



Mike Hohn scratch-built this farm store around the Purina Chow sign he photographed in rural Virginia. More details and contest coverage on page 3. Photo by Patrick Altdorfer.

Editor's Model of the Month

Division Meeting Schedule

January 20, 2019 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Ambridge Eagles Club
401 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge, PA 15003
Layout: Ohio Valley Lines, 1225 Merchant St, Ambridge,
open before meeting at 11:30am

February 17, 2019 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Rochester Area Heritage Society (open 12:30pm-4pm)
350 Adams Street, 2nd Floor, Rochester, PA 15074
Program: Keith DeVault: Sights of the Chessie System

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Bring'n'Brag*

Jan Anything goes
Feb Motive Power: Diesel, Electric & Traction
Mar Motive Power: Steam
Apr * Jamboree *
May Freight Cars
Jun Non-Revenue (incl. cabooses)
Aug Passenger Cars
Sep Vehicles
Oct Structures
Nov Prototype Photos

* Note: New categories for 2019 *

**Submission Deadline for February Flyer:
January 25, 2019**

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From the Super's Desk

I find that being reminded that others are modeling more or better than me is my inspiration to get me started on something that I have not done before. I'm sure that most of you will agree that it is easier to keep energized when

there is the knowledge that you are going to be showing your efforts (successful or problems) in the future. Few of us can be our own coach, critic and player. This will show in the new Bring 'n' Brag area, which Alden McBee and his committee have put together. Please try this new format for this coming year and see what happens, it may surprise you.

The undoubted highlight of this past year I believe was the new venue at Robert Morris University for our annual Jamboree, and it will be held again at the same place in April of 2019. Please make plans to attend this fine event, as we will take a leave of absence for the next year, because of the Steel City Express Convention we will be hosting in May of 2020.

Another highlight of this past year is the new T-Trak committee headed up by Dennis Vaccaro. The Division leadership thanks Dennis and his committee for spearheading this new area of the NMRA. And we cannot forget our Free-Mo Group, which will set up at the Greenberg show the first weekend of January. We have some great individuals that have worked long and hard hours in constructing our Ho Scale Free Mo Modules. If you can help out in any way possible, I am sure that any offering that you may render would be most appreciated.

Another area that I would like to explore in the new year would be setting up a list of potential operators that would be reached thru the division website. This list would give the owners of home layouts that have operating sessions, a chance to invite potential new operators. Operating other people's layouts is a great learning tool for your own layout, as we never stop learning in model railroading, do we? If you have a layout and only operate once a month, how about maybe operating more than once a month, this would keep more interest in the group. I believe there are more operators in our division that would be willing to get out and operate. I operate on a couple of layouts and they are always looking for more people to join the group for a day or evening operating session. What do you say; can we start a list of layouts that have operating sessions? And a list of potential operators and also how many people can you operate with? I would like to have more operating sessions on my own layout, as it was built to be run.

I hope that each one of you had a very enjoyable holiday season; as we start 2019 at our annual visit to the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, I hope to see you there!

... Keith DeVault

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Pike ads are available to publicize your home or club model rail empires for a \$15.00 yearly fee. You may supply artwork or have it produced by the editor for a nominal fee. Pike ads are also posted in full color on the Division website.

Bring'N'Brag

Alden McBee

The theme for November's Bring-n-Brag was "Advertising & Signage," and there were four entries in competition and one for display only.

Third place went to Jim Braum for his Harley Davidson Dealership signage. The building and signage are loosely based on the original Cerinis Harley dealership in Donora, PA. Jim color-corrected and resized art work in Inkscape and printed decals on an Epson inkjet printer using Evans Design decal paper.



Mike Hohn's Purina Chows Farm Store took first place. Mike says "This model started with a sign I spotted as I drove through a small rural town in Virginia." The scratch-built model is built from wood sheet and scale lumber with styrene windows, doors, details and a few metal castings. Mike made the Purina Chows Sign from a photo he took of the actual building. He adjusted the perspective and colors, printed it, sanded the back to thin it, and glued it to the front. The model has decorative brackets overlapping the sign as on the original stores.



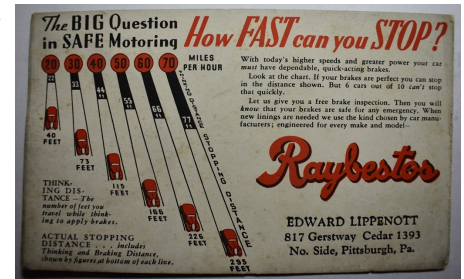
Clockwise, from top left: Mike Hohn's scratch-built Purina Farm Store; Jim Braum's Harley-Davidson dealership and Billboard for rent; Patrick Aldorfer's grandfather's Raybestos calling card advert; and George Pandelios's illuminated Weirton Steel Company sign. Photos by Patrick Aldorfer.

Jim also entered a highway billboard for rent. This was scratch-built from scale lumber and painted with Floquil Green. It is a freelance design meant to be a quick and dirty billboard to last a few summer months in Pennsylvania.



George Pandelios's O scale Weirton Steel sign took second place. The prototype stood above Weirton's strip steel (rolling) mill. The model is scratch-built from 1/4" Plastruct I-beams and Micro Structures #990 billboard supports. The letters came from a set of push-in sign letters (Bi-silique grooved board interchangeable characters) from Ollies. The spotlights are K-Line K-107 with 14V LEDs replacing bulbs. The sign with lights will be mounted atop a yet to be built building.

Patrick Aldorfer displayed a Raybestos Brakes business card that was his grandfather's. As well as being a pattern maker, his grandfather also worked as a mechanic during the Great Depression. The card



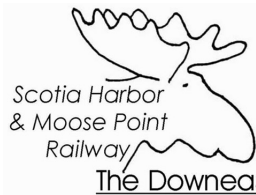
is believed to date from the mid 30s. Patrick plans to create a billboard using this advertisement by scanning it into a jpeg image, editing it for clarity, size, and scale, printing it, and applying it to a Blair Line laser-cut art-deco billboard.

Thanks to all those who shared their models.



FINAL STANDINGS 2019

Name	pts	Name	pts
Mike Hohn	65	John Gallagher	12
Jim Braum	53	Frank Benders	12
Neal Schorr	43	Joel Everly	8
Dennis Vaccaro	29	Margie Meehan	8
Alden McBee	16	Steve Ross	7
George Pandelios	15	Jim Whipple	4



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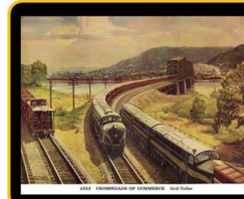
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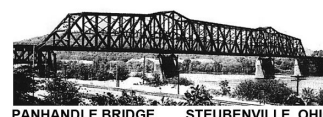


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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

OHIO RIVER NORTHERN RAILWAY CLUB

Jan. 20: Ambridge Eagles Club

Due to renovations at the Old Economy Village Visitor's Center, the meeting this month will be held at the Ambridge Eagles Club, located at 401 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge, PA 15003, at 2:30pm. Before the meeting, you are invited to visit the Ohio Valley Lines club layout (open at 11:30am) at 1225 Merchant St, Ambridge, PA 15003 (directions between these venues below).

Feb. 17: Rochester Area Heritage Society

This is a new meeting site for Division Two, located 9.5 miles north of Ambridge on PA-65, at 350 Adams Street, Rochester, PA 15074, at 2:30pm. The Society will open for us at 12:30pm, and it will remain open until 4pm. Superintendent Keith DeVault will present a slideshow after the meeting on "Sights of the Chessie System."

MAP FOR THE JANUARY AND FEBRUARY MEETINGS

Meeting sites

January 20, 2019:

AMBRIDGE EAGLES

401 Maplewood Avenue
Ambridge, PA 15003

February 17, 2019:

ROCHESTER AREA HERITAGE SOCIETY

350 Adams Street, 2nd Floor
Rochester, PA 15074

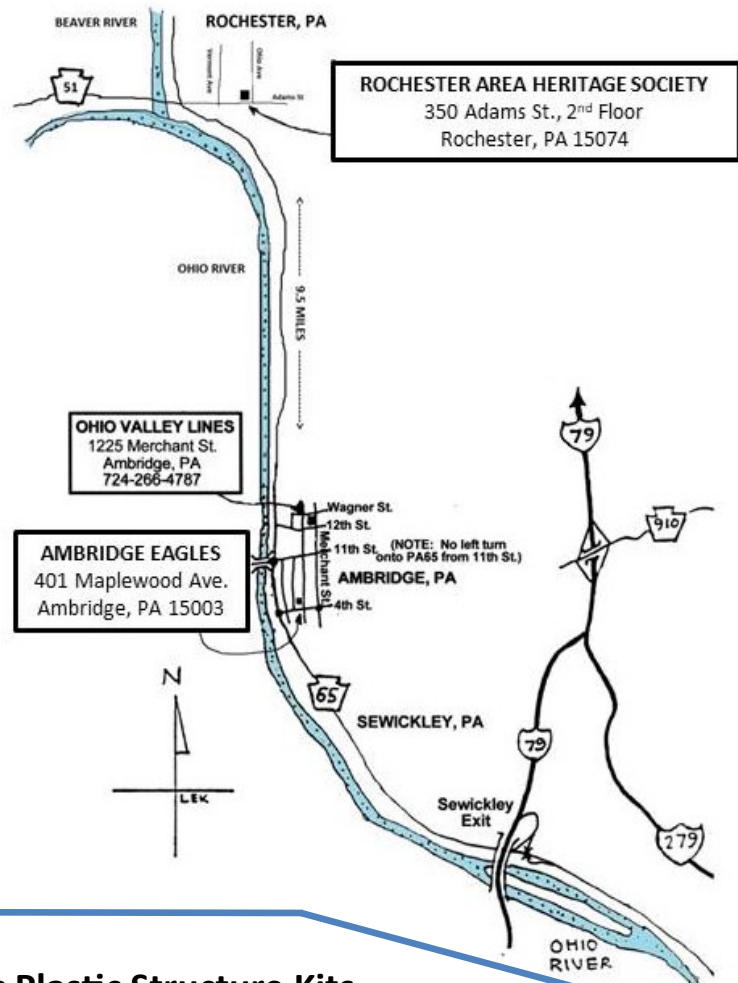
Directions to Ambridge Eagles ...

... from the Ohio Valley Lines:

- follow Merchant Street South (toward Pittsburgh)
- turn right onto 4th Street
- turn right onto Maplewood Avenue
- the Eagles will be on your left

... from Ohio River Boulevard:

- turn onto 4th Street at the DO IT BEST hardware
- turn left onto Maplewood Avenue
- The Eagles will be on your left



Jamboree Update: Model Contest 4th Category = Classic Plastic Structure Kits

by Jim Sacco

This year the traditional categories (Motive Power, Rolling Stock, and Structures) are joined by this special fourth category. If you've been in the hobby any length of time, you probably remember many of the classic structure kits that have been around for decades. Many of them have appeared under a variety of names, like Aurora, Atlas, AHM, Revell, Tru-Scale, Life-Like, Bachmann, Model Power, Tyco, Con-Cor, Pola, Kibri and others. Our contest will be to build one of these kits. It's not about kitbashing or super-detailing them. You may add a few details, paint and weather them, and even make a scene, but we really want you to build the kit pretty close to the way it comes... just nicer than you did when you were twelve years old.

There is one catch! The kit has to be produced before 1977. That means, no Walthers Cornerstone kits, DPM, City Classics, Pikestuff, Smalltown, or other similar kits. The kit can be one that is still offered, but it has to originally have been introduced before 1977.

Why 1977? Well... because that is the first year that Magnuson Models released their super-realistic looking American style buildings. In a way, they changed the field of structure modeling forever with modelers now wanting more realistic and super detailed kits.

We want to keep it simple by using only older plastic kits. That means no craftsman kits, no resin, hydrocal, metal, matboard or paper kits either. Just good-ole cheap plastic kits!

So dig out an old kit from your closet and get to work! If you don't have any, the next Greenberg show is a great place to find some.

If you have any questions about what qualifies, feel free to contact me at ctyclsscs@aol.com.

November 18, 2018 Business Meeting

Superintendent Keith DeVault gaveled the meeting open at 2:30 PM. He thanked Susan Werner and the Mid Mon Valley Railroad Club for arranging the meeting this month.

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

Committee Reports:

Pat Altdorfer reminded everyone that submissions for the January issue of the Keystone Flyer are due by December 15. Also, anyone renewing or submitting advertisements for the Flyer needs to respond to Pat. He is willing to assist with graphics work for new ads. Cost for an advertisement remains \$15/year. Please make your check out to "Division 2, NMRA, MCR" and send it to P.O. Box 223, Gastonville, PA 15336.

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 January's meeting will be in Ambridge at the Ohio Valley Lines, with layout open at 11:30. The meeting location is unknown as exact location is TBD (the building is being renovated). More information will follow – watch your e-mail .

Company Store: Susan Werner reported that the store was open for business and that a book on Sherman's Hill was available for loan. Also, the Division 1 freight house and station kits are available. All calendars have been delivered.

Membership/Website: Tom Gaus reported that membership is stable at 223 and noted that he had recently updated the membership costs page and performed some maintenance on the website. He will shortly begin work on the Jamboree and the Convention pages.

FreeMo: Jerry Kyslinger was not present but Pat Altdorfer reported that he had contacted the Greenberg Show regarding an application for it but had not heard back from them yet. Jeff Gregg stated that he had applied for and secured 2 tables with electricity for the NMRA.

Bring N' Brag: Alden McBee reported that there were 4 entries for this month's category, Advertising and Signage. Please vote.

Video Library: Bud Brock reported that he had DVDs of building craftsman kits as well as Vol. 3 of "Dream, Plan, Build." He also has a DVD of how to build a helix for those who like going in circles.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro reported that he has had no requests in the past month and was getting bored.

Old Business:

The committee formed to study Neal Schorr's proposed changes to the Bring N' Brag contest and to make recommendations presented its report. Alden McBee, who chaired the committee, proposed a series of points along with the committee's recommendations to be voted upon by the members present in a line-by-line fashion. Keith DeVault read each point and asked for the vote. The results were as follows:

Item 1: Should one point be awarded for kit bashing? Committee recommendation: No. The membership voted unanimously by voice to accept the committee's recommendation.

Item 2: Should two points be awarded for scratch-building? Committee recommendation: No. The membership voted unanimously by voice to accept the committee's recommendation.

Item 3: Only permit entries matching the monthly category to compete for points. Models not matching the category would be marked for Display Only. Committee recommendation: Yes. The membership voted unanimously by voice to accept the committee's recommendation.

Item 4: Three possibilities were presented for Bring-n-Brag Categories. A) No change to present system; B) Neal Schorr's categories; C) Neal's categories with 3 changes – combine "caboooses" with "Non-revenue", add "Vehicles", and change "Photos" to "Prototype Photos". Committee recommendation: C. This item generated some discussion but ultimately option C passed by majority show of hands.

Item 5: Two possibilities were presented regarding the changing of categories annually. A) Keep categories constant from year to year; B) Allow the Bring-n-Brag Committee to change the categories annually (as is currently done). Committee recommendation: A. After some discussion regarding stagnation leading to reduced participation, the membership chose option B.

Item 6: Limiting model submission and voting times. Committee recommendation: Yes. This item was the most discussed. Eventually it was slightly simplified to specify that models should be entered by 2:00 PM (half hour before the meeting is scheduled to start). Voting will take place between 2:00 PM and 2:30 PM. At 2:25 PM, the presiding officer will remind the membership that only 5 minutes remain to vote. The last agenda item before adjournment (and before any program) will be the announcement of the winners. After the end of the meeting but before the program, the winners will spend a few minutes discussing their entries and answering questions (restoring the "brag" part of the contest). As rewritten above, this item passed unanimously by voice vote.

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Minutes ... (cont'd)

Item 7: Modifying the Modeler of the Year Award to add a 2nd place and two honorable mention awards. Committee recommendation: Yes. The question was asked: Will the only way to earn points be by getting a 1st, 2nd, or 3rd? The answer is yes. A first will earn 3 points; 2nd will earn 2 points, and 3rd will earn 1 point. That differs from the current scoring mechanism (5, 4, 3). The membership voted unanimously by voice to accept the committee's recommendation. It was also discussed and decided that cumulative points will be posted in the Flyer each month (as is currently done).

New Business:

Keith DeVault announced that Bruce DeMaeyer is looking for someone in Division 2 to be the T-Trak coordinator for the division in the upcoming regional conventions. Dennis Vaccaro volunteered to be the coordinator and was thanked by the group for stepping up to represent the division. Dennis noted that there were T-Trak modules at the back of the room to be viewed. Please contact Dennis for more information. Bud Brock asked if the T-Trak modules would be set up at the Greenberg Show? Dennis said yes and that he and Pat Altdorfer will coordinate the tables.

Jamboree: Grier Kuehn brought the box of flyers for the Jamboree and recruited members to distribute them at various venues.

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.

For the Good of the Division:

Jim Whipple announced that the Renaissance City Winds musical group was presenting a holiday concert followed by a tour of the antique toy train museum. See www.rcwinds.org or call 412-681-7111.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:52 PM..

Jim Braum presented "The P & WV Donora Branch."



TRAIN SHOWS / OPEN HOUSES:

Greenberg Train & Toy Show (Monroeville, PA)

January 5-6 10am-4pm
Monroeville Convention Center
209 Mall Blvd. (along US Rt. 22)
Monroeville, PA 15146

Ohio Valley Lines (Ambridge, PA)

January 5-6 12-5pm

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

January 5-6 12-5pm

Time Capsule

THE RAILROADING NEWS

Dateline: December 8, 1962

Today, one day after the twenty-first anniversary of the abominable sneak attack on the US Navy Base at Pearl Harbor, the Huntingdon Northern Railway issued a press release regarding its new "manual block" signaling system, which we feel obliged to report to you, our trusted readers, without editorial comment.

Huntingdon Northern using Manual Block

by I.C. Dimmley

The Huntingdon Northern's management has decided to augment their operations by using their existing train-order signals as both train order and manual block signals. This was made possible with the recent installation of a new sophisticated signaling control system developed by Birsa Engineering.

R.J. Prehoda, Director of Operations, proudly stated that this new system will make our operations one of the most advanced, safe, and cost effective in the railroad industry.

However, unnamed sources have been circulating stories for years that the Huntingdon Northern's founding fathers had been discussing an advanced signaling system, that could be controlled from a centralized dispatcher's office, similar to the present system, with noted scientist and inventor, Nikola Tesla. What makes this so intriguing is that Tesla was working on a "Death Ray" at the same time when he died suddenly under mysterious circumstances. Many of his documents have never been found! Fingers started pointing toward HN railroad officials and founding fathers immediately afterward.

It was also rumored that before Tesla's death, he was in contact with officials from several western railroads. They declined to use this sophisticated signaling system because of the lethal voltages required, which could endanger their valued employees.

Meanwhile, an unnamed union member said that he doesn't trust Huntingdon Northern management. "This system was the brainchild of Tesla. It's all about the money, no doubt about it! The railroad will hire less qualified and inexperienced dispatchers for less money and our hard working, dues paying, union brothers will pay the price for that!"

R.J. Prehoda declined to make any further comments.

Clarksburg Area Model RR Club

January 5 11am-3pm

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 Gastonville, PA 15336



NEXT MEETING - January 20, 2018
 Ambridge Eagles
 401 Maplewood Avenue
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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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<p>All aspects of "S":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scale • Narrow Gauge • Hirail • American Flyer <p>Monthly meetings Two portable layouts Membership open</p> <p>Contact: Jon Knox 724-287-6829</p> 	 <p>BEAVER COUNTY MODEL RAILROAD and HISTORICAL SOCIETY</p> <p>416 6th St. Monaca, PA 15061</p>  <p>Visitors Welcome</p> <p>Worknights: Tuesdays 7:30 www.bcmrr.railfan.net</p>

Books Available in First Quarter 2019

Garbely Publishing: Already on hand are their two new titles, **The Canadian: The Last of the Great Streamliners** and **The Heisler Locomotive 1891 – 1941 Revised Second Edition**. Both soft cover titles are priced at \$50.00 each. **The Canadian** is all color and features views across the entire area of operation. **The Heisler** is B&W and is much expanded from the earlier version and will become a bible for geared loco enthusiasts.

Morning Sun: The table below lists titles scheduled for publication in early 2019. Please note that all **new** hard covers released after January 1, 2019 will carry a list price of \$69.95 each. All previously published titles remain at their original list price. Soft covers remain at \$39.95 each. There have been some notable titles released in the last few months that are a cut above the normal, the CP Caboose book being one of them: not only is it well illustrated, it does contain rosters and tables and appears to be a very serious work of the author's. Color is used where possible and B&W fills in the rest of the story. Caboose historians can be encouraged to add it to their libraries. Also of note are the Monongahela Ry., the Minnesota Mining RR's, ICG Vol. 2, the Reading & Northern, and of course all of the various power books.

Publication Date	Hard Cover Titles (\$69.95 each)	Soft Cover Titles (\$39.95 each)
January 5	Norfolk & Western Power in Color, Vol. 1: Switchers, Slugs, F's, E's and Electrics #1664 Trackside Around Ontario's Cottage Country #1665 Auto Rack Color Guide, Vol. 2: LN — WRWK #1666	Pennsylvania Railroad – Volkmer Book 2: Conemaugh, Enola, Ohio, NJ, Englewood, Pittsburgh, Thorndale, Buffalo, Northumberland #6697 Railfanning in the Northeast, 1934-1954: DL&W, L&HR, Rahway Valley #6689
February 1	Chessie System in Color, Vol. 2: B&O West End #1667 Northwestern Pacific in Color #1668 Wabash Power in Color #1669	Erie Railroad Official Photography, Vol. 4 #6085
March 1	Carolinas Shortlines in Color, Vol. 2 #1670 Conrail Power in Color, Vol. 4: 7000-8281 #1671 Wheeling & Lake Erie in Color #1672	Pennsylvania Railroad – Volkmer Book 3: Altoona #6743 Railfanning in the Northeast, 1934-1954: CNJ, B&O, LV, RDG, PRR, PRSL Smaller Lines #676X
April 1	Trackside Around Newfoundland #1673 Erie Lackawanna in the Conrail Era, Vol. 1: 1976-1980 #1674	Freight Car Color Portfolio, Vol. 5: CSXT – NS #6727

Outer Station Project: Shipping of their new **Reading Railroad Book VI – Belt Line Junction to Port Clinton** began November 26, 2018. The book is of a quality and standard set by the previous 5 volumes and continues their quest to cover the Reading's mainline to Pottsville. Price will remain at \$125.00. Please make us aware of your interest in this title as we will be inventorying it accordingly.

Railroad Explorer: Don't forget their new **Maine Central – My Life on the Pine Tree Route, 1971-1996**, by George Pitarys. Mr. Pitarys was a railroad employee, which gave him inside information on both typical and unusual train movements. The Maine countryside can be beautiful in all seasons and this sets the background for the 128 page, all color views. This hard cover book is priced at \$59.95.

Railroad Press: A restocking of their new book, **A Railroad Life: On the Road with Mike Bednar, Vol. 1**, has already taken place. Priced at \$59.95, this 128 page hard cover book covers Mike's first 24 articles that appeared in The Railroad Press magazine with expanded photographic coverage. The quality of the photo reproduction is probably the best out there today. The area covered includes the Lehigh Valley, CNJ, Reading, L&NE, Conrail, D&H, Reading & Northern and more. Because of his perspective as a former Lehigh Valley Yardmaster, Agent, Operator and Dispatcher, there are many views of tower interiors, shots from the head end and other behind-the-scene images.

White River Productions: We started shipping their new **Southern Railway** book on November 15, 2018; the format and quality is typical of their very high standards. Price is \$79.95.