



***** PANDEMIC NOTICE *****

The April Division meeting in Morgantown has been cancelled due to the global spread of CoVid-19, the coronavirus. At this writing, we are hopeful that our Regional Convention at the end of May will take place, but as health experts advise us, the virus is setting the timeline for a return to normalcy. The best we can do is to “go with the flow” for now, and we will inform you if there is any change to our plans. If you are on the e-mail list, you will receive an update as soon as we know it; if you are not on the list, please consider joining it now for this very reason (see below), and check the Division website as well. But this April 19, please stay home and work on your railroad, build some rolling stock or structure kits, or fine-tune a few of your locomotives. I’m sure that most of us have something that still needs to be done in the layout room or on the workbench! In the mean time, enjoy this eye candy: I snapped this photo of MARC #877 (the Brunswick line out of Washington, DC) departing the beautifully restored Victorian station at Point of Rocks, Maryland on the evening of 27 September.

Division Meeting Schedule

April 19, 2020 - MEETING CANCELLED

Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society
 128 Pleasant Street
 Morgantown, WV 26505
 Program: TBA | 2 Layouts: MVRRHS & DeVault

May 28-31 - Steel City Express 2020

NMRA Mid-Central Region Convention
 DoubleTree Hotel, Green Tree
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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

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Bring'n'Brag

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

Submission Deadline for May Flyer:

April 26, 2020

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From the Super's Desk

Hello, everyone. I hope that all of you are following the social distancing suggestions and using good sense in your daily activities. I know these are tough times, not like any of us

has endured in our lifetime, but we are strong and have a great hobby to keep us busy at home.

In regards to the 2020 Steel City Express Convention, I have not yet heard from the hotel regarding any changes due to COVID-19 (coronavirus) mitigation measures. The committee signed a contract with the hotel; I have been in touch with the Regional President who in turn has forwarded the contract to the NMRA attorney. If we cancel the convention, then we may have to pay a fee for canceling, but if the hotel cancels, then I believe we are not out any money.

I know Jeff would be happy about that piece, but I know a lot of you will be disappointed if the convention does not happen. If the convention is cancelled, then we will just plan on attending the 2021 Convention in Erie. I know those folks will go all out to make it very enjoyable for all of us, just as we planned on doing this year.

And I am waiting for final notice about the division meeting in Morgantown on April 19th. Susan will send out a mass email if and when it may be canceled, or if it will be on. Janet and I have been working on my home layout and would love for all of you to see it.

It is time for me to pass the gavel to the new Division Superintendent, Frank Benders. I have had the greatest pleasure to serve the Division for the past 12 years, with four years as Clerk, four years as Assistant Superintendent, and four years as your Superintendent. I hope my time as your Division Superintendent has kept us as strong as the past "Supers" in Mike Hohn and Susan Werner.

I would like to thank all the committee chair people who have been absolutely First Class in attending the meetings and taking their jobs seriously. Without their support and dedication, my job would have been a whole lot harder.

How lucky am I to have something that makes saying goodbye as your leader so hard. It was indeed a great blessing to have been your Superintendent and I offer a huge THANK YOU to all of you.

... *Keith DeVault*

LATE BREAKING NEWS: *Division Two members, the Division Two monthly meeting scheduled for Morgantown on April 19, 2020 has been cancelled because of the coronavirus pandemic. Please stay safe and healthy as we hope to get through this virus. Keep working on your layouts and other indoor projects away from social gathering.*

- Keith DeVault

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Mid-Central Region Convention Reminders

As in past Conventions and at our annual Jamboree, there will be Door Prizes and Raffles. The large selection of items available has been donated by manufacturers, hobby shops, train show dealers, and individuals, whose generosity will be noted in the convention program.

Door Prizes - Everyone attending is eligible to win a door prize. A coupon will be included in your registration packet with the winners posted throughout the day, both on Friday and Saturday.

Raffles - There will be four separate raffles held:

Blue Ticket - General model railroad items in a variety of scales having values under \$100. There will be a container in front of each item. You decide which items you want to take a chance on and simply place a ticket(s) in that container. All winners will be posted in the Raffle room Saturday afternoon.

Red Ticket - Model railroad and prototype items having values exceeding \$100. It works the same as the Blue Ticket items described above. You choose the items that interest you.

Green Ticket - Friday's 50/50 raffle with the one winning ticket pulled late that afternoon. With advance notification, the winner need not be present when the ticket is drawn. The winnings will be sent to him/her.

White Ticket - Saturday's 50/50 raffle with the one winning ticket pulled late that afternoon using the same rules as outlined above.

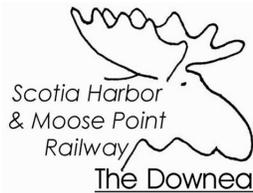
Donations Still Being Accepted From Individuals

As mentioned above, we have received numerous donations of new, quality items from our division members for the Raffles and Door Prizes. We thank those members for their generosity. If there are some unused treasures in your train room that you know you will never use, please consider donating them for the convention. It's not too late; Rob or Grier will be happy to accept them at the April division meeting or even at the start of the convention.

Here's a final thought on the donations. If the Region Convention is forced to be cancelled due to the Coronavirus, all donated items will be kept and used for the 2021 Division 2 Model Railroad Jamboree.

Cash Is King

And a final note: You will need to have CASH (you remember that green paper stuff?) for the activities at the Convention. The Raffles, the White Elephant Sale, and the Company Store are not set up to accept credit or debit cards. FYI, there will also be a number of train show dealers on hand selling and they may or may not accept cards, so to be sure not to miss out, bring enough cash.



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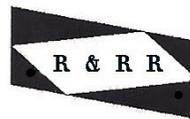


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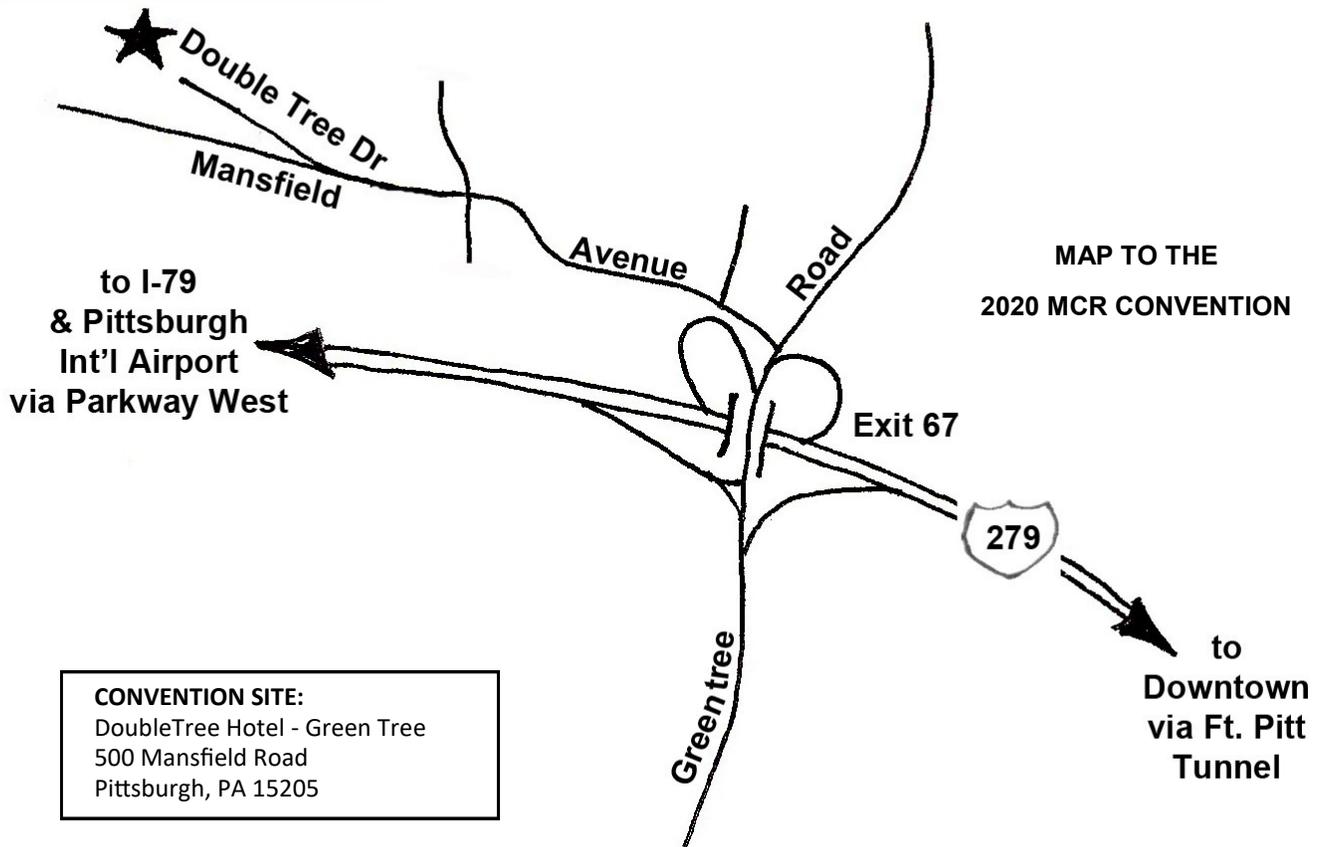
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April 19: MEETING CANCELLED

Our April division meeting, which was scheduled for Morgantown, had to be cancelled due to the CoVid-19 pandemic. Assuming that the emergency measures related to the pandemic are behind us in time, our next (short) business meeting will take place during the Mid-Central Region Convention, which we are hosting at the DoubleTree Hotel in Green Tree (suburban Pittsburgh) from May 28-31. Watch your e-mail (if you are on the mailing list) and the Keystone Division website [keystonedivision.org] for any late news about or changes and updates to this event.

DOUBLE TREE by HILTON



Mark your Calendars!



**STEEL CITY EXPRESS
2020 Mid Central NMRA
Region Convention!
May 28-31, 2020**

March 15, 2020 Business Meeting

Superintendent Keith DeVault gaveled the meeting open at 2:30 PM. He thanked Jim Elster and his staff of Scenic Express for opening up their facility today for shopping and the meeting.

The hat was passed.

We had Bob Weinheimer, Regional President and Fred Soward Division 8 Superintendent and his wife Barbara as guests today

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

Committee Reports:

Flyer: Pat Altdorfer was not present but in the division newsletter he had reminded everyone that the deadline for submissions to the Keystone Flyer will be March 22nd.

Treasurer: Jeff Gregg reported that that the division was solvent. Andy Blenko the convention treasurer was not present and no report was presented.

Programs: The April Meeting will be in Morgantown with Keith to have his layout open and he will do a program on Narrow Gauge in the West.

Company Store: Susan Werner announced that the store was open in near the front door and that she has NYC boxcars, track-side sheds, City Classics items, and is taking orders for books on P & LE, Erie Pictorial Book, Penn Central, Bessemer and Lake Erie and a Photo Book on the Strasburg Railroad. Anyone interested in receiving the Keystone Flyer via e-mail should contact her; you must opt-in for this to occur..

Membership/Website: Tom Gaus reported by e-mail that membership now stands at 223. He also reported by e-mail that the website is up to date, the convention page is up and running, and more will be added so please check back often. The convention registration stands near 100 as of this date.

Free-Mo: Rob Twigger reported that Pat has the paperwork for the next upcoming Greenberg Show.

Bring-N-Brag: Arley Mitchell was not present today so the Bring N Brag will be combined into April.

Video Library: Bud Brock was not present today.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro announced that Larry Craniff has received his paperwork for Scenery in the Achievement Program.

T-Trak: Richie Jodon announced that T-Trak had over 300 people visit

the layout at the Greenberg Show, Richie has name tags for people in the group, and please check out Facebook for information on T-Trak.

Old Business: Dennis announced that the division has a new laptop computer by Dell and it works very well.

New Business: Motion by Grier Kuehn and seconded by Rob Twigger that the division approve a 4th tour for the convention which will be the Trolley Museum on Friday Afternoon. Motion carried unanimously.

Steel City Express Convention: The convention is still on as of this time, the convention will not be cancelled unless the hotel cancels, because of the contract that was signed.

For the Good of the Division:

Rob Twigger, who is chairing the raffle and door prizes for the convention, announced that Walthers has donated Door Prize Certificates and then he presented a flyer for Walthers National Model Railroad Build-Off, on how to win prizes on building an HO miniature, details on website of Walthers.

John Gallagher announced that the picnic for August 16th has been secured at the Leetsdale Park where we have had the picnic for many years.

Jim Braum reported that East Broad Top should be up and running again hopefully in 2021, and it was suggested to hold a division meeting and trip at the facility sometime in the future.

Steve Ross reported that the RPM meeting in Malvern for the end of the month has been cancelled and that this region RPM meeting will be held March 27, 2021 at the hotel in Greensburg.

Dennis announced that the Mid West Region Narrow Gauge Show hosted by Gary Kohler is still on and will be held on March 27th and 28th near Salem, Ohio.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:52 PM.



Westbound MARC 877 leaves Point of Rocks in September 2019, ferrying D.C. commuters to Brunswick (MD), the last exurban community on this route. Going to Harper's Ferry or Martinsburg, WV? Catch the later train, or get off here and explore the station before 881 arrives an hour or so later. Photo by Patrick Altdorfer.





Here are a few photos from the first outing of 2020 for the Division 2 MCR T-Trak group, taken on February 22nd, 2020. The T-Trak layout featured the usual modules, plus a couple new ones. We are always looking for additional modules and additional participants. If you are interested in getting involved, please contact [Jim Braum](#) and/or [Richie Jodon](#). We both will help you get started. Saturday and Sunday drew in at least 300 people each day, with countless videos and pictures taken of our setup. Once we figured out some setup gremlins, the layout ran very well. For our DCC, We use NCE on both the inside and outside tracks. Clockwise, from top: coal hoppers loading at the tippie; truss bridge carrying the two-track mainline over a river; Dale, Dennis, and Richie inspecting the layout; Laura, Richie, and Dale interact with the public; town and tunnel modules, with a Wye module in the background; and modules under construction.



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