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Modeling by Michael Hohn; Photo by Larry Willming;



## Editor's Model of the Month

(see p. 3 for Bring'N'Brag details)

## Division Meeting Schedule

**August 19, 2018** - Division 2 Picnic, 12:00 noon  
Henle Park  
Corner of Ferry & Beaver Streets  
Leetsdale, PA 15046

**September 16, 2018** - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm  
Ohi-Rail Corporation (Note: Yard Tour at 1:00pm!)  
177 Curry Street  
Minerva, OH 44657

**October 21, 2018** - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm  
Charlie Blenko: "Discovering the PRR Manor Branch"  
Norwin Public Library  
100 Caruthers Lane  
Irwin, PA 15642

## Bring'n'Brag

Jan	Anything goes
Feb	Railroad stations
Mar	Paper industry
Apr	Steam power (Jamboree)
May	* no meeting *
Jun	Hopper bottom cars
Aug	Structures
Sep	Lumber & Logging industry
Oct	Cabooses
Nov	Advertising & Signage

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

**August 26, 2018**

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## From the Super's Desk

I hope each and every one of you can attend our annual picnic by the tracks on August 19th. Come out and enjoy the fellowship and good food we have prepared.

I thank the people in our division who are working hard each month to bring you our meetings, so you can enjoy them. From Vagel Keller and Pat Altdorfer in our newsletter, Tom Gaus on the website, Frank Benders on each month's meeting location, Alden McBee for Bring'n 'Brag, Susan Werner for the Company Store, Dennis Vaccaro for the Achievement Program, Bud Brock for the Video Library, and Jeff Gregg and Andy Blenko, our two treasurers, for keeping our division funds. We would not be a strong division without these dedicated people.

I would like to extend my thanks to all of you who attended our last meeting in Morgantown. My wife Janet and I enjoyed your company, and along with Mike Hohn, Ken Colvin and the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society membership, we thank you for attending and sharing some new ideas for our layouts. I know from our conversations that if any one of us had a problem somewhere in our division, one of you would step up and offer ideas or suggestions on how to correct a problem.

You can also return the favor to others, great friendships are started this way, remember- support your division membership and they will support you.

I would like to take a few moments to discuss the T Trak modular model railroad system. Bruce DeMaeyer from Kentucky attended our last meeting and talked about the standards which would allow for a wide range of flexibility in design, yet still maintain portability with all modules built per the standards. Creating modules using this system would allow members to run at the Greenberg Shows, along with the Free-Mo group. One of the best uses I see for this system is the capability of having a few modules, easy to transport to take to public libraries, schools and other interest groups. We should promote this great hobby of model railroading. This would get the hobby to more of our youth and other interested individuals, who do not have the space for a traditional or permanent layout. Take time to think about this. Maybe we can get a few people to build some of the modules and then we can share and learn from them at one of our monthly meetings.

Remember the picnic at Henle Park in Leetsdale, we will gather around noon and eat at 1:00, see you then.

... Keith DeVault

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# Bring'N'Brag

# Alden McBee



This month's Bring-n-Brag theme was "Steam Power." Michael Hohn's Lehigh Valley Railroad 2-8-0 took first place. It was a kitbash of a modified Mantua Boiler on an MDC frame with parts added for pilot, domes and other details to represent a prototype Consolidation from the 1880s. The model is based on photos and published information.

Second place went to Jim Braum, for his Pennsylvania Railroad 0-6-0. Jim repainted the cab roof to a prototypical red from the factory-painted black, added some piping, and weathered the loco with Doc Weathering powders.

Above: Mike's kitbashed LVRR Consolidation; below: Jim's Pennsy switcher.  
Photos by Larry Willming.



In third place was Dennis Vaccaro for three working Stirling cycle engines, which operate by cyclic compression and expansion of air at different temperatures.

Above and left: Dennis Vaccaro's entries for steam power; below: a photo of Nacionale de Mexico #2708 (4-6-4) by Dennis Vaccaro. Photos by Larry Willming.



Dennis also brought this photo of Nacionale de Mexico 4-6-4 #2708 on display at Aguascalientes and was accompanied by an interesting history of Stations in Aguascalientes, Mexico, which, he points out, has been the focus of great importance to the Mexican Railway system.

Thank you to everyone who entered a model, and also to everyone who voted for their favorites!



Name	pts	Name	pts
Neal Schorr	30	Margie Meehan	8
Jim Braum	29	George Pandelios	7
Mike Hohn	26	Frank Benders	6
Dennis Vaccaro	20	Steve Ross	5
John Gallagher	12	Jim Whipple	4



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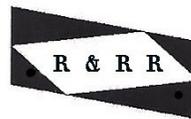


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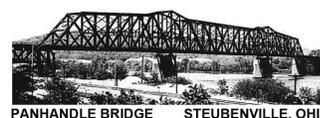
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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

**OHIO RIVER NORTHERN RAILWAY CLUB**

# Division 2 Picnic

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

**When:** Sunday August 19, 2018. We'll start gathering at 12:00 noon and aim to have food ready around 1:00pm. 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 (contact info below) with the number of people in your party and the covered dish you will be bringing. *[Bring 1 serving for every item you will put on your plate (usually 6) times the number in your party.]*

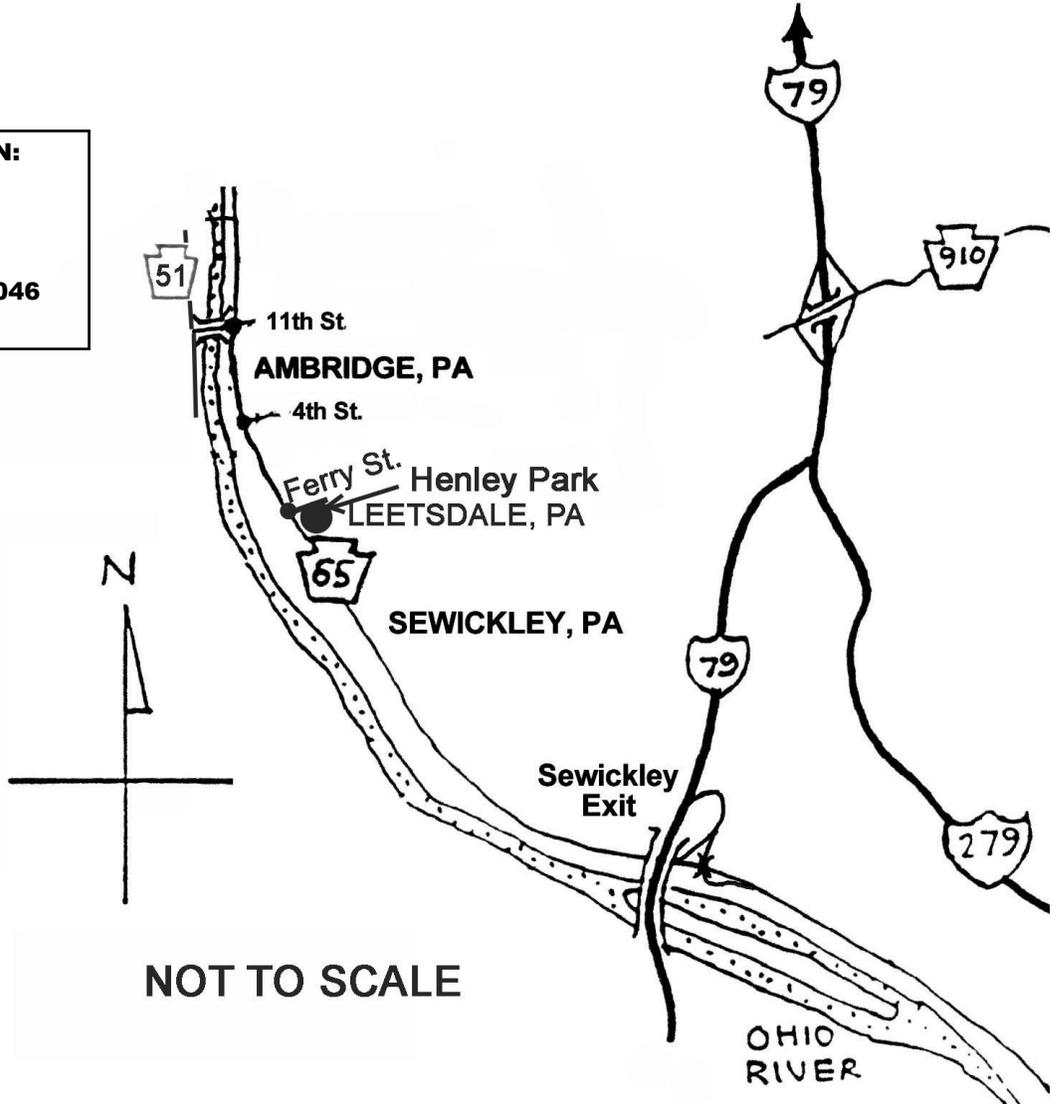
**Parking:** Lots of parking on the street.

**Seating:** We will have a shelter with tables, but some space is needed for food and Bring 'n' Bag. 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.



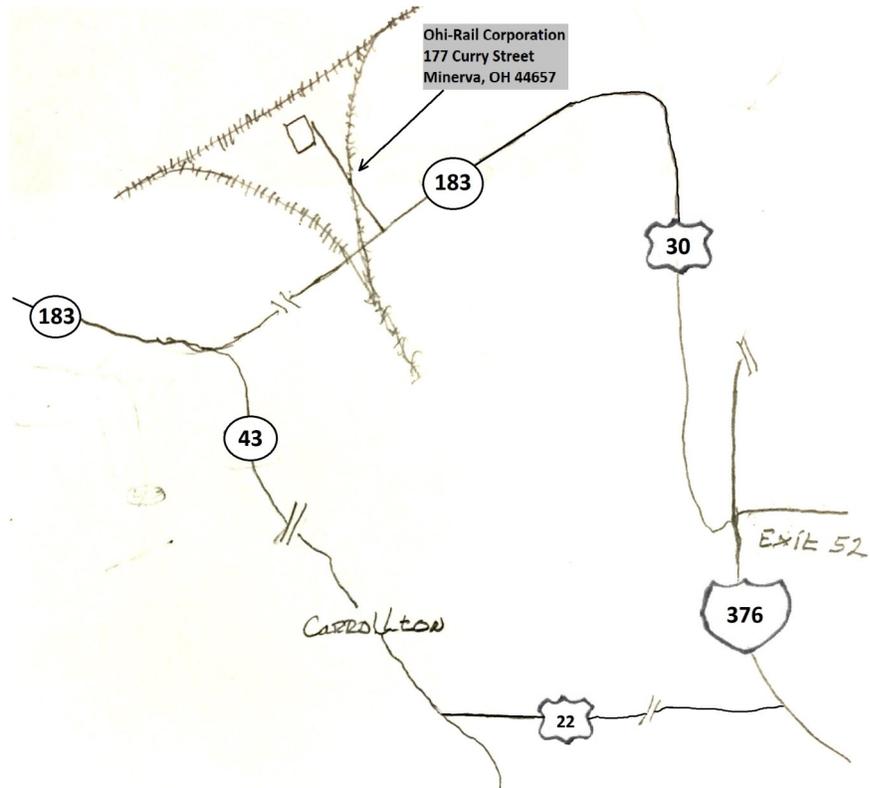
**PICNIC LOCATION:**  
**HENLE PARK**  
**Ferry Street**  
**Leetsdale, PA 15046**



**MAP FOR THE  
SEPTEMBER 16, 2018  
MEETING**

**( NOT TO SCALE )**

**MEETING LOCATION:  
Ohi-Rail Corporation  
177 Curry Street  
Minerva, OH 44657**



## September 16 Meeting: Ohi-Rail Corporation

Robert DiBenedetto reports these program notes about our September meeting:

He has confirmed that our meeting can take place at the Ohi-Rail Corporation, located in Minerva, Ohio. The company is hosting us that day for our meeting, and they are offering us beforehand 1pm tour of their railroad yard. Says Bob: "You might want to bring your cameras!"

As this is a working railroad facility, there will be paperwork! Bob says the company requires those of us who will take part in the yard tour to sign a waiver. It is probably a good idea to wear steel-toed shoes or boots, or at least a full shoe with laces – no sandals, flip-flops, pumps, high heels, etc. Also, you will need to bring a chair if you intend to sit during our meeting, which will follow the yard tour.

By the way, this program takes place on the New York Central's Piney Fork Division. Bob promises "more details at the August meeting!"

The company is located at 177 Curry Street, Minerva, OH 44657.

## October 21 Meeting Preview: Norwin Public Library

After the meeting, **Charlie Blenko** will present "Discovering the Abandoned Manor Branch." Writes Charlie: "The PRR Manor Branch will be examined as a case study in how traces of old, abandoned branch lines can still be seen today through field trips and aerial mapping. Various research techniques will yield a trove of interesting information on this small branch. The branch's modeling and operational potential will also be studied. The ideas shown in this presentation can be applied to any number of prototypes and railroads."

*Editor's note: Filling in for George Pandelios this month is former Superintendent Mike Hohn. Thanks Mike!*

July 15, 2018 Business Meeting

Michael Hohn

The meeting was called to order at 2:22PM by Superintendent Keith DeVault. There were no new members; Frank Coats was present as a guest.

Our host was the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society in Morgantown, WV. Society President Lou Lemelle welcomed the attendees.

The donations hat was passed.

Minutes from the June meeting were approved.

### Committee Reports:

No report this month from the Keystone Flyer editor.

Treasurer Jeff Gregg reported little activity the past month.

Convention Treasurer Andy Blenko reported expenditures for laser kits from Portland Locomotive Works. Dennis Vaccaro gave an update on status of the kits and reported that they will be advertised once available.

Assistant Superintendent Frank Benders reminded members that they should contact him if they plan to attend the August picnic so that he has a count for buying meat and buns. More information on the September meeting will be available at the August meeting.

Company Store Chair Susan Werner reported that she has books available at half price, City Classics window treatments, boxcars from Division 1, and Portland Locomotive Works laser kits.

There were no membership or website reports.

Jerry Kyslinger reported that the next Freemo setup is on July 21-22 and sparked a discussion on the need for new module work and volunteers to set up in the future.

Alden McBee reported that there were four entries for Bring 'n' Brag.

No reports on the video library and Achievement Program.

### Old Business:

None

### New Business:

Mid Central Region President Bob Weinheimer encouraged attendees to register their layout on the members-only part of the NMRA website, and while there also check out the Partnership program of discounts from selected vendors. He also pointed out that the NMRA recently instituted rules related to NMRA resources such as newsletter and campaigning by candidates for office, published in the latest Kingpin.

Bruce DeMaeyer from Lexington, KY gave a short presentation on T Trak: what it is and how to get involved.

Keith DeVault reported on the 2020 MCR Convention to be held in Pittsburgh; there is still a need for a transportation manager and raffle room coordinator.

### For the Good of the Division:

Andy Blenko reported on the Steel Mill Modelers SIG meeting that took place recently.

The meeting adjourned at 3:05PM.



**Free-Mo:** The Division 2 Free-Mo group (modules above right) joined forces with the South Hills Model Railroad Club (loop above left) to create this 1,100+ square foot layout at the Greenberg Train Show in Monroeville, PA the weekend of July 21-22. Photo by Patrick Altdorfer.

The Free-Mo group is seeking volunteers to help with future setups, and plans to rebuild the hinged loop (background, below the Keystone Division sign) are under consideration now, with a work session on the horizon; if you are interested in getting involved, please contact Jerry Kyslinger on the Module Committee.

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NEXT MEETING - PICNIC August 19, 2018  
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 <p><b>Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society</b>        128 Pleasant Street        Morgantown, WV 26505</p> <p>Meeting Thursdays at 7:00 PM</p> <p><a href="http://www.MVRCC.org">www.MVRCC.org</a>        Call Rich Henderson (304) 276-1046 for more info</p>	 <p><b>MID-MON VALLEY        MODEL RAILROAD        CLUB</b></p> <p><b>159 Main Street, New Eagle, PA</b>  <b>Meetings: Fridays 7:30 pm</b></p>
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From our international desk, our correspondent on permanent assignment in Southeast Asia, John Polyak, files this feature in his ongoing series on international railways. This month's article focuses on the railways of Thailand, where he now lives.



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.



The major traffic to hear is oil transported in trains of these tank cars. They look squashed compared to those in the US. The shape makes sense: the center of gravity is significantly lower making the cars more stable on the narrow gauge tracks.



Passenger cars like this make up most trains, except for third class. There are three classes, the obvious others being first and second. Air conditioning has a lot to do with denoting the classes.



There's an armstrong turntable that doesn't look like it's been used for a long time. Since locomotives here are double ended, there's no need to turn them at the end of the line.



A third class train was waiting for departure from the so-clean-you-can-eat off-of-it platform. This is constantly sweeping (with straw brooms) and mopping floors in public places and at home. A Thai may live in a shack but the floor is clean.