



Jim Braum took first place in the Bring-n-Brag contest at the March meeting in Morgantown with this Pennsy Mogul steam locomotive from Bachmann. Read how Jim modified this model to make it appear more prototypical in Alden McBee's B'n'B report inside on page 3. Photo by Larry Willming.

Division Meeting Schedule

Saturday, April 27 - Model Railroad Jamboree
Robert Morris University
Yorktown Hall
8256 University Boulevard
Moon Township, PA 15108

May 19, 2019 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Meeting: Dawson United Methodist Church
209 Griscom Street
Dawson, PA 15428
Program: History of the Dawson UMC and the late Sam Powell's layout, which is located across the street at Greater Tri-Town Historical Society (209 Howell Street, Dawson, PA 15428)

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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

Submission Deadline for May Flyer:
April 30, 2019

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From the Super's Desk

I am writing this article after a very successful Division Two sponsored event, the Railroad Prototype Modeler's East. If you have not attended the RPM East or any such event, you have missed out on a lot of things. First, the fellowship and knowledge gathering you get by talking with other model railroaders who have been in this hobby longer than I have been. Second, the skill level that some modelers have in building and scratch building some very fine models was on display: the contest room was filled with models and structures from other model railroaders just like you. Last but not least, the clinics I attended reminded me you are never too old to learn new things. So put this event on your back burner and try to attend next year's event in Malvern, PA, or our division-sponsored event in western PA in 2021. I will bet that you will not be disappointed in the event.

Now, our own Jamboree is coming up on Saturday, April 27th, at Robert Morris University in Moon Township. This is one event of the whole year that you need to attend. It is one day filled with clinics, white elephant room, models and structures on display, and our own raffle prizes. This will be Jim Sacco's last year as chairman of this event, as he is stepping down after over 20 years chairing this event for our division. He has gathered some fine speakers along the many years, ones who are featured in numerous articles on model railroading. So please attend this event, and I for one would like to thank Jim for the many tireless hours that he has spent on making this one of the premier events. In my view, you will not find another such event that matches this one in the country.

I will be attending the Regional Convention in May at Boardman, Ohio to promote our 2020 Steel City Express Convention, to be held May 28, 29, 30 and 31st at the Doubletree by Hilton in Greentree. I know I have asked before, but I will need help so our division can put on one of the finest regionals, since we hosted one in 2012. The cost to attend for the 4 days is only \$60.00 for you and \$25.00 for your significant other. Please step up to the plate and help out any way that you can. I would like to ask for the division members that are going to the convention in Boardman, please take a few minutes of your time to jot down some ideas that you think that they are doing well, and some that you think we could do, to make our convention one of the best. We have just over a year to put everything in place, so if you have any ideas please let me know.

I would like to finish up this article by thanking everyone who attended the last meeting in Morgantown. It makes a special day for all of us at the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society, and especially to the ones that viewed Mike Hohn's layout, Kenton Colvin's layout and also my

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There were only two entries in the March 2019 Bring-n-Brag contest, in the category “Motive Power: Steam.”

Taking first place was Jim Braum for his PRR 2-6-0 Mogul. Jim repainted the cab roof of the HO scale Bachmann “DCC Sound on Board” model to a more prototypical shade of red to match similar classes of locomotives from the time period in which it would have operated. He also weathered the locomotive to achieve the general appearance of a Pennsy steam engine of the 1940s and 1950s, based on colorized photos and articles from *Model Railroader* magazine. The prototype era of operation was from 1900 into the 1950s. Early in their lives, such locomotives were used for general purpose, and before retirement and scrapping, they would function as yard shunters.

In second place was Dennis Vaccaro for his Airfix OO scale 1970s British steam locomotive kit, still to be assembled.

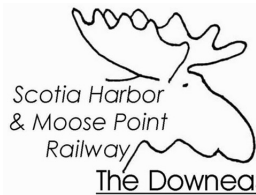
Top: Jim Braum’s HO scale Pennsy Mogul steam engine, which won first place based on his painting and weathering. Below: Dennis Vaccaro’s model kit of an OO scale tank engine, which won 2nd place on the basis of ... participation? Your editor hopes it does not look like Thomas when Dennis completes it! Photos by Larry Willming.



Name	pts	Name	pts
Jim Braum	07	Arley Mitchell	02
Dennis Vaccaro	04	George Pandelios	02
Neal Schorr	03	Bob DiBenedetto	01

Division Two FreeMo Seeks Members!!

The Keystone Divison’s FreeMo group is seeking new members who want to engage in the exciting and always variable world of HO scale modular railroading. Our group is seeking foster parents to ‘adopt’ (and develop) our newly homeless corner modules, and to take possession of and responsibility for the new Loop module, which Rob Twigger engineered and constructed to be both practical for transportation and bullet-proof in terms of operation. This great addition to our layout entered service in January and proved its reliability, so now we seek an adoptive parent who can nurture this loop into a scenicked future. Although larger than the corner modules, this module’s 2’ x 4’ components stack to fit into a conventional car or minivan, so it is much easier to transport than the old loop you may remember. We also have a WYE module and two corner modules that require some TLC and scenery. Finally, we could always also use help during load-in and load-out of the modules during the Greenberg Train Shows, which take place three times each year (January/July/November). Our next event is the July Greenberg show, and once again we hope to stage a large layout together with the members of the South Hills Model Railroad Club (SHMRRCC). If you are interested in joining us, please contact Patrick Altdorfer at 412-559-3079 or via e-mail at patrick.altdorfer@gmail.com.



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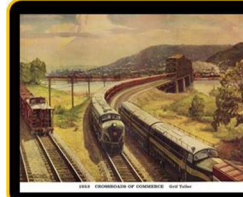
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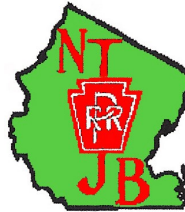
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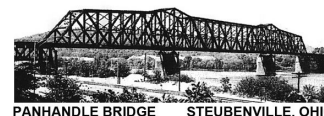
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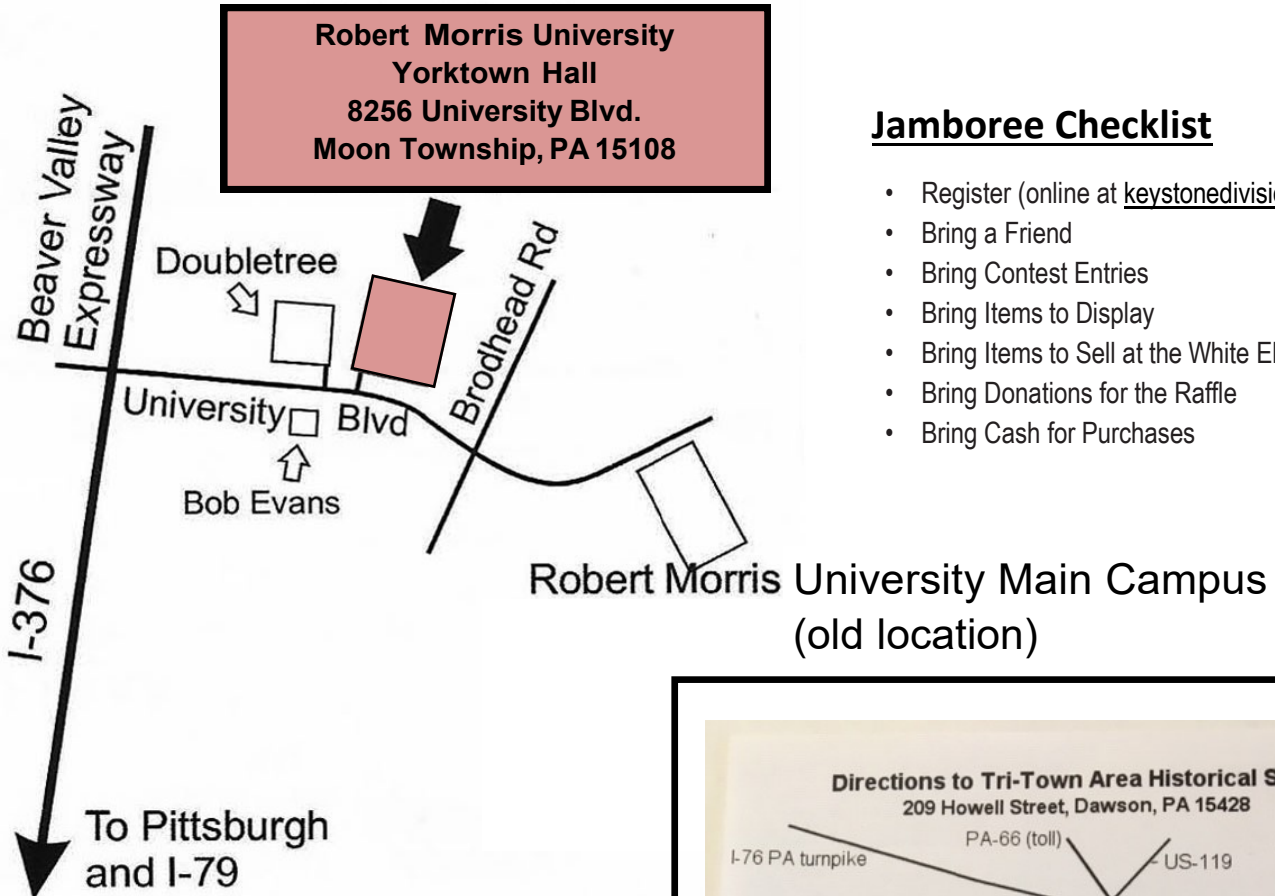
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Saturday, April 27: Model Railroad Jamboree

Our abbreviated April business meeting is always held during the Model Railroad Jamboree, a day-long event (2 days if you count the Sunday layout tours, see Grier's expose on page 7 below). This year the event will take place once again at Yorktown Hall of Robert Morris University, in Moon Township, PA.

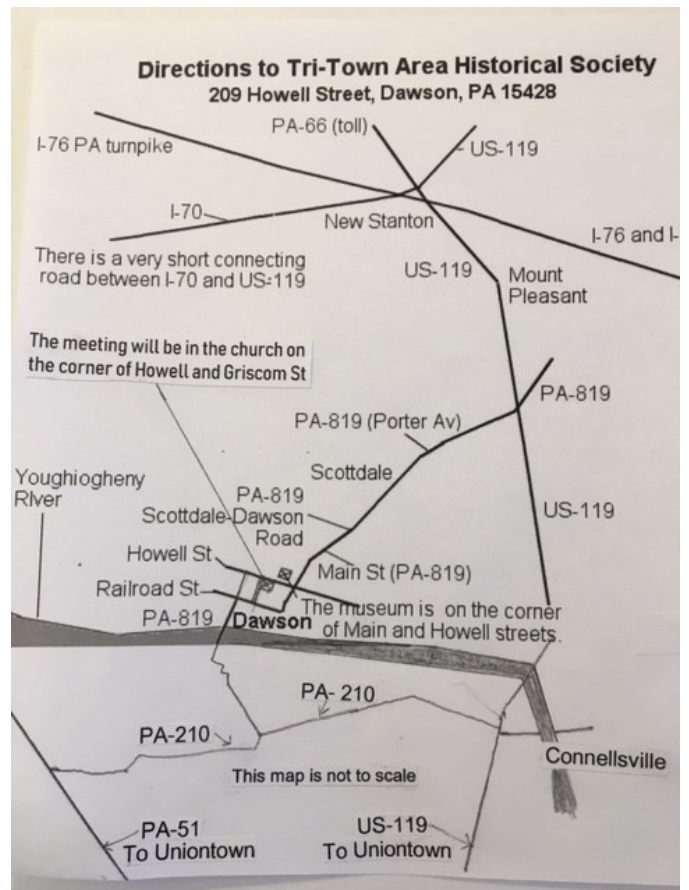


Jamboree Checklist

- Register (online at keystonedivision.org)
- Bring a Friend
- Bring Contest Entries
- Bring Items to Display
- Bring Items to Sell at the White Elephant Sale
- Bring Donations for the Raffle
- Bring Cash for Purchases

Sunday, May 19: Dawson, PA

Our May meeting will take place in the Dawson United Methodist Church, located at 209 Griscom Street. After the meeting, a presentation on the history of the church and the layout of the late Sam Powell will be offered. The layout is located about 100 feet away, at the Greater Tri-Town Area Historical Society, at 209 Howell Street. The members of the S-Scalers are looking forward to our visit in May!



March 17, 2019 Business Meeting

Superintendent Keith DeVault gaveled the meeting open at 2:30 PM. He thanked Lou Lemelle and the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society for hosting the meeting this month.

There were no new members or guests. The hat was passed. The minutes from the February 2019 meeting as published in the Flyer were approved.

Committee Reports:

Pat Altdorfer was not present so there was no report on the Keystone Flyer.

Treasurer Jeff Gregg reported the division to be solvent. Andy Blenko was not present so there was no report on the convention account.

Programs: Assistant Superintendent Frank Benders reminded everyone that April's meeting will be the Jamboree. May's meeting will be in Dawson, PA. The program for that meeting is still TBD, but an S gauge layout will be available for viewing.

Company Store: Susan Werner reported that the store was open for business and that she had enough purple paint to cover a real locomotive. The fund-raisers for this year's and next year's Regional Conventions are or are in the process of becoming available. These are an interlocking tower, telegraph office, oil shed, and coal shed in O, S, HO, and N.

Membership/Website: Tom Gaus was not present so no report.

FreeMo: Pat Altdorfer was also not present; no report.

Bring 'N' Brag: Keith DeVault announced that Alden McBee was retiring as Bring 'N' Brag chairman and thanked him for his efforts. The membership acknowledged Alden's contribution with a round of applause. The new chairman will be Arley Mitchell.

Video Library: Bud Brock was not present so there was no report.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro reported Richard Aubrel had completed a Golden Spike Achievement.

T-Trak: Dennis brought an N-gauge module for everyone to see. T-Trak will be showing their modules at Narrow Gauge Convention at the Salem, OH Sports complex as well as at next month's Jamboree.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

It was moved by Dennis Vaccaro and seconded by numerous people for the division to sponsor the RPM meeting this month in Greensburg. It was approved by voice vote with no negatives. Keith completed a parliamentary requirement by asking the membership to permit Steve Ross to speak regarding the

RPM Meet, which is sponsored by our division. Steve then mentioned that he will work with the Narrow Gauge Convention in 2021 so as not to conflict with both having a convention on the same weekend.

Steve Ross discussed the upcoming Railroad Prototype Modeler's Meet in Greensburg. 36 clinics are planned – full descriptions are available on the website. Tickets can be purchased for the entire event or for just 1 day. Many vendors will be present and layout tours will take place on Sunday.

Jamboree: Grier reminded members that the Jamboree is a 2-day event. The Keystone Flyer will come out late this month (instead of early in April) and will include Grier's article on the layout tours. Neal Schorr announced that the layout tour will include 6 layouts situated roughly to the northwest of Pittsburgh as well as the Hobby Express store in Cranberry Township. The large and very well-stocked store has an extensive model train, scenery, and accessory department (N, HO, S, O, G) and is offering NMRA members a discount of \$10 if they spend over \$50. To take advantage of this discount and to be admitted to the layout tours, you must wear your Jamboree name badge. The Jamboree package will include tour information with maps and descriptions.

Grier further remarked that one of the layouts on the tour was the site of our February meeting – the Rochester Historical Society. This layout has N, HO, O, and G scale trains running and was constructed solely by Joe Long. Joe is a self-taught modeler and built the museum layout in only 3.5 years

Grier recounted his conversation with Charlie Blenko who is responsible for soliciting contributions for the raffle. Charlie reports that at this point in time he has only acquired 25% of the items necessary for the raffle. Grier asked that if you have new, quality items you no longer want, please consider donating them to the raffle table the morning of April 27. The raffle is a huge contributor to our bottom line; the Jamboree would be much more expensive without it. Grier also noted that only 41 individuals have registered so far, but that it is early yet.

Steel City Express Convention 2020: Keith noted that the days for the convention are May 28, 29, 30, and 31. Registration will be \$60. Planning for tours and clinics is underway. A number of different logos and shirts are under consideration for sale at the convention.

For the Good of the Division:

It was announced that Division 2 member Bob Hickman had passed away last month.

Grier said that very few of Jim Sacco's commemorative box cars celebrating City Classics' 30th year in business remain. One is on sale here today. This is a limited edition; only 30 have been made. More than twenty have been sold.

Keith noted that the next meeting would be at the Jamboree on April 27. The meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.





There Is A Day 2!

Let's not forget, the Model Railroad Jamboree is a two day event. After a great Saturday at Robert Morris there is the self directed **Sunday Layout Tour** that can be enjoyed at your own pace. After attending clinics at RMU, the next day you get to see the actual work of fellow modelers up close and personal and ask all the questions you want.

Our "tour guide" Neal Schorr has orchestrated another special line-up of layouts plus a special added feature. Last year the layouts on tour were to the south and east of Pittsburgh. This year Neal has concentrated on the north and northwest with six layouts, five first timers and one repeater. First, the new ones:

Larry Brown's Woodlawn Southern 13'x19' HO layout is set in 1950's SW PA & NW WVA. You can get a preview by going to the Division website for great photos.

Anthony Kulfan's O-scale layout is a depiction of **Conrail** in W PA and Eastern OH featuring CR, P&LE, CSX and B&P diesel power.

With the January Division meeting canceled due to weather, we missed our annual visit to the HO and N scale layouts of the **Ohio Valley Lines** in Ambridge. As a makeup, both layouts depicting the Ohio River valley in the 1940-65 era will be open.

If you attended the Division meeting in February at the **Rochester Heritage Society** you were treated to a very special HO layout. It is the headliner in their museum which also includes N, O and G displays. If you haven't seen it, don't miss this opportunity. You will be able to talk to Joe Long, self-taught model railroader and sole creator of this marvelous layout set in the early 1900's Ohio River valley. Even if you saw it in February, go back again to check out the great structures and many details you may have missed.

Frequently published and a favorite of past layout tours is **Neal Schorr's Middle Division of the PRR** and its suc-

cessors. This large O-scale layout depicts the 1930's to today with highly accurate scenery and structures. If you've seen it before, do yourself a favor and visit again because Neal never stops adding and making improvements.

Finally, the **special feature** of this year's tour is **Hobby Express** in Cranberry Township. H.E. is a huge and fabulously stocked family owned hobby shop like the ones we remember from back in the day. The train department inventory is large and complimented by all related supplies and materials. If you also have interests in other hobbies, they're there too. **As an added benefit to Jamboree attendees wearing their name tags, Hobby Express will give a \$10 discount on all purchases over \$50.** Now that's an easy way to get an extra bang for your Jamboree buck!

All six layouts as well as Hobby Express can easily be seen on Sunday. A tour guide with detailed descriptions, maps and hours will be included in your Jamboree registration packet. **Reminder** - be sure to **wear your name tag** on Sunday for the layouts and to receive your \$10 discount at Hobby Express.

Several final thoughts: Dennis Vaccaro and his gang will have an **L-shaped 16'x10.5' T-Trak** on display. Also, for the second year in a row Tom Catalano will have his **3'x5' Z-scale layout** on display. Check out the progress he has made in a year.

Each year it gets harder and harder to receive donations for the **Raffle** due to fewer hobby shops, train show dealers and the manufacturers tightening up. So, one more time...if you have a few **NEW, QUALITY** items bring them Saturday morning and give them to Charlie Blenko for the Raffle tables. Without the Raffle, the event cost would be much higher for all of us.

From the Super's Desk ... continued from page 2

own Aspen Sub layout. Janet and I thank you very much for the kind words that you gave us on the layout, and we hope that if any one of you are traveling this way, or would like to attend an operating session, the welcome mat is always ready.

... Keith DeVault

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It's a one day gathering of model railroaders where modelers can share their hobby with others, learn more about the hobby and have fun in the process! It is not, however, a train sale or show. Our event is different and features the activities listed below.

What goes on at one of these events?

There are a variety of activities. Some of the most popular are instructional seminars or clinics presented on a variety of topics. There are also model contests, space to display models you've built, a large raffle of high quality railroad items, the opportunity to meet other modelers, a buffet dinner and after-dinner program. It's a way to learn more about railroading and meet others who have the same interests.

Do you have to be an NMRA member to attend?

No! But with the special offer above, everyone who qualifies can enjoy a trial membership and enjoy all of the local activities that NMRA members enjoy year 'round! You'll get our local newsletter informing you of who we are and what is taking place locally.

What are the "clinics" that you mentioned?

Each one runs an hour and there are about 12 different topics to choose from. They may include slide presentations, actual demonstrations and open discussion on a variety of model and prototype railroad subjects. The clinics are informal and open to everyone who attends. We will try to have a timetable available ahead of time so that attendees may plan out their day.

What model contests do you have?

We have three separate categories for models - Motive Power, Rolling Stock and Structure/Displays. Anyone may bring models to enter and judging is by popular vote of those in attendance. Plaques will be given to the winners in each category. Bring your models to share with others! Special contests may be added. See our website for details.

What other activities do you have?

A white elephant table will be available where everyone can bring items to sell. Bring any train related items you can find in your closet and we'll sell it for you for a small commission! There may also be small switching layouts in operation throughout the day. There will be space where attendees can gather, relax, and meet. Our local division will also have it's "Company Store" open for modelers to purchase a variety of items. There's a little of something for everyone.

What about meals?

A lunch buffet is included with your registration along with coffee and doughnuts in the morning.

How formal is the banquet?

It's not formal at all. It's actually a buffet dinner that concludes the day's activities. Dinner is followed by a brief awards presentation and after-dinner speaker. A great way to end a day of fun and friendship!

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