



Alden McBee provided this great photo of the West Virginia Northern caboose he kit-bashed out of an old Quality Craft HO scale craftsman kit of a B&O I-5.



Editor's Model of the Month

Division Meeting Schedule

November 18, 2018 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Jim Braum, "Rails in the Woods: P&WV"
New Eagle VFD Social Hall
156 Chess Street
New Eagle, PA 15067
** 3 Layouts Open ! See page 5 for details & maps **

January 20, 2019 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Program TBD
Old Economy Village Visitors Center
270 16th St, Ambridge, PA 15003
Layout: Ohio Valley Lines, 1225 Merchant St, Ambridge ,
open 11:30pm

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Bring'n'Brag*

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| 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 |

* 2018 categories; Feb '19 onward may change

**Submission Deadline for January Flyer:
December 15, 2018**

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From the Super's Desk

With the onset of the National Model Railroaders month of November, we have a chance to recharge our hobby "batteries." Take a moment to share the joy of our hobby with your family, friends, and others. If you have the opportunity to introduce the hobby of model railroading to someone, think of the fun you could be bringing to others. Take a break from your daily routine, seek out some layout tours, visit or participate at a train show, join in an operating session, take part in presenting a program at one of our monthly meetings, the Jamboree, or at our Regional Convention. Remember, it is model railroading for you, among your fellow modelers.

I received our monthly membership roster from the National Headquarters and noticed a lot of inactive members. I would like to see more of you, if you are reading the *Keystone Flyer*, to come out and join us each month. I know we all enjoy each other's company and fellowship. I have tried to keep our business meeting to no longer than 30 minutes in length, so we have more time to enjoy the fine layouts that are scheduled and of course the outstanding programs that one of our members present.

The last thing in this article this month is that I asking one of you to volunteer to be the Coordinator of a T-Trak Team for our division. If you attended the meeting in July in Morgantown, Bruce DeMaeyer joined us from National about getting the division involved with the NMRA T-Trak Program. I would like our division to be represented at the next Regional Convention in Boardman, Ohio in May 2019, and of course have a T-Trak modular display to show off to the attendees at our own Steel City Express Convention at the Greentree Hilton in May 2020. This would put the division into the modern age of model railroading. Please step up to the plate. If you are willing to help represent the division, please email me at devaultkj@comcast.net.

This is the last article before the holidays; Janet and I would like to extend our most sincere Holiday Greetings to each and every one of you and to your family .

... Keith DeVault

— ERRATA —

The October issue of the *Flyer* misidentified the first name of our September program presenter and host of the post-meeting layout tour in Minerva, Ohio. This was indeed Chip Syme. Your editor regrets the error, but recommends that readers view [this website](http://moosevalley.org/engrchip) [moosevalley.org/engrchip] to see more pictures of Chip's beautifully reconstructed layout.

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Alden McBee won 1st place with his kit-bashed HO scale West Virginia Northern caboose (left: the prototype; on page 1: the model, both photos by Alden McBee). Frank Benders took 2nd place for his WM bobber caboose (above); and Mike Hohn's pair of P&NYRR caboose (below) won 3rd place. Photos by Larry Willming.

October's Bring-n-Brag theme was Caboosees, and there were six entries.

First place went to Alden McBee's HO Ex B&O I-5 West Virginia Northern caboose. The old Quality Craft wood and metal craftsman kit had the wheel-base lengthened from 15 ft. to 19 ft., and the steps were narrowed to a scale 28 inches per the prototype. Brass end railings were scratch-built as was the smokejack. Most grab irons were bent from brass wire. It has full brake detail with Hi-Tech rubber brake hoses and Sergent Engineering couplers.

In second place was Frank Benders' Western Maryland Bobber caboose. Frank's starting point was an old Life Like or Bachmann model. The cupola hand grabs and railings by the end doors were shaved off and replaced with wire. The exterior was painted caboose red, the interior, industrial green. Safety yellow paint was applied to all hand grabs. Western Maryland lettering and number decals were applied. Kadee #5 couplers replaced the stock couplers.

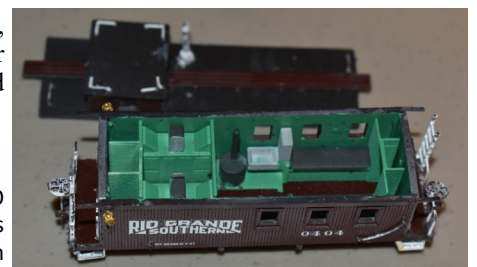
Mike Hohn's two Pennsylvania & New York Railroad Co. cabooses took third place. These were scratch-built using photos and a car diagram. Frame, body and cupola are styrene. Steps are brass strip and styrene. Grab irons and railings were made using wire bending jigs. Brake wheels, nbw's, smokejack and wheel pedestal/frame assemblies are castings. Marker lights are still to be added. Mike also brought a Central Valley caboose which was built from a state-of-the-art kit for early rail modelling in the 1960s.



Jim Braum entered an HO N3 Rio Grande Southern long caboose. It was built from a plastic craftsman kit from Model Railroad General Store. Paint is a custom mixture of Scalecoat Tuscan red and white. It was lettered with Microscale Rio Grande Southern decals. Cal scale marker lights and prototypically painted NWSL archbar trucks were added as well as a 3D printed interior.

Steve Ross entered a somewhat tongue-in-cheek diagram for a PRR N8 drover's cabin car, because of the ongoing discussion about Bring-n-Brag rules, in which it was suggested that a drover's caboose was too obscure and specific a category. *(You can see Steve's diagram and his elaboration upon its inspiration in the web version of the Flyer, page 9. - editor)*

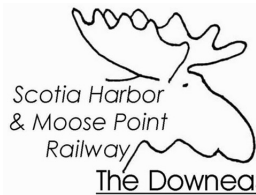
And again as always, thank you for your contest entries, and also for your votes!



Other entries in HO scale included this RGS caboose by Jim Braum (right, photo by Patrick Altdorfer), and this long caboose from Central Valley by Mike Hohn (left, photo by Larry Willming).



Name	pts	Name	pts
Mike Hohn	56	John Gallagher	12
Jim Braum	44	Joel Everly	8
Neal Schorr	43	Margie Meehan	8
Dennis Vaccaro	29	George Pandelios	7
Alden McBee	16	Steve Ross	7
Frank Benders	12	Jim Whipple	4



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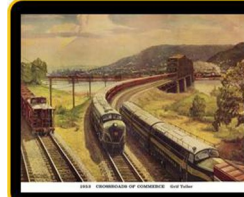
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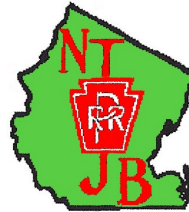
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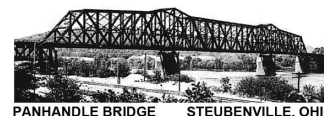
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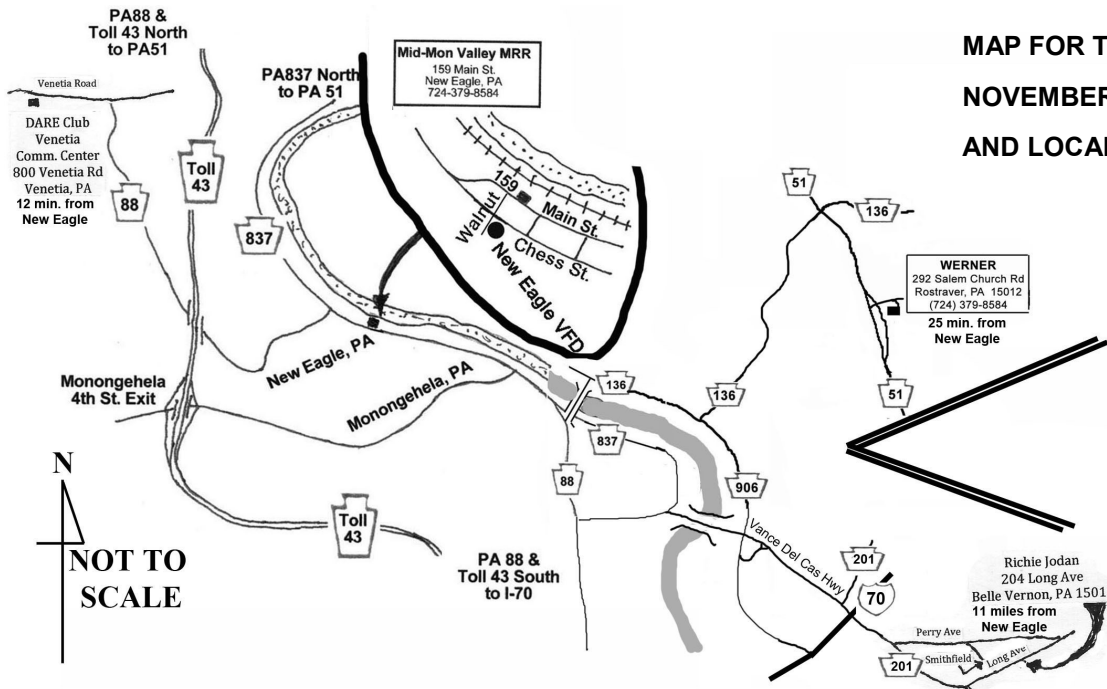
OHIO RIVER NORTHERN RAILWAY CLUB

November 18: New Eagle VFD Social Hall

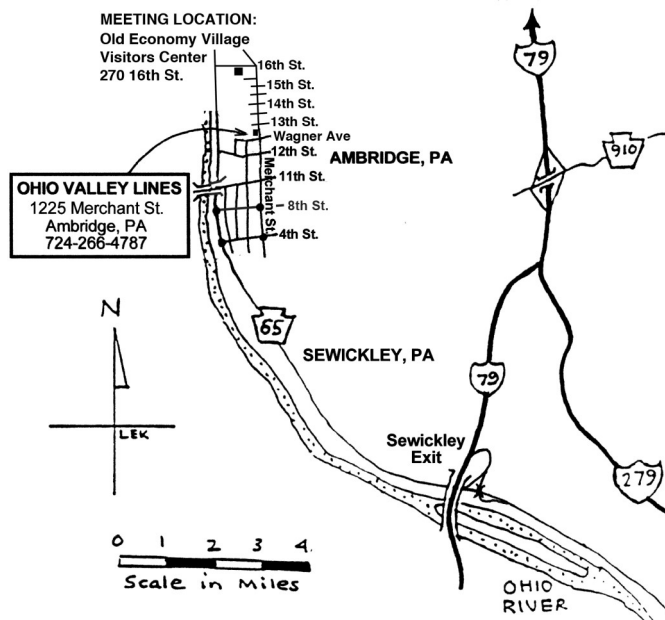
The meeting this month is in our traditional site, the Social Hall of the New Eagle VFD (156 Chess Street, New Eagle, PA 15067), at 2:30pm. Before the meeting, you can observe the heyday of the steel and coal industries in HO scale at the Mid-Mon Valley Club layout (11am to 2pm), or check out Richie Jodon's N scale layout (10am to 1:30pm) or see some northeastern rail action on Susan Werner's HO scale Scotia Harbor and Moose Point Railway (11am to 1pm). The Werner and Jodon layouts may reopen after the meeting if there is interest.

The post-meeting program this month is "Rails in the Woods: The P&WV Donora Branch, 1930-1986," presented by **Jim Braum**. Jim offers this preview of his presentation: "While the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railway Company was building the famed Connellsville Extension, work was also underway on a lesser known, and rarely (if at all) photographed line. This line was the "Donora Branch," which would give steel mill traffic to the railroad, from the US Steel mill in Donora. The branch featured several bridges, a lengthy man-made fill, and two tunnels, one of which runs under Pennsylvania Route 88 and the Monongahela Valley Hospital. This presentation will focus on the five mile branch line, its history, and any information relevant to modeling the line. Using photos of the remains, this presentation will give a look at a seldom seen but interesting line."

**MAP FOR THE
NOVEMBER 18, 2018 MEETING
AND LOCAL LAYOUTS**



**MAP FOR THE
JANUARY 20, 2019 MEETING
IN AMBRIDGE, PA**



October 21, 2018 Business Meeting

Superintendent Keith DeVault gaveled the meeting open at 2:31 PM. He thanked Andy Blenko and the Norwin Public Library for accommodating the meeting again this year.

There were no guests or new members.

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

Committee Reports:

Pat Altdorfer reminded everyone that any submissions to the Keystone Flyer were due by October 29.

Treasurer Jeff Gregg reported that the division is solvent. Andy Blenko reported that the Convention account was solvent.

Programs: Assistant Superintendent Frank Benders reminded everyone that November's meeting will be in New Eagle and that Jim Braum will be speaking about the Abandoned Donora Branch of the Pittsburgh and West Virginia Railroad. There will be three layouts open.

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. Morning Sun books are going up about \$10 in price, so get your orders in soon to beat the price increase. Today is the last day to reserve a 2019 calendar; the order will be submitted either Monday or Tuesday.

Membership/Website: Tom Gaus was not present so there was no report for either committee.

FreeMo: Jerry Kyslinger was not present so there was no report.

Bring N' Brag: Alden McBee reported that there were 6 entries for this month's category, Cabooses. Please vote.

Video Library: Bud Brock reported that he had several DVD copies of the Burt Lancaster film "The Train" which he would award to the 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners of today's Bring N' Brag. Several other titles were also available.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro was not present so there was no report.

Old Business:

Neal Schorr's proposed changes to the Bring N' Brag contest (which were published in last month's Flyer) were discussed. Neal summarized his points as 1) One entry per modeler 2) Most votes = most points and 3) Broad categories (let's try them for 1 year). These changes would take effect in January 2019. He expressed the hope that only a short discussion followed by a simple vote would follow. That did not occur.

The discussion that followed was wide-ranging and over 15 minutes in length. It was not captured verbatim but two motions evolved as a result. Motion 1: That only 1 entry per modeler per month would be accepted. Any additional models brought by that modeler must be listed as "Display Only." The motion carried by voice vote with several "nays." Motion 2 recommended that a committee of the involved and the interested be formed to discuss the issues of broad vs. narrow modeling categories, as well as should points be awarded for kit-

bashing / scratch-built, adherence to category, and entry. The committee is to meet and present their recommendations at the November meeting. This motion carried by voice vote with several "nays." Committee members will be Alden McBee, Mike Hohn, Bob DiBenedetto, Larry Willming, Bud Brock, and George Pandelios.

New Business: There was no new business.

Jamboree: Grier Kuhn reported that the date has been set – April 27, 2019. Venue will be the same as last year – Robert Morris University's Yorktown Hall. Grier reported that the administration and organization of the White Elephant Sale has been addressed including adequate staffing and increased room size and that the problems encountered will not be repeated. Please bring your products to sale at the April Jamboree; there will be plenty of room. He also encouraged those considering presenting at the MCR convention in 2020 practice by giving their clinics at the April 2019 Jamboree. Grier will be drafting "volunteers." Keith DeVault echoed Grier's thoughts and apologized for the mistakes in handling models and payments. He has appointed his wife Janet to administer the White Elephant sale; Bob DiBenedetto will assist, along with other members from the Orny Bunch.

Steel City Express Convention (May 2020): Keith announced that Jim Sacco had modified the logo for color efficiency purposes and thanked him for his efforts. The price for members will be set at \$50; spouses will be \$25. We need 140-145 attendees to break even. Don Coulter will be the clinician chairman, and Tom Gaus will be the registration chairman for the convention.

For the Good of the Division:

Mike Hohn attended the last MCR board meeting and reported that Division 12 had been formed. This consists of Erie, PA plus some of the western New York counties. Previously, these areas had been part of a region that served modelers in both Canada and the US. The new division eliminates needing a passport to attend a division meeting. Further, Division 12 is interested in hosting the 2021 Regional Convention in Erie, PA and will be assisted by Division 11. There is also some discussion regarding a joint (3 or 4) regional convention in 2022.

Bob DiBenedetto noted that Ohi-Rail Corporation had intended to distribute coffee mugs to all attendees at the last meeting (which they hosted) but were unable. They kindly sent along a case for distribution at this meeting.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:16 PM.



The [Ohio River Northern Railway Trainmen](http://www.theornrytrainmen.com) — aka the "ORNRy Bunch" — announce they have developed a website (www.theornrytrainmen.com) to provide information about their group and the layouts built and operated by their members. WebAdmin Larry Willming: "This is not your normal model railroad club. There are no officers, no formal meetings called to order, no minutes, no dues, or other normal club requirements. The ORNRy Bunch meets once a week at a member's home to run trains, talk about trains, watch videos of trains, help the host with problems with their railroad, and to 'EAT'." Check out their website and return frequently; Larry says he will be posting photos regularly of their layouts.

HOLIDAY TIMETABLE

The following notices are for the train shows and club open houses known to the editor at publication time. Don't see your club's open house or a favorite train show event? Or do you have one coming up next year about which you'd like to spread the word?

For notices about imminent events, please contact Tom Gaus (tom@tomgaus.com) to request a notice to be placed on our website (keystonedivision.org); for events with a longer time horizon, please contact me to submit a notice for publication in the *Keystone Flyer*; submissions should be sent via email: patrick.altdorfer@gmail.com.

OPEN HOUSES

Division 12, MCR, NMRA Layout Tour

November 10 10am-4pm
6 layouts open to NMRA members
Where: I-79 corridor Erie to Meadville (+ Warren)
Details in the *Keystone Flyer* online, pp. 12-16

McKeesport Model RR Club

Fridays: 12/07, 12/14, 12/21, 12/28 7-10pm
Saturdays: 12/08, 12/15, 12/22 1-7pm
Sundays: 12/09, 12/16, 12/23 2-6pm

Ohio Valley Lines (Ambridge, PA)

November 24-25 12-5pm
December 1-2/8-9/15-16/22-23/29-30 12-5pm
January 5-6 12-5pm

Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club (New Eagle, PA)

November 24-25 12-5pm
December 1-2/8-9/15-16/22-23/29-30 12-5pm
January 5-6 12-5pm

UPCOMING TRAIN SHOWS

Greenberg Train & Toy Show (Monroeville, PA)

November 10-11 10am-4pm
Monroeville Convention Center
209 Mall Blvd. (along US Rt. 22)
Monroeville, PA 15146
Web: trainshow.com

First Frost Train Meet (Allentown, PA) \$8.00

November 10 9am-4pm
November 11 9am-3pm
Allentown Fairgrounds
Agricultural Hall (Agri-Plex)
1925 W Chew Street
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Web: allentowntrainmeet.com



From the Editor

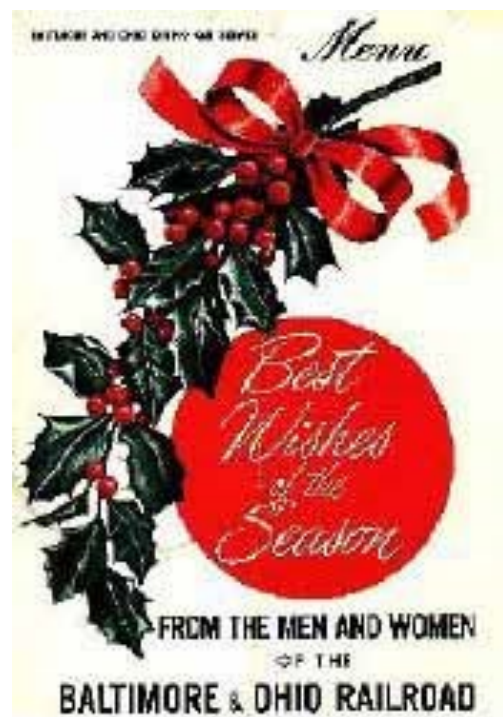
“Hail, and Farewell”

In case you missed it, I am officially stepping down as Editor of *The Keystone Flyer* at the end of the year, which is this issue. I say officially ... actually, new Editor Patrick Altdorfer has been producing the *Flyer* nearly single-handed since early Spring, so I have been out of the editing business for quite a while, now. It's been a long run ... since the Summer of 2005 ... so it's about time to let a fresh mind take charge. Patrick has what's shaping up to be a great pair of new volunteers to provide the input for the regular columns, “Minutes” and “Bring 'n' Brag,” so the Division is seeing a real changing of the guard.

I want to thank the many Division 2 members who have provided thoughtful constructive criticisms and helpful suggestions over the years. I am especially grateful to past and present superintendents, assistant supers, chief clerks, B'n'B coordinators, and the Jambo Dynamic Duo, Jimmy Sacco and Grier Kuehn, for their mostly timely and always worthwhile input on a monthly basis. To Grier I owe a special debt of gratitude for not sending me suspicious packages when I all-too-frequently forgot to put an essential Jambo announcement in the *Flyer* (I *did*, eventually, get his surname spelled correctly, though).

It's been fun – mostly – and always interesting doing this job. Best wishes to Patrick for the future.

- Vagel Keller



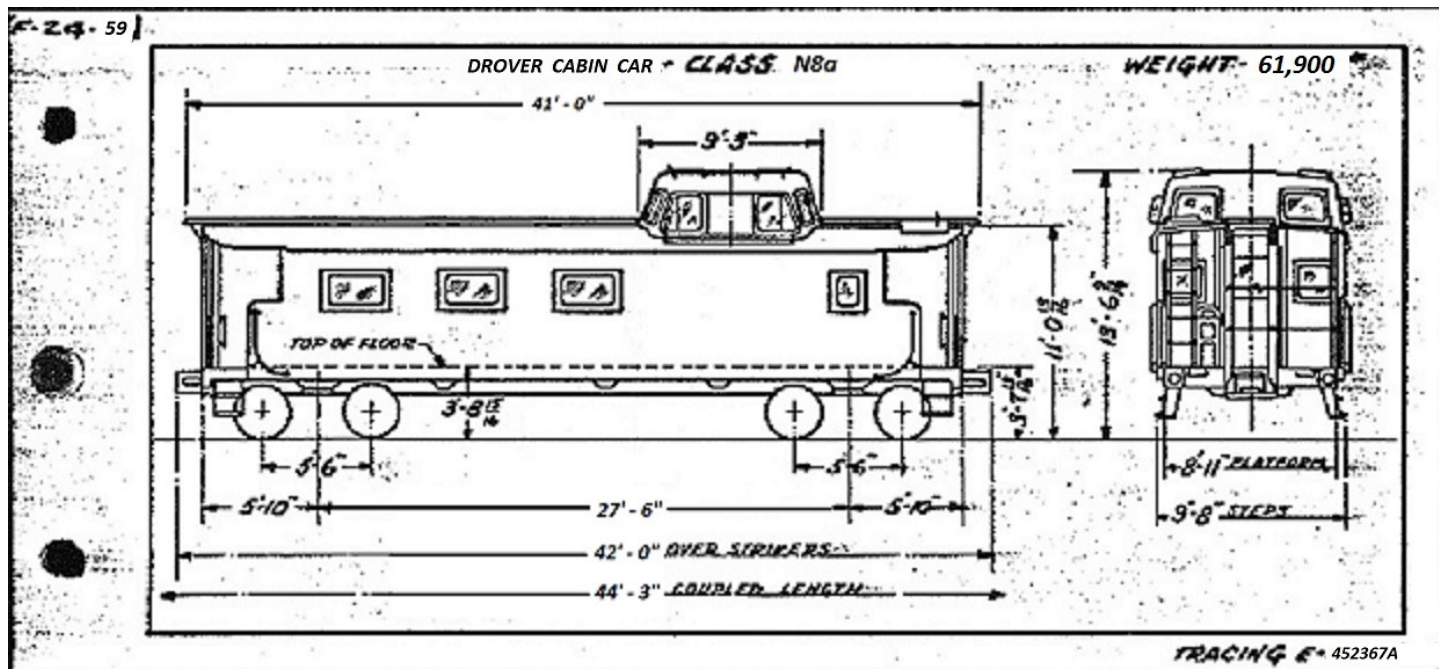
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 <p>Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society 128 Pleasant Street Morgantown, WV 26505</p> <p>Meeting Thursdays at 7:00 PM</p> <p>www.MVRCC.org Call Rich Henderson (304) 276-1046 for more info</p>	 <p>MID-MON VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD CLUB</p> <p>159 Main Street, New Eagle, PA Meetings: Fridays 7:30 pm</p>
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N8a diagram of a Pennsy Drovers Cabin Car



Steve Ross explains his Bring 'N' Brag entry for October in this email to BnB chair Alden McBee:

from: Steve Ross
 to: Alden McBee
 date: Oct 22, 2018, 7:34 AM
 subject: Bring'n'Brag

Alden,

I just wanted to give you the back story on my entry yesterday.

When I read Neal's comments on Bring 'N' Brag, I saw that he thought a "drover's caboose" was too obscure and specific. I agree. Why would any of us want to build a model of a caboose for cowboys to ride in until the train makes the required stops to feed and water the cattle and they have to be herded back on board?

Then I did a little research to find out the purpose of the side doors you often see on a drover's caboose. It seems that those were a later addition by the railroads when the cars were no longer needed to transport cowboys. It was so the caboose could be repurposed to carry regular passengers and LCL freight (hence the door) on light traffic branch lines - basically a mash-up of a caboose and combine. I also saw on a Santa Fe website that the ATSF handed off a stock train from King Ranch, Texas to the PRR and the cattle were unloaded at a farm near Philadelphia to be fattened up before sending them to New York City. This made me wonder what a PRR drover's caboose might look like, using two Tyco semi-N8 cars as a starting point for a kit-bash. Fortunately I didn't have two Tyco cabooses on hand, since I have too many real models that need to be built instead. But it wasn't hard to edit the real N8 PRR Equipment Diagram with Microsoft Paint to see what it would look like. The timeline even fit for the Sam Rea Car Shops to do the work along with the K9 and K11 stock car builds in 1959.

Since it was just a joke, I was going to enter it as "display only", but Neal liked it and promised to give me a vote for creativity. Here is the JPEG file in case you want to put the image in the *Flyer*. If you don't I certainly won't mind. Model Railroading is Fun, but I would rather see the Bring 'N' Brag recognize craftsmanship.

Steve Ross

Kevin Sapanara's CP&D

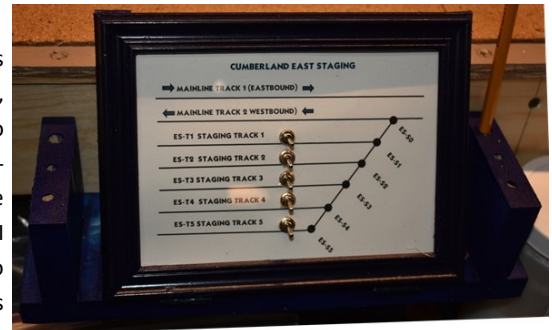
Patrick Altdorfer



Entry to Kevin's layout is through the garage, which is decorated with memorabilia of the Chessie System, including its omnipresent sleeping cat mascot adorning the walls in its war poster incarnation. His own inspiration for the hobby is his father's Lionel train, which is displayed prominently on the wall above the stairs to the train room.



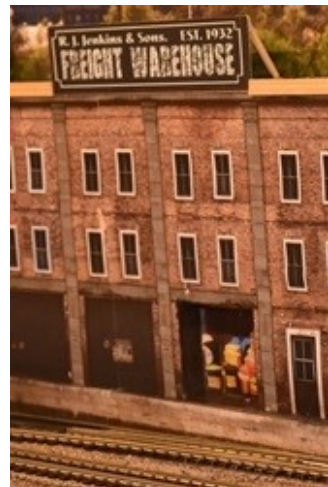
Kevin's CP&D railroad models the Chessie System circa 1985, stretching from Pittsburgh to Cumberland. It is under construction, but he has made some of the sturdiest benchwork I have seen, and he has also thought through the electronics during the design stage, which shows in the carpentry of the control panels for the staging yard ladders in Pittsburgh and Cumberland.



The lower level is near completion, and two helixes are built to provide the grade to move trains to the upper level, one of which is now operational. Helper service will be needed to move coal up this 2%+ grade. A peninsula for the center of the layout is planned, but not yet installed.



Kevin employs Trackside Scenery's "Building Flats" photo murals (far bottom right) at various locations on the backdrop to give depth to the manufacturing infrastructure represented along the right-of-way. He is effectively using both 2D backdrops like these along with 3D models (including building facades, as in the photo at left) to represent iconic factories, such as the Heinz plant (right), for which he modified a commercially available kit.



One technique that Kevin uses to create more depth on his layout is to use photos to detail interior scenes, such as he does with the loading dock at his freight warehouse (left).

Thanks to Kevin for sharing his layout with us in October, and we look forward to seeing it again on a layout tour in the future!

Photos by Patrick Altdorfer



Union Pacific Veteran's Special Traverses Pittsburgh Line

This spring, Union Pacific sent a group of its business cars east for a special event. The nine-car train was led by SD70ACe #1943.

Union Pacific painted this locomotive to honor both the armed forces and a B-17 bomber from WWII that was named the "Spirit of the Union Pacific." Each segment of the locomotive was painted in a scheme symbolic of a different branch of the military. More can be learned about the locomotive's paint job here:



https://www.up.com/aboutup/special_trains/commemorative/1943-spirit/index.htm.

Union Pacific wanted 1943 to lead their train across Norfolk Southern's cab-signaled Pittsburgh Line. Accordingly, NS cab signals were installed to enable the 1943 to lead all the way to its destination. I went to East Pittsburgh on May 31st to capture the train's eastbound move.



In a matter of moments, the train had passed. The theater car trailed as the train headed towards the sunrise. A few days later, the train went back west to home rails.