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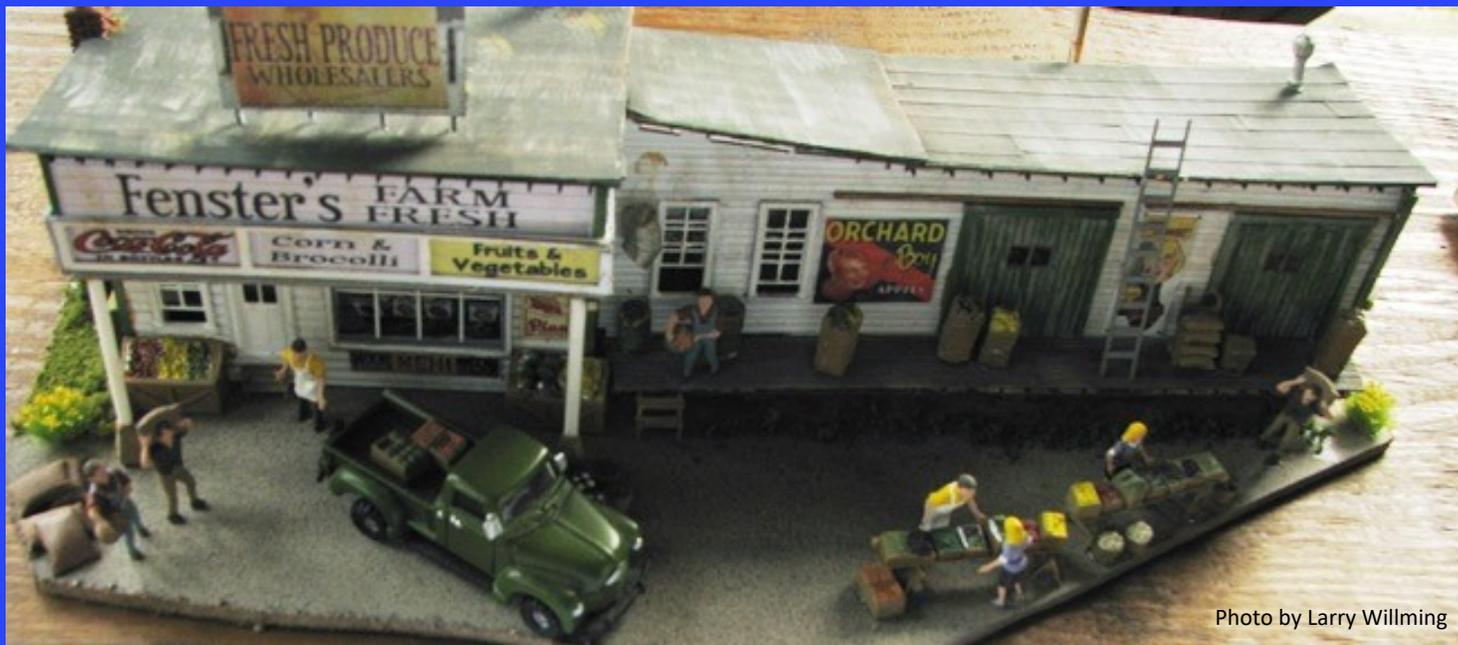


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Editor's Model of the Month

Division Meeting Schedule

September 16, 2018 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Ohi-Rail Corp. Engine House (Yard Tour: 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

November 18, 2018 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Program TBD
New Eagle VFD Social Hall
156 Chess Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

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Bring'n'Brag

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

Submission Deadline for the next *Flyer*:

September 21, 2018

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From the Super's Desk

I happened to stop at a hobby store a few weeks ago to see what the store carries in HO scale. The model railroad hobby, as you know, now isn't an inexpensive hobby. The difference between when I started some 50 years ago, and now, is the availability of a good box kit to put together, and an out-of-the-box, ready to run on the layout. Cost once amortized over time, because we had to build more than buy, made hobby expenditures less dramatic, if not less expensive. If you are going to build a large layout in your basement, a size more prevalent today than in the past and again easier to do because of the products available which makes it more achievable, you already know you've committed yourself to a good size financial investment.

There are, of course, enjoyable alternatives in the hobby. Among the most popular are the modules. With the module system you have the standard 2 feet by 4 feet sections, which can be built to accommodate other people's track plans. This allows many people to join your system and be able to run trains. Modules give you a full operating layout, but which can be broken down and transported.

As long as they're capable of interfacing at each end, the track plan can deviate between scenes, providing a good operational plan. The standard modules can be built either in sectionals, to join with those of other people, or you can build them for your pleasure to be part of your own layout. In either case, they can be broken down and transported if you need to move.

As most of you are aware, basements can be different sizes, and we as modelers can be handicapped by space constraints, budget of time, and other factors. With the above options, you can still showcase your own work and have fun running trains. With the new (I say new, but it has been around a while) "T-Track" (Table Top) system, you build a layout section small enough to carry under your arm, and with this you can build lots of sections, or work with some friends and just find a table and hook up the sections and start to run trains. This system is very popular for kids, as they can build and run trains at a low cost. This system, I believe, will find us some young people to get into this hobby for many years to come.

Another to the above systems is the shelf layout. You can build this on a wall, and this usually involves a point-to-point operating scheme. In the long run, if space handicaps you, this could be the answer. Faster completion, easier maintenance, and scenes with greater detail are just some of the assets of this system. So, in other words, if you enjoy model railroading as much as I do, there is no reason you can't have something in your own home or apartment.

I would like to finish up my column to say Thank You. This is to Frank and Jan Benders for the great work on the picnic. This is also for Tom Gaus as the Grill Master, and to everyone else who helped out in setting up the tables, etc. And to all of the individuals that joined us in the afternoon of good food, fellowship and lots of trains. I think we counted over a dozen trains that passed us from noon to 3 o'clock. Think about joining us next year, as John Gallagher has volunteered to coordinate with the park people for the third Sunday of August in 2019.

... Keith DeVault

*** Please email all suggestions for non-rail activities/tours for our 2020 convention to Keith DeVault at devaultkj@comcast.net***

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Bring'N'Brag

The August Bring-n-Brag, whose theme was structures, had eight entries, all outstanding.

First place went to Joel Everly for his Fenster's Farm Market. This was a slightly modified Bar Mills kit with additional Woodland Scenic figures and details.



Above: Front view of Joel Everly's first place winning entry, Fenster's Farm Market. Below: Rear view of same, with Bud Brock's display only bolt & nail storage building with exposed rafters. All photos by Larry Willming.



There was a tie for second place. Mike Hohn's entry was a completely scratch-built coal trestle and coal gondola. The other second place entry was Alden McBee's scratch-built B&O MK tower, the prototype standing in Rowlesburg, WV from 1954 until 2011.



Third place was Neal Schorr's kitbashed O scale Hotel Royal (left). The prototype was built in Port Royal, PA around 1909. The model was created by heavily reworking a toy-like Lionel O'Grady's Tavern. This involved complete disassembly, adding a large front porch, repainting, adding mortar, and adding additional details from Ameritowne Models and doll

house parts.

Other entries included Neal Schorr's kitbashed lighted row structures for Port Royal, PA (right).



Alden McBee



Tied for 2nd place were two scratch-built models of prototype structures: (left) Alden McBee's B&O MK Tower, located in Rowlesburg, WV and depicted here ca. 1978; and (top) Mike Hohn's coal trestle and gondola.

Jim Braum's scratch-built W&LE Valley Inn

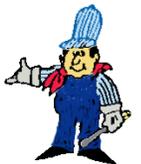
viaduct (right) was constructed from styrene and balsa wood using hand-drawn blueprints, has fully correct interior bracing, and was tested and can support an HO scale locomotive and cars. Jim also brought his PRR Shire Oaks yard caboose servicing facility, which was a GC Laser kit. Both were very nicely painted and weathered.



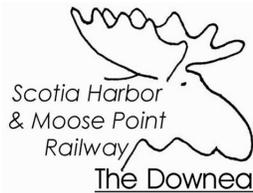
Dennis Vaccaro's HO fire hose shed (left) was modelled with the doors open, showing the fire hoses and hydrant details.

For display only was Bud Brock's bolt and nail storage building without the roof attached showing the rafter construction.

Thanks to all those who brought models. Obviously a lot of thought and work went into all of these.



Name	pts	Name	pts
Neal Schorr	39	Alden McBee	8
Jim Braum	35	Margie Meehan	8
Mike Hohn	34	George Pandelios	7
Dennis Vaccaro	23	Frank Benders	6
John Gallagher	12	Steve Ross	5
Joel Everly	8	Jim Whipple	4



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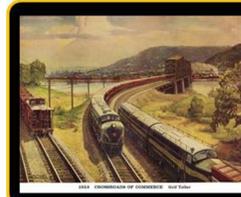
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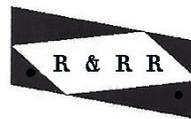


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September 16 Meeting: Ohi-Rail Corporation

Robert DiBenedetto reports these program notes about our September meeting:

Our meeting on Sunday, September 16 will take place at the Ohi-Rail Corporation Engine House, located in Minerva, Ohio. The company is hosting us for our meeting, and they are offering us beforehand at 1pm a tour of their railroad yard.

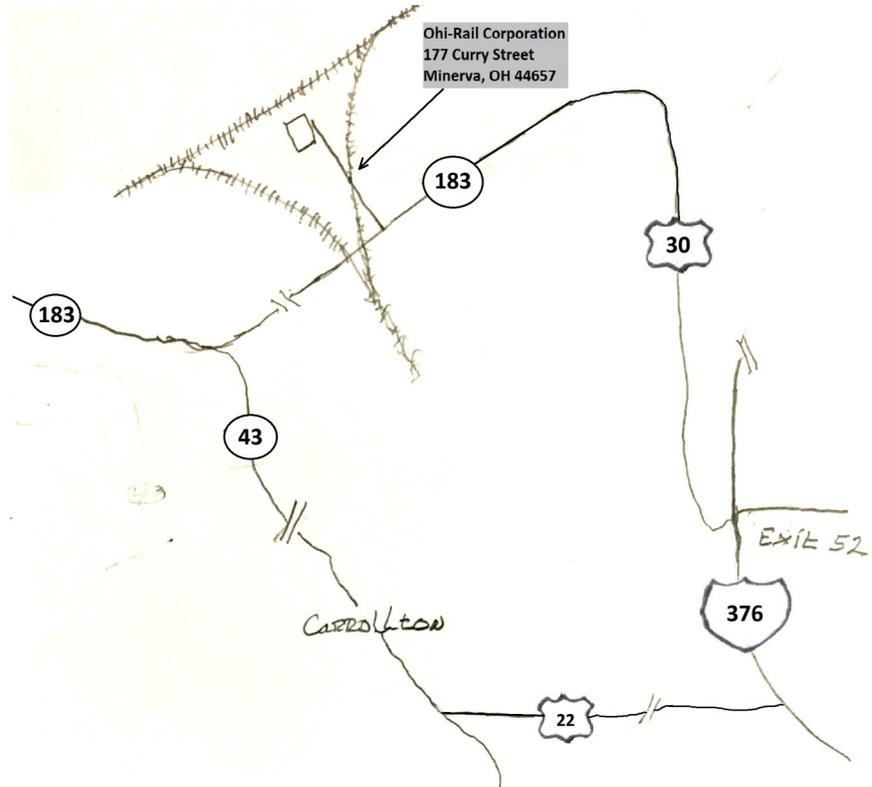
As this is a working railroad facility, there will be paperwork! Bob says the company requires those of us who will take part in the yard tour to sign a waiver. It is probably a good idea to wear steel-toed shoes or boots, or at least a full shoe with laces – no sandals, flip-flops, pumps, high heels,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

MAP FOR THE SEPTEMBER 16, 2018 MEETING

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MEETING LOCATION:

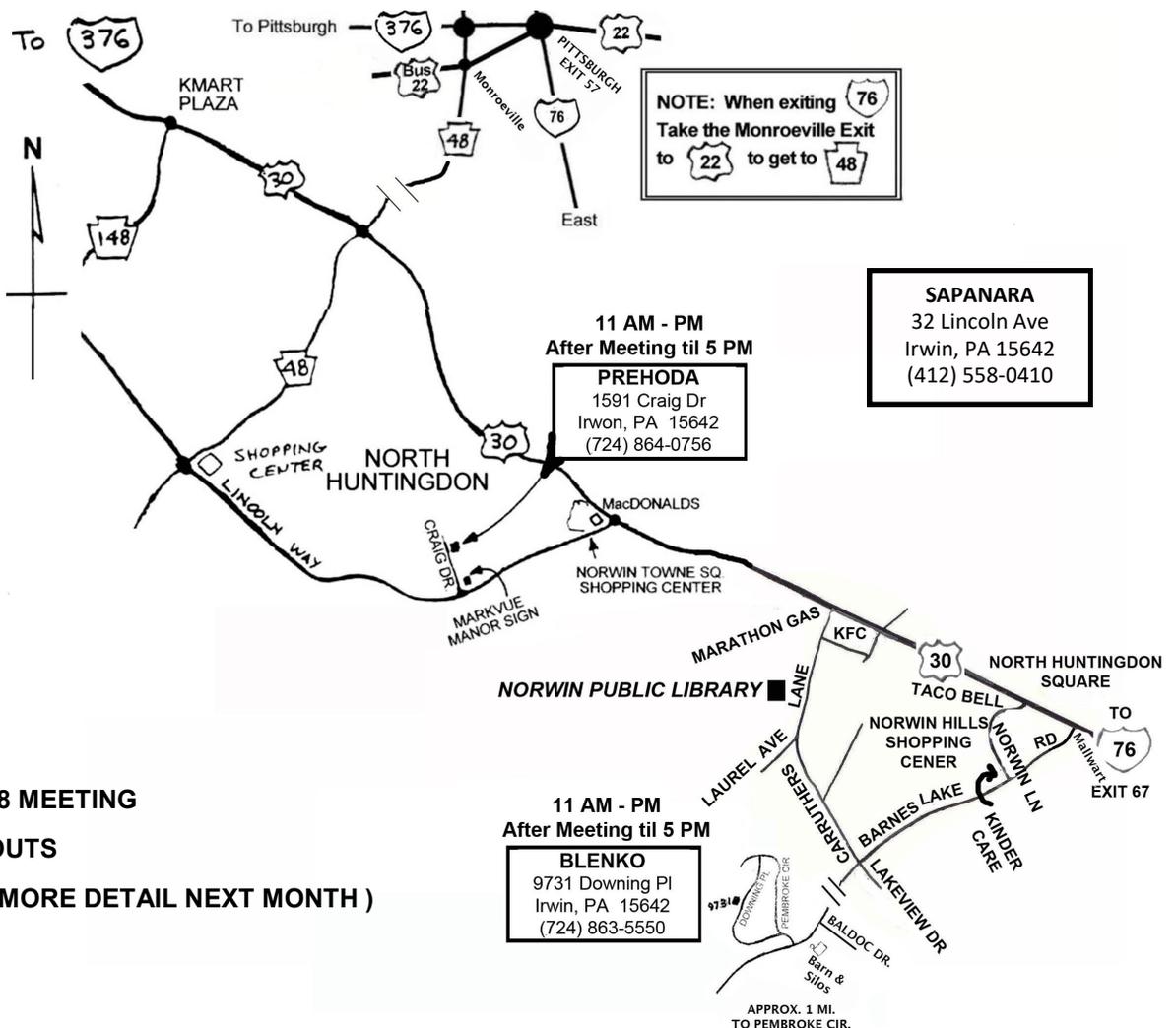
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October 21 Meeting : Norwin Public Library

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."

Three Layouts open in October!

Get out to the Irwin area by 11am this month to get a look at three outstanding layouts before the meeting starts. All three layouts are oriented toward operations, and they all incorporate familiar themes of our region's geography and industries. They are also in various stages of "maturity," if you will, ranging from Bob Prehoda's completed Huntingdon Northern Railroad, a freelanced operation set in 1962, whose tightwad management still employs aging steam locomotives as it tries to hold its own traversing the valleys between Pittsburgh and Cumberland, and interchanging with all of the big roads you know in this region (PRR, B&O, WM). At the next stage of completion, you can see Andy and Charlie Blenko's Pittsburgh Mainline, which takes spectators and operators into the Conrail-era of intermodal freight traffic along some of the most solid benchwork, electronics, and mechanics you will see in the hobby. Scenery is starting to take shape on this layout as well, and you will see some fine applications of the latest scenery techniques, including the use of photo-backdrops and backdrop façade structures to provide depth where walls inevitably place limits on our ability to represent larger spaces and areas. Finally, the "youngest" railroad on the block will be open for the first time this month: Kevin Sapanara is building the CP&D, which models the Chessie System between Connellsville and Pittsburgh on two levels. All three layouts are HO scale, and they will be open from 11am to 2pm before the meeting, and possibly after the meeting pending interest.



**MAP FOR THE
OCTOBER 21, 2018 MEETING
AND LOCAL LAYOUTS
(NOT TO SCALE; MORE DETAIL NEXT MONTH)**

August 19, 2018 Business Meeting

Superintendent Keith DeVault gaveled the meeting open at 2:02 PM. He thanked John Gallagher for setting up this venue each year.

There were no reported guests. However, we did have a new member, Al Runco. He is a friend of Mark Vinski. Welcome Al!

The minutes from last month's meeting as published in the Flyer were approved.

Committee Reports:

Vagel Keller was not present so there was no Keystone Flyer report.

Treasurer Jeff Gregg was not present, but Susan Werner reported that the division is solvent.

Programs: Assistant Superintendent Frank Benders thanked all who helped set up for the picnic. Frank reminded the gathering to pick up after themselves and leave the park in good order. The reason we keep getting invited back is that we leave the park in good condition. Next month's meeting will be held at the Ohi-Rail Corporation in Minerva, Ohio. If you have steel-toed shoes, please wear them. For safety reasons, absolutely no flip-flops or sandals will be permitted. Also, please remember to bring a chair.

Company Store: Susan Werner reported that the store was open for business and that she had a number of laser-cut kits for sale in HO and N-scale. Book orders are being taken, and we should start thinking about our calendar needs for next year.

Membership: Tom Gaus reported that membership was down to 200, probably as a result of people forgetting to renew. Tom thinks the decreased membership number is an abnormality caused by this and should straighten itself out. Keith DeVault reminded the membership that the NMRA only issues 1 renewal notice and no reminders; he noted that the notice might be sitting in your desk somewhere.

Website: Tom Gaus reported that all Portland Locomotive Works kits are now on the website. He is working on a PayPal payment page. Convention logos and dates will shortly appear on the website.

Free Mo: Jerry Kyslinger reported that there had been some electrical problems putting 8-10 modules together for a recent show. They decided to eliminate the loop due to the inability to haul it around. At the moment they have four 4' modules. He expressed doubt that the modules would be ready for the November show. Keith DeVault suggested and then made a motion that we skip the November show and spend our efforts to get ready for the January show (will be held very

early in 2019). Frank Benders seconded the motion. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Bring N' Brag: Alden McBee reported that there were 9 entries with 1 for display only. Please vote.

Video Library: Bud Brock reported that the conversion to CD-ROM is nearly complete.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro did not have anything to report for the AP, but did note that the building kits for the convention were for sale, particularly the O-scale and S-scale oil houses. Instructions and photos for all 4 buildings are on the web and PayPal will soon be an option. He yielded the floor to Gary Kohler of Portland Locomotive Works who reported that his company is planning to construct a 2-rail O-scale layout on the premises and would eventually like to have the Division visit again. Portland Locomotive Works will be at the O Scale National Convention in Rockville, MD later this week and the O-scale signal tower will be on display. He expects to have the HO telegraph office kit available soon. One offering of all four buildings is in production right now. He is waiting on drawings to get the others going. He will have 4 buildings in production in 4 scales simultaneously.

Old Business:

None.

New Business:

Keith asked the membership if they wanted to return to Leetsdale for next year's picnic. The motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Steel City Express Convention (May 2020): Keith announced that information about the convention will shortly be on the website. Registration materials to follow. He then noted the following committees and their chairpersons will be posted shortly on the website. He noted that he is still looking for people to chair a couple of committees, so please step up and volunteer.

For the Good of the Division:

Susan Werner indicated that she was having trouble emailing a member, Mitch Kozikowski. His email keeps bouncing. If you have a correct email for him, please contact Susan so she can fix her list.

From the last meeting's Bring N' Brag, certificates were handed out to Dennis Vaccaro (3rd place) and Jim Braum.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:24 PM.



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NEXT MEETING - September 16, 2018
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 <p>Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society 128 Pleasant Street Morgantown, WV 26505</p> <p>Meeting Thursdays at 7:00 PM</p> <p>www.MVRCC.org Call Rich Henderson (304) 276-1046 for more info</p>	 <p>MID-MON VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD CLUB</p> <p>159 Main Street, New Eagle, PA Meetings: Fridays 7:30 pm</p>
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Susan Werner shared the following announcement on the e-mail distribution list regarding railroad press titles that are available for order (or not) through the Company Store. If you are interested in purchasing one or more of these titles, please contact Susan directly by email at swerner48@yahoo.com, or see her at the September 16 meeting at Ohi-Rail Corporation in Minerva, Ohio. Better yet, ask her to place you on her e-mail list, if you did not receive this notice!

Here is the latest information about the books I can order for you. If you see something you want, let me know.

Center for Railroad Photography and Art: The first printing of their **Beebe & Clegg: Their Enduring Photographic Legacy** is sold out. They are planning a future reprint at a higher list price and at a different discount schedule. The new discount schedule is not acceptable to us and as such we have cancelled our back order and dropped the line from our offerings.

Morning Sun: Where did the summer go? We will start to ship the September titles on Monday August 27, 2018. They are as follows:

Hard Cover - \$59.95 each

Delaware & Hudson Power in Color 1944 – 1991 - #1653

Southern Pacific The Photography of Bill Wolverton Vol. 2: The San Francisco Bay Area 1973 – 1981 featuring Trainmaster, FP-7's and SD9's - #1654

Soft Cover - \$39.95 each

Pennsylvania Railroad – Best of Bill Volkmer Vol. 1: Chicago, New York, Galitzin, Erie, Philadelphia, Canton, NY&LB, Harrisburg - #6565

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Open Top Loads Flat Car and Gondola Color Portfolio Vol. 1 - #6476

(Loads covered include: boats, wire coils, aircraft fuselage, auto frames, billets, ingots, slab steel, bolsters, bulldozers, cable reels, coil steel, fencing, concrete beams, rolling stock, tires and more.)

Outer Station Project: Only a handful of **Reading Railroad Book V – Oley Street to Belt Line Junction including Reading Shop Complex** remain. Priced at \$125.00 the press run was limited to only 300 pieces.

White River Productions: Their new **Southland – Southern California in the Golden Age of Kodachrome** has arrived. This 250+ page book covers the area from Bakersfield south to the Mexican border during the mid-1950's to the late 1960's. As is typical with WRP titles this all color book features well reproduced, beautiful images. Price is \$79.95 each. Next up will be **The Southern Railway**, a 256 page, 380 image, division by division look at this popular railroad. Expected in late fall, this book will carry a list price of \$79.95.

Division 2 Picnic

Larry Willming

Thanks go out to Larry Willming, who — besides documenting the Bring'n'Brag contest — captured the following pictures from our annual picnic meeting, held again this year in Leetsdale's Henle Park.

A unanimous voice vote during the short meeting portion of the picnic reaffirmed our affinity for this site, as we decided to hold the 2019 picnic here too.



Here are a few more picnic images that Larry shared with your editors. From the looks of things, it appears that those who did attend were rewarded with good fellowship and great food, and the festivities were reportedly joyously interrupted on several occasions with passing trains — one of the other fringe benefits to attending this particular event!



Above: Our just desserts. Below left: Dennis, Susan, John, and Keith enjoy some witty banter at the table. Center left and below right: Members enjoy the beautiful weather and fellowship inside and outside of the picnic shelter.

