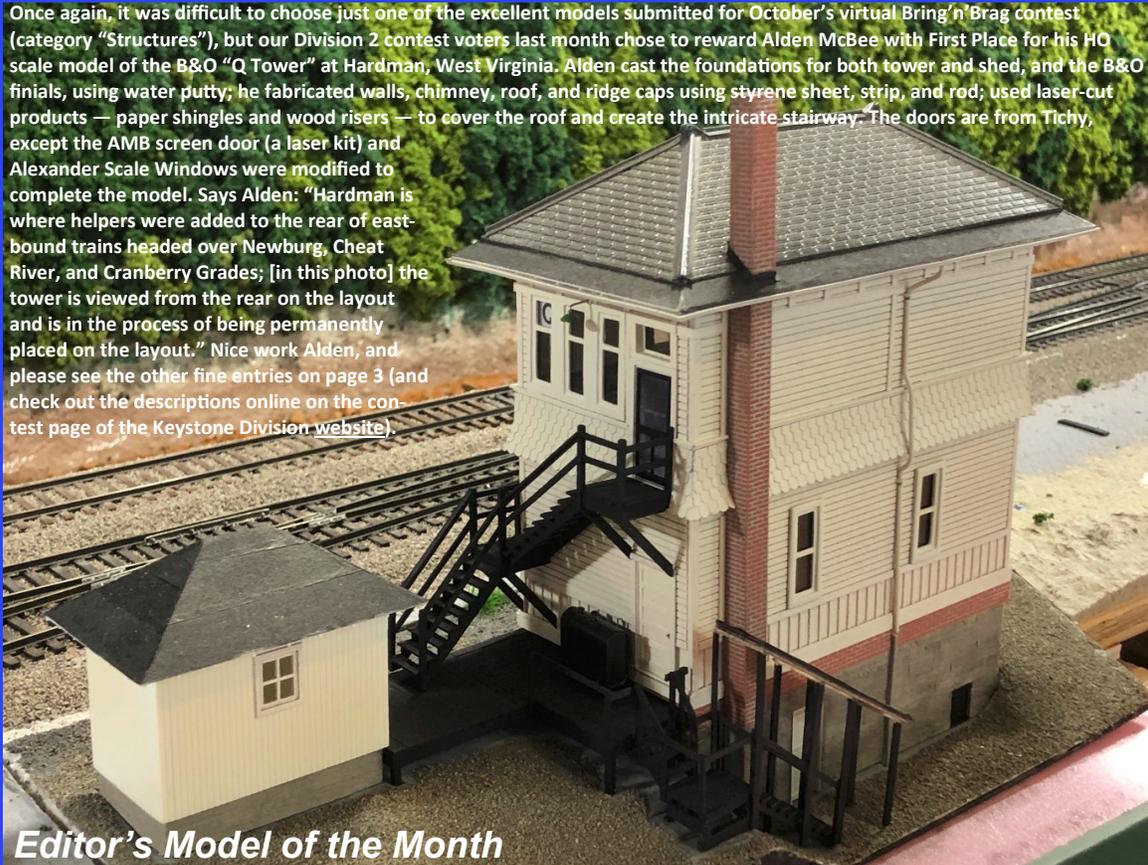



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Once again, it was difficult to choose just one of the excellent models submitted for October's virtual Bring'n'Brag contest (category "Structures"), but our Division 2 contest voters last month chose to reward Alden McBee with First Place for his HO scale model of the B&O "Q Tower" at Hardman, West Virginia. Alden cast the foundations for both tower and shed, and the B&O finials, using water putty; he fabricated walls, chimney, roof, and ridge caps using styrene sheet, strip, and rod; used laser-cut products — paper shingles and wood risers — to cover the roof and create the intricate stairway. The doors are from Tichy, except the AMB screen door (a laser kit) and Alexander Scale Windows were modified to complete the model. Says Alden: "Hardman is where helpers were added to the rear of east-bound trains headed over Newburg, Cheat River, and Cranberry Grades; [in this photo] the tower is viewed from the rear on the layout and is in the process of being permanently placed on the layout." Nice work Alden, 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](#)).



Editor's Model of the Month

Division Meeting Schedule

November 15 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
**** CANCELLED DUE TO VIRUS ****
 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

January 17, 2021 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
**** assuming improved virus situation ****
 Meeting location pending

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Bring'n'Brag

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| 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 |

Submission Deadline for next *Flyer*:
December 15, 2020

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From the Super's Desk

November means it is the last meeting and Flyer report of the year, and the start of two most popular family holidays of the year.

It is unfortunate that the CDC experts were correct in predicting that there would be a sharp rise in Covid-19 cases during this season. I'm pleading to all of you to please follow the CDC's guidelines. The Division and your family care a lot about you and do not wish this virus on any of its members, nor their families.

If any of you are planning on visiting or hosting relatives please check what the COVID-19 restrictions might be in the states you are or your relatives are traveling through. You would not want to find out that you might have to stay an uncalculated extended time.

Last minute change: With Covid-19 rising to 100,000+ cases per day, I asked Susan if she could put out an e-mail blast to see how many members were going to attend the meeting at New Eagle Recreation Hall. Out of 59 members canvassed, Susan said, "the vote was 2:1 against attending the meeting."

Out of those not attending, I would not have 2/3 of my elected officers plus at least 5 more of clinic and other supporting officers. So after talking it over with Susan and Dennis, I decided that we will hold the November 15th meeting virtually at the usual time of 2:30pm on GoToMeeting. As in the past, the officers will receive an invite to the meeting from Susan a day or two ahead of time.

I honestly believe that virtual meetings will probably continue into next year for an unknown time. Until then, please enjoy the upcoming holidays the safest and best way you can.

See you all next year,

... *Frank Benders*

VIRTUAL BRING-N-BRAG

The Bring'n'Brag category this month is Prototype Photos. What images have you captured while out and about rail-fanning, either recently with your phone or longer ago, with your Kodak Brownie? [For the younger members: that was a primitive analog device known as a "camera" with which you could capture still images from real life on plastic, transfer those images onto paper that was treated to react to light and chemicals, and then share that image with other people by providing a copy or simply showing it to them. I know this sounds complicated, but it really was a thing!] So show us what you captured along the right-of-way, get it to Tom (digitally) by November 14, and Arley will collect & tabulate the votes! Details on page 3.

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Bring'n'Brag

October 2020

Hello everyone!!

I was looking forward to seeing what everyone would enter for the October Bring and Brag and I was not disappointed: a lot of great modeling going on here. Here they are in the order in which they were entered:

1. Al's Auto Parts - Mitch Kozikowski built a nice representation of a common and not too often modeled building. If you have a car and are mechanical sooner or later you'll be in here to buy something!!



2. Electrical Substation - Bruce Walat built an older vintage outdoor electrical substation with all sorts of interesting objects. While I know (and this can be a curse) what everything does inside an electrical substation (and know what can and



does go wrong) to most people it can be just interesting to look at them. Nice job Bruce!!

3. Breedlove Distributors - Grier Kuhn has an odd sized space that he put this building in. He added lots of details and the result is great!



November's contest is **Prototype Photos**. We had a good selection last year, and I was really looking forward to seeing everyone this month at New Eagle but Covid has raised its ugly head once more. So **submit** your entry (photo and description) **NOW through Saturday, Nov. 14 at 12noon** to tom@tomgaus.com, then send your vote to arleymitchell@frontier.com by **Sunday, Nov. 15 at 1pm**. Good luck everyone! I'm looking forward to your projects!



Arley Mitchell

4. B&O Q Tower at Hardman, WV - Alden McBee did a lot of work on this building and went into detail about what he added. It shows! A really terrific job!



5. Car Repair Shop - Jim Ferguson entered this completely scratch-built model. In the setting on his railroad it really looks good, doesn't really need to be blended in with the

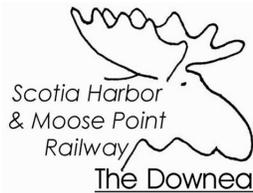
rest of the buildings or the area on which it is sitting.

6. Covered Bridge - Fred Metting did a super job here capturing a once commonplace sight and structure. These always catch my eye.



There was a lot of interest this month; these are the most votes that I've received since we started the virtual contest. Everyone got votes and the race for **First Place** was neck and neck, but in the end **Alden McBee** with his Q Tower won. **Grier Kuhn** came in **Second Place** with Breedlove Distributors, and **Jim Ferguson** came in **Third Place** with his car repair shop.

Name	pts	Name	pts
Jim Ferguson	19	Julius Fair	3
Grier Kuehn	14	Neal Schorr	3
Fred Metting	9	Arley Mitchell	1
		Mike DeSensi	1



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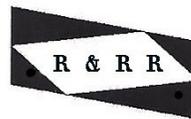
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OHIO RIVER NORTHERN RAILWAY CLUB

I.C. Dimmley updates readers through today in this final installment of his series on the Huntingdon Northern Railway.

Chapter Five: The Undercover Boss

Robert has even assumed the role as “Undercover Boss” to ferret out incompetence in the workforce. He has worked tirelessly as a dispatcher, yardmaster, engineer, operator, and maintenance and sanitary engineers. This has given him a better understanding of what it takes to run a first-class mountain railroad.



The dispatcher's office, where Robert spends most of his time these days, from which he can oversee all operations and bark out orders to keep the coal and merchandise rolling over the mountains.

Guided by his generosity, Robert has made improvements to the crew's facilities. Flush toilets and showers were installed. The cafeteria was modernized to serve delicious and wholesome meals to off-duty crews at no cost. Also, new carpeting has been installed in the Company's work spaces along with comfortable seating.

As we approach the end of 1957, the clouds of change are already brewing. The Huntingdon Northern may be forced to replace some of its worn out steam fleet with diesels. Many rail fans are very upset and restless at seeing HN diesels growling up Sidewinder and Hogback Grades!!



Newer diesel locomotives plying Sidewinder Grade



Updated bathroom facilities now feature running water, flush toilet, and limited toilet tissue (an improvement over the Sears catalogs provided heretofore gratis by HN management)



The HN cafeteria, offering nutritious meals and beverages to sate the hunger of off-duty crew

One can only speculate what the future holds for this historic railroad and will it remain in the control of the Prehoda dynasty? One thing is for certain: the Huntingdon Northern will be remembered as a railroad envisioned and built by an immigrant called “The Baron!!”



October 18, 2020 Business Meeting

The special virtual executive meeting was gaveled open by Superintendent Frank Benders at 2:33 PM. He thanked Dennis Vaccaro for hosting the meeting via GoToMeeting.

Present: Patrick Altdorfer, Frank Benders, Andy Blenko, Jimmy Braum, Bud Brock, Keith DeVault, Mike Hohn, Grier Kuehn, Arley Mitchell, George Pandelios, Dennis Vaccaro, and Susan Werner.

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

Committee Reports:

Flyer: Patrick Altdorfer reported that the deadline for submissions is 10/25. The Flyer will be published in early November. Upcoming events such as Christmas themes, last episode of Huntington Northern, notice of renewal of pike ads will be included. Announcements for club or personal open houses will be happily accepted.

Treasurer: Jeff Gregg was not present, but Frank reported that the division is solvent. Andy Blenko reported no activity in the Convention account since July, although Dennis Vaccaro noted that 2 structures had been sold via PayPal. Susan Werner reported that she had received a notice from PNC Bank that if no activity occurs for 6 months in an account, the bank is obligated to disable the account and send the money to the state. The money (or assets) will then be held for 10 years or until it is claimed. The reclamation process is arduous and time-consuming. The regular Division account is in no such danger; this is more likely with the nearly dormant Convention account. The event can be avoided transferring \$10 out of the account and then replacing it using PayPal. Andy will do so to avoid this situation.

Programs: Andy Blenko reported that Division will hold a physical meeting at New Eagle on November 15. Jimmy Braum will be presenting a program on the East Broad Top Railroad. There will also be a swap meet. If you are interested in participating, you may bring up to two (2) tables of stuff. If so, please let Dennis Vaccaro know ahead of time if you want tables. Swapping for cash is also encouraged.

From 2016-2019 the January meeting was held at Old Economy Village. Last January, it was held at the club in Ambridge. Old Economy Village doesn't want to host large groups at this time. John Gallagher is the contact for the Ambridge club. There was some discussion and concern over the meeting taking place in the upstairs meeting room. It is very small and cramped and will make social distancing impossible.

Company Store: Susan reported that she had received payment for all books ordered by members although she has not been able to deliver them. She anticipates doing so at the November

meeting. There will be no sales of calendars this year due to the difficulties posed by a lack of meetings. Decals for City Classics Market (grocery store) kit are available for sale. Andy took the opportunity to inquire about a projected building kit from 2 years ago – Schorr's Drug Store. Grier reported that the tool and die maker got behind and that project is on Jim Sacco's backburner as a result.

Membership/Website: Tom Gaus was not present; no report.

Free-Mo: Patrick Altdorfer reported that he received an e-mail from Frank Hicks indicating that Greenberg is planning to hold their Monroeville show on November 7 and 8. He is not planning to attend and believes it has little chance of taking place. A number of members have health issues and will not attend.

Bring-N-Brag: Arley Mitchell announced that there were 28 votes and six entries, a significant improvement over last month. Andy thanked Susan for sending the e-mail reminding the members to vote. Susan recognized Tom Gaus for creating the e-mail that contained both the photos and the link (to vote) to the website. This greatly facilitated voting in this month's Bring-N-Brag.

Video Library: Bud Brock reported that while the library is dormant, it still has a full complement of videos and an accurate list of them can be found on the website. Anyone desiring a video should send Bud an email and he will mail the item to them. He also noted that the NMRA has a library of videos available on their website (NMRA.org).

Achievement Program: Dennis reported that there has been nothing new since last month's flurry of activity.

T-Trak: Jimmy Braum reported that there was nothing new here. The easels used for photographs at the Regional convention had been picked up by Richie Jodon for our use. But since our Convention was cancelled, he will attempt to get them to Erie for their use.

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

MCR 2023 Convention: Keith DeVault was present but there was nothing new to report.

Old Business: Last week Frank had Susan send Andy Blenko's write-up regarding the NMRA "At Risk Policy" for review. George Pandelios moved to accept the write-up as written. This was seconded by Dennis. The vote was unanimous by acclamation. Grier Kuehn asked a clarifying question: Must the form required by the NMRA have to be completed and signed by the parents so that he can continue to bring his grandson (an NMRA youth member) to the meetings? Frank responded affirmatively and further noted that the form must be notarized. Grier noted that requirement does not assist the NMRA in adding younger members.

Minutes *(cont'd from page 6)*

Please look at the Division website for the specifics of the policy. A vigorous discussion regarding this policy ensued. Keith volunteered to ask the NMRA legal representative about the applicability of this policy to family members (like Grier's grandson).

New Business: George raised the issue of Classified Ads on the website. This had been discussed previously, but there was no resolution. Susan recalled that this used to be done with the **Flyer**, but it was discontinued due to violating the postal permit. Mike Hohn pointed out that the non-profit postal permit is no longer in use. Therefore, this is no longer an issue. And there is no on-line regulation against this activity. Pat will put these ads wherever they fit on the **Flyer**. Pat will create a set of rules for these classified ads (word limit, contact information); this applies only to our members. Ads will be limited to 3 per member per month. Dennis asked if there was a reason not to do commercial advertisements on the website. This could be a potential revenue stream. Susan indicated that commercials could take over the website. George indicated that managing these advertisements could mushroom into a large volume of work. Frank indicated that he would like to bring this issue up for discussion by the membership at a physical meeting. Keith moved that the issue of commercial advertisements on the website be tabled until the November 15th meeting. Susan seconded the motion and it carried unanimously by acclamation. Andy raised the point that eBay is now collecting sales tax for all items; he wondered if we might be responsible for that if we allow ads on the website.

Concerns & Questions – There was a question from the membership regarding judging models. The question was: could the judging take place without having to do paperwork? This was the paperwork for the judging of the model. Mike Hohn indicated that the paperwork is used by the judges to determine the percentage of scratch-built v. kit-bashing. The paperwork assists the modeler as well. He further indicated that the

bigger problem might be getting the judges together (in physical proximity) to view the model and render a judgment. Dennis stated that he had asked Frank Koch, the NMRA National Achievement Chairman, about remote judging. Frank Koch indicated that remote judging via Zoom – one person with a camera – has been done, especially in remote locations. The modeler sends the paperwork into the local AP chair and then gets the result. Mike restated the cliché that in our hobby a photograph always shows the things that the modeler missed. Photographing the model in advance (with certain rules of thumb as to views, definition, and lighting) and sending the photo(s) to the judges could result in rigorous and accurate judging. Frank Koch suggests that if the modeler or the modeler's friend can do the video or take the photos, there's no reason not to use this method for judging. Dennis will write up these rules of thumb for the photos / video. The modeler would be responsible for finding the photographer and asserting that the rules have been followed.

For the Good of the Division:

Keith asked Dennis where the Narrow Gauge National Convention will be hosted. The answer is the Greentree Doubletree.

Grier noted that social distancing at the New Eagle meeting will be easy. However, he is concerned about the cramped meeting space upstairs at the Ambridge club. The COVID-19 numbers are climbing once more. He asked if Frank would be making a decision regarding holding the November meeting virtually or in person. Frank indicated that he will make that decision 1 week in advance. He is not enthusiastic about the Ambridge venue; Andy was asked to get John Gallagher's view on the subject.

With business concluded, Frank asked for a motion to adjourn. Dennis moved to adjourn with Susan seconding. The meeting was adjourned at 3:24 PM.



Request for Clinicians

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 20-23, 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/>.

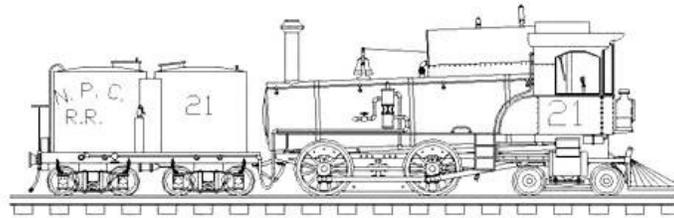


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NEXT MEETING:
 Virtual executive meeting, November 15

 <p>Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society 128 Pleasant Street Morgantown, WV 26505</p> <p>Meeting Thursdays at 7:00 PM 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>
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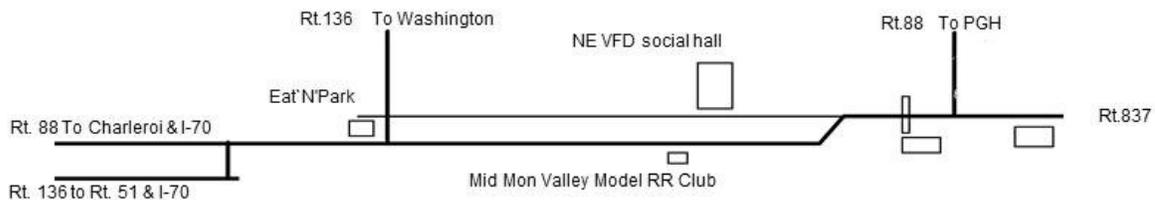


Mid Mon Valley Model Railroad Club Holiday Open House 2020

November 28 & 29	Noon - 5pm
December 5 & 6	Noon - 5pm
December 12 & 13	Noon - 5pm
December 19 & 20	Noon - 5pm
December 26 & 27	Noon - 5pm
January (2021) 2 & 3	Noon - 5pm

LOCATION: 159 Main St. New Eagle, PA, Rt. 88, 2nd floor of the Borough building

Website: www.mmvrrc.org



OTHER HOLIDAY OPEN HOUSES

Although the Mid-Mon Valley Model Railroad Club is soldiering through with an open house this season, sadly many of our larger area clubs have cancelled their holiday open house this year due to the pandemic. Among the larger clubs or museums that feature refined layouts but which have **cancelled** open house this year are:

- [Ohio Valley Lines](#) (Ambridge)
- [McKeesport Model Railroad Club](#) (McKeesport)
- [Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum](#) (Gibsonia)

However, the news is not all bad... the [Carnegie Science Center](#) (North Side, home to one of the larger O-gauge railroads) is open for visitors, and the [Rochester Area Heritage Society & Model Railroad Museum](#) (which boasts a model railroad room with layouts and displays in 5 scales) is hosting open houses (weekends noon-4pm, 28 November to 27 December, \$5 donation). Perhaps think of these organizations in your year-end giving this season, it would be nice to help to keep these institutions going in this difficult time.

Classified Advertisements coming in 2021

The *Keystone Flyer* welcomes Division 2 members to submit classified advertisements for items or services they wish to offer to readers of this newsletter. Starting with the January 2021 issue — and assuming a sufficient number of submissions — this section will begin its run. As this is purely member-driven content, it will run as an “Extra” as needed, something with which we are familiar! We will discover this as we go, but I envision this as a section of about one quarter page per issue it runs. The submission guidelines are as follows: (1) ads may be placed by Division 2 members in good standing; (2) each listing can be ca. 25-30 words (about 1-1/4 column inches), including your contact info; (3) up to 2 photos (jpg format only) may be included, but they will be sized to fit; (4) maximum of 3 ads per member per issue; (5) submission deadline: 28th day of the month before publication. Submit your complete listing (including your phone number) via e-mail to the Editor (patrick.altdorfer@gmail.com).