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## Meeting Schedule

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

**October 16, 2022** - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm  
Rochester Area Heritage Society  
350 Adams Street  
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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

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## From the Super's Desk

Mother Nature decided to play games with our picnic this year. The forecast for the day of the picnic was for

showers with an 88% probability of rain. We decided to cancel the picnic since it looked unlikely to be dry and in typical weather fashion, we got all the rain in the morning and none around the time of the picnic (at least in most of the area).

Thanks to technology, we were still able to hold our business meeting via Zoom and had pretty good attendance. Please make sure to check the minutes because some interesting items were discussed, including the establishment of an award named after Jim Sacco for the advancement of the hobby. This will be discussed further at the September meeting, so bring your ideas and thoughts.

For the rest of the year, we're going to have a chance to visit several clubs and personal layouts in three different areas of our memberships' territory. I hope that many of you will be able to join in as we move around. This is a great opportunity to see what other modelers are doing and maybe have solved some problems you're having. It's also a great time to meet with other members and learn what you have in common.

As part of the meeting, we've been asking the winners of the Bring 'N Brag contest to talk about their models and we've had some great discussions with "What's on your workbench." We couldn't ask "Who did you meet today" on the zoom call (for obvious reasons), but I think we'll add "What's your problem (or challenge)" to our agenda. The discussions are fun and let everyone get involved in the meeting.

... *Dennis Coglianese*

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## August 21, 2022 Business Meeting

Superintendent Dennis Coglianese opened the August general division meeting at 2:30 PM via Zoom. The in-person meeting originally scheduled for Henli Park in Leetsdale, PA was cancelled because of weather conditions.

There were no new members and/or guests.

Motion to accept the Minutes of the June 2022 Division meeting as published was presented by Frank Benders and seconded by Susan Werner. The motion passed unanimously.

### Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer – Patrick Altdorfer was not present so there is no report.

Treasurer – Jeff Gregg reported that the division is solvent.

Programs – Assistant Superintendent George Pandelios jokingly welcomed everyone to the Division Picnic.

- a. The next meeting will be in Steubenville, OH at the Schiappa Library, 4141 Mall Drive, Steubenville, OH 43952 on September 17, 2022. Member Rob Di Benedetto presented some details on the September Program: The program will be the Wheeling & Lake Erie Railroad Vice-President of Transportation Jim Hill. He will give a presentation about the history of the railroad, it's current situation and what the future may hold.
- b. The October 16, 2022, meeting will be held at the Rochester Area Heritage Society, 350 Adams Street Rochester, PA 15074. Program TBD.
- c. The November 20, 2022, meeting will be held at the New Eagle VFD Social Hall, 156 Chess Street, New Eagle, PA 15067. Assistant Superintendent Pandelios asked about having a Swap Meet again at this meeting. The previous meeting the Swap Meet was held and was quite successful. Dennis Vaccaro brought up two points about the November meeting: 1. That he thought the swap meet was easy to accommodate with just a note to the social hall owners, and 2. With all of the space available at the social hall, we could easily re-schedule the picnic event to the November meeting, perhaps with a grill outside. Susan Werner noted that the hall kitchen would not be available for our use. Various comments were proposed: Ordering pizza rather than cooking/grilling; members would still bring a side dish to share; families would still be invited to the meeting. Superintendent Coglianese asked if anyone on the call would be opposed to having the Division Picnic during the November meeting, there was no one opposed.
- d. Susan Werner asked about the food that was bought for the cancelled picnic. George Pandelios stated that he hadn't bought anything because he was also watching the weather forecast and the executive team cancelled the meeting before his shopping trip.

Company Store – Susan Werner reported that there was not much new that might be of interest; most of the new books are western railroad themed.

Membership & Website – Tom Gaus was not present but there is an abbreviated report:

- a. Superintendent Coglianese mentioned that all of the Rail Pass memberships from the Jamboree had been processed and that there were at least two new members added to the roster. He further noted that the membership numbers seem to be stabilizing.
- b. Superintendent Coglianese also reported that the Convention Registration portion of the website is live for PayPal payment and links to the convention hotel are up and working.

Free-Mo – Patrick Altdorfer was not present so there is no report.

Bring & Brag – There was no Bring & Brag this month. This month's category will be added to the category for the September meeting.

Video Library – Bud Brock was not present so there is no report.

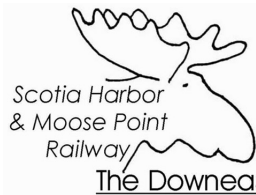
Achievement Program – Dennis Vaccaro.

- a. Richard Turton was presented with his 6th Achievement Program certificate for Car Modeling. It was noted that two Division members have 6 AP certificates and Dennis was hoping that maybe we would have 2 Master Model Railroaders awarded by the time the Regional Convention arrived in May 2023. Also, a third member has 5 AP certificates and could possibly be a third MMR in May.
- b. Superintendent Coglianese asked about anyone who has received their Golden Spike Award. Dennis V. responded that the last one given was at the June meeting to Mike DeSensi, and he also reminded members that the Golden Spike Award cannot be earned after you have achieved Master Model Railroader status; it must be completed before.
- c. Richard Turton clarified that he has not completed anything for the Car certificate, but he submitted paperwork for the Structure certificate. Dennis V. stated that he received this Car certificate in error. Richard jokingly asked him to send it to him anyway and then get the correct Structure certificate.

T-TRAK –

- a. Jim Braun reported that the T-TRAK group had a successful show at the July Greenberg Show in Monroeville; he mentioned that it ran well despite having only a skeleton crew for the weekend. Several people took a flyer about building T-TRAK modules, and he is hoping that there may be even more modules at the November show. The T-TRAK group also successfully participated in a second one-day show, the Cedar Creek FunFest.
- b. Richie Jodon mentioned that plans for T-TRAK at the May Convention have been extremely quiet. He also was hoping to participate in the Divi-

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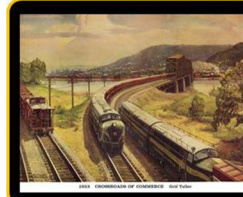
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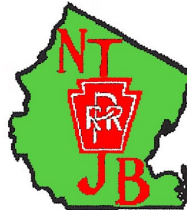
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# Bring'n'Brag

August 2022

Tracy Boyd/Richard Terek

As the picnic was cancelled, there was no contest held on the Zoom meeting, but the contest for August as well as September will be held at this month's meeting on Sunday, September 18th, in Steubenville's Schiappa Library. The topics are Passenger Cars (August) and Vehicles (September), so bring out your best stuff and share it with everyone.



One correction from the August Flyer: the HO scale RS-1 sample (photo above) had indeed belonged to David Newell, but this model now resides in the collection of Dennis Vaccaro, who brought it to the Trolley Museum to display in the Bring'n'Brag. He writes that "David Newell was the Atlas project coordinator to have KATO make the RS-1s. David wrote the note on the box in the early 1980s...."

See you all at the Library!



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

Bring'n'Brag Reminder: We are doubling up on the contest this month due to our missed picnic last month. The contest categories at the September meeting will be:

... for the August contest: **Passenger Cars**;

... for the September contest: **Vehicles**.

Bring your entry to the meeting **no later than 2pm** on **Sunday, August 18** in order for your model(s) to be considered in the contest.

## The Incredible Shrinking Newsletter

You will notice that the Flyer is a bit scrawnier than it has been of late. Chalk it up to a dearth of content (and of the editor's time). How about sending me those layout write-ups to share what you have been doing, so that I can run some more "episodes" of the Local Layout Landscape? Or It would be great to complement the "What's on your Workbench" discussion that Super Coglianesse kicked off at our meetings with some photos of these projects. For instance, I can't wait to see Andy Blenko's Union Switch & Signal structure project, which I learned about reading the August minutes. I think a lot of members would get a kick out of seeing the visuals of these projects as they take shape, even though the descriptions are often quite vivid (see Jim Whipple's description of his renovation of an S scale boxcar). So [send me something](#) that is on your mind!

## Division Two Free-Mo

Let me put out the plea once more: The Keystone Division's HO scale Free-Mo organization would love to have some more members, or even some more helpers! We need assistance with the load-in (Friday) and load-out (Sunday) of our modules during the Greenberg Toy & Train Show, held three times per year locally at the Monroeville Convention Center (the next shows are the weekends of November 5-6 and January 7-8). Or join us in the fun, and take over one of the existing modules and make it your own, scenicking and detailing it to your heart's content, as Rick and Bobbi have done with two of the corner modules; or if you want to a new one, we can help you to build it to the [specifications](#), to which we strive to build out modules. You can also learn more about this at the [Free-Mo discussion board](#). , or get in touch with me by email at [patrick.altdorfer@gmail.com](mailto:patrick.altdorfer@gmail.com).

# Minutes *(cont'd from page 3)*

- sion 12 Mini-Meet in September in Erie, PA but wouldn't be able to because of a personal commitment.
- c. Superintendent Coglianesse noted that the National Convention T-TRAK were highlighted for the exceptional quality of modules. The Star Wars themed modules that have been setup with the Division at the last few Greenberg Shows was the 2nd Place winner for T-TRAK modules.
  - d. Richie also brought up that the T-TRAK group is planning on having a clinic at the May 2023 Convention to build modules and then include them in the layout before the weekend is done.
  - e. Jeff Gregg said he had completed the registration paperwork for the T-TRAK group to participate in the November and January 2023 Greenberg Shows.

Jamboree – Grier Kuehn. No report. It was proposed by Superintendent Coglianesse that the Jamboree Committee report would be tabled until at least after the upcoming Regional Convention.

Regional Convention – Keith DeVault. Everything is progressing. No pricing yet for busses. PA Trolley Museum and Carrie Furnace tours are being finalized. Keith mentioned that he would not be able to attend the Erie Mini-Meet and asked Grier Kuhn and Neal Schorr to take flyers for the Convention. Superintendent Coglianesse reported that the first 4 registrations for the Convention have been received.

- a. Gary Kohler gave a brief overview of the Convention Car that would be available; it will be made in HO & N scales. The car would be a kit: body, trucks, couplers, and decals.
- b. Mike DeSensi offered to take flyers to the Altoona N Scale Weekend Show the week after the Erie Mini-Meet.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Grier Kuhn revisited the item originally brought up by member John Gallagher at the April meeting about some way to honor the memory of Jim Sacco. Grier proposed an award for service to the hobby or the Division. The award would not be a monthly or annual event but would be whenever it was deserved or as needed. The award would be named to honor Jim Sacco. Superintendent Coglianesse noted that the model railroad press has been giving Jim Sacco lots of accolades for his contributions and even a posthumous article was published in Railroad Model Craftsman. Since Jim was our own Division member it would be a noble endeavor to recognize someone's contribution to the Division or the model railroad hobby in general. Superintendent Coglianesse asked if there were any objections or comments. Dennis Vaccaro stated that he liked the 'as needed' part; Susan Werner suggested the award be named for Jim Sacco or the Jim Sacco Memorial Award; Assistant Superintendent Pandellos via Grier Kuhn said the topic should be brought up again at

another business meeting with more input from other members. Richard Turton asked if this would be a Regional or Division level award. It would start as a Division level award.

Neal Schorr informed everyone that Division 12 is having a Mini-Meet similar to our Jamboree on September 10, 2022. He and Grier Kuhn were going to attend and give a presentation. Division 12 helped with our Jamboree earlier this year and this was a way to reciprocate. He also used the time to point out his tin plate collection which he has owned since he was in high school. Jim Whipple also said he would be giving a presentation at the Mini-Meet as well.

Concerns or Questions? Good of the Division? No comments.

What's on your workbench?

Neal Schorr is making Super Trees.

Jim Whipple is renovating an S scale boxcar that belonged to a modeler Bob Nicholson, who Jim very much liked (now deceased) but since a spring had popped out it became a matter of disassembling the car, painting the underframe properly, then weathering the trucks. So, it has evolved into a full project. Jim also noted that the president of the National S Gauge Association pulled a Richard Nixon and resigned under duress before he was impeached. Jim, who was then the Vice-President, has been promoted to the position of President of the Association for the remaining 3 years of the term.

Jim Braum shared a photo of his current project, the bridge at Bruceton that he designed, and 3D printed.

Andy Blenko shared a prototype photo for the Union Switch & Signal building that used to be in Swissvale. Andy is building it with City Classics Smallman Street warehouse kits; it's 3 kits long and 5 stories high. The joints are driving him nuts, but he is building it in memory of Jim Sacco and wants the model to be perfect. Andy intends to recruit his graphic designer neighbor to create the logo for the top of the building.

Superintendent Coglianesse and his layout crew are installing the roundhouse on his HO layout. He said it's a 'scary experience' but the cutting has been accomplished.

Keith DeVault said his Aspen Sub is getting signals and the first group of signals with lights have been installed.

Next meeting: Steubenville, OH at the Schiappa Library, 4141 Mall Drive, Steubenville, OH 43952 on September 18, 2022.

Jeff Gregg noted that he would not be able to attend the meeting. And a volunteer is needed to substitute for the Chief Clerk, Mike DeSensi, who will also not be in attendance.

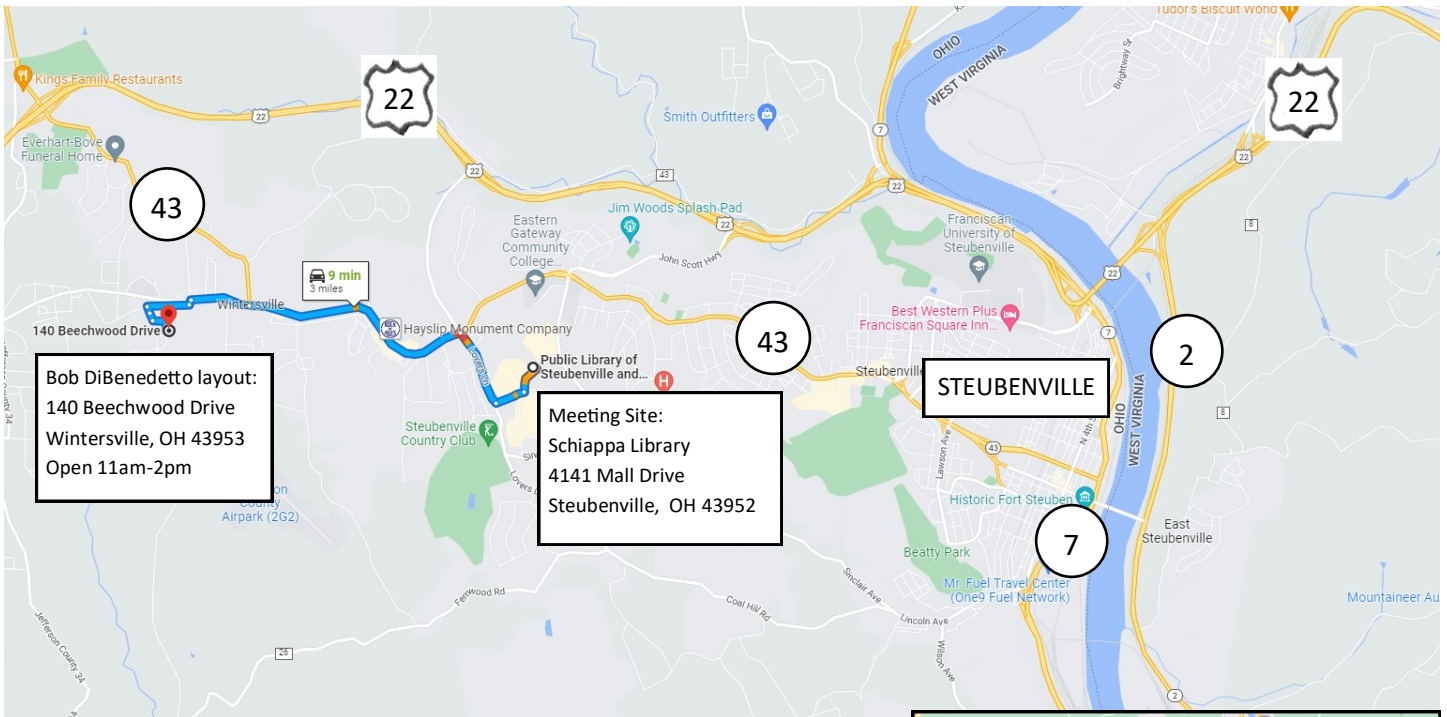
Motion to adjourn by Dennis Vaccaro; second by Frank Benders, unanimous vote to adjourn.



# 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:

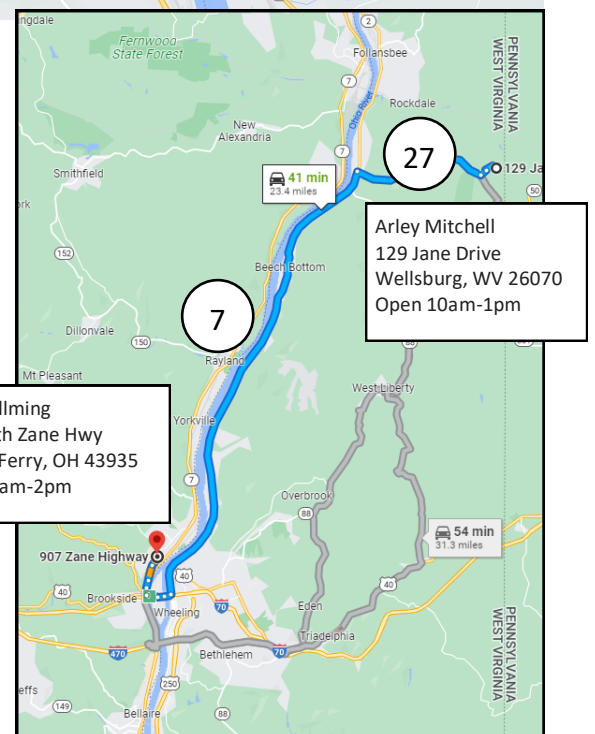
#### **October 16: Rochester Area Heritage Society**

350 Adams Street, 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Rochester, PA 15074

#### **November 20: New Eagle VFD Social Hall**

156 Chess Street  
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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:  
**September 18, 2022**, Schiappa Library, Steubenville, PA

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