oil. All of which have worked to some extent for a short time. I received an email from a model railroader that I met in January at the Cocoa Beach RPM meeting and he asked how the Aspen Sub was running. I told him with the cold, dirt, change of temperature and other factors that the locomotives sat idle.

He suggested for me to use Automatic Transmission Fluid (ATF) for the dirty track. I had no idea how to apply the "trany" fluid nor how much to put on. So, I stuck my finger into the bottle and applied some to one of my problem track areas on the layout.

WOW- the locomotives run perfectly with no problem whatsoever. I have since coated all of the rails and have been impressed with the results. There is no "crud" build up on the wheels or the tracks, nor does the fluid reduce the traction. On the contrary it actually improves the traction. You will ask "why does it work"? Your guess is as good as mine, but here are a couple of ideas. ATF is designed not to lubricate but to clean and coat everything with a non-slippery coating when applied to the rails so it cleans and helps with oxidation. When it dries it does not leave a sticky gooey residue as some of other products do. Lastly, I suspect the fluid supplied for the expensive track cleaning cars is actually ATF. The only difference is they charge way more than your local automotive supply store does. I hope you will try it and let me know how you like it for your layout. Send me your ideas of modeling tips and tricks and I can share them with the other members of the division.

The elections are coming up, with nominations at our meeting on March 18th at Scenic Express. Please volunteer to either be on the nominating committee or run for office. The jobs are not hard and most of you attend every meeting of the division anyway. We also will need committee volunteers for the 2020 Regional Convention that our Division will host at the Hilton in Greentree, in May of 2020.

... *Keith DeVault*

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# Minutes

**John Gallagher**

The meeting was convened at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent DeVault. He expressed his thanks to Neil Shorr for arranging the use of the Marshall Twp. Municipal Building. Neil welcomed everyone to the meeting and urged everyone to visit his home layout.

There were no new members or guests.

The minutes of the previous meeting, as published in the Keystone Flyer, were approved as amended. Moe Mecklin's name was erroneously spelled as Mecklinburg. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer – Vagel Keller reported that the digital edition of the Keystone Flyer is up and running and the paper edition goes to only a few individuals who cannot receive it electronically. Now that the newsletter is digital, we are not limited by postal regulations as to size. Some members have already submitted suggestions. Members can now submit plans and pictures for publication. We may even vary the size of Pike Ads according to contribution. Submit complaints to the appropriate officer.

Treasurer – The CD is currently at \$3,700. The checking is \$1,650 after \$1,000 was transferred from the savings to cover expenses.

Programs – Asst. Superintendent Frank Benders reminded everyone that next month's meeting is at Scenic Express. The store will open at 10:00 a.m. and close at 5:00 p.m. There will be no program so members may have more time for shopping. April's meeting will be the Jamboree at Robert Morris.

Company Store – Susan Werner noted that members can still order Morning Sun books for a 20% discount. There are more Morning Sun books coming out. See their web site. She also has a list of books from Bob Clark as he downsizes.

Membership – Tom Gaus reported that we now stand at 225 members.

Website – The website is up to date. Items are being added for the Jamboree.

Free-Mo - The next Greenberg Show will be 21 – 22 July. Jerry has sent in the request for space.

Bring 'N Brag – There were five entries. Please vote.

Video Library – See Bud to borrow videos. There are a few buildings in the hallway that are free to a good home.

Achievement Program – Two Golden Spike Awards were earned. They will be presented at the Jamboree. Other awards are progressing.

## Old Business

Planning for the 2020 Regional Convention in Pittsburgh (28 – 31 May) is already underway. We have reserved space at the same hotel as last time. However, it is under new management who seem to be more responsive to our needs, i.e. the rooms for clinics are much larger. Rooms at the hotel are \$129 per night, which is a pretty typical rate these days. Please take advantage of this rate as we must use 70% of the block of rooms to get the convention rates. The rate is guaranteed through the Convention dates. It will replace the Jamboree in 2020.

We are working on using Pay Pal to pay for the Jamboree, but all the details haven't been worked out.

## New Business

Bruce Lightcap spoke about organizing a tour of the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugar Creek, Ohio. It is approximately a 2-hour drive from Weirton. He wanted to gauge interest in organizing a trip, as there is a minimum number to get a guided tour. There seemed to be enough interest, so he will check into the details.

The Election Committee has a candidate for each of the Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent positions: Keith DeVault and Frank Benders respectively. They need at least one candidate for the Chief Clerk position as John Gallagher is ineligible to run for a third consecutive term.

Our new advertising poster was on display. Pictures from the old display are available for pick-up.

## Jamboree

All clinician positions have been filled. Grier thanked Mike Gibbons for donations. We will accept donations from Division members for the raffle. It is April 28th at Robert Morris University at a new location across from Primanti's.

## For the Good of the Order

The annual RPM meet will be held in Malvern, Pa 23 – 25 March. There will be lots of vendors and lots of clinics. Next year's meet will be held in Greensburg, as usual.

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



# Bring'n'Brag

As with each February, Bring'n'Brag was "Railroad Stations," and this year we only had five entries. In First place was Neal Schorr, with his Port Royal Station. This O-scale model was of a railroad station along the Middle Division of the PRR at the town of Port Royal. The Atlas Trainman model is close in appearance to the prototype. The model was painted in authentic PRR colors then weathered using Bragdon chalks. To give it that typical "Pennsy" look, the brick platform was painted using various shades of orange paint to simulate the orange brick used by the PRR at their passenger stations. This required the painting of individual bricks. Interior partitions were installed to avoid the look of an empty box. Finally, prototypical PRR Port Royal signs were mounted at both ends of the roof. The last passenger train served the station in the late 1940's and the structure was torn down by the Penn Central in 1969.

Jim Bruam was in Second place, with an HO-scale model of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Monessen Station



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# Donald Austel

built after 1930 as a part of the Connellsville Extension project. It featured an attic-accessed ladder and was used also as a dispatching office. The prototype was lost to arson in the early 1990's, when the track was used by the modern Wheeling and Lake Erie railway.

The Third place winner was Frank Benders for his Schonried Station. Frank used Kibri kit #7410.

Others who entered were Dennis Vaccaro, with a ASA branch Line Station 1930's, and Steve Ross with his Rio Grande Southern station at Rico Colorado. Thank all of you how brought your bring n brag items and as always a Big THANK YOU to each of the members that voted for your favorite entry.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Jim Braum	19	John Gallagher	6
Neal Schorr	17	Jim Whipple	4
Dennis Vaccaro	11	Steve Ross	3
George Pandelios	7	Michael Hohn	2
Frank Benders	6		



Clockwise, from left: Jim Braum's W&LE (ex-P&WV) station at Monessen, Steve Ross' Rio Grande Southern Rico station, and Dennis Vaccaro's re-used combine as a branchline station (with Frank Benders' German train station in the background) graced the B'n'B table at the February 2018 meeting.





Above, a solo shot of Frank Benders' Schonried Bahnhof, which garnered Third Place in the February 2018 B'n'B voting.

Below is a scene from Dick Flock's HO-scale Johnstown & Lake Erie in 2012. It has a sentimental meaning for your editor: This particular scene is a 2 x 4-foot module that Dick incorporated into his large home layout when he and wife, Barb, moved from their former residence in Aspinwall to their newly-built house in Greensburg. Your editor first saw it in an anteroom of the Aspinwall residence during the Sunday open house layout tours following the 1990 NMRA National Convention. It was the first of several layouts my wife and I visited that day, and we have always remembered that visit as a wonderful introduction to the friendly and welcoming Pittsburgh-area model railroading community - which, at that time, we had no idea we would be joining when we retired from the Army six years later.



Please send photos and captions, trackplans, or articles about your model railroading or railfanning to the Editor as email attachments: [vckeller@comcast.net](mailto:vckeller@comcast.net)

## Trackside with Our Members - Passenger Service in Sri Lanka from Dennis Vaccaro



### MODEL RR BOOKS FOR SALE from Bob Fark; email [irfark59@gmail.com](mailto:irfark59@gmail.com)

1. Model Railroading with John Allen. The Story of the Fabulous HO Scale Gorre & Daphetid RR; Westcott; Kalmbach, soft \$ 40
2. Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad; McLean; Golden West Books \$ 10
3. A Farewell to Steam; Plowden; Bonanza \$ 8
4. Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railway. The Story of the High & Dry; Worley & Poellot; Withers; signed by Poellot. \$ 15
5. The Iron Horse. America's Steam Locomotives: A Pictorial History; Comstock; Galahad Books \$ 7
6. The Collector's Book of the Locomotive; Alexander; Potter \$ 8
7. East Broad Top. Slim Gauge Survivor; Mellander; Old Line Graphics \$ 20
8. "Stemwinders" in the Laurel Highlands; Kline; private printing; softbound \$ 5
9. Portrait of the Rails from Steam to Diesel; Ball; Galahad Books \$ 15
10. America's Colorful Railroads; Ball; Bonanza \$ 15
11. "I Remember Pennsy"; Wood; AudioVisual Designs \$ 9
12. The Pennsylvania Rail Road. A Pictorial History; Alexander; Bonanza \$ 9
13. A Treasury of Railroad Folklore; Botkin & Harlow, ed.; Bonanza \$ 6
14. America's Railroad. The Official Guidebook (Durango & Silverton); Royem; Durango & Silverton \$ 5
15. North American Railroad Bridges; Solomon; Voyageur Press \$ 15
16. West Virginia Logging Railroads; Warden; TLC Publ. \$ 10
17. American Heritage History of Railroads in America; Jensen; McGraw-Hill. \$ 15
18. Night Trains. The Pullman System in the Golden Years of American Rail Travel; Maiken; Lakme Press \$ 10
19. Broad Street Station. Phila., PRR. 1851-1952; Albrecht, paper booklet \$ 9
20. The Documents on the Freedom Train, 1947; American Heritage Fdn., paper booklet \$ 4
21. The Historical Guide to North American Railroads; Kalmbach; softbound \$ 15
22. The Pennsy in the Steel City: 150 Years of the PRR in Pittsburgh; Kobus & Consoli; Softbound \$ 10
23. On the Mainline: The PRR in the 19th Century; Alexander \$ 7
24. All Aboard: The Golden Age of American Rail Travel; Yenne, ed. \$ 9



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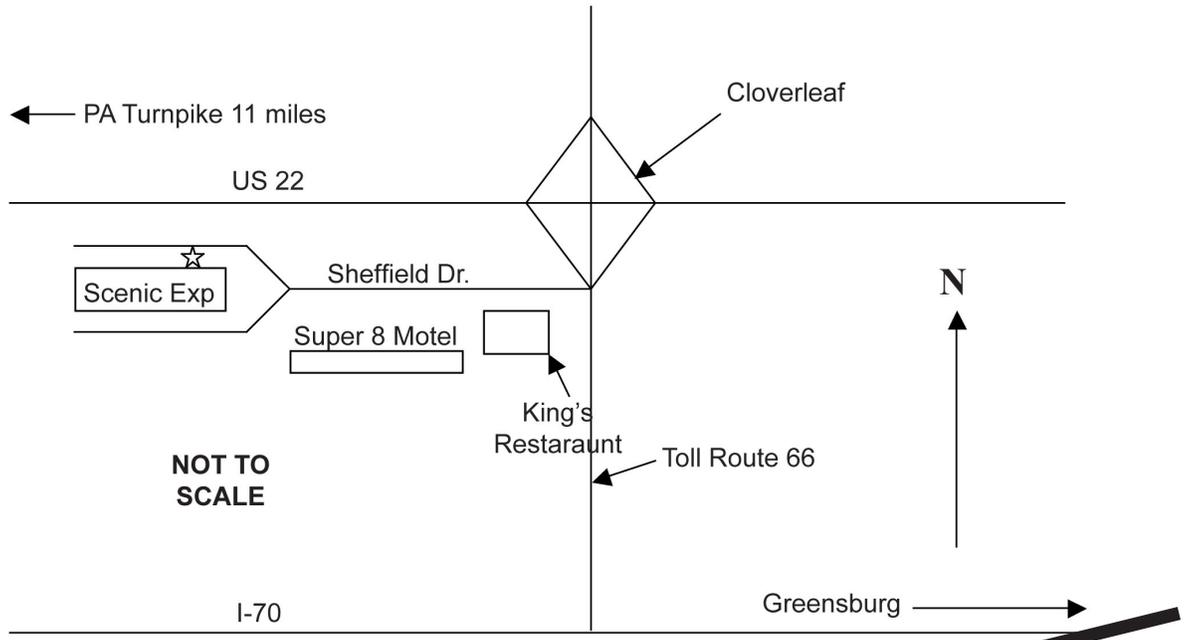
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### OHIO RIVER NORTHERN RAILWAY CLUB

# MAP FOR THE MARCH 18, 2018 MEETING

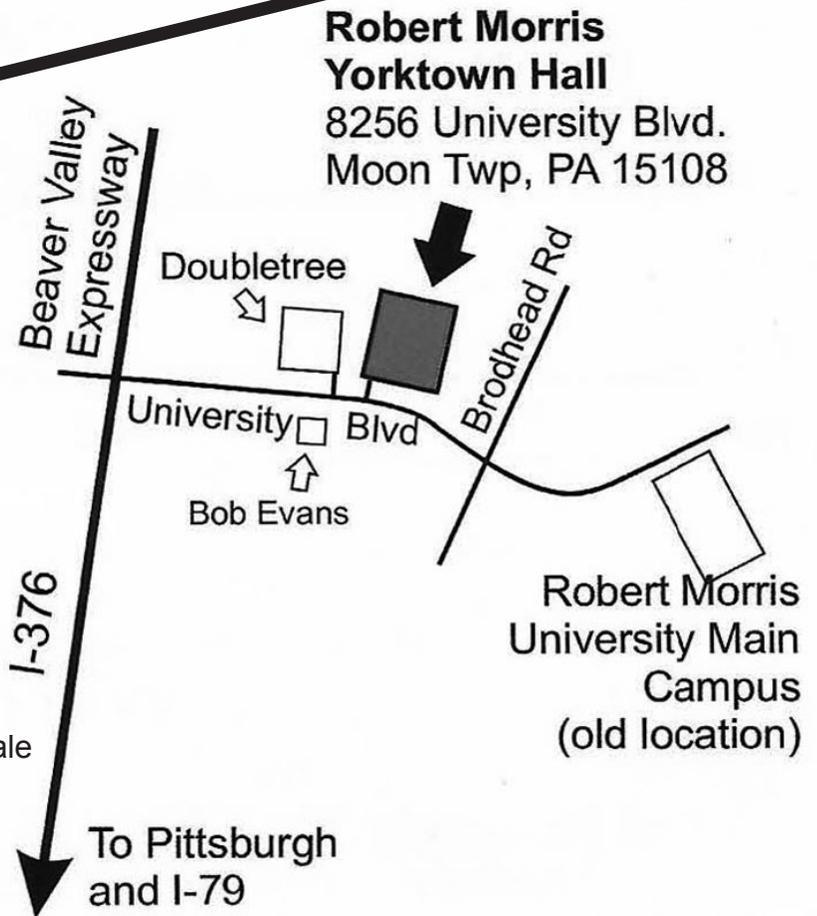
Delmont is about 11 miles east of PA Turnpike (Monroeville). Sheffield Drive is at a traffic light just south of the 22-66 cloverleaf. Scenic Express is around the right side of the building called Sheffield Business Center.



# MAP FOR THE JAMBOREE SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 2018

## Jamboree Checklist

- Register
- Bring a Friend
- Bring Contest Entries
- Bring Items to Display
- Bring Items to Sell at the White Elephant Sale
- Bring Donations for the Raffle (NEW)
- Bring Cash for Purchases



**SPECIAL GUEST  
SPEAKERS!**  
See website  
for details

# 2018 PITTSBURGH MODEL RAILROAD JAMBOREE

**Saturday April 28, 2018  
Robert Morris University  
Yorktown Hall  
New Location!**

## 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!

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Jamboree Registration Fee Per Person - Includes lunch & continental breakfast.

NMRA Members **BEFORE APRIL 10th** \$30.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Non-NMRA Member **BEFORE APRIL 10th** \$40.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Children under 12 (members or non-members) \$11.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

Banquet (not included with registration) \$20.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

**Add \$5 after April 10th** \$5.00 = \_\_\_\_\_

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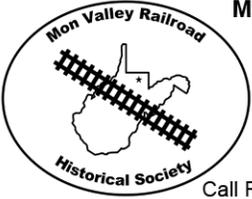
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# Scenes From Our Members' Layouts: Wellsville on Terry Stuart's HO Scale PRR



Life Member Terry Stuart shared this photo of his HO scale model railroad after visiting and photographing Neal Schorr's 'O' scale empire. Terry also models The Pennsylvania Railroad--specifically the route from MIDLAND, PA to MINGO JUNCTION, Ohio. Terry grew up in Cleveland where he enjoyed watching the ORE TRAINS departing the Whiskey Island Ore Docks on Lake Erie, bound for MINGO JUNCTION and other steel-making areas. With help from Bachmann, Bowser, and Stewart, he plans to replicate those trains along with other 1960's era rail traffic. Terry resides in Fallston, PA and his house looks out on both CSX and Norfolk Southern mainlines. Years ago some of these same trains came by in real life. He joined the NMRA as a Life Member while still in high school, calling it his "all-time best investment." Terry was a Division Superintendent and Convention Chairman for Division Four.

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