



## Editor's Model of the Month

Just around 1am, minutes after this Pennsylvania Railroad's T1 (wearing its streamlined cladding of the mid 1940s) pulls Train 29, the "Broadway Limited," out of Penn Station in downtown Pittsburgh, the legendary name train rounds a curve at Homewood Junction on its way west to Chicago, where, if it remains on schedule, it will reach Union Station by 7:45am. Obviously this photo was staged in a time warp, since the Walthers passenger cars wear the livery of 1956, a few years after the T1 was pulled from service. In fact, the editor took this photo in May 2022 on the Blenko family's Pittsburgh Mainline layout, which was featured in the March Issue this year. For the most part, she ran uneventfully on the broad curves laid out by Andy and Charlie and their layout construction crew. The one derailment was due to low-hanging coupler levers on one of the passenger cars that picked a cross-tie, not to deficiencies in trackwork!

## Meeting Schedule

**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

**August 21, 2022** - Division 2 Picnic, 12 noon  
Henle Park and Splashpad  
Beaver & Ferry Streets  
Leetsdale, PA 15056

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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*:  
July 15, 2022

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## From the Super's Desk

As I write this column, I'm getting ready to leave for IndyJunction2022. I'm really looking forward to this event which in many ways is on the scale of the National Convention: 3 Regions, 5 days of clinics, layout tours and operating sessions. I'm also looking forward to meeting other modelers and the leadership of our region.

On Sunday, I'll have a chance to represent the Keystone Division and I'm looking forward to hearing what is going on in the region as well as the opportunity to have our plans for Rails To Pittsburgh 2023 presented.

This month, we'll be at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum and our program will be the museum tour and trolley ride. I'm going to speak for George and say that we need members to volunteer to share their knowledge and interests for future programs. You don't have to be a great orator or have lots of flash to present. We all have done something that others can learn from, even mistakes. It doesn't have to be an historical presentation or even a how-to presentation. How about a quick tour of your railroad with information about what choices you made for prototype (or not), era and locale as well as how you decided what to model in the space you have? I encourage all of you to share something about your modeling. We'll all benefit from it.

A well-known credit card company asks, "What's in your wallet?" As model railroaders, we may not have much left in our wallet, but we could ask "What's on your workbench?" That might be a question asked during a Division Meeting during the agenda item "For the good of the order." Who will be the first to answer the question?

*... Dennis Coglianesese*

## From the Editor

*Errata: A Jamboree participant in a photo caption on page three of the May issue was misidentified as Dennis Vaccaro, who pointed out to your Editor at our last meeting that he was wearing a black shirt that day does not have as much hair as the participant pictured... I regret the error and apologize for any confusion this may have caused, particularly for the red-shirted and still anonymous modeler!*

*Summer Vacation: The Flyer takes a break in July, so the next issue you receive will be in early August. With the extra month, I hope that a few more of you will write up and submit an article on your home layout to be featured in these pages!*

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## May 15, 2022 Business Meeting

Superintendent Dennis Coglianese opened the May general division meeting at 2:30 PM.

He thanked the Ohio Valley Lines Railroad Club for hosting the meeting and for the courtesy of rescheduling the meeting which had originally been scheduled for January 2022. OVL Secretary Mike DeSensi spoke on behalf of the club and welcomed the division members. Mike also mentioned that memberships were always available. Superintendent Coglianese commented and requested that any members who speak at the meeting to please state their name. It is important that he and Chief Clerk Mike DeSensi are still acclimating to their new roles and would be extremely helpful.

Pass the Hat: Jeff Gregg passed the hat.

New members and/or guests: We had two new members in attendance: Thomas Catalano, a Z & N scale modeler and Ryan Anderson. Both had joined the NMRA with a RailPass membership purchased during the Jamboree.

Keith DeVault moved, and Frank Benders seconded, a motion to accept the March meeting minutes as published in the April Keystone Flyer. The motion passed unanimously.

### Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer – Patrick Altdorfer. The June Flyer submission deadline is May 22. Patrick noted that the Flyer is online and that members can sign up to receive the digital copy by sending an email to Susan Werner and requesting to be put on the Division mailing list.

Treasurer – Jeff Gregg reported that the division is solvent.

Programs – George Pandelios. George could not attend the meeting, but Superintendent Coglianese read a statement from him: *I want to begin my term by thanking my predecessor Andy Blenko for the terrific way he performed his duties and for the way in which he continues to assist me. It is very much appreciated. Likewise, I would like to thank the committee chairpeople of our division for their assistance in performing my previous role as Chief Clerk. The accuracy of the meeting minutes is in large part due to their diligence and help. For today, there is no formal program. Please enjoy the wonderful Ohio Valley Lines layout. The third Sunday of the month is June 19<sup>th</sup>, but that is Father's Day. Therefore, our next month's meeting will take place on June 26<sup>th</sup> at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum. We have rented the meeting room 1:30 to 3:30. The rental includes a discount on the tour and trolley ride – that is \$5 per person, payable individually. If you are interested in the tour and trolley ride, I need a head count by the close of business Monday, May 30<sup>th</sup>. Also, if you have disability issues, please let me know that as well so that the Museum can make accommodations. As is our custom, there is no meeting in July. Thanks to the efforts of John Gallagher, the August picnic is schedule for Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> at noon at Henle Park in Leetsdale, PA – our usual location. More details to follow.*

A motion to move the Monthly Business Meeting to June 26 was presented by Frank Benders, seconded by Dennis Vaccaro and passed unanimously.

Website & Membership – Tom Gaus. Tom noted that the Division membership is currently 186. 20 Rail Pass memberships were sold in conjunction with the Jamboree. Tom mentioned that new member Larry Linger has a YouTube channel named Solo Contracting that has a number of DCC decoder installation videos. The website is up to date. He also noted that the Division can provide webspace to anyone looking to promote their club or home layouts. Superintendent Coglianese commented that the Division needs to increase its exposure on the Web. He also stated the NMRA National has a website database where members can register their layouts.

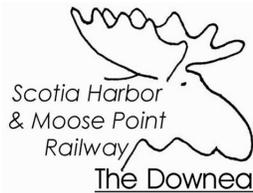
Free-Mo – Patrick Altdorfer. The Free-Mo group is looking for new members and even old members who are interested in HO modular layouts. The group will be setup in partnership with the South Hill Model Railroad Club at the Greenberg Trains Show, July 23 & 24 at the Monroeville Convention Center. They expect to fill a 40' x 45' space. Rob Twigger of Division 2 Is instrumental in engineering modules and can help you get your own. There is also a corner module in Patrick's garage that is in need of a good home.

Bring & Brag – Rick Terek. 1<sup>st</sup> Place went to Rick Montgomery for his 89' autorack; 2<sup>nd</sup> Place went to Ray Helster for his flat car with wood beam load; 3<sup>rd</sup> place went to Jim Hofer for his PC boxcar. Superintendent Coglianese asked if the three winners might take a few minutes and describe their efforts to produce their winning entries at the end of the meeting.

Achievement Program – Dennis Vaccaro. Dennis reminded members that volunteer opportunities at Indy Junction and next year for our regional convention are available and a fantastic opportunity to help out. Dennis provided a quick recap of the Achievement Program and how to earn your Master Model Railroad award. There are 11 categories and 7 are required for certification. The NMRA has recognized less than 800 people in the history of the program, worldwide. "Just remember to fill out your forms!" Any question, please contact him directly via email. The Golden Spike Award is a great way to get started. If you are building a model railroad or are a member of a club building a railroad, you are probably already doing a lot of the little things needed to earn the Award Even if you don't want to pursue MMR certification, just be recognized for your modeling efforts. Amongst the Mid-Central Region Divisions, Division 2 is not in the lead of recognized MMRs. Division members John Roberts and Larry Klein (both deceased) and Mike Hohn have earned MMR recognition. Members Richard Turton and Susan Werner are neck and neck in their pursuit of MMR awards. Dennis also invited anyone who is interested to view a judging, he will be judging Mike DeSensi's efforts to earn the Golden Spike after the meeting.

T-TRAK – Richie Jodon. Update provided by Jim Braum, co-chair. The T-TRAK group is

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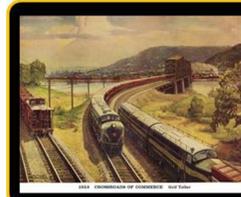
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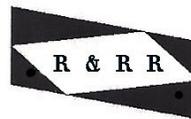


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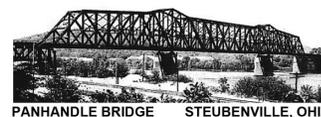


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# Bring'n'Brag

Tracy Boyd/Richard Terek



## May 2022

Greetings members, and congratulations to the winners of the month of May meeting. The meeting was held at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, PA, the category being "Freight Cars." We had 8 entries submitted. The winners were:

**First Place** went to Rick Montgomery for his 89 foot auto rack and 50 foot coil gondola, in HO scale (photo above). Rick's autorack started life as a Walther's kit, to which he added details, weathering, and a lot of graffiti.



**Second Place** went to Ray Helster for his flat car with a scratch-built load of trusses, in HO scale (photo at right). After scratch-building a truss load with scale lumber, Ray used a technique described in the NMRA Magazine to simulate banding using automotive pinstripping.



**Third Place** went to Jim Hofer for his Penn Central X-72 boxcar, in N scale. This model started as a Life-Like car, from which Jim replaced the molded-on ladders, stirrups, brake wheel with brass detail parts, before painting it and adding decals.

After presentation of the award certificates and at the end of the meeting, the winners were given an opportunity to explain how they crafted their model entries.

Again, congratulations to the winners and special thanks to all who submitted models for showing.



In all, seven members submitted entries for the Bring'n'Brag contest at our May meeting at the Ohio Valley Lines club in Ambridge.

See you all on June 26 at the PA Trolley Museum.



Name	pts
Joel Everly	6
Jimmy Braum	5
Rick Montgomery	3
Ray Helster	2
George Pandelios	2
Jim Hofer	1
Mark Vinsky	1

Bring'n'Brag Reminder: The contest category for June is **Non-Revenue Cars**. Bring your entry to the meeting **no later than 2pm** on **Sunday, June 26**.

## Minutes (cont'd)

looking forward to setting up at the Greenberg Train Show, July 23-24 at the Monroeville Convention Center. There are 7 members and 15 modules going to the Indy Junction convention next week. A brief description of T-TRAK was provided. Modules are all based on the dimensions of the Kato Unitrack system, which is a required component. There is no complicated wiring, simple track designs on light weight modules and almost endless opportunities to be creative. There is a gentleman who brings his very impressive modules from Northern Virginia that are all Star Wars themed! Jim's current module under construction is a triple sized version of the P & WV yard.

Jamboree – Grier Kuehn. "I'm glad it's over!" Grier reported that this year's Jamboree was very successful and the most profitable. There was a collection of O scale buildings that were left behind from the White Elephant sales room. There is no record of them being registered or of their owner. Dennis Vaccaro said he would take them to Indy Junction and put them in the White Elephant sale there. Proceeds would go to the Division. Co-Chair Neal Schorr also thanked everyone for their attendance. Tom Gaus noted that there were 136 paid registrants for the Jamboree.

Company Store – Susan Werner. Susan said that she had a few books, freight car models including a NYC boxcar, and some handcar shed kits available at the store. She also reiterated that members should look for new and upcoming titles that they might be interested in on the Double Take Productions website [www.doubletakebooks.com](http://www.doubletakebooks.com). Let her know what you want, and she will order it for you. Division 2 members get a 20% discount from retail price.

Regional Convention – Keith DeVault. Keith will have a small display at Indy with flyers to promote the convention. Details of the convention: The MCR convention will be May 4-7, 2023, at the Cranberry Double Tree hotel. Pricing for the hotel will be about \$114/night. The registration price cannot be locked in until 350 days before the convention. There will be operating sessions, white elephant sales room, 300 module capacity T-TRAK layout, vendors, plus tours to Heinz Field, Allegheny Valley Railroad, Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, Western PA



Bob DiBenedetto shared these photos of the prototype locomotive (above) that he has displayed on a shelf at home (below). Nice catch!



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Railroad Museum and others. Frank Benders will chair the Contest Room. Volunteers are needed, including a Volunteer Coordinator Chair. Dennis Vaccaro is chairing the Vendors committee and Neal Schorr will be coordinating layout tours. Superintendent Coglianese assured that the convention is on track and there will be monthly meetings to measure progress.

### Old Business

Neal Schorr – It was brought up at the Jamboree meeting to rename the Jamboree in honor of Jim Sacco, who passed away in March. He stated his opposition to this measure because it ignores the contributions of so many other Division members. Superintendent Coglianese recognized the desire to honor members and their contributions and suggested a Hall of Fame type distinction to facilitate. A Chairperson to head this effort will be needed. Keith DeVault mentioned that Jim Sacco created the current NMRA National logo and the 2023 Convention Flyer.

### New Business

Division Picnic, Sunday, August 21, at Henle Park in Leetsdale, PA. More details to follow.

The Division Facebook page is administered by Jim Braum. If you are on Facebook, please follow the page, post items that may be of interest to the membership and let others know about what's going on within the Division.

### For the Good of the Order

Superintendent Coglianese commended the NMRA National team for their brochure included with membership renewal notices about how the Association spends membership dues and shows the cost versus value of membership which now includes the digital version of the Magazine.

Steve Ross, Railroad Prototype Modelers East will be holding an event March 23-25, 2023 at the Westmoreland County Community College. There will be vendors and clinics in addition to the usual model contests. They are currently soliciting clinicians. In 2019, the event drew attendees from 17 states. RPM membership is NOT required to attend.

### Bring & Brag Contest Winners Comments

Rick Montgomery of the ORNerY Bunch, has been modelling for 25 years. His entry started as a Walther's kit with numerous add-ons and details and light weathering and lots of graffiti.

Ray Helster's timber trusses were scratch built with scale lumber, and he used car pinstriping to simulate the banding holding several pieces together. Shoe polish was lightly applied to give the wood some sense of depth and details.

Jim Hofer of Ohio Valley Lines, his model of an X-72 class Penn Central boxcar began with a Life-Like car that used to be plentiful at flea markets. Ladders, stirrups and brake wheel were removed from the stock body shell and replaced with brass details. The model was finished with AccuFlex paint and various decals from the leftovers box.

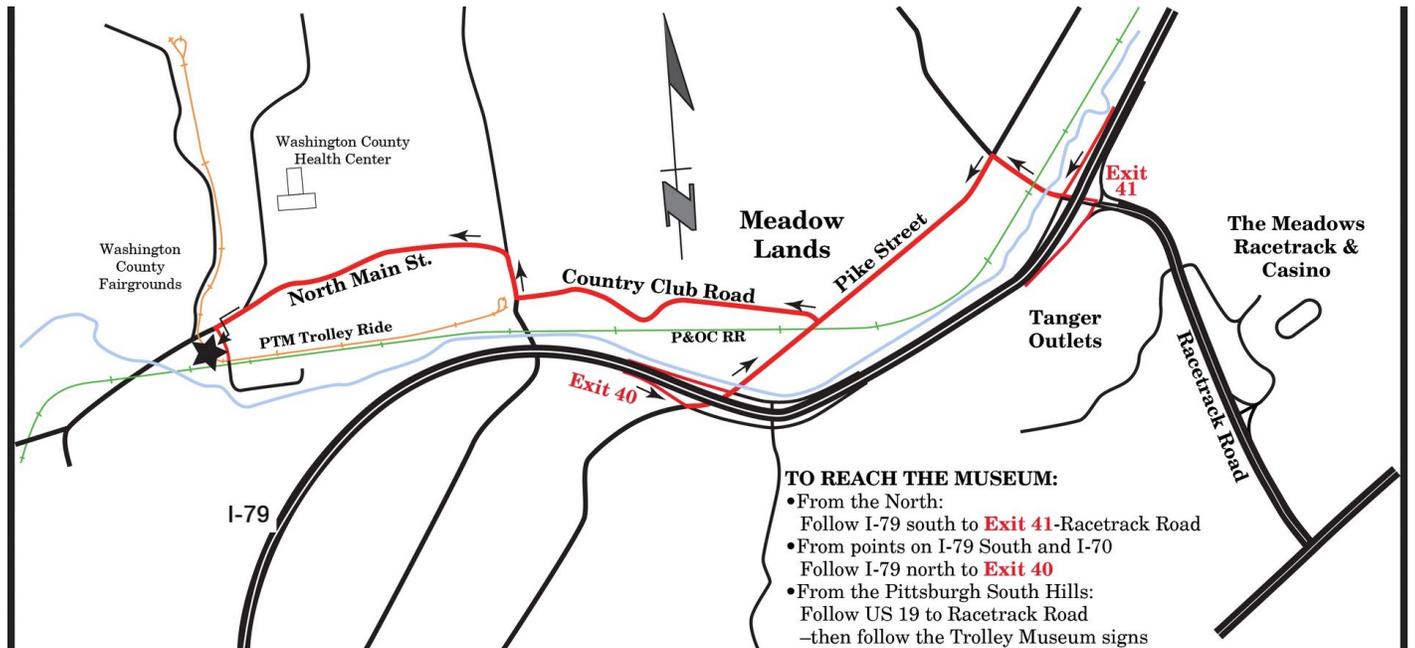
Meeting adjourned without motion.



## June 26: Pennsylvania Trolley Museum

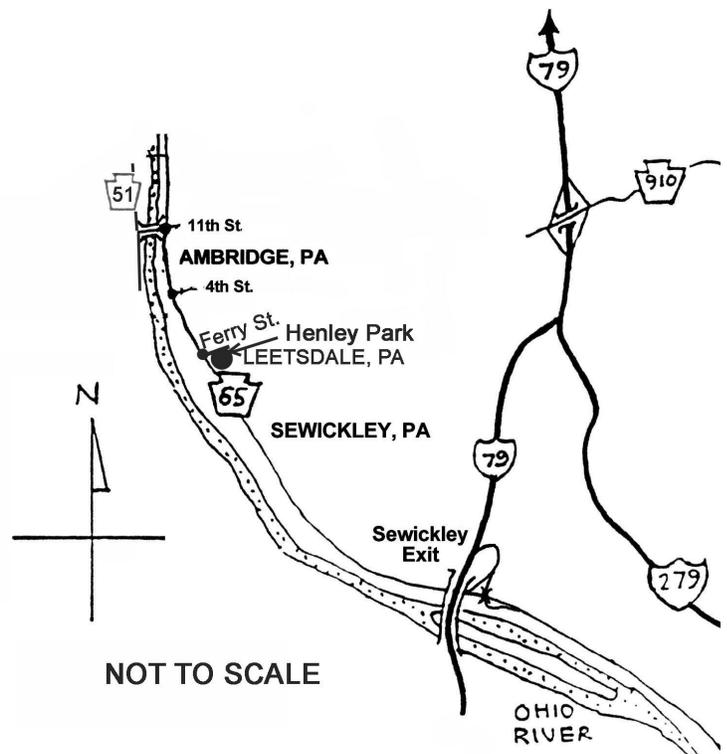
### Washington, PA

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 (again) to George for the museum information and this great map!



## August 21: Henle Park Leetsdale, PA

Per tradition we take the month of July off from meetings to enjoy the summer, so the meeting after next will be our Annual Picnic. And once more, thanks go out to John Gallagher, who secured Henle Park for our August picnic & meeting. This year the 3rd Sunday falls on August 21, so come on out around noon to enjoy the warm weather and some train-spotting, as the Norfolk Southern tracks are across the highway (PA Route 65), just a bit down the street from Conway Yard, and we often see a few trains pass by while we enjoy grilled delicacies and other treats. We also hold a low-key business meeting, as well as have a Bring'n'Brag contest, so don't slack off your modeling just because it is summertime!



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**NEXT MEETING:**  
**June 26, 2022**, at Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, Washington, PA

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