



## Editor's Model of the Month

Jim Sacco describes inside how he finished this Life-Like Proto 2000 HO scale model kit of the P&WV caboose. He bought two of these kits some 30 years ago and finally built them this year. Says Jim: "Is it a perfect replica of a P&WV caboose? No, but it's good enough for me, and it's not still sitting in the box." Read Jim's description inside of the amount of work that he put into fine-tuning this model, and see if you agree with the editor that Jim is being too humble!

## Meeting Schedule

**August 15, 2021** - Division 2 Picnic and Meeting  
Henle Park, Ferry Street, Leetsdale, PA 15046  
12 noon - ??, food starts 1:30pm (details page 6)

**September 19, 2021** - Division 2 Meeting  
Marshall Township Municipal Building, 2:30pm  
Program: Neal Schorr, "Capturing the Commonwealth"

**October 17, 2021** - Division 2 Meeting  
Schiappa Library, Steubenville, OH, 2:30pm  
Program: Bob DiBenedetto, "Operation Lifesaver"

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## Bring'n'Brag

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

**Submission Deadline for Sept. Flyer:**  
August 22, 2021

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## From the Super's Desk

Our big news is that the annual Division 2 Picnic is on! We are looking forward to our first in-person meeting in 1½ years. It is scheduled for our favorite place, the Henle Park Pavilion in Leetsdale, PA, on August 15. There is a small pavilion with room for our Bring n Brag items (the topic is passenger cars) and our food buffet. Trees provide shady places to eat and visit with friends. We have a good view of the Norfolk Southern tracks to enjoy the 1:1 scale trains going by. Thanks go out to John Gallagher for getting this all arranged. Please tell Andy Blenko ([awblenko@comcast.net](mailto:awblenko@comcast.net)) how many people you are bringing. The Division will provide hot dogs and hamburgers, buns and condiments, and drinks. Please bring a dish to share. We will start eating about 1:30pm and the meeting will start at 2:30pm. Bring your own chairs.

Condolences go out to two Division 2 families who recently lost loved ones. Raymond Yurkowski, husband of Monica Yurkowski and son-in-law of Marge Meehan, and Phyllis Coulter, wife of Don Coulter, both passed away in June. Raymond and Phyllis both supported our group, helping with Jamborees, raffles and registrations. We valued their friendship and participation, and they will be missed.

... Frank Benders

### **RETURN TO IN-PERSON MEETINGS**

Starting this month, we return to “regular order,” with our round robin meetings hosted at various sites across Division Two. We kick off with our annual picnic on August 15 in Leetsdale’s Henle Park, which gives us a chance to safely socialize again and enjoy our hobby in the great outdoors.

With the current resurgence of coronavirus cases linked to the Delta variant, however, we must observe CDC safety guidelines in effect at the time of our meetings, particularly as we move back indoors for our meetings in September, October, and November.

At this writing (29 July), the [CDC is reporting that the Delta variant is so highly transmissible](#) — even from those individuals who have already been fully vaccinated — that masking is once again advisable, particularly when in confined indoor spaces, in areas in which [high/substantial](#) rates of transmission have been observed. Currently most of the [counties of Division Two](#) are ranked [moderate transmission](#) areas, but the four counties of the West Virginia panhandle are areas of [high/substantial](#) transmission.

These trends may change if vaccination rates increase in our region, so please stay [informed of the latest developments](#), as CDC recommendations also adapt as more information is learned about the disease and its variants. And please act accordingly to keep yourself and your friends in the Division safe.

- the Editor

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# Bring'n'Brag

Tracy Boyd/Richard Terek

June 2021

Hello, fellow NMRA Keystone members. Allow me to introduce myself. My name is Rick Terek and I'm the other half of the Bring and Brag committee, along with Tracy Boyd. Tracy is off traveling the big blue skies, so she asked me to cover the report this month. As for me, I got into modeling about 6 years ago and model in O scale. I don't have a layout per se, but I do model in diorama.

Here are the results for the June Bring and Brag contest:

Coming in at **first place** is the HO buffer car by Grier Kuehn (top right). He describes his model this way:

Nobody ever said a working car had to look pretty and this ex-Santa Fe 2-bay cement hopper is no exception. The boys in the shop patched it out and from the looks of it were none too careful. The new reporting marks and numbers are awfully sloppy. Oh well, that's because they just grabbed a can of white paint and brushed them on.... The hopper was built from a Walthers kit with metal wheelsets and Kadees added. It was patched out and then heavily weathered, turning the bright Santa Fe red rather brownish and dingy... just the way a buffer car should look.



Coming in **second place** was this Weirton Steel caboose by George Pandelios (left). He describes his model like this:

Steel mill rolling stock are some of the dirtiest and most poorly maintained equipment on rails. Sloppy or no paint jobs, high heat, and exposure to corrosive agents are all part of a day's work. [Here] is Weirton Steel (WSX) caboose #4, a Pennsy N5 originally acquired for its scrap value but converted to slag run service. It was used on the end of slag car trains for the 3-mile run between the blast furnaces and the dump at Standard Slag. The model started out as an O scale undecorated Weaver Northeastern style caboose. I walled over the inner 2 windows to make it look more like an N5, spray painted it Columbia Gas Meter green (the Weirton Steel livery from the 1940s-1980s), applied home-made logo decals and dry transfer numbers, and heavily weathered the body and trucks to reflect years of service and neglect.



Coming in **third place** was the P&WV caboose by Jim Sacco (cover photo). He describes his model and what he did to it this way:

I have had two of these Life-Like Proto 2000 cabooses for almost thirty years and never taken them out of the box. I bought them because models lettered for the P&WV are rare. But I finally realized that it might be nice to do something with them since they aren't doing me much good in the boxes. Before I started this project, I would always drool over these nice models in their semi-assembled state (which was how they came). Doing the simple final assembly of putting the body on the chassis and adding rear handrails wasn't quite as easy as I expected.

First, the wheels wouldn't turn because they had copper wipers for lighting and the brake shoes rubbed the wheels. That required removing the wipers and adjusting the separate brakes. That greatly improved the rolling ability. Secondly, I didn't like the plasticky gray color the interior was molded in, so I painted it a pale green. That was after it took me a long time to break apart the cement joints holding everything together. Adding knuckle couplers was another project because it came with hook-horn couplers back then. It took a lot of filing and fitting to enlarge the coupler pockets to accept Kadee couplers. Then, I discovered that the cupola didn't sit right because the window glass hit the interior wall when you assembled it. More cutting and fitting. Finally, many of the detail parts are molded in a bright shiny engineering plastic. The grab irons were just too yellowy. So after I got everything together, I sprayed it with a matte clear coat and then tried to tone everything down with chalk and pastel powder weathering.

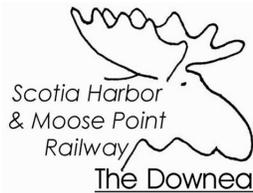


Two other entries were also submitted for the June contest: a stock MTH Pennsy N5c cabin car (above) that Neal Schorr refurbished and weathered when the roof paint started to peel, and a Thrall gondola, patched-out, decaled and weathered by Jimmy Braum for use as a buffer car on his WE layout (left).



Name	pts	Name	pts
Grier Kuehn	15	Jimmy Braum	3
Neal Schorr	7	Arley Mitchell	2
Jim Ferguson	6	Jim Sacco	1
George Pandelios	6		

The August contest category is **Passenger Cars** — and it is once again LIVE! Please bring your entry to the picnic, and do not forget that entries must arrive at least one half-hour before the contest begins! Rick Terek and/or Tracy Boyd will be on hand to register your entry and tally the votes.



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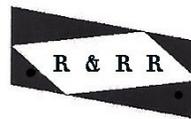


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## June 27, 2021 Business Meeting

Superintendent Frank Benders opened the June general division meeting precisely at 2:30 PM.

He reported that Raymond Yurkowski, husband of Monica Yurkowski and son-in-law of Marge Meehan had passed away last week and asked us all to keep Marge and Monica in our thoughts.

He thanked Dennis Coglianese for hosting the meeting via Zoom.

Pass the Hat: Andy Blenko reported that he had no way to know what has been contributed and that Jeff Gregg would have a better idea. Jeff Gregg indicated that two checks for \$10 each had recently come in, the annual Zoom subscription was paid up, and that year-to-date the Division had received a dozen contributions.

New members and / or guests: Frank recognized our presenter, Doug Sandmeyer from Division 12 in Lakewood, NY. Doug models in a variety of scales, primarily On30 and On3. Frank also welcomed David Grounds, a transplanted Californian who recently joined the division as a result of his friendship with Patrick Altdorfer. He lives in Economy Borough. He is interested in FreeMo and models the Illinois Central, the Monon, and the Southern Pacific. David is originally from the Indianapolis, IN area, where he lived along the PRR mainline. So he may be modeling the Pennsy as well. Welcome!

Dennis Vaccaro proposed accepting the minutes of the May meeting as published in *Keystone Flyer* online. Susan Werner seconded the motion which was approved unanimously by acclamation.

### Committee Reports:

Flyer: Patrick Altdorfer reported that the *Keystone Flyer* will be taking a holiday in July and that the submission deadline for the next issue has been extended an extra week. That will be July 11. He also indicated that the marketplace (member buy / sell advertisements) has seen little to no usage.

Treasurer: Jeff Gregg reported that the division is solvent. He also has received two differing space confirmations for the July Greenberg show, but nothing regarding the NMRA recruitment table....

Programs: Frank reminded everyone that there will be no meeting in July, in keeping with the Division's usual summer schedule and that the August meeting would take place, hopefully, at the picnic in Henle Park in Leetsdale. George Pandelios interjected that he had seen John Gallagher recently and inquired as to the status of the park permit with the Borough of Leetsdale. John had told him that the Borough had penciled in the Division for that day, but had not (as of this time) decided to open the park. At that point, Frank said that he will send another e-mail to John Gallagher inquiring as to the status of the venue.

He also deferred further discussion on this topic to New Business.

Andy Blenko remarked that today's program by Doug is on LEDs for lighting buildings. He also announced that Neal Schorr would be hosting the September meeting, which will be in-person at the Marshall Township Municipal Building, and will host visitors to his layout before the meeting.

Andy reported that Bob DiBenedetto has offered to host the October meeting at Schiappa Library in Steubenville. The presentation will be on Operation Lifesaver. Andy is soliciting open layouts for viewing before and after this meeting.

Andy then asked Susan Werner if her club would be willing to host the November meeting - program to be determined. She replied affirmatively. Jimmy Braum offered to open his layout for this meeting.

Company Store: Susan Werner reported that there is a new book coming on the Mon Railroad with photos by Roy Ward. There is also a huge (600 pages) book on Shay locomotives on the way. List price for this monster will be \$100, but the division gets a 20% discount. Doug Sandmeyer asked if this book was a reprint of a previous title, but Susan confirmed that it is a brand new book published by White River Productions. Please check the division website for the list of new books.

Membership: Tom Gaus reported that membership was down to 197. While some new members have joined, renewals are down. He volunteered to do a polite e-mail to the membership reminding them to renew.

Website: Tom Gaus indicated that the website is up to date. There have been no new tidbits (links). He did find a link to model railroad archives and will publish that. He also volunteered to help any interested member create a page on their own model railroad. Both he and Andy have webpages for their personal layouts. If you put together a Word document, Tom will convert it to a webpage. At Dennis' suggestion, he will also put up links to clubs.

Free-Mo: Patrick Altdorfer reported that the Free-Mo application for the July 25-26 Greenberg Show had been tentatively accepted and that the group may again combine its layout with that of the South Hills Model Railroad Club at this show. Patrick is also expecting that the Free-Mo group will participate in the November Greenberg show. Further discussion ensued.

Bring-N-Brag: Tracy Boyd was not present, but her back-up Rich Terek presented the results.

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

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro reported that he is waiting to hear from Frank at Regional for the Dispatching award and at least 3 members on working on certificates.

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## Minutes (cont'd)

T-Trak: Richie Jodon was not present, but Jimmy Braum presented his report, including details of his expectations for the July Greenberg Show, including 21 of his own modules and another 15 from the members who are expecting to attend; the name tags he made for last year's summer show, Mike De-Sensi's 24" x 48" portable layout, a Star-Wars themed module, and various aspects of T-Trak and N-scale modeling. He asked members to check out the Facebook page and "Like" it.

Frank reported that he intends to promote the 2022 Tri-Regional Convention at the Greenberg show. He inquired as to the availability of an easel. Dennis asked about promoting the 2023 Convention at Greenberg; Frank indicated no plans to do so as that may be too far in advance. Certainly it will be promoted at the 2022 Tri-Regional event.

MCR 2023 Convention: Keith DeVault was not present so there was no report.

Old Business: There was no old business.

New Business: Because of the Leetsdale Borough's reluctance to open Henle Park, Frank raised the issue of finding an alternative site for the picnic, remembered that Susan mentioned a park used in the past, which Dennis remembered as Goehring Park in West Newton, PA. Susan noted that it only has a porta-potty across a creek from the pavilion; it's a long walk. A discussion

ensued regarding the practicality of the location, renting a closer porta-potty, train-watching possible, and Frank directed Susan to pursue this. George suggested Frank first follow-up with John Gallagher regarding the original location before engaging the West Newton site; Neal Schorr concurred, saying Leetsdale is a nice location and West Newton was pretty far out of the way for most of the membership.

Concerns & Questions: Susan reported that there were none.

For the Good of the Division: Neal Schorr noted that he had sent the first slide of his clinic in the Chat function of Zoom.

George Pandelios reported that the first installment of a 5-part series of articles was published in the July/August issue of *O Scale Trains* magazine (now on newsstands). The series is called "Pour Me A River" and will describe the pouring of the 8' wide Ohio River and all the preparatory / scenery work on his PRR Panhandle Division.

There is no meeting in July. The next meeting will be August 15 (the picnic).

With business concluded Frank entertained a motion to adjourn, which was proposed by Neal Schorr and seconded by Jeff Gregg. The meeting was adjourned at 3:13 PM.



## Division Two Picnic — August 15

**Where:** Henle Park, Corner of Ferry and Beaver Streets, Leetsdale, PA 15046 -- Same place as in several previous years.

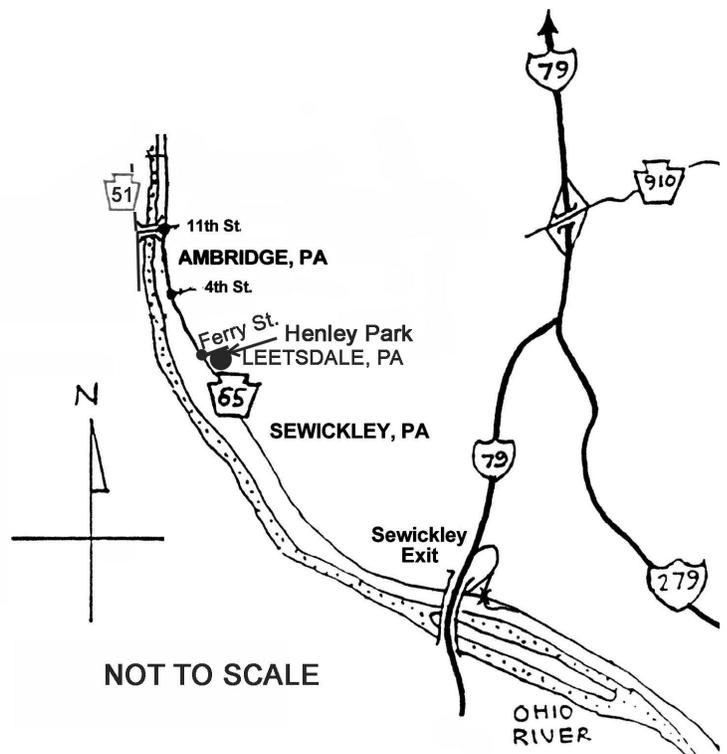
**When:** Sunday, August 15, 2021. We'll start gathering at 12:00 noon and aim to have food ready around 1:00pm. The business meeting will follow at around 2:30pm. The Bring-n-Brag category is Passenger Cars.

**Food:** The division will supply meat, bread, and sodas. **IMPORTANT:** please contact Andy Blenko (contact info below) with the number of people in your party who are coming and the food that you will bring. *[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. Please bring your own folding chair if you plan to sit; there really is no seating available for all.

**Contact Information:** E-mail Andy Blenko at [awblenko@comcast.net](mailto:awblenko@comcast.net) with the number in your party, what you will be bringing, and any questions.



# AUTUMN 2021 OUTLOOK

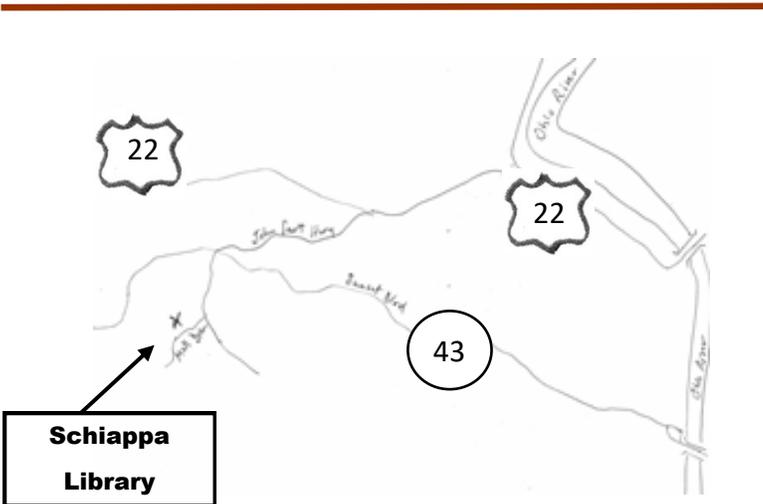
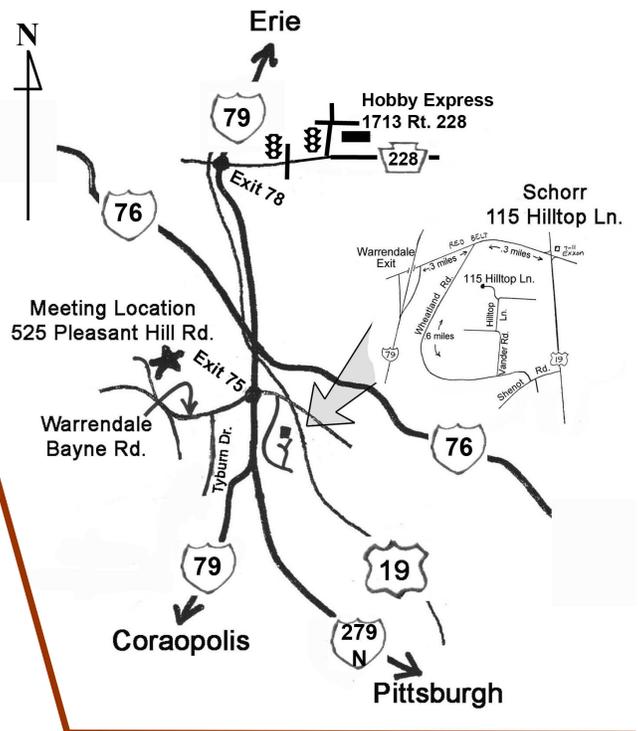
Assuming the virus situation remains stable or improves, we can look forward to meeting in person three more times this fall. Here are the meetings and programs that Andy has planned for us for the remainder of the year.

## September 19: Wexford, PA | “Capturing the Commonwealth”

Our September meeting will be hosted at the Marshall Township Municipal Building, which Neal Schorr has again coordinated for us. After the meeting, Neal will present “Capturing the Commonwealth,” his clinic that focuses on how he accurately reproduced PRR’s Middle Division across central Pennsylvania as well as providing an update on the progress he made on the railroad during the pandemic. The presentation will explain how both an understanding of the topography and geology of the region as well knowledge about the physical plant of the railroad were essential to his goal of accurately modeling the railroad. The clinic includes many comparison images of the prototype railroad and the model, and wraps up with an artistic segment which highlights the beautiful scenery of the region which prompted him to model the Middle Division.

The layout (115 Hilltop Lane, Wexford, PA 15090) will open at **12 noon** and will **close promptly at 2 PM** so Neal can set up the clinic at the Marshall Township Municipal building. He will reopen the layout after the meeting to those who were unable to see it earlier. Note: Hilltop Lane is a private road with no place to park, so please park on Vander Road and walk back to the house and down the driveway.

The meeting site is the Marshall Township Municipal Building (located at 525 Pleasant Hill Road, Wexford, PA 15090) and is roughly five minutes from my house. It will be open from 1:30pm. The entrance to the meeting room is on the lower level from the rear parking lot.



## October 17: Steubenville, OH | “Operation Lifesaver”

Our October meeting will be hosted at the Schiappa Library (4141 Mall Drive, Steubenville, OH 43952), which Bob DiBenedetto has coordinated for us. We last met at this location in September 2019. After the meeting, Bob will present a program on the railroad safety program “Operation Lifesaver.” His layout and other area layouts will be open either before or after the meeting; details (and perhaps a better map!) will be provided in next month’s Flyer and/or in an email from Susan.

## November 21: New Eagle, PA | Program TBA

Our last meeting of 2021 will be hosted by the Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club at the New Eagle VFW Social Hall, which Susan Werner has organized for us. Before the meeting, the MMVMRRC will host an open house, and Jimmy Braum will open his layout after the meeting.

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NEXT MEETING:  
 Annual Picnic, August 15

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## CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

And once again, there were no takers on placing classified advertising in the Flyer this month other than George Pandelios. It has even been suggested that we simply change the name of this column to "George's Swap Meet." Suggested by George himself, of course! So here is what George is looking for now, and what he has to offer...

### Wanted:

#### Vehicles (1:43 scale):

1950-53 Packard sedan or coupe. Looking for 1-2 for a specific area of the layout.

1950-57 Chevy and Ford automobiles, preferably sedans and coupes. Looking for a large number.

#### Locomotive (O scale/gauge):

Lionel TMCC equipped Alco S-2 switcher (models 6-28531, 6-28532, 6-28538, or 6-28539). Livery and road name are unimportant as this will be repainted.

### For Sale:

#### Figures (O scale):

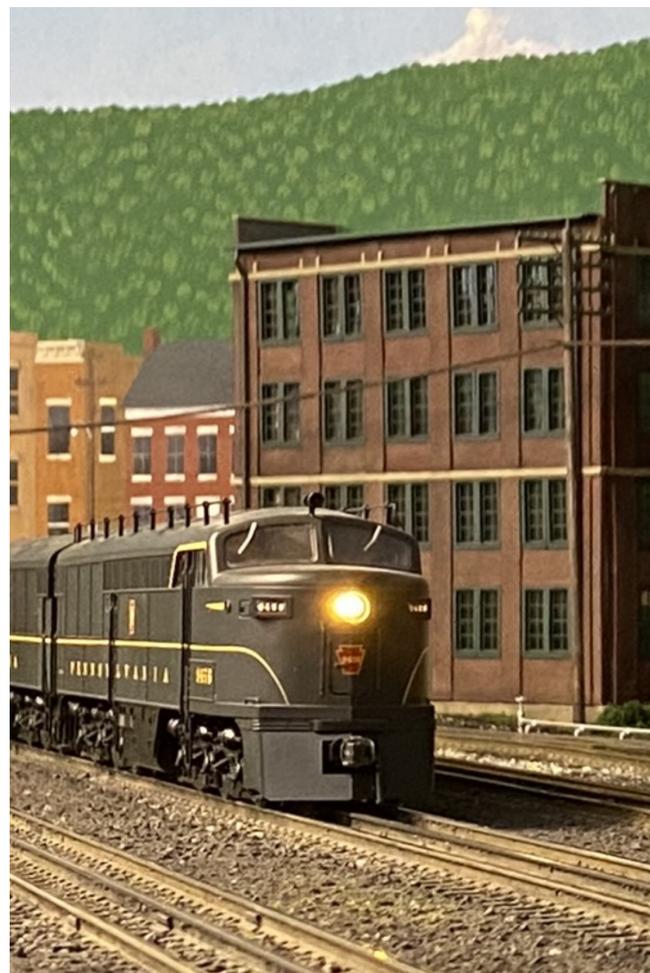
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- George Pandelios

## September Preview: "Capturing the Commonwealth"

Neal Schorr is presenting a program after our September meeting, which details how he modeled the Middle Division of the Standard Railroad of the World. Before the meeting, he is also hosting an open house at his huge O gauge layout, and if you have not yet seen this, be sure to get out and see it next month. And if you have seen it, go back again! If you read the Flyer, you have probably already seen images of Neal's work and his layout in these pages, but he was kind enough to send me a few more images that have not been published here before, so let this whet your appetite for what you are going to see when you visit Neal next month.





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