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Three Norfolk & Western cabooses, modeled by Bob DeBenedetto; Photo by Arley Mitchell.

## Editor's Model of the Month

(see p. 3 for Bring'n'Brag details)

### Division Meeting Schedule

**August 18, 2019** - Division 2 Picnic, 12:00 noon  
Henle Park  
Corner of Ferry & Beaver Streets  
Leetsdale, PA 15046

**September 15, 2019** - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm  
Schiappa Library  
4141 Mall Drive  
Steubenville, OH 43952

**October 20, 2019** - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm  
Norwin Public Library  
100 Caruthers Lane  
Irwin, PA 15642

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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 September *Flyer*:  
August 25, 2019

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## From the Super's Desk

Now that we are into summer, I hope all of you will be able to spend some time outdoors and enjoy the many views of trains with your family and friends in your travels. Take some time looking at different scenery, buildings, etc. to maybe enhance your own layout.

Most of your Convention committee has been working on the upcoming Steel City Express Regional Convention to be held May 28-31, 2020 at the Doubletree by Hilton in Greentree, Pa. One of the committees is working to make sure things are ready for the new NMRA T-Trak Module displays that will be set up at the convention. As of right now, we have a room reserved for over 1,600 square feet of space. So, if you are thinking about building a module and displaying it at the convention, start working on your project now. Please review the NMRA Standards for these, or if you have any questions please contact Dennis Vaccaro or any member of his committee to get all the particulars, so you can hook up your modules with everyone else's.

Another important happening at the Convention is the White Elephant sale. We have set aside 1,000 square feet of space to sell your unwanted merchandise. This helps the division make a few dollars, plus it helps you make money. Then you can purchase new buildings or rolling stock for your own layout. The new form will be available shortly on the website, so you can download the form and fill it out before the convention. The committee has 3 large clinic rooms with 10-foot-high ceilings, larger than the hotel had for us in 2012. So, if you would be willing to do a clinic, please contact Don Coulter.

One last thing that I would like to mention is if you have a layout and would like to have it open for the layout tour on Sunday after the convention, and/or would like to host an operating session during the convention, please let me know at [devaultkj@comcast.net](mailto:devaultkj@comcast.net). I would like to have many layouts open for tours and operating sessions, so we can make the guests coming from other states feel welcome.

The very last thing for my article this month, that will be coming up in the near future is the election of a new Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent. Both my and Frank Bender's terms expire at the convention, so the division needs to have new people in office. I will be appointing a nominating committee at the September meeting, so please either step up to be on the committee or really step up to become an officer at the division. Trust me, it is not a hard job, because you have a lot of support within the division. I would like to have the slate of new officers for the ballot in January, so we can vote in the spring.

Hope this finds all of you enjoying the summer, and I would like to see you at our annual family picnic, which will be held at Leetsdale's Henle Park on Sunday August 18<sup>th</sup>, starting around 12:30pm. You will enjoy the fellowship of the group and since--the park is located across the street from the Norfolk Southern mainline--lots of trains. See you on the 18<sup>th</sup>.

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... Keith DeVault



For June 2019 we had 6 entries in the category Non-Revenue (including cabooses). First place went to Bob DeBenedetto for his three Norfolk & Western cabooses in HO scale (top).

Second Place went to Richie Jodon for his N scale Burlington Northern caboose (right, above).



Third place went to Joel Everly for his HO scale wide vision bobber caboose. (right, below).



Other entries (not pictured) were an O scale PRR caboose from George Pandelios, a Wheeling Work Train from Jim Braum, and a P&LE Mobile Sand and Fuel Station from Dennis Vaccaro.

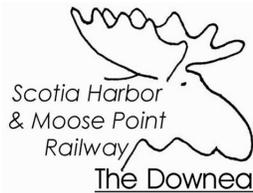


Bruce Lightfoot also had his mine on display (left).

A lot of hard work went into all of these models, good work everyone!!



Name	pts	Name	pts
Jim Braum	10	Arley Mitchell	02
Dennis Vaccaro	06	George Pandelios	02
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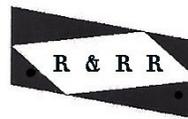


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# Division 2 Picnic

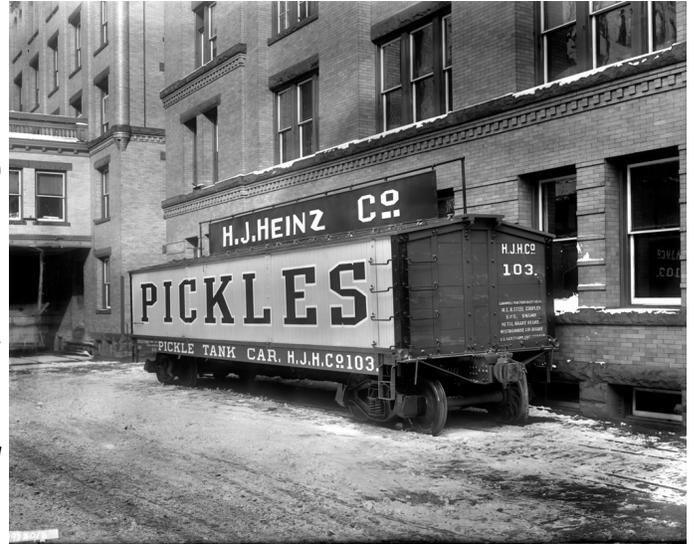
**Where:** Henle Park, Leetsdale, PA -- Same place as last year.

**When:** Sunday August 18, 2019. We'll start gathering at 12:00 noon and aim to have food ready around 1:00pm. The business meeting will follow, while everyone is napping from all the good food.

**Food:** The division will supply meat, bread, and sodas. **IMPORTANT:** please contact Frank Benders (contact info below) with the number of people in your party and the covered dish you will be bringing. *[Bring 1 serving for every item you will put on your plate (usually 6) times the number in your party.]*

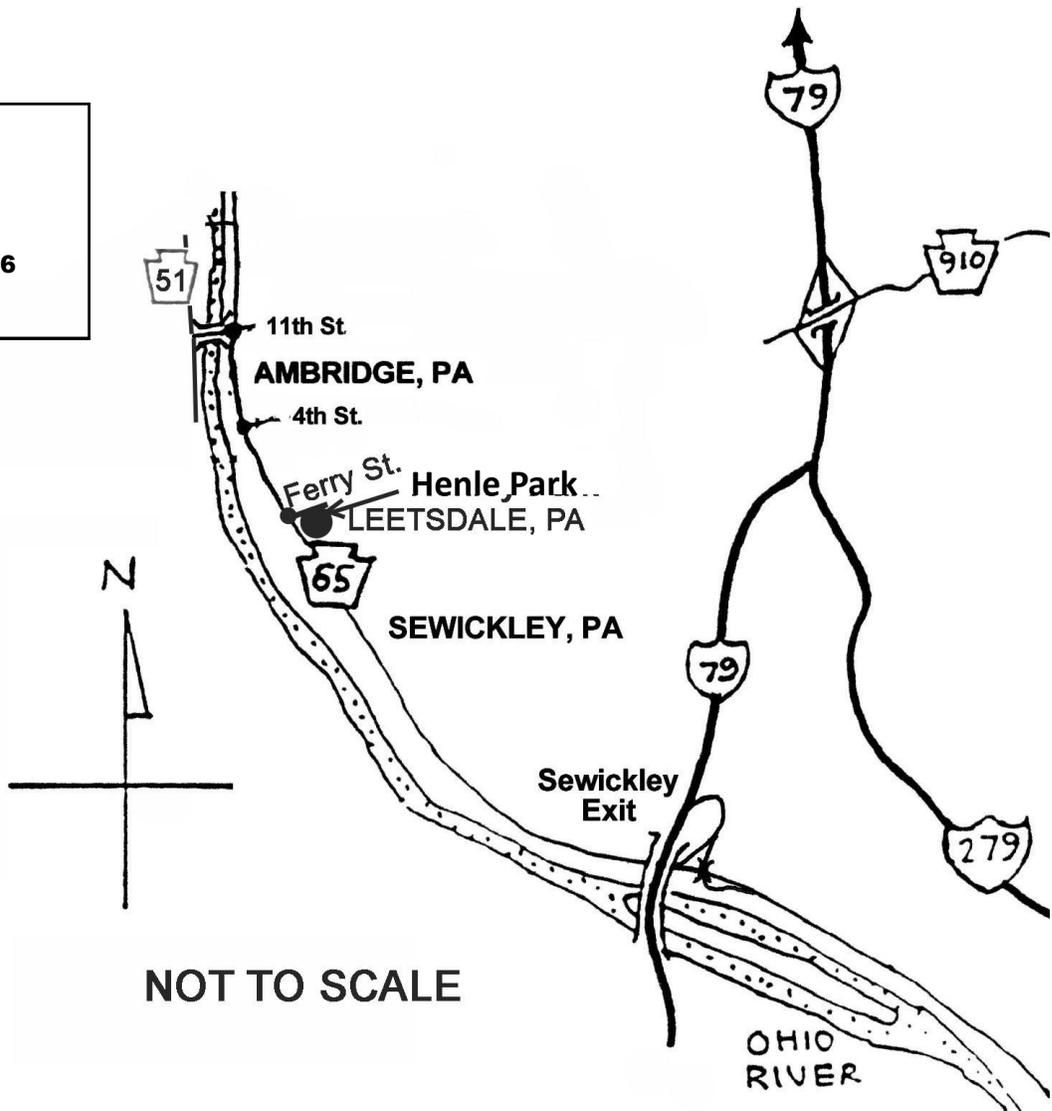
**Parking:** Lots of parking on the street.

**Seating:** We will have a shelter with tables, but some space is needed for food and Bring 'n' Brag. You might want to bring a folding chair for long-term comfort. It's up to you.



Classic Heinz pickle tank car, ca. 1910. Every layout should have one! Photos courtesy of Heinz History Center

**PICNIC LOCATION:**  
**HENLE PARK**  
**Ferry Street**  
**Leetsdale, PA 15046**

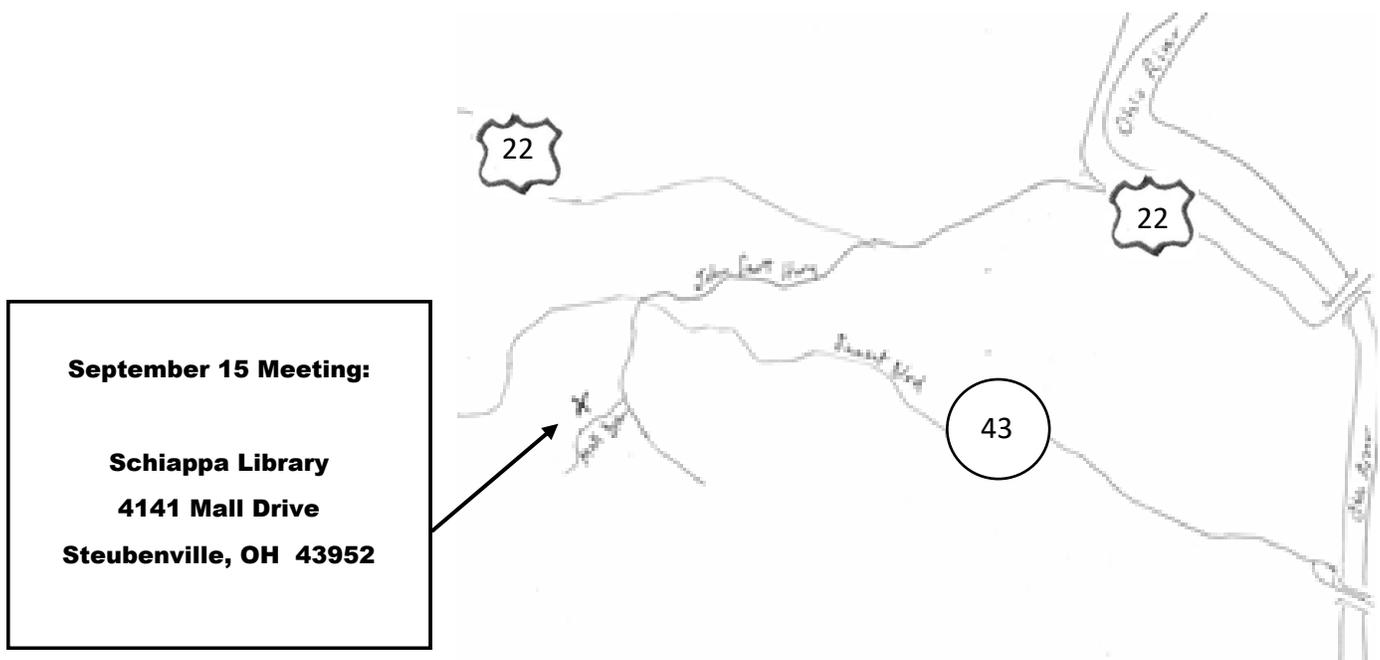


## In Memoriam

Our organization recently lost a few long-standing members who had served Division Two in executive positions for many years. Former Treasurer **Carl Volkwein**, 80, passed away in early June. He had served as our Treasurer for many years, keeping tabs on the Division's finances and being deeply involved in the organization of the annual events sponsored by the Division, such as the Jamborees and Regional Conventions. Together with Ken Hanawalt, Carl created a few versions of the switching intensive Turtle Creek Railroad, and he was a regular operator on this pike located in Ken's basement.

Former Superintendent **Jerry Kyslinger**, 77, also passed away in June. He served two terms as Superintendent, and before that also as Assistant Superintendent, he was involved in all aspects of Division and NMRA activities, including chairing the Free-Mo Module Committee for many years. In this capacity, he coordinated Division Two's presence at the Greenberg Shows. Before his passing, Jerry had asked that members of the Division who are inclined to take the leap into FreeMo HO scale model railroading step up to "take custody of" and responsibility for his modules. You can see photos of some of these modules in the color version of the Flyer on page 10, which is available online at the Division website [www.keystonedivision.org](http://www.keystonedivision.org).

Please keep these gentlemen and the Volkwein and Kyslinger families in your thoughts and prayers.



## Upcoming Meetings

The **September 15** meeting will be held in Steubenville, Ohio at the Schiappa Library, located at 4141 Mall Drive (zip 43952), see map above. The **October 20** meeting will be held in its "usual" location, the Norwin Public Library in Irwin, PA (15642) and the **November 17** meeting also will be held in the "usual" location, at the VFD social hall in New Eagle, PA (15067). Programs for each meeting have yet to be determined; maps will be published in the next Flyer.

Superintendent Keith DeVault gavelled the meeting open at 2:30 PM. He thanked Alden McBee and Larry Willming for arranging the meeting this month.

There was one new member, Ray Helster. Welcome Ray!

The hat was passed.

The minutes from the June 2019 meeting as published in the Flyer were approved.

### Committee Reports:

Pat Altdorfer stated that the deadline for submissions to the Keystone Flyer is July 21 with a late July publication date anticipated.

Treasurer Jeff Gregg reported the division to be solvent, and that the Jamboree made money this year. Andy Blenko was not present so there was no report on the Convention account.

Programs: Assistant Superintendent Frank Benders noted that August's meeting will be the picnic, September's will be at the Schiappa Library in Steubenville, October's will be in Irwin, and that November's will be in New Eagle.

Company Store: Susan Werner reported that the store was available in her car. She has 9 books left, picture windows, treatments from City Classics, and lots of other stuff.

Membership/Website: Tom Gaus was not present.

FreeMo: Pat Altdorfer confirmed they are going to the July 20-21 show. Free-Mo will combine their 20' x 25' setup with the modules of the South Hills group to form a 30' x 35' layout. He noted that some modules need new homes. He will indicate that in the next Flyer and ask for volunteers.

Video Library: Bud Brock reported that he had videos on weathering, war trains, traction, and building craftsman kits. He noted that the NMRA website (members area) has many videos.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro reported Ray Helster had earned a Golden Spike Achievement certificate. Richard Turton had earned a merit certificate for structures. And that Bud Brock had entered both a tool & hard car shed and a bridge at the Jamboree and earned merit certifications for both. Congratulations all!

T-Trak: Dennis announced that Greenberg will be the next show; there will be 2 new modules there. He also stated that 66 modules were at the Regional Convention in Boardman. Mike DeSensi earned a 1<sup>st</sup> place for his module and Richard Jordon earned a 3<sup>rd</sup> place award for his module. Keith DeVault indicated that space for T-Trak at the 2020 Convention may be in the banquet room; that is still being explored. Dennis would like to see 100 modules at the Convention.

### Old Business:

None.

### New Business:

Pat Altdorfer reported that he had a request from Doug Sandmeyer asking for clinicians for Division 12's event on Saturday, September 12 in Erie.

Steel City Express Convention 2020: Keith reported that 2 tours are confirmed so far for the convention – PAT Transit and the Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum. Bruce Lightcap noted that he is working on a tour for the ladies at the glass center in Newell, WV. Keith stated that Susan Werner and his wife Janet would be working the White Elephant sale, Frank Benders would be in charge of the Contest room, and that additional volunteers are needed for the Convention. Frank noted that volunteers need only serve in 30- minute shifts; they would not miss out on any of the Convention activities and clinics.

Bruce DeMaeyer from Lexington, KY gave a short presentation on T Trak: what it is and how to get involved.

Keith DeVault reported on the 2020 MCR Convention to be held in Pittsburgh; there is still a need for a transportation manager and raffle room coordinator.

### For the Good of the Division:

On a sad note, Pat Altdorfer announced that long-time member Jerry Kyslinger is currently in the hospital and is in failing health. He asked that members call Jerry and spend some time with him, as his prognosis is poor (July). Also, Jerry's modules are in need a custodian.

Keith thanked Jeff Gregg for sending flowers on behalf of the Division for Carl Volkwein's funeral.

Susan announced that participating in Amazon Smile allows the NMRA to benefit from your purchases. Quarterly the NMRA has received \$191.54 in donations; to date that amount is \$2,924.78. Amazon Smile has contributed over \$134,000,000 to all charities since its inception. If you buy something, go to Smile.Amazon.Com.

Keith announced that a HO train collector wants to display and sell his 30-40 items at the New Eagle meeting in November. The list will be forthcoming on the division website.

Keith noted that the next meeting would be at the Division Picnic in August at Leetsdale. The meeting was adjourned at 2:56 PM.



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NEXT MEETING - PICNIC August 18, 2019  
 Henle Park  
 Corner of Ferry & Beaver Streets  
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 <p><b>Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society</b>        128 Pleasant Street        Morgantown, WV 26505</p> <p>Meeting Thursdays at 7:00 PM</p> <p><a href="http://www.MVRRC.org">www.MVRRC.org</a>        Call Rich Henderson (304) 276-1046 for more info</p>	 <p><b>MID-MON VALLEY        MODEL RAILROAD        CLUB</b></p> <p><b>159 Main Street, New Eagle, PA</b>  <b>Meetings: Fridays 7:30 pm</b></p>
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<p><b>All aspects of "S":</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scale • Narrow Gauge</li> <li>• Hirail • American Flyer</li> </ul> <p>Monthly meetings    Two portable layouts  <b>Membership open</b>    Contact: Jon Knox 724-287-6829</p> 	<p><b>BEAVER COUNTY        MODEL RAILROAD and HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b></p> <p>416 6th St.        Monaca, PA 15061</p>  <p>Visitors Welcome</p> <p>Worknights: Tuesdays 7:30  <a href="http://www.bcmrr.railfan.net">www.bcmrr.railfan.net</a></p>

The Kyslinger family would like to find a new home for the modules that Jerry built or of which he had become custodian. This is a great opportunity to get into model railroading (again) and I am sure entr e to the hobby. The following is a list of the remaining modules that Jerry's family needs to dispose of ASAP. They include the following:

1. one 4' x 2' module, with Homabed roadbed but no track or scenery (figure 1);
2. one 5' x 3' Figure 8 module (figure 2);
3. one 6'6" x 3' module frame, plus half of a module, partially scenicked (figure 3);
4. one set of 4 modules that together form a large (5' x 11') double-deck layout, fully scenicked, including signals, as well as a storage rack (figure 4). The four modules are:
  - One narrow tangent, 1 foot wide x 7 feet long
  - One wider tangent, 2 feet wide x 7 feet long
  - Two corner modules, 2' x 5' each.



Figure 1.



Figure 2.



Figures 3a and 3b.



Figure 4

These modules and other items must be picked up within two weeks, and it would be a shame to have those modules, especially the fully scenicked and signalled layout, wind up in the trash. They would provide someone who has not yet built a layout a "jump start" into the hobby, or even a seasoned modeler an opportunity to change scales or venue, or expand upon their existing modular railroad.



Interested parties should contact Jerry's grandson, Austin, to discuss logistics. He can be reached by phone at 724-672-7852 or by email at [akyslinger@gmail.com](mailto:akyslinger@gmail.com).

The FreeMo group is seeking new members, affiliates, and others interested in volunteering to help with future setups. Currently we set up at the three Greenberg train shows that come to Monroeville each year. Pictured below are some photos of our layout at the July 2019 show, at which we (for the third time) created a large layout together with the South Hills Model Railroad Club.



Medium to long term, the group hopes to take part in regional Free-Mo events, and it has recently completed the rebuilding of the hinged loop and the construction of a new Wye module (for turning trains or running down the branch). If you are interested in getting involved, please contact [Patrick Altdorfer](#) from the Module Committee.



Clockwise, from left: Rob Twigger makes some repairs to the old Wye module as Rich Montgomery watches; Dennis Lippert spots a few box cars at his intermodal terminal; Rich talks to the public; and finally, a view down the tracks of the new Wye module.

**Free-Mo:** The Division 2 Free-Mo group (meandering branchline top right) joined with the South Hills Model Railroad Club (loop top left) to create this 1,000+ square foot layout at the Greenberg Train Show in Monroeville, PA the weekend of July 20-21, 2019, a feat we repeated for the January 2019 show, and again for the July 2019 show (photos by Patrick Altdorfer).

