



Editor's Model of the Month

There were four very good Bring'n'Brag entries in the category "Vehicles" last month, so it was difficult to choose one to feature on the cover. The first place entry stuck out to me; Grier Kuehn kit-bashed these vehicles to "backdate" them to 1986 for service in his layout's scrapyards, because there were none that were commercially available. Says Grier: "The starting point was Walthers (Boley) tandem axle roll-off models. After removing the 1990's era cabs, the frames were modified to accept Ford LNT highway tractor cabs (Atlas products). The tri-axle also had its frame stretched and a lift axle installed as well as larger steer tires and wheels added. Details were added to both: mirrors, wipers, mud flaps, license plates and CB antennas. The dumpsters were from Walthers and the scrap steel was scratch made. Custom lettering was added before everything received light weathering." Nice work Grier, and please see the other fine entries on page 3 (and check out the descriptions online on the contest page of the Keystone Division [website](http://www.keystonedivision.org)).

Division Meeting Schedule

October 18 - Online Meeting, 2:30pm

November 15 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm

** assuming improved virus situation **

New Eagle VFD Social Hall

156 Chess Street

New Eagle, PA 15067

Program: Jimmy Braum: East Broad Top RR

Layouts (before meeting): Braum and Werner

Bring'n'Brag

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

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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Submission Deadline for next *Flyer*:
October 25, 2020

Visit us online at
[keystonedivision.org](http://www.keystonedivision.org)



From the Super's Desk

I had hoped that we would have had normal meetings by now, however, the fates are just not in our or anyone else's favor. At this point, we will have another virtual meeting in October. If you have seen Jimmy Braum's Facebook page, you already know that the New Eagle club is planning to host a normal Division 2 meeting in November with a presentation by Jimmy and a swap meet. People can trade items of equal value or sell off their overstock items. The T-Trak group will have a display and if you have a T-Trak module that you would like to bring, please contact Richie Jodan (richiewooj@yahoo.com) or Jimmy Braum (jimmy_braum@yahoo.com). Note that this face-to-face gathering is contingent on COVID numbers not getting worse; CDC recommendations on masks and social distancing will be followed.

Until then, enjoy this weather. You might like to take short day trips so see the glorious fall colors, or go to a favorite spot to watch trains juxtaposed against mother nature's ever-changing background.

Looking forward to November, take care of yourself and your loved ones.

Stay Safe!

... *Frank Benders*

MEETING CANCELLED

Reminder that our October membership meeting is cancelled due to the virus, but we are hoping to resume with an in-person meeting in November in New Eagle. The executive board still meets online to conduct organization business and to share information, but technological limitations of the meeting platform prevent us from opening these meetings to membership. Stay informed by reading the *Keystone Flyer* and/or checking in frequently on the [Division website](#) (where such news would be posted first).

VIRTUAL BRING-N-BRAG

Don't forget to take part in the model contest this month, just because you are holed up at home does not mean you should not share your work with the rest of us! This month's category is Structures, so let's see what you have been building this summer. Details on page 3.

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Bring'n'Brag

September 2020

Hello everyone!!

I hope that everyone is staying well and safe. September's Bring and Brag subject was "Vehicles" and as usual the entrants did not disappoint. Let's look at what everyone submitted:

First Place: HO Straight Trucks for Roll-off Scrap Metal Service by Grier Kuehn

Grier took a radical approach and kitbashed two trucks (photo right). He started out with Boley trucks and used some Atlas Ford Cabs, did some frame work on one of the vehicles and added a pile of details. The work he did shows!



Second Place: Fire Truck by Jim Ferguson

This was built from a Jordan kit. Some really nice paint here! Looks like the crew down at the firehouse is keeping the old girl shined up!



Third place: O Scale Oliver Stake Truck by Neal Schorr

I had forgotten that Oliver had made trucks. Neal took a nice die-cast vehicle and enhanced it with some weathering and a driver. He added some other details (see the description on the website) and blended it into the scene. Nice job, Neal!!



bashed out of a couple of separate units with some additional details added. Some nice work here also! This entry came in Fourth Place.

Besides these models, Steve Ross submitted three intermodal tractor-trailers. He did some weathering and decals on 3 trailers. The tractor was kit-



Stay healthy and safe
Arley Mitchell

I know that more than the usual people have been working on some buildings during our time away from the world. Let's see them!! October's category is **Structures**, and the contest will again take place online. Submit your entry (photo and description) to Tom Gaus (tom@tomgaus.com) by Saturday, October 10th, at 8am, to give him some time to get the pictures and descriptions up on the Division's website; voting will commence on Monday, October 12 at 8AM and close at 2 PM on Saturday, October 17. Please send your votes to me (arleymitchell@frontier.com). Results will be reported in the October *Keystone Flyer*.

Good luck everyone and I'll be back next month to go over the results of your voting. Please everyone vote!!



Name	pts	Name	pts
Jim Ferguson	18	Julius Fair	03
Grier Kuehn	12	Neal Schorr	03
Fred Metting	09	Arley Mitchell	01
		Mike DeSensi	01

ERRATA

In the July issue of the *Flyer*, Susan Werner was credited with a telegraph office. In actuality the office pictured was Mike Hohn's. It was my mistake, I wondered why Susan had two submissions that month.



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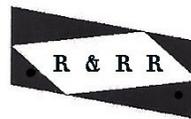


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THE RAILROADING NEWS

September 2, 1957

In Part 4, I.C. Dimmley updates readers on the Huntingdon Northern through the late 1950s.

Chapter Four: The Man of Steel Emerges

With the sudden passing of James in 1955, the Baron's Great Grandson and James' eldest son, Robert, took the reins of power. Following in the footsteps of his forebears, he guided the company with acute business acumen.

Upgrades to the railroad's physical plant were undertaken during Robert's tenure. A barge-loading facility was built at Port Allegheny and a long passing siding with a train order office was completed at Summit. Also, a diamond crossing at Chestnut Ridge was replaced with a more expensive but complicated double-slip switch to increase the efficiency of inter-changing hoppers and merchandise with the WM. Sadly, the Yardmasters have been unable to figure it out and use it properly. Robert echoes his father's maxim: "Education still creeps slowly through Southwestern Pennsylvania."



Port Allegheny barge loading facility

Under Robert's leadership, the railroad added the Laurel Springs branch to serve mines at Hickory and Meadow Run. The mine at Hickory was enlarged to include a coal preparation facility. Now, raw coal from other mines on the system are brought to Hickory to be cleaned, sized, and mixed to suit customer's needs.



Coal prep plant on the Laurel Springs branch

Moreover, Robert has been faced with more difficult challenges. He has displayed a "man-of-steel" persona as he dealt decisively with the thuggish tactics of the Brotherhood of Model Locomotive Engineers that torched his train order office at Summit. In retaliation, many of the train order offices were closed, and a centralized control panel was installed in the dispatcher's office.

Now the signals are used as both train order signals and manual block signals



Remains of the train order office at Summit after BMLE labor action

Time Capsule



Huntingdon Yard, with N&W interchange in background

and they can be set by the dispatcher. Crews now call the dispatcher and copy their own orders and stop at red signals along the way, saving the railroad the expense of hiring operators.

Rumors have been circulating that Tesla was the real brains behind this control system and he isn't talking since he died mysteriously in 1943. Unnamed sources have told this reporter that lethal voltages are necessary for this centralized dispatcher's control panel to work, and R.J. Prehoda isn't talking either! He also defended his good name when he was accused of being responsible for the disappearance of a BMLE union boss. The Baron would be proud of his Great Grandson!

A precedent-setting contract was also ratified during Robert's tenure that not only saved many jobs, but extended the life of steam locomotives into the late 1950s. Today, the railroad continues to do what it has always done; the Huntingdon Northern just moves large volumes of coal and merchandise over the mountains more cheaply than other carriers. Stay tuned for the next exciting and last chapter of the History of the Huntingdon Northern Railway!



Spruce Creek Yard, with B&O interchange in background

To be continued ...

September 21, 2020 Business Meeting

The special virtual executive meeting was gaveled open by Superintendent Frank Benders at 2:31 PM. He thanked Dennis Vaccaro for hosting the meeting via GoToMeeting.

Present: Patrick Altdorfer, Frank Benders, Andy Blenko, Jimmy Braum, Tom Gaus, Jeff Gregg, Mike Hohn, Grier Kuehn, Arley Mitchell, George Pandelios, Dennis Vaccaro, and Susan Werner.

The minutes of the August meeting were accepted as published in *Keystone Flyer* online by acclamation.

Committee Reports:

Flyer: Patrick Altdorfer reported that the deadline for submissions is 9/27. The October *Keystone Flyer* is mocked up and awaiting time-dependent submissions such as the meeting minutes and Bring-N-Brag reports.

Treasurer: Jeff Gregg reported that the division is solvent.

Programs: Andy Blenko reported that Division is hoping to hold a physical meeting at New Eagle in November. Jimmy Braum will be presenting a program on the East Broad Top Railroad. Dennis Vaccaro suggested a swap meet; there will be plenty of room. Frank indicated that would be fine if things have calmed down with the pandemic. Dennis asked that the swap meet be promoted in the *Keystone Flyer*. Jimmy Braum promised to bring some T-Trak modules. Both Susan Werner and Jimmy Braum volunteered to make their layouts available for viewing prior to the meeting and will provide maps to Patrick for the Flyer.

Company Store: Susan reported that she has been doing a brisk business in books. She has 1 delivery, 3 orders paid for, and requests for five different books (still to be ordered).

Membership/Website: Tom Gaus reported the membership at 211. He is planning to send e-mail to all dormant members reminding them to renew their memberships; the website is up to date.

Free-Mo: Patrick Altdorfer reported that like most modelers, the Free-Mo group has been hunkered down. Ordinarily their primary activity this time of year would be preparing for the October 31-November 1 Greenberg show, but that is highly unlikely to take place. He expects all remaining shows for the year to be cancelled. Patrick will check things again in February and determine if the group should apply to enter the Spring Greenberg show.

Bring-N-Brag: Arley Mitchell announced that there were four entries and 13 votes.

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

Achievement Program: Dennis announced that since the

awards listing in the current *Keystone Flyer* there has been no further activity.

T-Trak: Jimmy Braum announced there has been no activity in T-Trak. The group's Facebook page has been quiet. Nationally, there continues to be interest in T-Trak as seen on the national Facebook page.

Jamboree: Grier Kuhn reported no news as the event is on hold for a year.

MCR 2023 Convention: Keith DeVault was not present, but Frank Benders passed along that there was nothing to report.

Old Business: Frank reported that the NMRA National and Regional leadership have clarified their directive. The Division is being asked to incorporate the NMRA 'At Risk Policy' into the Division's by-laws. Andy indicated that the By-laws and the Constitution are not separate entities – they are a single document. He volunteered to create a single page policy statement for next month's meeting. We can then vote on it, approve it, and post it on the website.

Frank further indicated that even if NMRA members are acting as counsellors for a Railroading Merit Badge (Boy Scouts), it cannot be advertised as an NMRA activity under the new policy. Mike Hohn indicated that the policy needed a better title that would encourage people to read it.

New Business: Dennis Vaccaro indicated that he and a friend had managed to get the Narrow Gauge National Convention to Pittsburgh in 2024. The event will need volunteers and Dennis asked the Division to assist in promoting and recruiting people to help. The event, tentatively scheduled for the late August / early September timeframe, could draw as many as 1500 attendees. Patrick asked Dennis (once a logo for the event has been chosen) to write up a note for the *Keystone Flyer* and he will publicize it. Susan also indicated she would send an e-mail to the membership soliciting volunteers. Likewise, Tom Gaus offered to put the information on the website when it was ready.

Concerns & Questions – There were none.

For the Good of the Division:

Susan asked Arley and Tom for the Bring-N-Brag submission schedule for October and November. She is hoping to have models submitted earlier. She will make this known via e-mail and remind members when they can vote.

Andy reported that the next meeting will be online. The Norwin Library has re-purposed their Community Room, filling it with public use internet computers. All events using the room for the remainder of the year are cancelled.

With business concluded, Frank asked for a motion to adjourn. Dennis moved to adjourn with Susan seconding. The meeting was adjourned at 3:12 PM.



NORTHERN EXPRESS

May 20-23, 2021



Clinicians Wanted!

The planning committee for the 2021 Mid Central Region Convention, *The Northern Express*, is looking for clinicians. We are looking for a variety of topics from prototype modeling, modeling methods, empire building, electronics, and well, you name it. Submitted clinics will be selected based on subject needs, timeliness, and the number of clinic slots.

The convention is being held at the Ambassador Center in Erie, Pennsylvania from May 20 through 23, 2021. The center will feature three well-lit clinic rooms with tables for clinicians and participants alike. The Ambassador was the site of our successful Mini-Meet last September, giving participants a chance to get a peek at our future convention center.

Contact Doug Sandmeyer at dsandme@stny.rr.com for more information and the submission form. Visit the *Northern Express* website at <https://www.div12mcr.org/northern-express/>.

Pittsburgh to host the National Narrow Gauge Convention in 2024

Volunteers Wanted!

Thanks to the efforts of Gary Kohler, Jim Weinshanker, Dennis Vaccaro, Bryan Hartle, and Aric Hartle, the *National Narrow Gauge Convention* chose Pittsburgh as the site for its 2024 national convention. It will be in September of 2024. More details will be forthcoming. When they are you can read about them in the Flyer and on the webpage. If you know that you would like to work on this event, please contact Dennis Vaccaro at [vaccaro_dennis@yahoo.com] to register your interest now.

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NEXT IN PERSON MEETING: With luck November in New Eagle!
 Until then, Online Executive Board meetings

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