



### Editor's Model of the Month by Mike Hohn

#### Division Meeting Schedule

**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

**May** - no meeting due to conflict with MCR convention

**June 24, 2018** - Portland Locomotive Works, 7600 W. South Range Road, Salem, OH 44460  
Lunch Available at Meeting Site, Noon - 2:30 PM  
Main, Side & Beverage (Menu TPB) for \$6:00 / person.  
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Program: Tour of facilities

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#### Bring'n'Brag

Jan	Anything goes
Feb	Railroad stations
Mar	Paper industry
May	NO MEETING
Jun	Hopper bottom cars
Jul	Steam power
Aug	Structures
Sep	Lumber & logging industry
Oct	Cabooses
Nov	Advertising & signage

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## From the Super's Desk

Spring is now with us, because the Jamboree is Here. For those who have not yet attended this outstanding event, you are missing out on a great day of clinics, fellowship, good food and an interesting speaker to end the days activities. If you

can find your way to attend this one-day event on Saturday April 28th, please do so. The committee leadership of Jim Sacco, Grier Kuehn and

Gary Carmichaels, have again done an outstanding job. In attending the regional meetings, this event is talked about; other divisions have picked up on this, and some are now doing the same thing. But, remember Division Two started this and every year it is improved two-fold.

In other news I would like to thank Alden McBee for stepping up to the plate and taking over after the Jamboree for Don Austel as Bring N Brag chairman. Alden has been Modeler of the Year for this division and I know he will bring different categories for all of us to work on, for our models for each meeting. I'd like to personally thank Don Austel for his leadership and indulgence in heading up this committee, as he has done a superior job for this division. I know I speak for all of us in the division-one big "THANK YOU" to you Don, and good luck in the future.

Another committee leader will be Pat Altdorfer, who will be taking over for Vagel Keller as *Keystone Flyer* Editor in January with his first issue. Vagel has been the flyer editor for years and without him, none of us would have received the division information each month, either by the flyer in the past and now by email and the division website. Vagel's work has never gone unnoticed both in the division and the region. The division and I would like to give Vagel and very big "THANK YOU FOR A JOB WELL DONE!"

I just returned from the Railroad Prototype Modeler's meeting held every other year in Malvern, Pa, just outside Philadelphia. Our local chairman Steve Ross who is gearing up for our own RPM meet in March 2019, our webmaster for this event Eric Hansmann and our Clinic Chairman Don Coulter attended along with a few other Division Two members. If you have never attended this event, you are missing out on a great weekend of knowledge in the model train industry. You have operating sessions on local layouts, lots of clinics Friday, Saturday and Sunday, along with open layouts on Sunday afternoon. Speaking of open layouts, I was blessed to be able to visit one of their great model railroads, The Buffalo Line at Keystone Farm. It is owned by Ken McCorry and the layout is billed as the World's Largest Home HO Scale Layout.

SEE "Super," p. 4 ...

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# Minutes

**John Gallagher**

The meeting was convened at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent DeVault. He expressed his thanks to Jim Elster and Scenic Express for hosting the meeting.

There were no new members or guests.

The minutes of the previous meeting, as published in the Keystone Flyer, were approved as published. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote.

## Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer – Tom Gauz reported that we are now down to 15 printed copies to be mailed each month.

Treasurer – The Treasurer reported that we continue to remain solvent. Most of the transactions were Jamboree related.

Programs – The Jamboree next month is at Robert Morris University in their building across from Primanti's. There will be no meeting in May due to numerous conflicts including the Mid-Central Region Convention in Cincinnati. May's events, i.e. Bring N' Brag, have been moved to the meeting in July in Morgantown

Company Store – Susan Werner noted that the remainder of the books in stock have been reduced to 50% of retail price. Further, members can still order Morning Sun books at a 20% discount. She has obtained additional numbers in the NYC boxcars. If you are not receiving Division 2 emails, check with her to make sure you're on her email list. She has only 150 names on her list, while we're reported to have 225 members.

Membership – No report

Website – The website is up to date. Items are being added for the Jamboree. There are details still to be worked out so members can use Pay Pal to pay for the Jamboree.

Free-Mo - Jerry reported that we have received the requested space for the Greenberg show 21 – 22 July. We have also been approached by the South Hills group about setting up with us.

Bring 'N Brag – There were seven entries. Please vote. The theme of May's Bring N' Brag has been moved to July.

Video Library – No Bud. No report.

Achievement Program – No report.

## Old Business

The planned tour of the Age of Steam Roundhouse now requires at least 30 people to get a guided tour. It was difficult picking a date with no conflicts. It was tentatively decided to go on 8 September. Bruce Lightcap will continue to update members on costs and requirements such as safety equipment.

## New Business

There will be an Open House at the East Broad Top Railroad on 7 May. It may conflict with other events in May, as it has already turned out to be a busy month.

## Elections

Keith DeVault and Frank Benders will run again for their respective offices. As of yet, no one has come forward to run against them. There is no one running for Chief Clerk. John Gallagher has served two consecutive terms and is prevented by the by-laws from running for a third term. So far, no one has come forward to run for the office. If no one runs for the office, the Superintendent will be forced to appoint someone to the position and he is reluctant to do so. He pointed out that the duties of the office are light. Please consider running.

## Jamboree

Preparations for the 28 April event are going smoothly. A list of clinics, presenters and contests are listed on the Division web site. Please remind friends to register. Registration is running behind past years, although there is usually a rush to sign up as the date approaches. Grier pointed out that we should enter the building on the right side, as part of the building is used as a student dormitory.

## For the Good of the Order

Jim Elster reported that Scenic Express is open 9 – 5 Monday through Friday in addition to today. He is also happy to demonstrate any of the products he sells.

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



Terry Stuart made this image of a neat operating diorama showing off Scenic Express's products at the March meeting.

# Bring'n'Brag

## Donald Austel

March Bring'n'Brag was "Paper Industry" and this time we had Seven entries. The First place was Marge Meehan for her Cars and paper poster.

Second place was John Gallagher with his two wood chip cars being loaded with paper chips.

Third place winner was Michael Hohn with his Bark Car. Bark for tanning was an important product of the lumbering industry in Pennsylvania. The Lehigh Valley Railroad had 50 bark cars on its roster in the late 19th Century.

Others who entered were Neal Schorr with a Backdrop Painting, Jim Braum with his USLX Box car, Dennis Vaccaro with his photo of Smithton, Pa paper mill that used straw to make paper, and Steve Ross with his Canadian National Newsprint Boxcar 401285. Thank all of you who

brought your bring n brag items and as always a Big THANK YOU to Scenic Express where each of us were in the greatest hobby train candy store, I am shore many of us went home happy and poorer...thank you each of the members that voted for your favorite entry.



<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Jim Braum	21	Marge Meehan	8
Neal Schorr	19	George Pandelios	7
Dennis Vaccaro	13	Frank Benders	6
John Gallagher	12	Steve Ross	5
Michael Hohn	9	Jim Whipple	4

### The Keystone Division



One of the logging cars in Marge Meehan's first-place winning display in the B'n'B voting at the March meeting.

... "Super" (cont'd)

Some interesting facts for you to consider if you would like to see Ken's one hundred per cent scenicked layout. It is housed in a two story 3,120 square foot building, with the top floor the layout and the first floor, working area and other things. It takes a crew of 32 people to operate this layout, with 3 dispatchers, 4 yardmasters, 5-yard crews, 12 road crews, 2 helper crews and 3 crews for his steel mill operation. His mainline is 1,425 feet with over 10,000 feet of track, 200 locomotives all sound and 1630 pieces of rolling stock. Now with that said, he is planning on downsizing to a crew of only 18 this coming year, but time will tell.

I have now mentioned the Jamboree, our local RPM meet in 2019 and now our Regional Convention in May 2020. I am sure if you attend any of these events you will not come away without some more knowledge to help you with your great model railroad.



Happy shoppers and a happy host, Jim Elster, above right, were photographed by terry Stuart at the March meeting.

... Keith DeVault



John Gallagher's weathered wood chip cars, above, were second in the popular vote in the B'n'B contest at the March meeting. Nicely done 50-foot paper industry boxcars by Jim Braum, below, and Steve Ross, bottom, also graced the March B'n'B table.



# Items for Sale by our Members

## HI-RAIL FOR SALE

from Fred Metting, phone - 412 388-0187, email - metting@verizon.net

Lionel PA F3A Dual Motor Diesel (and dummy, green-5 stripe) - \$225 (Photo available upon request)

All RealTrax below were gently used less than 6 months. They are in almost new condition, however I have no boxes. All prices are based on 50% of what they were purchased for. You can save further if there is an interest in the entire lot. I would consider an offer of \$600.00.

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from Bob Fark; email irfark59@gmail.com

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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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# Thailand's Railways, Pt. 1

by John Polyak

Keystone Division's Overseas Correspondent

Thailand has five major train lines which are shown on the map below. Most parts of the country are accessible by train, except for the Northern Region above Chiang Mai, and parts of the Andaman Coast such as Phuket and Krabi.



Pattaya is connected to the railway network but train service travelling east is generally very slow, and most people on holiday in Thailand opt to travel by road if they are going to Pattaya, Koh Chang or Chanthaburi.

The topography of northern Thailand is mountainous. The mountains continue south and the trains are slow as they wind up and down steep grades. Since the track is meter gauge, the sense of being in the Colorado Rockies is real, except for the jungle. The photos here and on pages 10 - 12 were made at Chiang Mai station on May 2, 2015.

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# It's Jamboree time!

Well, it's almost Jamboree time. There is still time to sign up at the late registration rate.

We think we have a great slate of activities this year. You can see all of the clinics on the division's website. We have clinics on modeling, prototype railroading, history and more.

We also have a new contest category along with all of the regular ones (motive power, rolling stock and structures/dioramas). You're welcome to bring models for display too.

Our guest speaker is Tony Cook who edits *Model Railroad News*, *HO Collector Magazine* and is an assistant editor at *Railroad Model Craftsman*. Tony also maintains HO Scale Trains Resource website which is dedicated (along with HO Collector) to documenting the history of HO scale trains). He'll talk about model railroading history along with his role in some of the hobby's leading publications.

We'll also have a few surprise displays, tons of door and raffle prizes, lots of food and, most importantly, FUN! It's a great way to spend time with friends, make new ones and welcome new members to the NMRA.

Don't forget to bring items for the White Elephant Sale! Dig around under your layout or through storage boxes to see what you might want to sell.

Of course, we'll have layouts for you to visit on Sunday, the 29th. We're trying to line up some new ones in addition to ones you may have already visited in the past.

One final note... don't forget we are at a new location. The RMU Yorktown Hall is closer to Business I-376 and next door to the Doubletree. Be careful when turning into the facility since there are two driveways. The one to the right is for Yorktown Hall. The one on the left is for the Doubletree.

When you turn into the driveway, drive around to the right side of the building where there is a separate entrance for the meeting center. There is also parking around the right side of the building.

Registration includes a continental breakfast and full lunch buffet. The dinner banquet is a small extra amount.

We're looking forward to a great weekend of trains, friends and fun! See you then!



Signage like this is not unusual here, nor is the care taken of it.



# Thailand's Railways, Pt. 1 (cont'd)

I've been to the railway station several times. In 2015. I rode to Bangkok and back. For the return trip to Chiang Mai I rode the overnight train in a roomette. While dated, the room was clean and comfortable. I got a great night's sleep. The fare was around 1400 ThB (Thai Baht), which equates to about \$45. It was probably cheaper at the time. The dollar has lost a lot against the Baht in the last two years.



The entrance to the railway property is guarded by a human being and religious statues.



The station's design is typical of Northern Thailand. There is a large parking lot in front of the station. That's a 2-8-0 locomotive that has been saved. It's front end seems typical of Southeast Asia





Thais are into decorative paint job for buildings, so why not for locomotives?

There's no coal in Thailand but there's lots of wood so it was the preferred fuel. It would be piled high in this tiny tender. I can only imagine how hot it must have been in that cab. In case you aren't aware of it, it gets REALLY hot here. The hot season starts in February so we're enduring it now. The consolation is that Thais are not immune to the heat.



This is the absolute end of the line. The statue with the sticks is a model of the station agents who serve at every station south of here dressed exactly as this guy. He's marking the end of the line with the extended stick



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# Thailand's Railways, Pt. 1 (cont'd)



Here's a preserved and well maintained open air conveyance. There's no motor. It must have been a joy to pump it up one of the steep grades.



This well-used flat car has American style couplers and trucks.

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