

Editor's Model of the Month

Unfortunately, the names of the contestants and their respective model contest entries were discarded before the editor could caption most of the photos for this issue. However, among the many great entries in all of the model contest categories, this one really caught the editor's eye, both from the perspective of capturing this prototype in accurate detail, but also reminding him of a famous scene in a film that turned 50 in March, in which a hot-headed young man consumed with vengeance for his wronged sister winds up meeting his own demise at a desolate tollbooth on the New Jersey Turnpike, in a setting much like the one depicted here. Late word came that Neal Schorr entered this model; I should have known, since Neal is our resident Turnpike historian! Nice work, Neal! For pictures of more Jamboree model contest entries, see pages 9-10.

Meeting Schedule

May 15, 2022 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Ohio Valley Lines, Ambridge, PA
HO and N scale Layouts open at 12 noon

June 26, 2022 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Pennsylvania Trolley Museum
1 Museum Road, Washington, PA 15301
Museum open 10am to 4pm (see details inside)
Meeting Room available to us 1:30-3:30pm

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Bring'n'Brag

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

Submission Deadline for next *Flyer*:
May 22, 2022

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From the Super's Desk

I would first like to thank all of you for giving me the opportunity to serve the membership as your superintendent. I will repay that trust by working hard for all our members and keeping our division strong and relevant.

I also want to thank Frank, Andy, and George for passing the baton (or gavel) of a strong organization for me to work for.

This will be an exciting year for our division. One year from NOW, we will be hosting the Regional Convention from May 4 to 7, 2023. We'll have the chance to show our collective stuff to guests from the other divisions in our region. I think we have a great story to tell.

One theme I'll probably repeat in this column is community. I think model railroading is a community activity. We all have different interests, skills, and methods, but we all improve when we have the opportunity to share those different interest, skills and methods with others. We all know something that others could benefit from, and we can all learn something from someone else. There's a place for those that model on their own or for those that model with a group. But everyone can be part of the community at the level of involvement that suits them.

We've experienced 2 years of isolation from each other, and my sense is that we are all looking to rebuild that sense of belonging to a community. I plan on making community the central theme to our plans and activities. I'd be glad to hear any ideas you may have as well.

... *Dennis Coglianesi*

Lunchtime at the Model RR Jamboree: Attendees fill their plates and sit down to a meal with their fellow enthusiasts, catch up in person again, and prepare for the afternoon clinics. RMU Yorktown Hall hosted us once more for this fun event.



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April 23, 2022 Business Meeting

As is customary at the Jamboree, Superintendent Frank Benders opened an abbreviated April general division meeting. It opened at 1:25 PM.

He thanked Robert Morris University and their Yorktown Facility staff for hosting the Jamboree. He recognized Grier Kuehn and Neal Schorr, who thanked their staff of volunteers — Tom Gaus, Andy Blenko, Rob Twigger, Susan Werner, Rick Terek, Tracy Boyd, Janet & Keith DeVault, Arley Mitchell, Jeff Gregg, and Dan Grieco — for carrying off another outstanding Model Railroad Jamboree. (Of note, the following were inadvertently overlooked: Patrick Altdorfer, Dennis Vaccaro, Richie & Laura Jodon, Mitchell Dakelman, Dennis Coglianesi, Frank Benders, George Pandelios, Mike DeSensi and Tom Catalano). Grier also thanked 84 Lumber and its COO Frank Cicero for the generous donation of the TJ Watt football helmet raffle prize.

New members and/or guests: Frank noted that there were 18 non-members in attendance at the Jamboree. Total attendance was 136, just behind the all-time record of 142.

Tracy Boyd and Richard Terek announced the results of the Motive Power, Rolling Stock, Structures, and Plasticville contests. Winners' names will be listed in the upcoming Keystone Flyer.

Frank called for a vote to accept last month's meeting minutes as published in the April *Keystone Flyer*. The motion passed unanimously by acclamation.

New Business:

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro presented Richard Turton a Merit Award for his turntable. He also presented Susan Werner with her Merit Award for her Russel snowplow. Mike Hohn was presented with his ninth Achievement Program certificate for the Engineering-Civil category.

Modeler of the Year: As we had not held a Jamboree for 3 years, Frank had a number of plaques to hand out. The 2018 Modeler of the Year award was given to Mike Hohn. For 2019, the winner was Jimmy Braum. Jim Ferguson took home the 2020 award. And for 2021, Grier Kuehn was the Modeler of the Year. Congratulations to all the past award winners.

John Gallagher moved that the Jamboree's name be modified in some way to permanently memorialize the late Jim Sacco for his contribution to both the division and the NMRA as a whole. It was seconded by Jack Murphy and carried by acclamation. The exact nature of the change will be determined in a future meeting.

Finally, Frank passed the superintendent's gavel to incoming Division Superintendent Dennis Coglianesi and adjourned the meeting at 1:32 PM.



Dennis Vaccaro (left) places a few more N scale items on the tables for the raffle.

While HO scale items predominate, there are also many prizes in other scales (as well as non-scale) to be won.



From left: Andy Blenko, Grier Kuehn, and Dan Grieco selling raffle tickets for the dozens of interesting and valuable prizes up for auction by random drawing. Pictured on the tables are (from top left to center right) door prizes, the "high-end" items (including Steelers Linebacker TJ Watt's autographed helmet, donated by 84 Lumber COO Frank Cicero), railroad-themed books, framed prints, DIY videos, and modeling supplies and kits of many scales (particularly N, HO, and O), plus rolling stock (RTR/kits), locomotives, and many structures and bridge kits from scales N to O. In the editor's opinion, the raffle is one of the most fun aspects of this event, and reminds readers of Grier's comment that the raffle helps to subsidize the event, keeping the registration costs relatively low.



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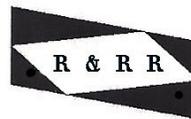


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Jamboree Wrap-Up

Grier Kuehn/Neal Schorr

The 2022 Jamboree is behind us and WOW, it was from all accounts a tremendous success. We thought it went great and without exception all feedback we received was very positive. The total attendance was the second best all-time at 136. In addition to a great day of clinics, contests, displays, White Elephant Sale, Company Store and raffles, another very important thing occurred: a total of **18 non-members attending requested a 9-month Rail Pass trial NMRA membership**. That is very gratifying and fulfills a Jamboree goal of ours to grow the Division Two membership in addition to showcasing the hobby in general. Thanks to all who attended and shared a great model railroading day. The Sunday layout tours were well attended as reported by the layout owners and the attendees.

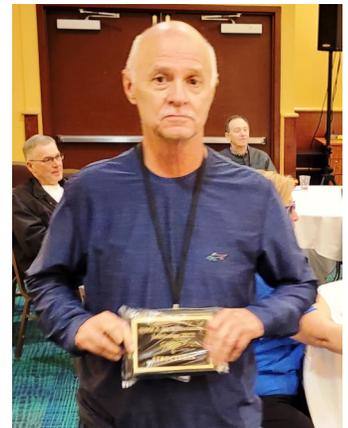


Model Contest Award Winners

Bring'n'Brag chairs Rick Terek and Tracy Boyd presided over the four model contests at the Jamboree, and there were many fine and creative entries on hand for the popular vote contest. This one-off contest is exclusive to the Jamboree, in three familiar categories and one "special" category that allows modelers to flex their creative muscles and even express their sense of humor in their modeling. Congratulations to the winners of the four contests (*pictured at right, top to bottom*), who received plaques for their entries in the four categories:



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| Motive Power: | Chris Lasher |
| Rolling Stock: | Jerry Krueger |
| Structures: | Howdy Veihdeffer |
| Plasticville Kits: | Joe Long |



Modeler of the Year

Each year, Division Two awards the winner of the monthly modeling contests (chosen by popular vote in 10 diverse categories), and this individual is recognized with a plaque at the Jamboree (or Regional Convention) in Spring.

But with no event since 2019 due to Covid, there was some catching up to do in awarding the winners their plaques. Congratulations to the Division Two members who won this honor over the past four years:

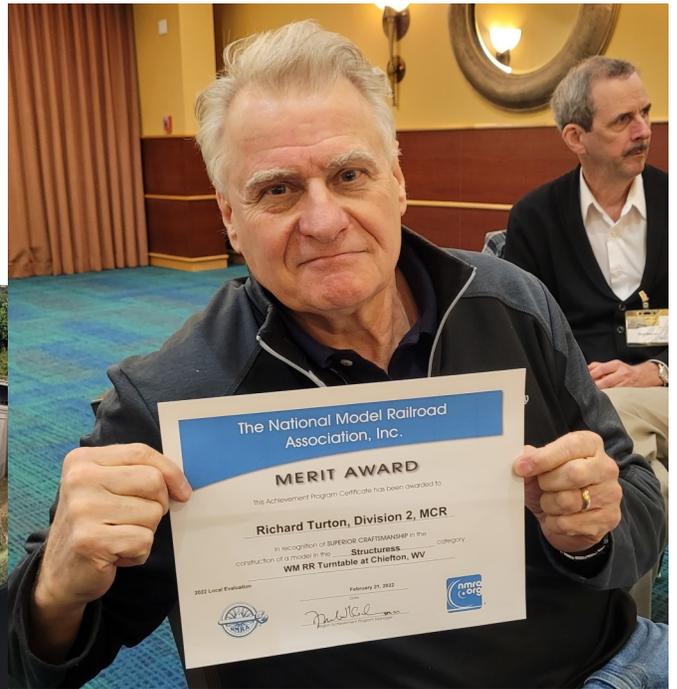


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| 2018: | Mike Hohn (<i>right</i>) |
| 2019: | Jimmy Braum (not present) |
| 2020: | Jim Ferguson (<i>above right</i>) |
| 2021: | Grier Kuehn (<i>above left</i>) |

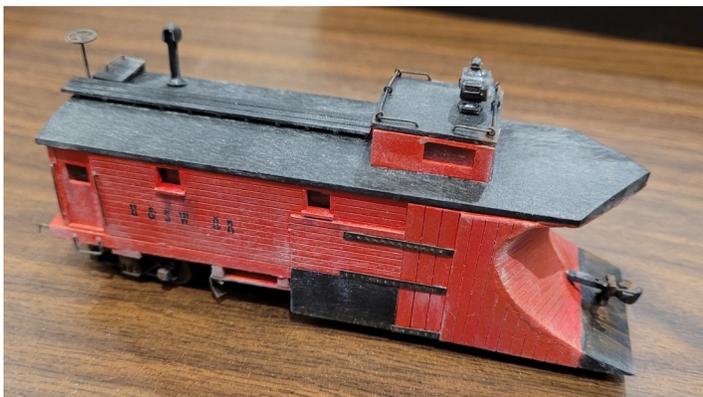


Achievement Program

Several AP certificates were also awarded at the Jamboree. Richard Turton (*right*) received an AP Merit Award for Structures, for his model of the unique Western Maryland turntable at Chiefton, West Virginia, a concrete structure that was built overhanging an embankment, which appears as though it is suspended in mid-air (*below*).



Susan Werner (*center right*) earned a Merit Award for her Russel snowplow (*below*), which was featured in last month's *Keystone Flyer*.

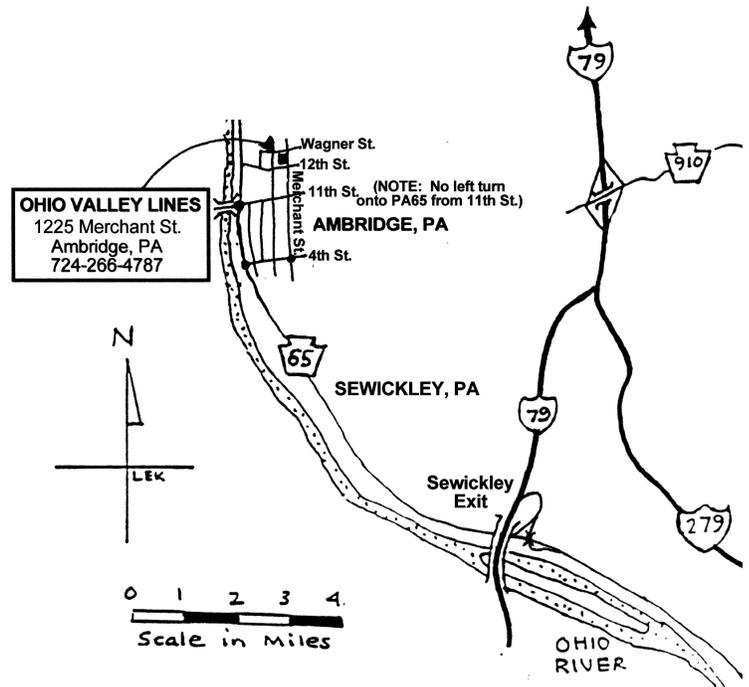


And Mike Hohn (left) was presented with his 9th AP certificate, this one in the Engineering-Civil category.

Bring'n'Brag Reminder: The contest category for May is **Freight Cars**. Bring your entry to the meeting **no later than 2pm** on **Sunday, May 15**.

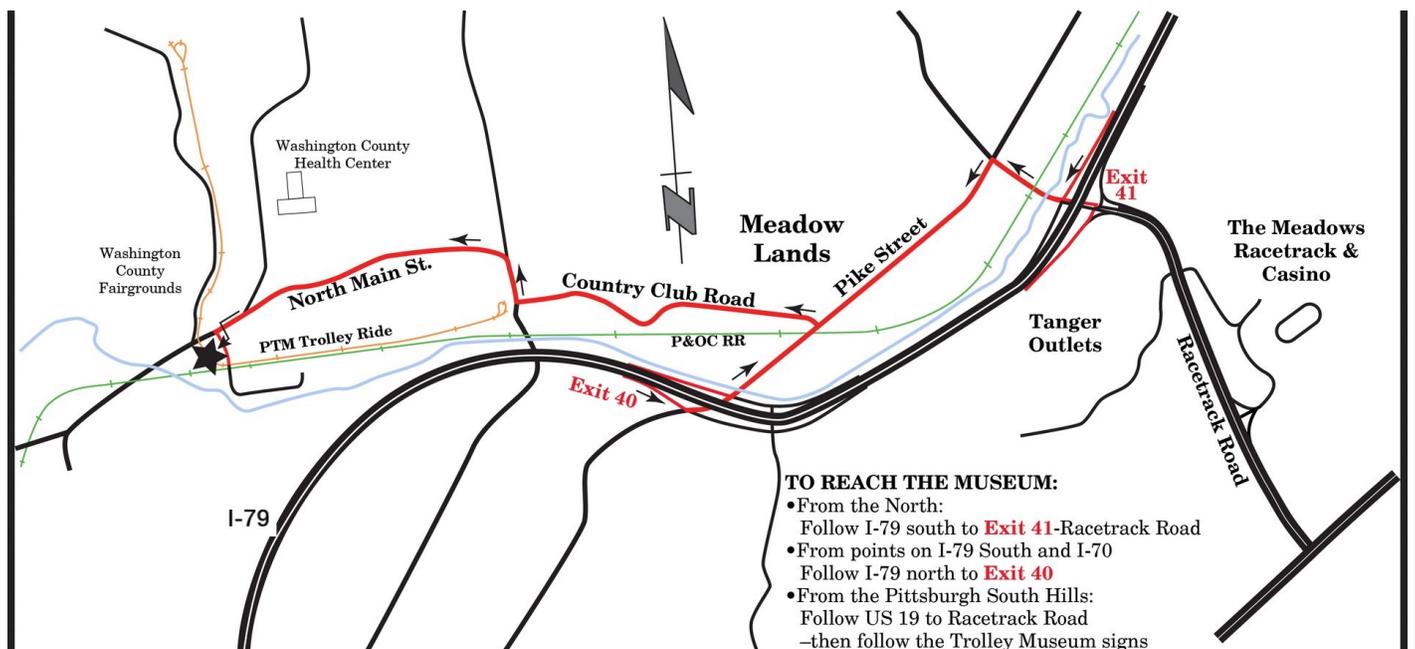
May 15: Ohio Valley Lines Model Railroad Club Ambridge, PA

Our May meeting will be held at the OVL Club, which had planned to host us in January, but the meeting was moved online due to the fast-spreading Omicron variant. The club will open at 12 noon to give you ample opportunity to see the two layouts (the huge HO scale layout on the ground floor, and the growing N scale layout in the basement). The business meeting starts at 2:30pm.



June 26: Pennsylvania Trolley Museum Washington, PA

Following tradition, our June meeting is moved to the 4th Sunday of the month to avoid conflicts with Father's Day the prior week. This year we are meeting back at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum (1 Museum Road, Washington, PA 15301). The program is the museum itself and its stable of trolleys, open 10am to 4pm. Regular admission is \$13, but on this day Division Two members are being given a discounted admission for the Tour and Trolley Ride (together) of only \$5. Please arrive early if you plan to take the tour and trolley ride! As usual, our meeting will start at 2:30pm (and must conclude by 3:30pm). And thank you to George for the museum information and this great map!



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NEXT MEETING:
May 15, 2022, at Ohio Valley Lines, Ambridge, PA

 <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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Jamboree model contest: Plasticville Kits

What can you do with a Plasticville Kit?

Text and photos by Patrick Altdorfer

Those kits we all had as kids, the clunky and out-of-scale Plasticville gas station, church, passenger depot, etc. bring back fond memories of our youth, but as modelers many of us have moved on from these toy-like buildings..., or have we? This contest category gave entrants a chance to test their skills and be a little creative with these kits, and the results were impressive, as you can see from the photos here.



Above: Now UPMC's new acquisition is Plasticville Hospital; right: this contestant even modeled a detailed floor plan! Left: The Coal Creek History Museum is part of an 18" x 30" HOon30 Microlayout.



Left: A Plasticville O scale passenger depot was painted and heavily weathered, and now it resides comfortably in this diorama with what may be a repurposed boxcar in the background. Note the great details, from retaining walls, shrubbery, trees, and telegraph/telephone poles.

Below right: This modeler brought two versions of the "Plasticville Junction" interlocking tower — an original and improved version — to show what can be done with just some minor modifications to these ubiquitous kits.

Below: There is little doubt that this modeler is either an architect or interior designer, for s/he heavily modified this apparently N scale Plasticville ranch house to improve the

living space of this modest suburban home: They changed the garage into a bedroom to improve its flow and moved the porch from the side to the rear of the house, where its occupants could no doubt better enjoy their leisure time.



Jamboree model contest

In the three other categories, there were a multitude of entries. Here are some of the models that were submitted and photographed. Unfortunately, the entry forms were discarded after the event and we cannot identify all entrants with their models, but we nonetheless wish to congratulate everyone who entered the contest because there was some very fine work that has been going on these past few years.
 - All Photos by Richard Terek

Motive Power



Left: Mike DeSensi brought this N scale steam locomotive and caboose combination.

Far left: Among the entries were the three HO scale diesel locomotives pictured here; nice rust weathering (or is that fire damage?) on NS 9197!

Rolling Stock

Right and far right: A great variety of rolling stock was submitted in this category, in different scales. Many of these freight cars exemplified extensive weathering, as well as added detail parts.



Structures



Models entered in this category spanned all modes of construction: card-stock, craftsman kits, scratch-building, some situated in dioramas. Impressive work!

