



An American Models streamlined PRR K-4, in gold livery commemorating the 1939 World's Fair, speeds its passengers and mail across southwestern Pennsylvania on Sam Powell's Penn Creek Valley Railroad S-Scale layout. Photo by Patrick Altdorfer.

Division Meeting Schedule

June 23, 2019 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Kruger Street Toy & Train Museum
144 Kruger Street
Wheeling, WV 26003
Program: TBD
Layouts: several in the Museum, plus 3 home layouts and 2 hobby shops open 11am-4pm (see p. 5)

August 18, 2019 - Division 2 Picnic, 12:00noon
Henle Park
Corner of Ferry and Beaver Streets
Leetsdale, PA 15056
Program: Food, Fun, and Live Trains (across Route 65)

Get the Color Version of the Keystone Flyer as soon as it comes out and other Division 2 news flashes and announcements via email. Contact Susan Werner
swerner48@yahoo.com

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 August Flyer:
July 21, 2019

Visit us online at
keystonedivision.org



From the Super's Desk

I have just come back from the MCR Regional Convention that was held in Boardman, Ohio and would like to mention a few things about that convention. The Keystone Division was well represented in clinicians and also, we had at least four people receive awards. We gained a few ideas to help out at our convention, the Steel City Express, which is on May 28-31, 2020 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Greentree.

I mentioned in the minutes of our past meeting that the division will need volunteers, not chair-people, but people to help man the Registration desk, the White Elephant and Company Store room, the Contest room, and other areas that may need coverage. Please help out when asked to help make this convention one of the best in recent years. The convention will need layouts to be open for Thursday Night Operating Sessions, and an idea that the committee has mentioned to me, if some of the layout owners could be open Friday and Saturday for daytime operations (if the demand calls for us to be open). It's ust a thought to put into your mind, if you are planning an operating session. That also brings up the idea of having some open house layouts open during the convention instead of all of the layouts being open just on Sunday. If you are working on your layout for operating or just for open house, drop me an email and let me know your thoughts.

Another area that was well received at the recent convention was T-Trak and Vendors. Don Austel and Marge Meehan have volunteered to cover the area, but they will need a lot more help if the hotel can accommodate the T-Trak modules. The Boardman convention had 66 T-Trak modules, a large HO Scale modular railroad, plus at least eight vendors, all in the same room. I have a meeting with the hotel in a couple of weeks and will be discussing this at our next meeting.

If anyone of you have any thoughts or suggestions on the upcoming convention, please let me know. Remember: this convention is for you as a member of the Keystone Division, and hopefully we can be successful and bring in some dollars for our treasury, and show the region why they chose us to host the convention.

Our next meeting on June 23rd will be held at the Kruger Street Toy and Train Museum in Wheeling, WV, with no charge to enter and at least 3 layouts to be open. Two hobby stores have agreed to be open on Sunday afternoon for your shopping pleasure. Hope to see many of you at the meeting.

... *Keith DeVault*

Division Elected Officers

Superintendent

Keith DeVault
(304) 599-5261
devaultkj@comcast.net

Asst. Superintendent, Meetings & Programs

Frank Benders
fbenders@comcast.net

Chief Clerk

George Pandelios
(717) 503-3192
gpandelios@verizon.net

Division Appointed Officers

Treasurer

Jeff Gregg
(724) 348-5855
jwg625@comcast.net

Company Store

Susan Werner
(724) 379-8584
swerner48@yahoo.com

Achievement Program

Dennis Vaccaro
(724) 929-2190
vaccaro_dennis@yahoo.com

Bring'n'Brag

Arley Mitchell
arleymitchell@frontier.com

Loren McCullough
(724) 379-8596
lorenmcc@verizon.net

Module Committee

Patrick Altdorfer
(412) 559-3079
patrick.altdorfer@gmail.com

Webmaster & Membership

Tom Gaus
(412) 731-8846
webmaster@keystonedivision.org

Keystone Flyer Editor

Patrick Altdorfer
(412) 559-3079
patrick.altdorfer@gmail.com

Jamboree Committee

Jim Sacco
Grier Kuehn
Gary Carmichael
ctyclsses@aol.com
gekuehn@comcast.net
prorr@aol.com

The *Keystone Flyer* is published ten times a year by Division Two of the National Model Railroad Association, Mid-Central Region. Subscription to the *Flyer* is included with your NMRA membership and sent via e-mail directly to each member who chooses to receive the newsletter in this format. Alternatively, you may also read the *Flyer* online, or download a copy onto your computer or mobile device by navigating to the link on the Division Two website [www.keystonedivision.org]. Members without internet access or an e-mail address may request a printed copy from the Division; please send your name, address, and phone number to: Patrick Altdorfer, Editor, 6333 Morrowfield Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

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

Arley Mitchell



We had two entries in May's Bring and Brag Contest.

Taking first place was Jim Braum for his WLE spacer gondola cars (*top photo*). The cars were stripped, repainted and re-lettered to represent modern day gondolas used on the WLE for spacer cars on their gas tank trains.

Taking second place was Dennis Vaccaro for his scratch-built N-Scale freight car loads (*above*). They were quite detailed and it makes one wonder if he had to use a magnifying glass to assemble them.



Great job on both of our entries!!

In addition, Neal Schorr had a photograph for display taken on his home layout. It was very realistic, I couldn't really tell [that it was a model] until Neal pointed out the handrails and truck details of the Locomotives.



Name	Pts	Name	Pts
Jim Braum	10	Arley Mitchell	02
Dennis Vaccaro	06	George Pandelios	02
Neal Schorr	03	Bob DiBenedetto	01

Company Store

Susan Werner

These are the newest book offerings from Doubletake Productions. If you find anything you want me to order for you, let me know. Remember, you get a 20% discount on these books.

Morning Sun: The next group was released on May 20, 2019:

Hard Cover \$69.95 each

Delaware & Hudson Ry. Through Passenger Service in Color - 1677

Norfolk & Western Ry. Power in Color Vol. 2: 1955-1982, 1st Generation Road Switchers - 1678

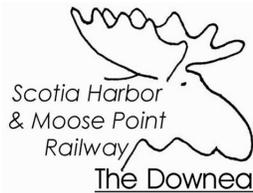
Soft Cover \$39.95 each

New York City Subways – Best of Matt Herson Vol. 1 – BMT – 6895

Your orders would be appreciated ASAP.

Outer Station Project: **Reading Railroad Book VII** has been pushed back to mid-July. This will cover the mainline from Port Clinton up through Pottsville. Typical of the other books in the series, the price will remain at \$125.00. A **Book VIII** will be produced by the end of the year and that will backtrack a bit and cover the Norristown Line and related connections to the mainline.

White River Productions: Expected around May 22, 2019 will be their next book titled **Eureka & Palisades – Biggest Little Railroad in the World**. Based in Nevada, this road served the mining region until the Great Depression era. Over 450 photos, 41 maps, and 18 equipment drawings should make this the "bible" for this road. Price is \$79.95. And to keep the pressure on during the slowest sales period of the year, the middle of July should see their next new title. That will be the **Gulf, Mobile & Ohio: Illustrated Historical Reference** and will be composed of 192 pages with 200 photos. Carrying a price tag of \$69.95, it will include coverage of history, equipment, operations, and territory of this popular Midwest road.



Scotia Harbor
& Moose Point
Railway

The Downeast Route

Susan Werner, CEO
292 Salem Church Rd.
Belle Vernon, PA 15012
swerner48@yahoo.com

Cumberland and Lake Erie Railroad



"The Laurel Ridge Route"

D. E. Baker, V.P. of Operations
118 Laurlis Lane, Johnstown, PA 15904 dbakerr@aol.com



HUNTINGDON NORTHERN RAILWAY



"THE ALLEGHENY ROUTE"

R.J. Prehoda, Operations Manager

Serving Southwestern Pennsylvania with connections to:
B&O, CP&W, Erie Lackawanna, N&W, NYC, P&WV, PRR, WM



Snappy Service

Turtle Creek Railroad

"The Hardshell Route"

Serving the Center of the Universe

Ken Hanawalt (724) 941-3186
Carl Volkwein (724) 941-6954
email: TurtleCreekRailroad@verizon.net

FREEMPORT AND CONEMAUGH The Yellowjacket Line



SALTSBURG AND SLICKVILLE

Serving PA Coal Country

Robert Livrone, Owner/Operator Lower Burrell, PA



PRR Panhandle Division



George Pandelios Chief Engineer
Member: NMRA, TCA, PRRT&HS
717.503.3192 gpandelios@verizon.net



The ASPEN SUB along the B&O
from Morgantown to Keyser

Keith and Janet DeVault
546 Aspen Street, Morgantown, WV
(304) 276-2509 devaultkj@comcast.net



Richard H. Flock, CEO
337 Elm Drive
Greensburg, PA 15601
724-850-8882



Blacklog & Shade Gap Eastern Railroad

Vagel Keller, Gen'l. Manager
vckeller@comcast.net

Follow our construction progress online at:
http://www.railroad-line.com/forum/topic.asp?TOPIC_ID=22893



PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD NORTH JERSEY BRANCH

John W. Wesner
Owner & Chief Engineer
3844 Henley Dr., Pittsburgh, PA 15235
412-731-7393 wesnerj@asme.org



PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD MIDDLE DIVISION

Hey kids, you too can be a fan of the
great Standard Railroad of the World!

Neal A. Schorr - Owner & Chief Engineer



LEBANON VALLEY RR

Serving Pittsburgh Suburbia and Beyond
Phineas T. Foonman, Emperor and CEO

Jim Ferguson (412) 561-5203
email: drfergie44@gmail.com

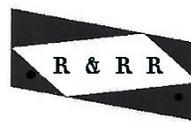


BALTIMORE & OHIO WESTERN MARYLAND Consolidated Rail System



with connections to P&E, PRR, C&O, EL, NYC

Chief Engineer John Bennett
Phone: (814) 241-5547
Johnstown, PA



Rutland & Rock Ridge

232 Old Farm Road
Cranberry Township, PA 16066

Haulin' Black Diamonds

Fred Roney, President
fredron@zoominternet.net



FORKS RIDGE RAILWAY



Gary P. Nastase - President & CEO
Kathleen A. Nastase - Train Wifey
207 State Street
Woodbury, PA 16695
gpnastase02j20@gmail.com

Route
of
the
Whitetail

THE O.R.N.Ry BUNCH

15
LAYOUTS
AND
GROWING
N-HO-O-G



PANHANDLE BRIDGE STEUBENVILLE, OHIO

CONTACT
JOEL EVERLY
(740) 282-9854
NEW MEMBERS
WELCOME

OHIO RIVER NORTHERN RAILWAY CLUB

Sunday, June 23: Wheeling, WV

Our June meeting will take place on the 4th Sunday (3rd Sunday is Father's Day). We are meeting in the [Kruger Street Toy & Train Museum](#) (admission free for us that day) located at **144 Kruger Street, Wheeling, WV 26003**. There are several layouts of varying scales / gauges inside the museum; in the area will host open houses; and two hobby shops are also open for us to lighten our wallets (see details below). Last month these maps were published on page 9 of the Flyer and are available online at the Division website, or you may request a pdf copy from the editor via email.

The meeting site is the **Kruger Street Toy & Train Museum** is located at **144 Kruger Street, Wheeling, WV 26003**.

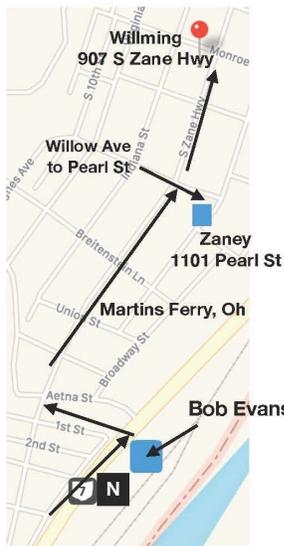
Two hobby shops, both of which are well stocked and discount items, will be open from **11am to 4 pm**:

- [T&K Hobby](#), 500 Hall Street, **Bridgeport, OH 43912**
- [Pat's Trains](#), 142 29th Street, **Wheeling, WV 26003**

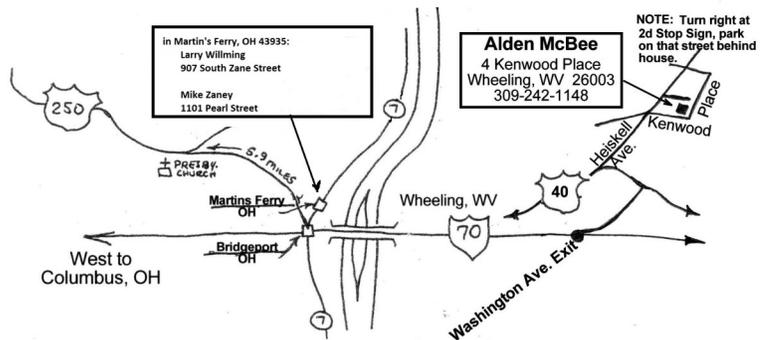
Three home layouts will be open:

- **11am-2pm and after the meeting:**
Alden McBee, 4 Kenwood Place, **Wheeling, WV 26003**
Larry Willming, 907 S. Zane Hwy., **Martin's Ferry, OH 43935**
- **1-3pm and during the meeting:**
Mike Zaney, 1101 Pearl Street, **Martin's Ferry, OH 43935**

All of the above are no more than 15 to 20 minutes apart.

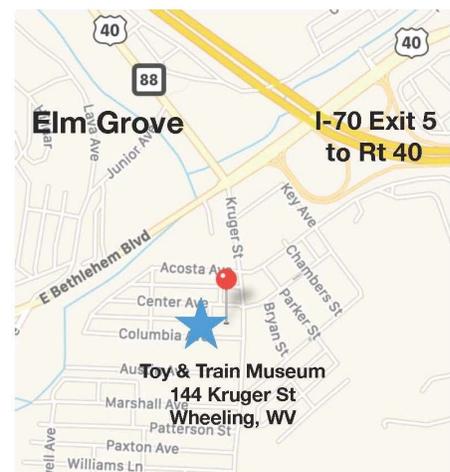


Overview Map



PICNIC, August 18: Leetsdale, PA

July is our summer vacation, and we next meet for an abbreviated meeting, including a model contest (category: passenger cars) at our **Annual Picnic**, again to be held at Henle Park in Leetsdale, just off of State Route 65 north of Sewickley, PA. More details and a map will be published in the August issue of the Flyer.



Minutes

George Pandelios

Note: The minutes were transcribed by Superintendent Keith DeVault, as Clerk George Pandelios was absent this month.

The May monthly meeting of the Keystone Division was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent Keith DeVault with Jim Whipple and Roger Schneider as the host of today's meeting at the Dawson United Methodist Church (pictured below). They thanked the group for attending and will present a program at the end of the meeting.

The hat was passed among the group, with no new members or guests in attendance. The total in attendance for today's meeting was 39. There were no minutes from the Jamboree so the committee reports were started.

Pat Altdorfer, Editor of the Keystone Flyer, stated that if you want anything put in the Flyer, please submit to him.

Jeff Gregg, Division Treasurer, gave his financial report; no questions were asked.

Frank Benders, Assistant Superintendent, stated that the June Meeting will be at the Toy and Train Museum in Wheeling, WV with no charge for admittance. There will be 3 layouts open, plus 2 hobby shops and the museum for all of us. No meeting in July and the picnic will be held at Henle Park in Leetsdale in August.

Susan Werner, Company Store Chairman, has the store on the table and stated that some new books will be available later this month.

No report on membership and website by Tom Gaus, who was absent today.

The FreeMo group is planning a combined layout with the South Hills Model Railroad Club for the upcoming Greenberg Show, July 20-21.

Arley Mitchell, Bring-N-Brag chairman, has entries on the table.

Bud Brock, Video Library chairman, has the library and acknowledged some new titles are available.

Dennis Vacca-ro, Achievement and T-Trak coordinator, stated that he has some new entries for the achievement program and his group was one of 66 T-Trak modules at the past regional convention and that 2 members

of the division won First and Third Place for their entries. Good Job.

Old Business: Grier Kuehn spoke on the wrap up of the Jamboree, and another great success by the committee.

New Business: None.

For the Good of the Division: Superintendent DeVault spoke on the Steel City Express scheduled for May 28-31, 2020 at the Doubletree Hotel in Greentree (suburban Pittsburgh). Things are moving right along, and he asked for volunteers to help man the desks, the registration tables, contest rooms and white elephant sale to give people a break. Please step up to help.

Superintendent DeVault thanked Richie Jordon for stepping up and helping with the transport of contest items and other things from the regional convention, and the group responded with a round of applause.

It was also mentioned that Neal Schorr and Superintendent DeVault won awards in the Photo Contest in the past regional convention in Boardman, Ohio. The Division was well represented as we had some members of the division give clinics at the convention.

An email was read from Division 9 about an upcoming train ride on the Tygart Flyer in Elkins, WV.

Next meeting will be at the Kruger Street Toy and Train Museum in Wheeling, WV on Sunday June 23rd; the meeting was adjourned at 2:51pm.

Program: Roger Schneider and Jim Whipple from the Pittsburgh S-Gaugers and Eugene Lint from the Greater Tri-Town Historical Society gave the program on the Sam Powell S-Gauge layout displayed across the street in their facility.



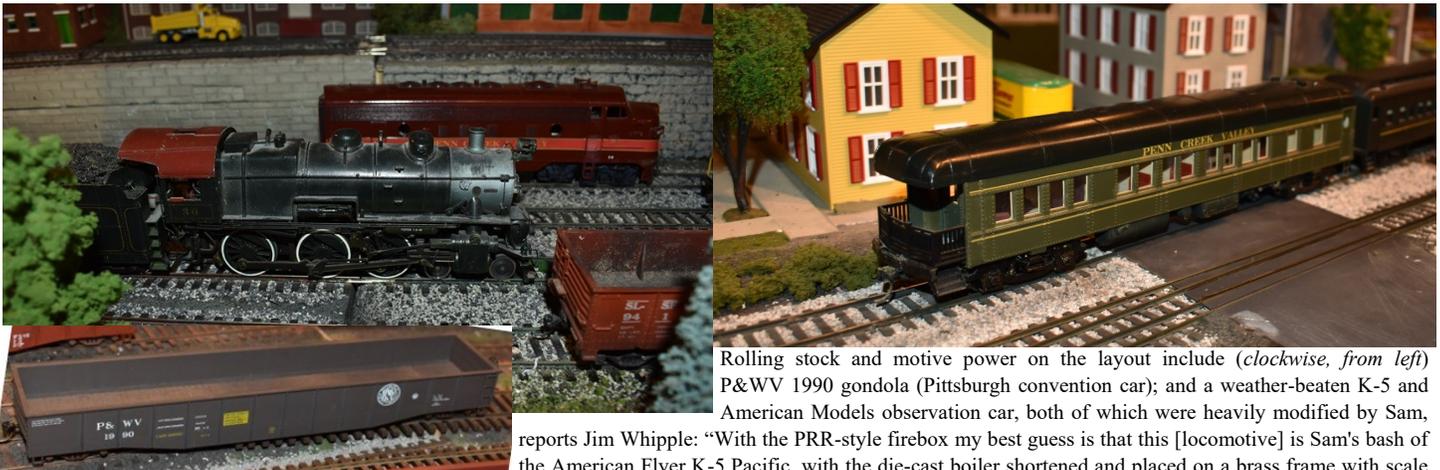
Below: The May meeting was held in the stately United Methodist Church in Dawson, PA (photo by Patrick Altdorfer).



Sam Powell's Penn Creek Valley RR

After the May meeting, the Greater Tri-Town Historical Society of Dawson, PA opened their facility to us so that we could see Sam Powell's Penn Creek Valley Railroad (S-Scale), an imagined PRR branchline. Eugene Lint, of the Greater Tri-Town Historical Society, presented an overview of the history of Dawson, some of its more famous residents, and some details about how the Sam Powell layout came to be relocated to Dawson, and what was involved in terms of the renovation of their facility to accommodate this layout. And Roger Schneider and Jim Whipple described some of Sam's background in their presentation: Sam lived in Maryland but had a long-time fascination with railroading and the industries of our region, so Western Pennsylvania is the setting of his Penn Valley Railroad, and that is reflected in many of the place names, buildings, and industries found on his third and final layout. It has been featured in the model railroad press (including [NASG Dispatch](#) and *Great Model Railroads 2015*). After his unexpected passing in 2016, his family donated it to the historical society in his memory, and it was disassembled, moved to Dawson, and rebuilt under the guidance of the Pittsburgh S-Gaugers. Below are a few of the photos of the layout I snapped that balmy afternoon.

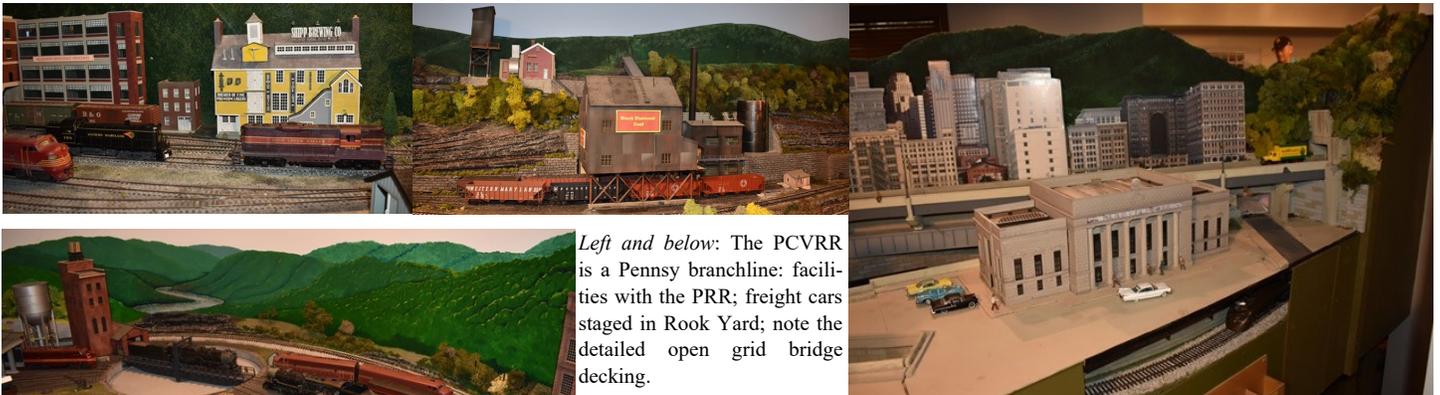
- Patrick Altdorfer



Rolling stock and motive power on the layout include (clockwise, from left) P&WV 1990 gondola (Pittsburgh convention car); and a weather-beaten K-5 and American Models observation car, both of which were heavily modified by Sam,

reports Jim Whipple: "With the PRR-style firebox my best guess is that this [locomotive] is Sam's bash of the American Flyer K-5 Pacific, with the die-cast boiler shortened and placed on a brass frame with scale drivers and valve gear, almost certainly parts from S Scale Loco & Supply.... So this engine was a very advanced conversion of American Flyer - what people had to do in the 1970s if they wanted mainline steam." Jim also notes that the observation car's roof is unique, so Sam almost certainly scratch-built it.

Among others, the PCVRR serves (below left to right) Allegheny Wholesale Groceries, Shipp Brewing, Black Diamond Coal, and, of course, Pennsylvania Station!



Left and below: The PCVRR is a Pennsy branchline: facilities with the PRR; freight cars staged in Rook Yard; note the detailed open grid bridge decking.

Roger Schneider moves mountains with his bare hands! Lightweight foam construction eases access to all points on the layout for servicing and repairs.



Keystone Flyer



June 2019 | Volume 61, Issue 06



Page 7

The Keystone Flyer
 Division Two, NMRA, MCR
 P.O. Box 223
 Gastonville, PA 15336



NEXT MEETING - Sunday, June 23, 2019, in Wheeling, WV
 at the **Kruger Street Toy & Train Museum**

 <p>Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society 128 Pleasant Street Morgantown, WV 26505</p> <p>Meeting Thursdays at 7:00 PM</p> <p>www.MVRRC.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>
 <p>Visitors Welcome MEMBERSHIP OPEN</p> <p>2209 Walnut Street McKeesport, PA</p> <p>Open Wednesday & Friday Evenings</p>	 <p><i>Model Railroad Museum Library</i></p> <p>A modeler's information resource! OPEN every Monday 7:30 - 10 PM</p> <p>www.ohiovalleylines.org • info@ohiovalleylines.org • 724-226-4787 Memberships Available!!</p>
<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>