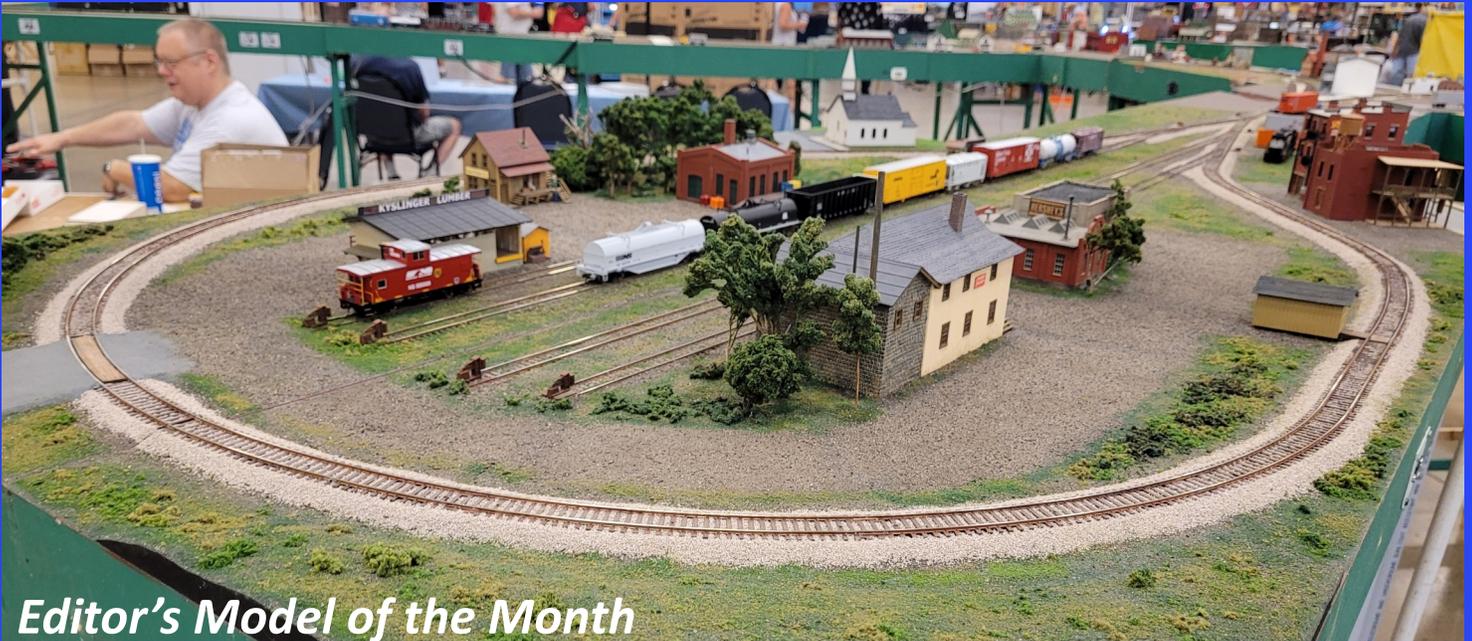


A dozen pages for your enjoyment this month!



Editor's Model of the Month

Look closely in this photo of the FreeMo loop module, and you will see "Kyslinger Lumber" and "Reed Woodworks," structures names in honor of two of our departed members, Jerry and Don. But you will also see a Hershey's chocolate factory, a "Railroad Hotel" (on the other side of the tracks, of course), and four sidings where we can park cars awaiting movement to their destinations. Tom Gaus beautifully scenicked this module, which was built by Rob Twigger according to plans developed by Denny Lippert (seen in the background here). These photos were taken by your editor at the Greenberg Train Show last month in Monroeville. If you are interested in taking part in this part of the hobby — setting up for the public, running trains, and either adopting one of our existing modules or building a new one (we need another corner module, for instance), please contact me (details on the masthead on page two). To see more photos of this layout, as well as of the T-Trak (N scale) and Pittsburgh S-Gaugers modular groups, turn to page 12.

Meeting Schedule

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

September 18, 2022 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Schiappa Library
4141 Mall Drive
Steubenville, OH 43952

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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*:
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From the Super's Desk

There were no division activities for the month of July, but it's time to get back into the swing of things. You should all have received information about the annual Division Picnic, which will be held at Henle Park in Leetsdale. Details are below, in

Susan's e-mail, and the Division website. I am looking forward to attending and I'm hoping that we have a large crowd.

Our division covers parts of 3 states and even though we try to move the locations for our monthly meetings, they will always be a long trip for some of our members. I said in my first column that I wanted the central theme for our plans and activities to be community so I'm REALLY excited about the report in this month's NMRA Magazine in the President's Car that the NMRA Interchange will be launching soon. This platform will be another way for us to connect, share and discuss our hobby without the limits placed by physical distances. It also removes conflicts with our other scheduled activities by being available all the time. You can pop in and out as YOUR time permits. This will let us have additional community opportunities.

Now everyone RELAX! We're not going to move to a virtual only experience, but I do believe it is another opportunity for us to increase the sense of community beyond our monthly meetings and be able to connect our geographically dispersed membership. That's a good thing! At last month's meeting, we started asking "What's on your workbench?" and by all reports, there were some great conversations had. We'll be asking that again. I might add a new twist to the questions. The meetings are more than just about running the business of the division; they should be a way for our members to develop new connections. Will you be prepared if you are asked "Who did you meet for the first time today?"

... Dennis Coglianesese

Hans Werner, 1935-2022

Hans Otto Werner, Sr., born September 6, 1935 in Netzschkau, Germany, a town located in a region that fell under postwar Soviet administration (which became part of East Germany in 1949). Hans escaped in 1953 and worked in Düsseldorf (West Germany) for 3 years before immigrating to America in 1956. Established and owned Werner Welding until 2020, an avid modeler, Christian by faith, Hans lived in Rostraver Township for 57 years, passed away peacefully on July 3, 2022. Besides his beloved wife Susan, he leaves behind three sons, two daughters, and many grandchildren, great-grandchildren, and even great-great grandchildren. We will miss his pleasant manner and kind presence.

Susan would like to express her sincere thanks for the many cards, flowers, visits, and well wishes she has received at the funeral. In her words: "The overwhelming show of love and support was more than I could have ever imagined. It is no wonder that I consider my fellow model railroaders my very special friends."

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June 26, 2022 Business Meeting

Assistant Superintendent George Pandelios opened the June general division meeting at 2:30 PM. Superintendent Dennis Coglianesse was not present; he is in attendance at his 70th birthday party. George thanked the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum for hosting the meeting and for the trolley ride and facility tours.

Pass the Hat: Jeff Gregg passed the hat.

New members and/or guests: We had two guests in attendance: Tyler (grandson) and Melissa Walters (daughter) were guests of Susan Werner.

Steve Ross, Railroad Prototype Modelers East asked for a clarification to the May Meeting minutes, there is no contest at the RPM event, it is just a display of models. The Chief Clerk apologizes for the incorrect note. Frank Benders moved, and Dennis Vaccaro seconded, a motion to accept the May meeting minutes as published in the June Keystone Flyer with the noted clarification. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer – Patrick Altdorfer. There is no July Flyer. The deadline for the August Flyer is July 15. Additional layouts are needed to be featured in the Flyer.

Treasurer – Jeff Gregg reported that the division is solvent. Andy Blenko noted that the Convention account is back to where we started for the Jamboree.

Programs – George Pandelios reminded everyone that there is no July meeting. The August meeting will be the Annual Division Picnic, Sunday, August 21st at noon at Henle Park in Leetsdale, PA – our usual location. More details to follow.

Company Store – Susan Werner. No store today. She is still taking orders for Double Take and Morning Sun books. Email her directly with questions.

Website & Membership – Tom Gaus. Tom did not attend the meeting but provided the following updates via email:

Web:

- The MER Regional will be posted on our web pages today.
- The Division 12 Mini-Meet will be posted on our web pages today.
- The 2023 Rails to Pittsburgh page is up and running with a printable registration form: RAILSTOPITTSBURGH.COM
- The 2023 Rails to Pittsburgh on-line registration is progressing but will be another few weeks until completion.

Membership is at 186 active members.

Free-Mo – Patrick Altdorfer. The Free-Mo group is currently in “Pending” mode for the July Greenberg Show with no further updates available at this time.

Bring & Brag – Tracy Boyd.. 1st Place went to Jim Hofer for a trio of Penn Central equipment. 2nd Place went to Jimmy Braum for a buffer hopper. 3rd Place went to Bob DiBenedetto for his weathered caboose. See more details on the Bring’n’Brag contest on page 5.

Video Library – Bud Brock was absent, no report.

Achievement Program – Dennis Vaccaro. Dennis presented Mike DeSensi with his Golden Spike Award for his 2’ x 4’ N scale West View & Santa Fe Railroad. Richard Turton received a Merit Award for his structure of a WV company store as displayed at the Jamboree. Congratulations, Mike & Richard!

T-TRAK – Richie Jodon. The Division 2 T-Trak group is making final preparations for the July Greenberg Show. Richie also noted that the August Funfest in Rostraver (Cedar Creek Park) will be held August 7. This free event will include live music and other activities, plus his railroad club There will be the Division 2 T-Trak and the Mid-Mon Valley Model Railroad Club's modular railroad running as part of the event.

Jamboree – Grier Kuehn. No report.

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. 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 and others met with the hotel to finalize the room cost, \$114 per night Wednesday thru Sunday. Space has been allocated for T-TRAK with setup Wednesday and teardown Saturday. There will be vendor space, space for a Free-Mo setup, 3 clinic rooms, white elephant room, and contest room.

Old Business: None.

New Business: As noted last month, the Railroad Prototype Modelers East will be holding their event March 23 & 25, 2023 at the Westmoreland County Community College. A motion for the Division to sponsor the event was presented by Keith DeVault with a second from Mike Hohn. The motion passed unanimously. Assistant Pandelios noted that there is no cost to the Division for the sponsorship, it is just a way for the RPM to get under the NMRA insurance umbrella.

For the Good of the Order

Each year the Mid-Central Region recognizes individuals for their contributions to the hobby of Model Railroading. The members of the Board of Directors nominate individuals who promote the hobby for the Wenderfer Award given by Division 7. Today, Division 7 Superintendent Chuck Endreola, and

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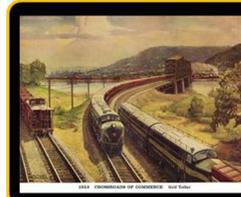
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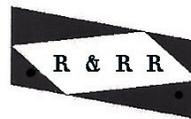


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Bring'n'Brag

June 2022

At our meeting at the Trolley Museum in Washington, PA, the contest category was "Non-Revenue." Three entries were submitted, and the voting produced the following ranking:

First Place went to Jim Hofer for a trio of Penn Central equipment (photomontage right). Jim's entry included PC caboose 18404, Russel Snowplow PC 60251, and 120-ton Brownhoist Crane PC X34. The caboose was a 'basket case' from the flea market bin with many scavenged parts from the parts box. Jim noted that this was his last piece of equipment painted with Floquil paints. The snowplow was an old Walthers (now Atlas) painted to resemble one found in Morning Sun's PC Freight Car & Passenger book. The crane is a former Dimi Trains (now Tichy Train Group) kit.



Second Place went to Jimmy Braum for a buffer hopper (photo above). Jimmy noted the prototype is still in service on Norfolk Southern. The model is weathered with numerous coats of Dullcote and various weathering powders. The rusting effect is achieved by using the 'hair spray' method. Jimmy describes it as first a layer of rust colored paint followed by a shot of hair spray – the cheaper the better. The hair spray dissolves the paint, and it looks like peeling paint.

Third Place went to Bob DiBenedetto for his Norfolk & Western transfer caboose entry (center right), which he simply weathered with various chalks.

For display only, David Newell (formerly of Atlas Tool Company) brought this sample that was sent to Atlas for the first run of their RS-1 model (bottom).

Great work by everyone, and congratulations to the winners

See you all at the picnic!



Name	pts
Jimmy Braum	7
Joel Everly	6
Jim Hofer	4
Rick Montgomery	3
Ray Helster	2
George Pandelios	2
Mark Vinsky	1
Bob DiBenedetto	1

Tracy Boyd/Richard Terek



Bring'n'Brag Reminder: The contest category for August is **Passenger Cars**. Bring your entry to the picnic meeting **no later than 12noon** on **Sunday, August 18**.

Minutes (cont'd)

Frank Benders of Division 2, presented this award to Susan Werner for the 'outstanding value' she brings to the NMRA. Susan is a 40+ year Life Member and has held many offices in service to the NMRA. Congratulations, Susan!

Also, Frank Benders was recognized by the NMRA's Mid Central Region for his service to the Division and Region. Congratulations, Frank!

Chuck Endreola wanted to thank the Division for their hospitality during his brief stay.

Neal Schorr reminded members that Division 12 will be hosting a mini-meet (similar to our Jamboree) on Saturday, September 10. See their website at www.div12mcr.org for additional information.

Neal Schorr noted that George Pandelios' bridge project which has appeared in several past issues of O Scale Trains Magazine is on the cover of the July/August issue. Great work, George!

Frank Benders congratulated Neal Schorr for his entries at the Indy Junction Model Photo contest. In addition to placing second in the Color Prototype Photo contest, he swept (1st, 2nd, and 3rd) the Color Model Photo contest. Frank also thanked everyone from Division 2 who helped with the setup/teardown of the contest room.

What's on your workbench?

Superintendent Coglianesse has requested a new addition to the

meeting to make it a bit more interesting than an endless string of committee reports. To achieve this, he asked: What's on your workbench? And we had quite a few people step up with what they are doing. So, in no particular order:

Mike Hohn is working on a T-TRAK module that he started two years ago and has high hopes for completion. Mike is also involved in the new NMRA Beginner's Guides to be published on the NMRA website. The goal is that the guides will have something for all and not just new members.

Jim Whipple is working on S scale car collections, lots of refurbishing work.

Mike DeSensi is finishing a T-TRAK module that will be submitted for the Walthers National Model Railroad Build Off 2022, the deadline is only days away!

George Pandelios is working on an O scale open hearth, 37" x 72" with full lighting controlled by an Arduino board. George noted that the Arduino code is currently over 1300 lines long.

Jimmy Braum noted that the East Broad Top locomotive #16 was fired up and passed its pressure test.

Next meeting: August 21, Picnic, Noon, Henle Park, Leetsdale, PA. Again, more details to follow.

Motion to adjourn by Frank Benders; second by Dennis Vaccaro, unanimous vote to adjourn.



Division Two Picnic — August 21

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

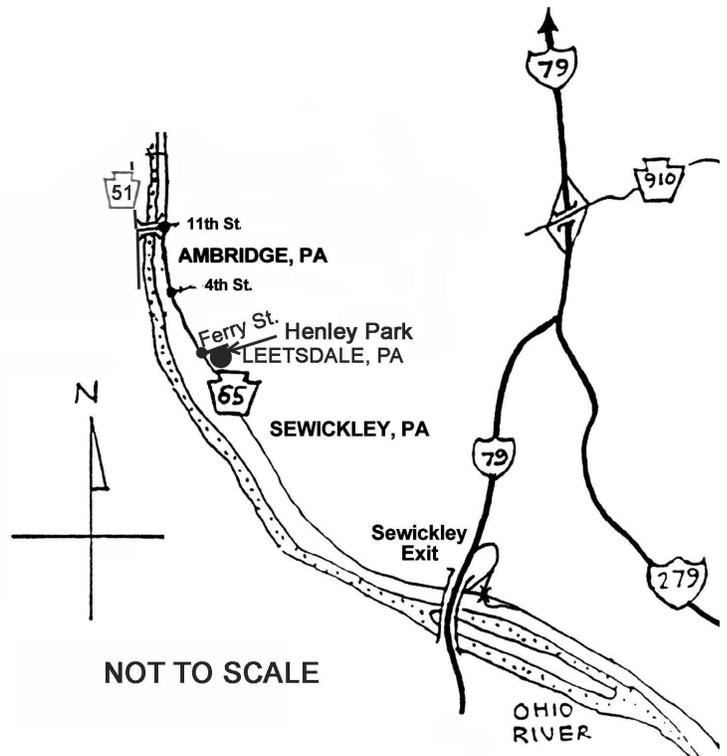
When: Sunday, August 21, 2022. We'll start gathering at 12:00 noon and aim to have food ready around 1:00pm. The business meeting will follow at around 2:30pm. The Bring-n-Brag category is Passenger Cars.

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.

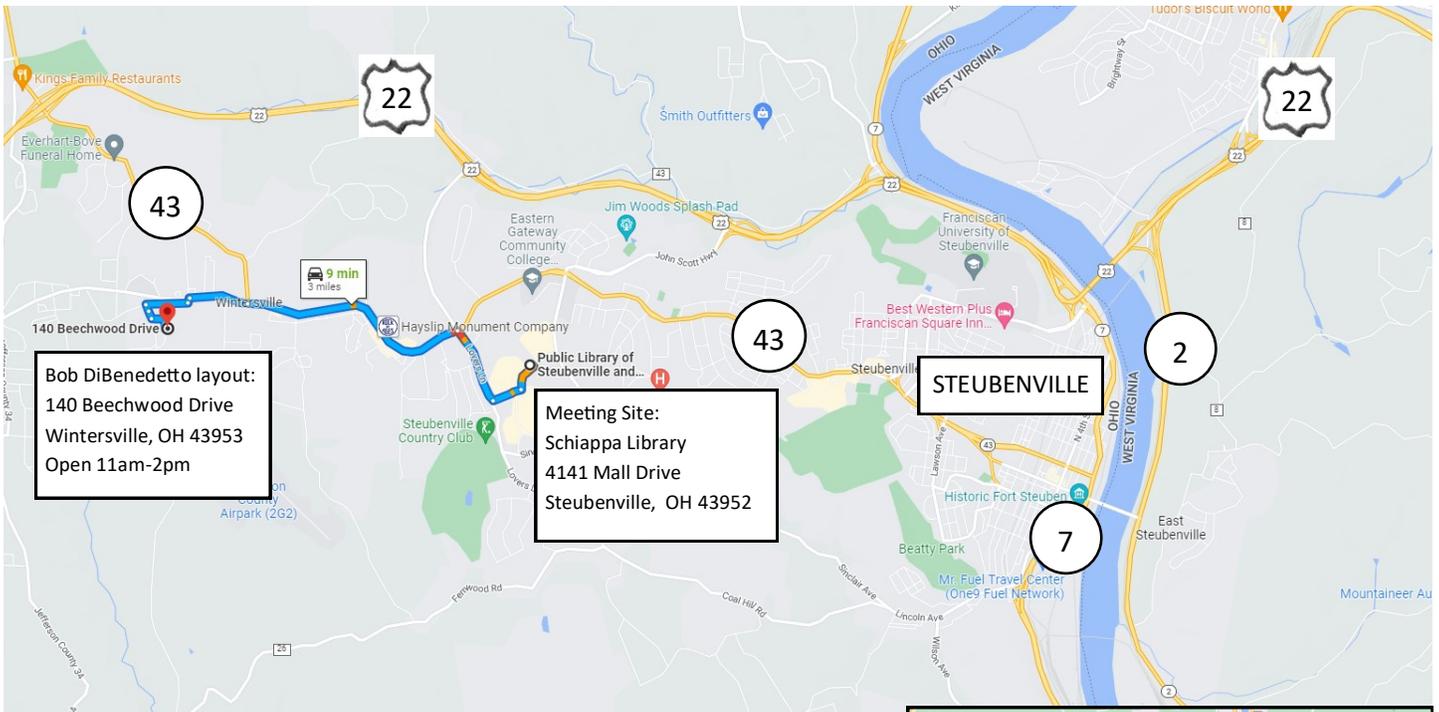
Contact: E-mail George (gpandelios@verizon.net) with the number in your party, what you will be bringing, and any questions, **by AUGUST 12.**



MEETING TIMETABLE

September 18: Schiappa Library Steubenville, OH

Our September meeting returns to the Schiappa Library in Steubenville, Ohio. While the program is not yet set, three local layouts will host an open house before or after the meeting: Arley Mitchell (HO scale); Bob DiBenedetto (HO scale); and Larry Willming will open his home to view his two layouts: an “around the walls” high rail (literally) O gauge pike, as well as an N scale layout. His layout will be open before the meeting, from 11am until 2pm. See the maps below for general orientation, but (as always) use GPS for driving details and bear in mind that the drive time between Bob’s layout and the meeting site is about 10 minutes.



Upcoming Meetings:

October 16: Rochester Area Heritage Society

350 Adams Street, 2nd floor
Rochester, PA 15074

November 20: New Eagle VFD Social Hall

156 Chess Street
New Eagle, PA 15067
Host: Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club

We are still seeking interesting programming for our October and November meetings as well. Please contact George Pandelios with ideas, suggestions, or offers to do a program.



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NEXT MEETING:
August 21, 2022, Annual Picnic at Henle Park, Leetsdale, 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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by Steven Schorr

I recently found myself living in Eastern Pennsylvania after accepting a job offer at the Reading, Blue Mountain & Northern as a conductor. On my second day conducting on my own, I am aboard the northbound "North Reading Fast Freight", the turn job from North Reading to Pittston and return.

Center: A car that dad and I have wanted a model of for a long time is the Reading's very late-purchased HTG class hopper. With most being built in late 1975, the cars essentially spent their whole lives under the ownership of Conrail, and a few even survived into the NS era. Nobody has ever made a correct O scale model of these cars, so I took it upon myself to paint and decal a few. These were CSX painted cars that I wet-sanded the lettering off of before apply a thin coat of Tamiya's rattle can semi-gloss black to restore an even finish. The decals are from K4.

Below: Here is a side-by-side comparison of my N scale model of the town of Nesbit, PA and the prototype. I have been working on making my own PRR position signals as I haven't been satisfied with any on the market. I use Shapeways to have them 3D printed in resin, and I install 0402 LEDs inside the rear light housings. The signal head in this scene is just my prototype sitting loosely on top of the bridge, I am still perfecting the design before I make the 16 signal heads that I need!



Achievement Awards & Other Recognition

At the Trolley Museum, several of our members were recognized for accomplishments in modeling or for service to the NMRA MCR Region. Two members were presented with achievement certificates by AP coordinator Dennis Vaccaro:

Mike DeSensi earned the Golden Spike award (photo below left), which recognizes modelers who have built and completely scenicked a model railroad (or part of one, of at least 8 square feet). Mike won recognition of his N scale 2' x 4' module that portrays the West View and Santa Fe Railroad, a module he had on display at the Jamboree and which has also won national recognition as well.

Richard Turton was also presented *in absentia* an AP Merit Award (below right) for his model of a West Virginia company store, which was also displayed at the Jamboree.

Division 7 Superintendent Chuck Endreola, paid a special visit to our June meeting in order to present **Susan Werner** with the Wenderfer Award, decided annually by the Mid-Central Region Board of Directors to recognize an individual whose service to the NMRA and to the Division stands out. Together with Frank Benders, Chuck presented this year's award to Susan for the "outstanding value" she brings to the organizations. Susan is a Life Member of the NMRA for more than 40 years and has held many offices, both elected and appointed, in service to the NMRA.

Finally, **Frank Benders** was also recognized by the NMRA's Mid Central Region for his service to the Region and Division.

Dennis Vaccaro presents the Golden Spike Award to Mike DeSensi (left) and an AP Merit Award to Richard Turton, *in absentia* (right).





August 7-13:

**Gateway 2022: NMRA National Convention
St. Louis, MO**

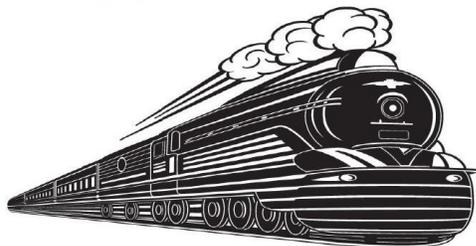
The NMRA is holding its national convention this month in Saint Louis. At this writing, pre-registration is closed, but in-person registration is still an option. You can read more about the clinics, make-and-takes, layout tours, and so forth at the [convention website here](http://gateway2022.org) [gateway2022.org].

September 10:

**Division 12 Mini-Meet
Erie, PA**

Our friends in northwest Pennsylvania are hosting a Mini-Meet (similar to our Jamboree) on Saturday, September 10. More details are online at their website www.div12mcr.org.

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November 12:

**Division 8 Train Show & Sale
Louisville, KY**

Ron Ellison (Super of Division 8) laments that the [Division 8 Train Show & Sale](#) flyer (left) and information was omitted from the July [MCR] Kingpin. The Show is on Saturday, November 12, 2022, from 10am to 3pm, in Holy Family Parish. He also informs us that the [Division 11 calendar](#) is an excellent resource on events and information around the hobby around the Region. It is worth bookmarking this webpage.

Division Two impresses again at the Greenberg Train Show

The Division Two modular railroad groups, Free-Mo (HO scale) and T-Trak (N scale) fielded two layouts at the July Greenberg Train Show at Monroeville Convention Center, the weekend of 23-24 July. A nice turnout of layouts showed up to this (typically) low public turnout event. Nonetheless, I think everyone who took part had a good time — or at least they are good actors, because it seemed that everyone was enjoying themselves. I managed to get an almost “aerial” view of the Division Two sponsored layouts on Sunday before the show ended, but we begin with a panorama view of the joint Division Two Free-Mo (*foreground and left*) and South Hills Model Railroad Club (*loop at right beyond the Wye*).



This is probably the seventh time that our Free-Mo group created a joint layout with the South Hills Model Railroad Club at the Greenberg Show. Both of us built our modules to the Free-Mo standards, more or less (some more less than more!). The SHMRRCC layout is typically an oval, and we use a Wye module to build our branch line off of that and see what we can do. This time, we used my icehouse branch to route trains to the loop (*left*).



At Left: Rick Montgomery brings his train back through the loop, while a member of the public takes a closer look at Tom’s scenery. In the foreground, trucks at Denny’s logistics module await the trains that will bring them loads to deliver over the road.

Above: Rob Twigger’s Wye module is scened with a city block (unpictured) and a Gulf service station and the Empire Diner. My brewery/icehouse module can just be made out in the background.

The Pittsburgh S-Gaugers (*below*) can run both classic American Flyer trains, as well as newer S scale equipment; our T-Trak (N scale) group set up at the show as well (*right*).

