

Trestle modeled in O scale and submitted by Bud Brock for the Achievement Program at the September 2019 meeting in Steubenville. Note the detailed weathering of the rails, ties, tie plates and spikes, and nut-bolt-washer castings. Photo by Patrick Altdorfer.

Editor's Model of the Month

Division Meeting Schedule

October 20, 2019- Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Andy Blenko: "British High Speed Passenger Rail"
Norwin Public Library
100 Caruthers Lane
Irwin, PA 15642
** 2 Layouts Open ! See page 5 for details & maps **

November 17, 2019- Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Program TBD
New Eagle VFD Social Hall
156 Chess Street
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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

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October 27, 2019

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From the Super's Desk

Most model railroads have one or more passenger stations on their layout. This adds operating and visual interest to an open house or on an operating session. But, seldom do we see a model of a non-station, if ever, a train would stop to handle revenue traffic. The real railroads have these in other forms,

and most layouts could easily add one or two realistically. These are good points for us to consider on our layouts, since most of us build or buy more of the station-type structures than we can logically handle on our own layouts.

All of the following locations will have an employee located at these premises, or at least the vestige of where one was employed in the past. In modeling on your layout, like Joel Everly has on his layout a bridge with water, there might be a drawbridge which would require an operator. With that there could be a small bridge span over a creek, a busy waterway used by pleasure boats, or on a large scale a commercial body of water where ships come in and out of docks, like the Baltimore and Ohio and Western Maryland Railroads had in the Baltimore Area.

Another example is points or crossings where your home road crosses another company's route at grade, which may require some sort of control, usually an interlocking plant; the tower would be manned and maintained by the line which came last. The crossing can be just that, or it can include the interchange. One of the lines could even be abandoned, the roads could have merged, or the tower operation (not necessarily the tower) could have been replaced by a CTC installation. There are several places around your layout where a road will enter upon the tracks of another line to complete a route via trackage rights. Often, a tower of some sort will be located there so that train orders can be delivered, and so the two dispatchers can be informed of when trains go from one road to the other. Such a point may NOT always have signals and or turnouts.

You as modelers should look for these on your own layouts, to get some different ideas. If the site of such a structure is not readily accessible by other means, some of your trains could make special stops at these points during your session.

Please, take a moment and think about holding an office in the Division, as my term is up at the Convention, and the division will need new leadership. I asked at our last meeting to form a nominating committee and no one stepped up to the plate. Either volunteer to be on the committee or think about running for office. We need the division to continue to grow and function as we have in the past.

The Steel City Express Convention is just a short 8 months away in May 2020. We will need more volunteers to help out, and if you have not been to a meeting for a while, please try to come to the October meeting in Irwin at the Library or the November meeting at New Eagle. If you are thinking about or have a T-Trak module, please bring it to the convention, because we have plenty of room. Hope to see all of you at the next meeting .

... Keith DeVault



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Bring'N'Brag

Arley Mitchell

The September 2019 Bring-n-Brag category was “vehicles,” and there were three entries.



Third place went to Dennis Vaccaro, who had an Australian Steam Powered lorry (below). It's a Corgi Model from the 1970s. Super job, Dennis!

Outside of BnB competition, Bud Brock brought in his trestle (featured as Model of the Month on the front page) that he submitted for his “Master Builder, Structures” certificate. Great job Bud!!!

Thanks to all those who entered models.

First place went to George Pandelios, who had a Spahn's Milk truck that started out undecorated (above). I can remember these trucks running around like ants when I was much younger. Awesome job George!!



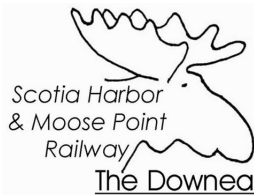
Second place went to Jim Braum, who had a rusted out farm truck (below). He captured the feeling of a neglected truck used around the farm. Great Job, Jim!



Clockwise, from top left: George Pandelios' Spahn's Dairy delivery truck; Dennis Vaccaro's steam lorry, and Jim Braum's rusty Ford truck (is there any other kind?). Photos by Patrick Altdorfer.



Name	pts	Name	pts
Jim Braum	15	Arley Mitchell	02
Dennis Vaccaro	08	Richie Jodon	02
George Pandelios	04	Susan Werner	02
Bob DiBenedetto	04	Joel Everly	01
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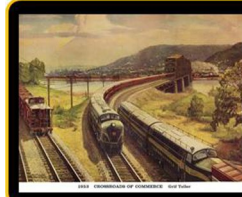
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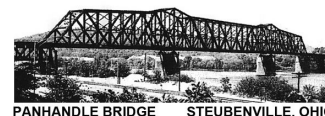


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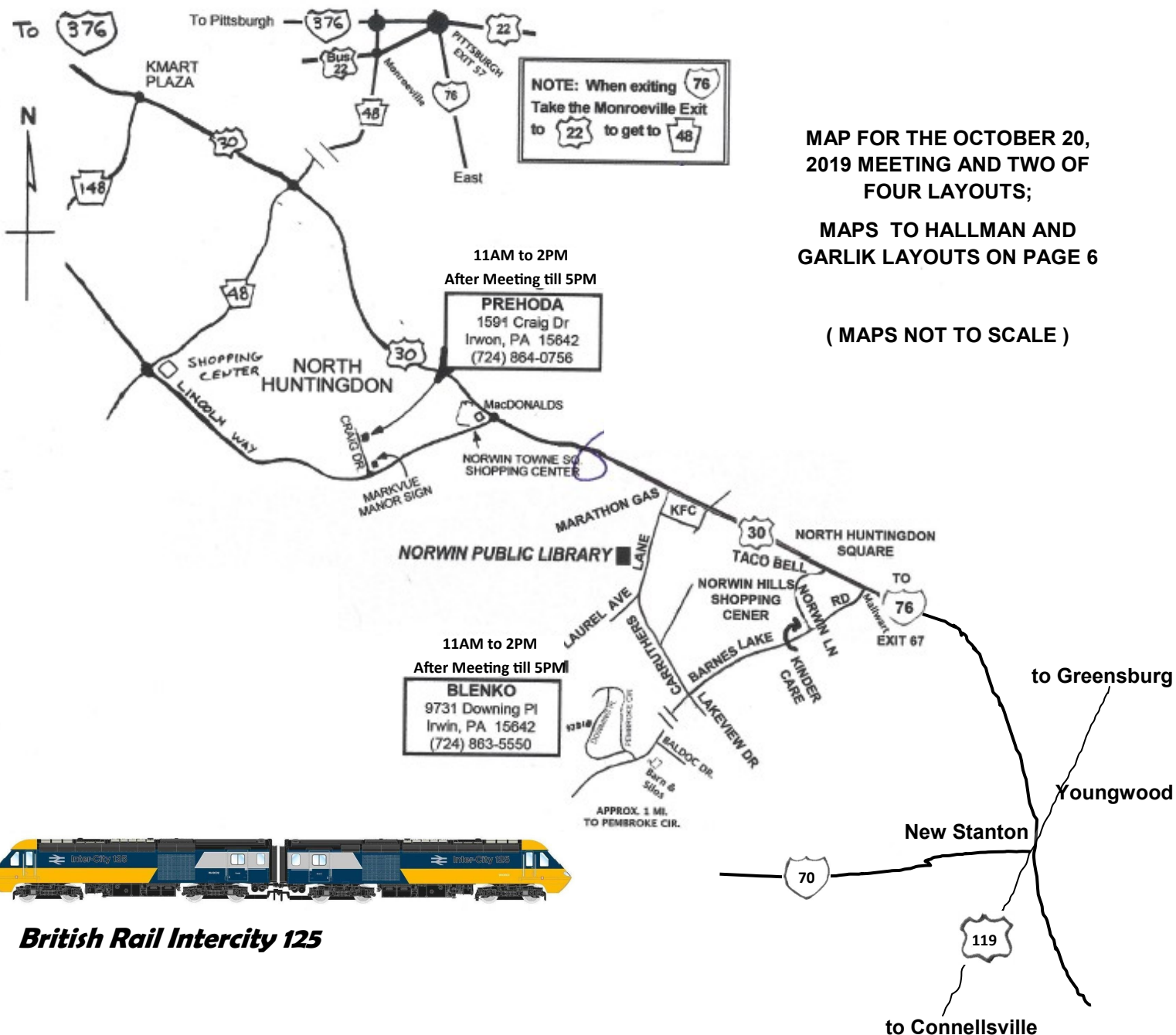


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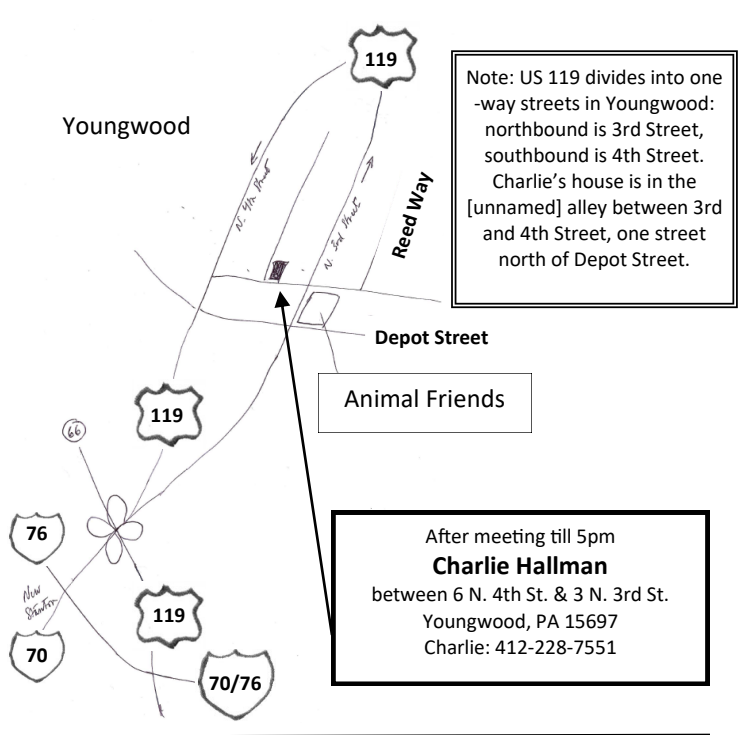
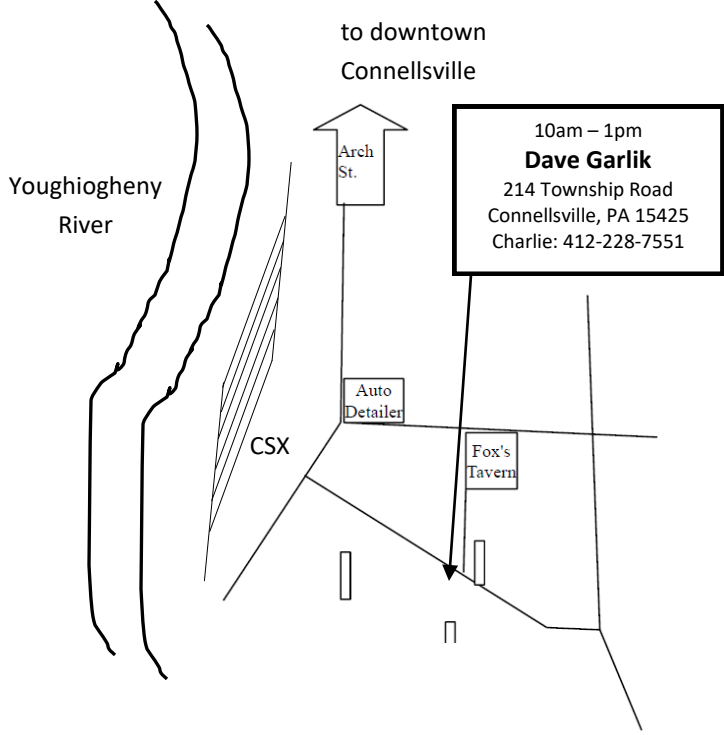
OHIO RIVER NORTHERN RAILWAY CLUB

October 20: Norwin Public Library / Tour 4 Layouts!

This month you have a chance to see several local layouts before and after the meeting. Closest to the meeting site is the “Pittsburgh Mainline” of Andy & Charlie Blenko, modeling Conrail and Amtrak from Pittsburgh to Johnstown in the 1980s, and now, for a limited engagement, British Rail! Says Andy: “*British Rail’s InterCity 125 set the world record in 1973 for fastest diesel powered train at 143.2 mph (=230.5 km/h), and went into daily service for British Rail for 43 years until finally being retired in May 2019. This locomotive revolutionized rail travel in the UK and is an iconic part of the British transportation system. Be sure to stop by our layout before or after the meeting to see our OO scale InterCity 125 in action!*” Andy is presenting the program after the business meeting on British high speed passenger rail, with a special focus on said IC 125, and his layout will be open from 11am to 2pm and after the meeting until 5pm. Bob Prehoda is also opening his “Huntingdon Northern Railway” to us at 11am, a bridge line connecting the Class I railroads between Pittsburgh and Cumberland circa 1962 and still running steam! He will open from 11am until 2pm before the meeting, and after the meeting until 5pm). And two new layouts will be presented this month: Charlie Hallman (of Youngwood) will present the 5x11 modular layout he adopted from Jerry Kyslinger’s estate, which he has christened the Penn Central Westmoreland branch, AFTER the meeting, until about 5pm; and Charlie’s friend Dave Garlik (of Connellsville) will open his Derhymen & Mensha RR, a large freelanced line, BEFORE the meeting (10am to 1pm). You can call Charlie (412-228-7551) if you have questions about his or Dave’s layouts or have trouble finding them; local maps to these layouts are on the next page.

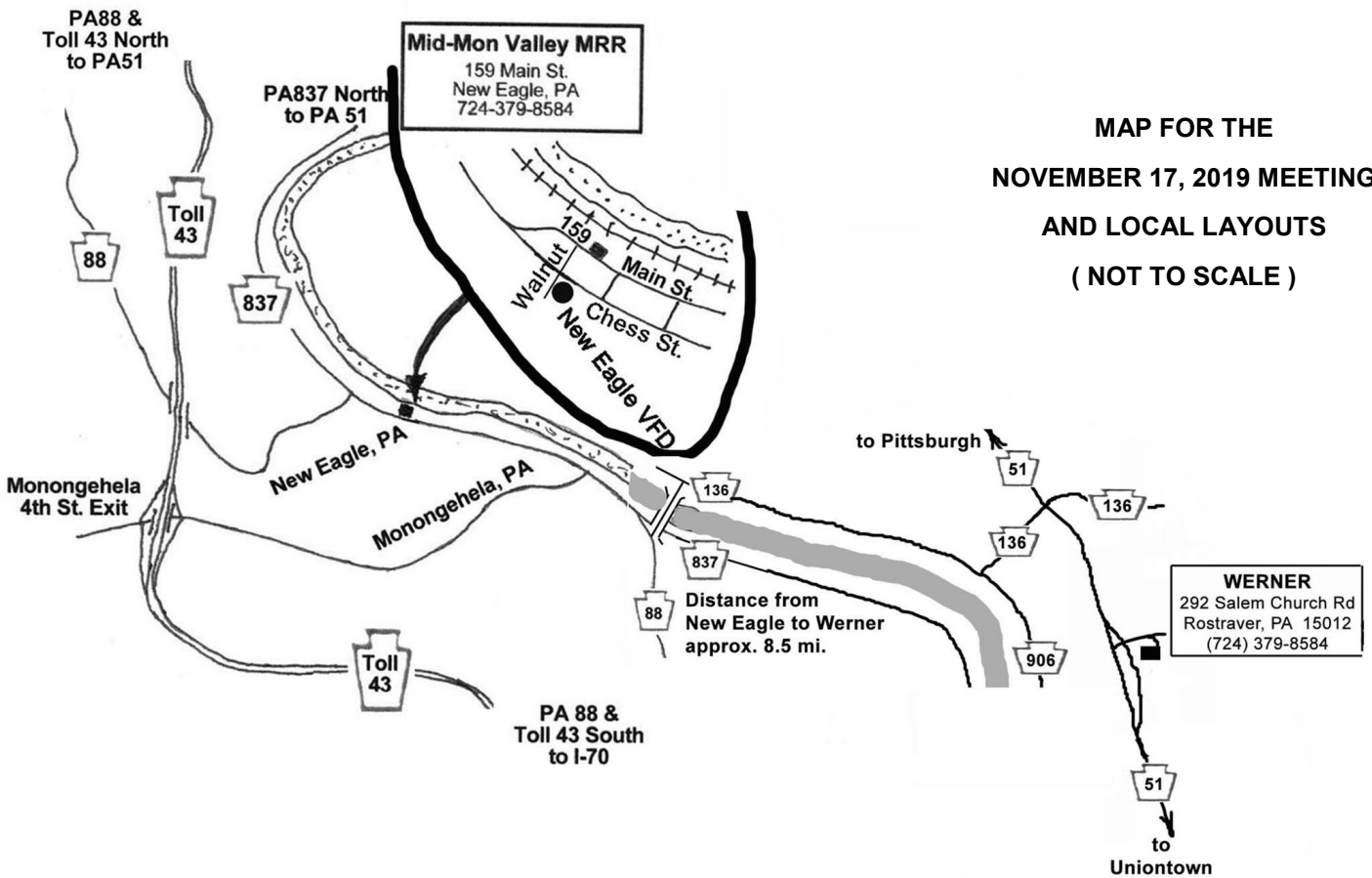


British Rail Intercity 125



November 17: New Eagle VFD Social Hall

Our November meeting takes us back to New Eagle, PA. The Mid-Mon Valley Model Railroad Club in New Eagle is open for our visitation before the meeting (11am to 2pm), and the meeting will take place one street over, in the VFD Social Hall on Chess Street. Before the meeting, consider stopping at the Werner homestead (from 10am to 1pm) to check in on Susan's Scotia Harbor and Moose Point Railway. After the business meeting, members will have an opportunity to purchase models, kits, supplies, and literature from the Jerry Kyslinger estate.



September 15, 2019 Business Meeting

Superintendent Keith DeVault gaveled the meeting open at 2:30 PM. He thanked Bob DiBenedetto for setting up the Schiappa Library venue and layout tours this month.

The hat was passed.

We had 1 guest, Joe Andrews from Division 4 who is moving to Division 1. He models the Wabash.

The minutes of the August meeting were approved as published in the last issue of the Keystone Flyer.

Committee Reports:

Flyer: Pat Altdorfer reminded everyone that the deadline for submissions to the Keystone Flyer is 1 week past the meeting, which will be September 22.

Treasurer: Jeff Gregg was absent, but Susan Werner read the treasurer's report. The division is solvent. Andy Blenko reported that the Convention account is solvent.

Programs: Frank Benders reminded the membership that October's program about high speed English railways will be presented by Andy Blenko.

Company Store: Susan Werner reported that the store was open and that she has several books left, some City Classics windows and window backdrops. Her tablet with calendars was also on display. If you want a 2020 railroad calendar, please order by next month so that they may be delivered at November's meeting. She also has some new listings from Morning Sun Books.

Membership: Tom Gaus was not present, but Keith DeVault reported that membership now stands at 228.

Website: Tom Gaus was not present so no report.

Free-Mo: Pat Altdorfer reported that Free-Mo had been to the last two Greenberg shows, appearing in conjunction with the South Hills Club. They fielded a 30'x35' layout, and planned to attend the November show.

Video Library: Bud Brock reported that he was featuring DVDs on War Trains, Aging and Weathering Techniques, and Circus Trains.

Bring-N-Brag: Arley Mitchell reported that there were 3 entries and 2 items for display.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro noted that two Golden Spike Awards are in progress and then presented Keith DeVault with his Association Official Achievement Award for his service as a division officer.

T-Trak: Dennis announced that tables for T-Trak and the NMRA will be at the next Greenberg show in November. He also urged the membership to buy some buildings for the Convention fundraiser. He also indicated there were some free tapes and other items on the table at the side of the room.

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Neal Schorr spoke regarding the Division 12 Mini Meet in Erie on Saturday. It was well run and attracted about 50 participants. He compared it to the Jamboree in format minus the banquet.

Keith DeVault is looking for volunteers to serve on the Elections Committee. These people will be responsible for getting members to run for office next May. The solicitation will run in the Flyer.

Bud Brock reported that the B&LE 2-10-4 Texas steam locomotive currently stranded in McKees Rocks has been purchased by the Age of Steam Roundhouse. Plans are underway to transport the locomotive by truck. Joe Andrews is a volunteer at the Age of Steam Roundhouse and offered to arrange a tour for the division.

Steel City Express Convention 2020: Convention dates are May 28-31. Keith reported that the organizing committee met with the hotel management (DoubleTree Hilton at Green Tree) and secured the banquet room for T-Track and vendors. They will have to tear down and be gone by 3:00 PM on Saturday to accommodate the banquet. Cost will be \$20 a table / vendor. Keith also reported that Bruce DeMaeyer, the NMRA regional coordinator for T-Trak believes that there will be 100 modules for T-Trak at the convention. Security provisions for the convention were also discussed. The Mellon Room will host the white elephant. In addition, there will be 3 clinic rooms and a non-rail room. The non-rail room may serve as a Hospitality Suite. As previously reported due to cost, the banquet will be a buffet. Keith asked Neal Schorr to serve as Layout Tour chairman and he agreed. Bob Dengler was recruited as Ops Session chair.

For the Good of the Division: No report.

Keith noted that the next meeting would be at the Norwin Public Library in Irwin, PA on October 20. The meeting was adjourned at 2:54 PM.

The program on the Nickel Plate Road, presented by Bob DeBenedetto, followed the meeting.



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NEXT MEETING - October 20, 2019
 Norwin Public Library (Irwin, PA)
 Program: British High-Speed Passenger Rail

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Our September meeting was held in Steubenville, childhood home of Dean Martin. Among the highlights were the award presentation at the meeting (photo top left), the presentation on the N&W in Ohio by Robert DiBenedetto, and there were also six layouts on display for us. Here are a few photos of the fine work of some of our ORNRy compadres. Enjoy!



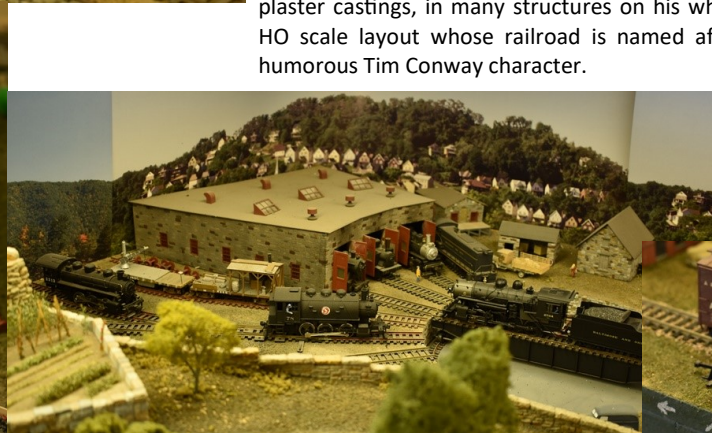
Keith DeVault received a Certificate of Achievement for his service as an organization official. Here he is receiving the award from Achievement Program chair Dennis Vaccaro.



Lester Lemley's HO scale Ohio & West Virginia Railroad is laid out over spline subroadbed and includes some nicely detailed industries and structures, including Maw Kramer's trackside boarding house, with flexible rates for her busy railroad clientele!



Jack Keen includes detailed interiors, using his own plaster castings, in many structures on his whimsical HO scale layout whose railroad is named after the humorous Tim Conway character.



STEUBENVILLE

Patrick Altdorfer

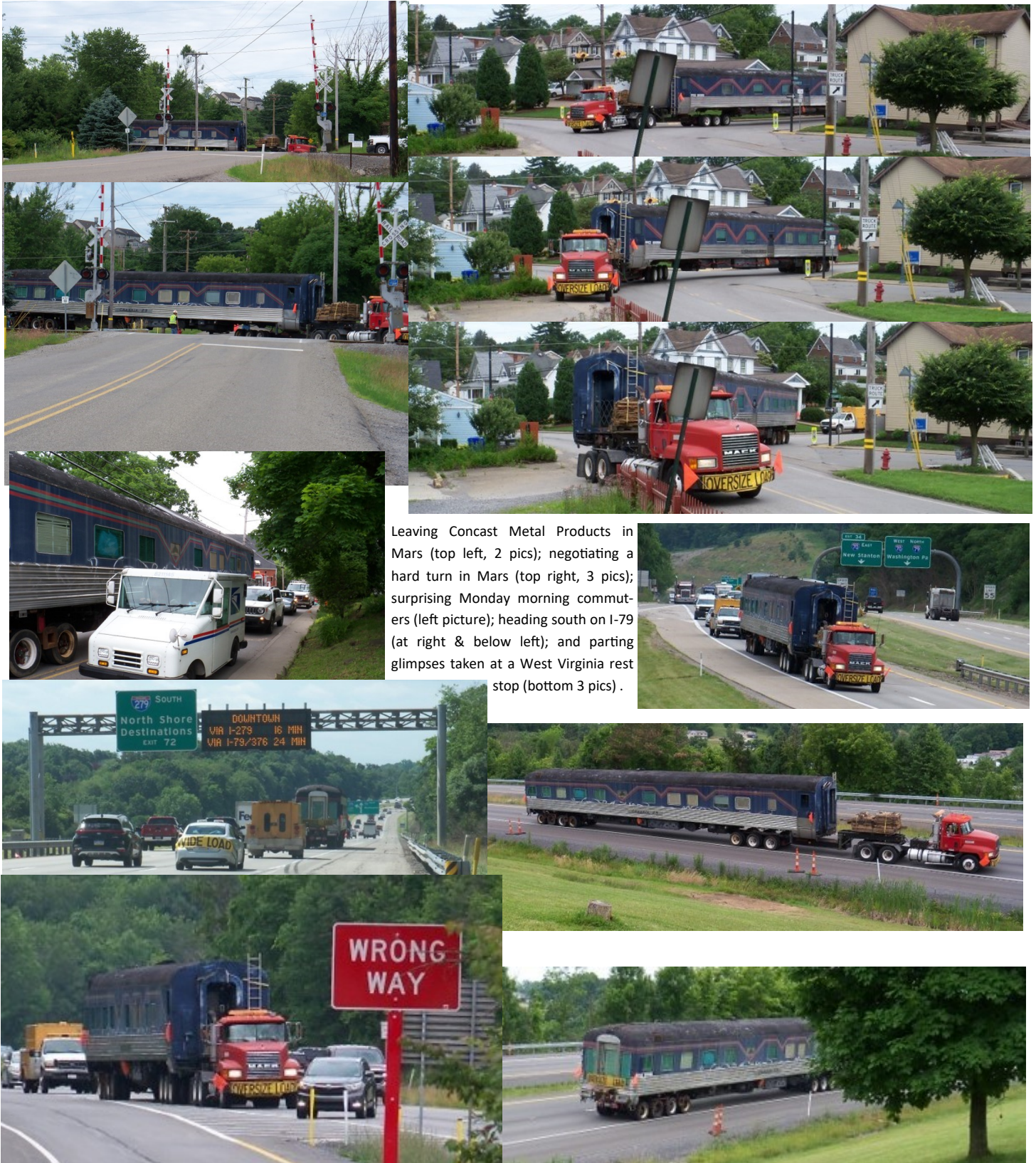
Larry Caniff opened his impressive G scale layout to us, which is housed upstairs of a former auto dealership. Here are a few shots of this giant, scenery besotted layout that I was able to fit onto this page. You have to see it to believe it!



Chessie #29 on the Move

Bruce Lightcap

On Monday, June 24, I followed the move of Chessie #29, once used as President Eisenhower's business car, from a siding at Concast Metal Products (Mars, PA) on its way to the C&O Railway Heritage Center in Clifton Forge, Virginia. I chased the action as far as a rest stop in West Virginia. Here are some of the photos I was able to catch that day, and here is a link to a [July 5 local TV news broadcaster WSLs covering](#) the car's placement in Clifton Forge.



Leaving Concast Metal Products in Mars (top left, 2 pics); negotiating a hard turn in Mars (top right, 3 pics); surprising Monday morning commuters (left picture); heading south on I-79 (at right & below left); and parting glimpses taken at a West Virginia rest stop (bottom 3 pics).