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Editor's Photo of the Month

This stunning action image was captured by Neal Schorr during a round trip cab ride that his son Stephen, the conductor of this Reading, Blue Mountain and Northern Railroad locomotive, organized between Reading and Pittston. Neal won Second Place for this photo in our November Bring'n'Brag contest.

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Meeting Schedule

January 15, 2023 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm Marshall Township Municipal Building 525 Pleasant Hill Road, Suite 100 Wexford, PA 15090 Program: Richie Jodon, Airbrushing

February 19, 2023 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm Weirton Area Museum & Cultural Center 3149 Main Street Weirton, WV 26062 Program: George Pandelios, Building Weirton Steel

Bring'n'Brag

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eb	Motive Power: Diesel, Electric
	& Traction
Iar	Motive Power: Steam
Apr	** Model Railroad Jamboree **
Iay	Freight Cars
un	Non-Revenue (incl. cabooses)
lug	Passenger Cars
ep	Vehicles
Oct	Structures
lov	Prototype Photos



From the Super's Desk

Let me start off by wishing you all the best of the season! I hope you have a great and safe holiday. To me, this is the Most Wonderful Time of the Year and I look forward to shar-

ing it with my family and friends.

For many of us, this is the season that many of us got our first "train set" and started on a journey that continues today. From those humble beginnings, many of you have created some amazing miniature worlds. We've all had fun and learned many things along the way.

Model trains are still closely associated with the season and many of our area model railroad clubs are hosting open houses that are attended by many non-model railroaders. It's a great time for us to fan the sparks that some of those "civilians" catch to see if a true fire of interest develops.

Please take any opportunity to get out a visit these layouts. You'll learn something new at each one and might even light the spark in another visitor.

It's also a great time to share your layout or handiwork with people at work or in your neighborhood for yet another opportunity to light a spark.

I want to take time to express my appreciation to my fellow officers and all the committee heads and members that are serving the division. You are a great asset to our membership and allow our organization to do some great activities and events.

I also want to thank our membership for your continued support of division activities. We've had great attendance at our monthly meetings and a successful Jamboree. We have some big plans for next year as we host the Regional Convention as well as a great line-up for our monthly meetings.

Thank you one and all. Enjoy the season! I look forward to seeing you in 2023.

... Dennis Coglianese

LOOKING FOR A FEW GOOD PROGRAMS

Do you have a good topic you'd like to present? Know some tips on how to do something? Want to talk about a field trip you made? Well, the Division is looking for you. The new year beckons, and we have a number of slots for programs following the monthly division business meetings. Your talk doesn't have to be long: 20-30 minutes is just right. That works out to (roughly) 10-15 PowerPoint slides.

The Division has everything you might need – projector, computer, Power-Point, and even a screen. And if you need help making the presentation, I would be happy to help you. We can get together via Zoom or in person.

George Pandelios, Asst. Superintendent

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Minutes



Mike DeSensi

November 20, 2022 Business Meeting

After a short delay due to the swap meet, Superintendent Dennis Coglianese opened the November Division 2 business meeting at 2:52 PM.

He thanked the New Eagle Model Railroad Club for hosting the meeting. New Eagle MRR President Ray Helster thanked everyone for attending.

Pass the Hat: Jeff Gregg passed the hat.

New members and/or guests: We had one new member in attendance: Dave Martinelli is an HO scale modeler focusing on the Bessemer & Lake Erie Railroad.

Frank Benders moved, and Bill seconded, a motion to accept the October meeting minutes as published in the November Keystone Flyer; the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer – Patrick Altdorfer. The January Flyer submission deadline is December 11. Patrick noted that, as usual, there is no Flyer for December. He once again solicited feature articles for the Flyer.

Treasurer - Jeff Gregg reported that the division is solvent.

Programs – George Pandelios. George provided the following updates for the next business meetings through May 2023:

- January 15, Marshall Township. Program: Airbrushing by Richie Jodon. Neal Schorr stated that his home layout would be open for viewing, weather permitting. George will have his layout open for viewing.
- February 19, Weirton, WV. Program: Weirton Steel in O Scale by George Pandelios.
- March 19, Morgantown, WV. Program to be determined.
- April 16, Ohio Valley Lines, Ambridge. Program to be determined. George also noted that Ohio Valley Lines will host the Division Business meetings in May, starting in 2024.
- May 4-7, MCR Regional Convention, Cranberry Twp, PA.

Company Store – Susan Werner. Lots of new stuff plus convention pins, patches, and belt buckles; also, re-stock of NMRA Standards Gauges.

Website & Membership – Tom Gaus. Tom noted that the Division membership is currently 199. The website is up-to-date, as is the 2023 Convention page.

Free-Mo – Patrick Altdorfer. The Free-Mo group received confirmation of their participation at the Greenberg Train Show on 7-8 January 2023 show in Monroeville, PA.

Bring & Brag – No committee chair was present. The category was Prototype Photo. After an executive decision by Superinten-

dent Coglianese, voting took place and the winners were: 1st Place – Terry Stuart, Conway Hump; 2nd Place – Neal Schorr, Reading & Blue Mountain cab view; 3rd Place – East Broad Top #17 at rest.

Video Library – Bud Brock. The video library has been dormant since pre-COVID. Bud asked for the Board of Directors to recommend changes to the library to make it more accessible, motion for changes seconded by Dennis Vaccaro.

Achievement Program – Dennis Vaccaro. Dennis noted that a Merit or AP certificate has been awarded at every meeting this year. Two Merit Awards were presented to Ray Helster for his barn and silo (Bring & Brag winners from the October meeting); see the Keystone Flyer for additional details. A freight car by Susan Werner is being judged after the meeting, please come and view the process.

T-TRAK – Richie Jodon. Richie reported that the Division T-Trak had a good showing at the November Greenberg Show in Monroeville, PA earlier this month. The group is always looking for additional modules for the show. On Saturday, December 3, the group will have the layout on display at the Washington Twp (Fayette County) Christmas event.

Regional Convention – Keith DeVault. Superintendent Coglianese stated that the committee is meeting once a month and things are moving forward. Clinics are filling up; Modeling with the Masters with Sam Swanson has been confirmed; Bill Neale will be the banquet speaker. Current challenges remain in securing bus transportation for tours. The registration price will go up February 1, 2023. Patrick Altdorfer asked where the Division Free-Mo layout was going to be placed; the layout will be in the common area of the hotel. Dave Kitsch asked about having the Western PA Model Railroad Museum on the tours. This was met with some criticism because of the misconception of animosity between the Division and the WPMRRM.

Old Business

Grier Kuehn asked for a motion to approve the previously discussed Jim Sacco Memorial Award (see last month's Minutes for details) with the stipulation that the award would be presented on an occasional or as-needed basis. Motion to accept forwarded by Susan Werner, second by Jim Kubanick, unanimous vote to approve.

The issue of records retention was brought up again. The retention of anything critical to the history of Division 2 (Flyers, web pages, Jamboree / Convention posters & graphics, etc.) will be the responsibility of the Chief Clerk. Current Clerk Mike DeSensi noted that the generic Chief Clerk email

(chiefclerk.div2@gmail.com) comes with 15gb of storage and that will become the main repository of the records retention once it has been organized.

New Business: None

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Bring'n'Brag

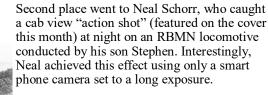
Tracy Boyd/Richard Terek

November 2022

This month's category was Prototype Photographs. We had three entries photos submitted by three members, and the voting resulted in the following outcomes for the month:

First place went to Terry Stuart, who entered two photos he took in the early 1960s of the Johnstown Yard (left) and the hump at Conway Yard (below).





Third place went to Jimmy Braum, who entitled his photo (at left) "East Broad Top #17 at rest." He took this photo this summer and then "aged" it using photo editing software to present an image that looks as if it could have been taken in the early 20th century.

With that, we wrap up the 2022 Bring'n'Brag contests, and the table below presents the final standings for the year. Thank you to everyone who participated in the contests this year !

The January contest category is **Anything Goes**. Bring your entry to the meeting <u>no later than 2pm</u> on **Sunday**, **January 15** in order for your entry to be considered in the contest.

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Jir	mmy Braum	11	Jim Hofer	4	
Jo	el Everly	9	W. Terry Stuart	3	
Ri	ck Montgomery	7	George Pandelios	2	
Ne	eal Schorr	7	Mark Vinsky	1	
Ra	ay Helster	5	Bob DiBenedetto	1	





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WHAT'S ON YOUR WORBENCH ?

Dennis Coglianese started his tenure as Superintendent last year asking us the above question at the close of our meetings, and there have been quite a few interesting updates volunteered by members about the modeling projects they have just completed, are working on, or are planning for the near future. One of these is featured here, which Ken Hanawalt described at the November meeting and which is also available on the Division Two website <u>here</u> (www.keystonedivision.org/report_folder/wheelchock.html). Hopefully this will be the first of many contributions by members highlighting their modeling projects.

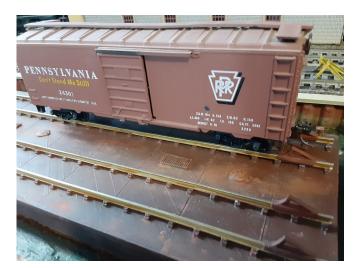
Print your own Wheel Chocks

by Ken Hanawalt

Tom Frommeyer and I are using our own 3-D printed wheel chocks on the Turtle Creek Railroad to keep cars from rolling off the end of the track on a car barge. The wheel chock model is based on a prototype photo located on the "Model Train Geek" website <u>here</u> (modeltraingeek.com/wp-content/ uploads/2015/12/Track-Bumper-Corner-Brook-20151028-SLB-2.jpg). The wheel chock fits snugly over code 100 rail and will hold a car from rolling. On the prototype it would be bolted to the rail. On the layout it could be secured if needed with a dab of glue (such as plastic model cement or cy-anoacrylate).



Prototype photo of the wheel chock Ken and Tom used as the basis for their design of the model; photo by Steve Boyko, blogging at "traingeek.ca".



This photo shows the wheel chock models installed on the barge.

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For the Good of the Division:

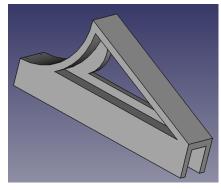
Ken Hanawalt and Jimmy Braum both stated that their respective home layouts will be open for visiting after the meeting.

Andy Blenko has extra PRR style signals from his layout available to whoever wants one.

Fred Abrew brought a diverse collection of O scale items; all items are free for the taking.

Susan Werner mentioned the New Eagle VFD Train show will be January 24, 2023, from 10AM – 4PM.

George Pandelios requested submissions for presenters for March and beyond for the meetings. He also mentioned that he has start-



This image ("WheelChockClip.png" shows the design created by Ken and Tom, as displayed by the FreeCad design tool (more info on this at freecadweb.org).

The file "WheelChockD-Body.stl" is a Stereo Lithographic file that you can use with a slicer to make prints of the design on a 3-D printer. Download the file from the Keystone Division website <u>here</u> (or navigate on the home page to the section entitled "Clinics, Presentations and Videos").

ed working at Hobby Express in Cranberry and the shop has expanded again. Hours for Hobby Express, 1713 PA-228, Cranberry Twp, PA 16066 are 10AM – 7PM Monday-Saturday and 10AM – 5PM Sunday.

There being no further business, Superintendent Coglianese asked for a motion to adjourn the meeting; motion by Dennis

Vaccaro, seconded by Mike DeSensi. Time of adjournment not noted (Apologies, MGD).



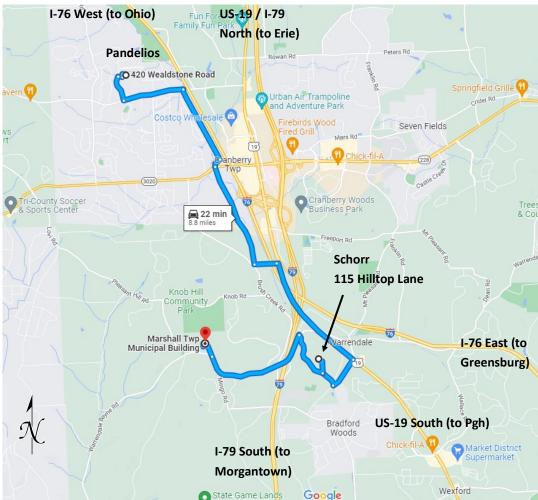
REMINDER: RENEW YOUR PIKE AD !

A new year begins, and that means it is again time to renew your pike ad! \$15 gets 10 insertions in the Flyer and presence on the Division website. Please send your check made out to Division Two, NMRA, MCR, and send to P.O. Box 223, Gastonville, PA 15336. Thank you!

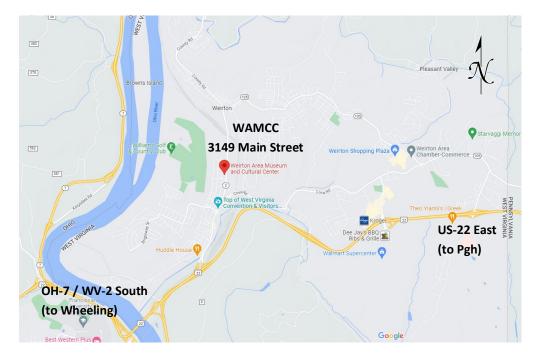
MEETING TIMETABLE

January 15: Wexford, PA

Our January meeting will be held at the Marshall Township Municipal Building (525 Pleasant Hill Road, Suite 100, Wexford, PA 15090), which Neal has coordinated for us again this month. Afterward Richie Jodon will present this month's program on "Airbrush Painting." Two O-scale layouts will be open for members to visit: George Pandelios will open his layout, the PRR Panhandle Division, before the meeting from 11am to 1pm, and again after the meeting from 4-6pm (420 Wealdstone Road, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066; plenty of parking in front of the house on either side of the island divider). And if Mother Nature cooperates by providing mild weather, Neal Schorr will also open



his layout, the PRR Middle Division, before the meeting from 11:30am-1:00pm (**115 Hilltop Lane, Wexford, PA 15090**); <u>he will NOT be open if there is snow or ice</u> due to his somewhat treacherous driveway).



February 19: Weirton, WV

Our February meeting will be held at the <u>Weirton Area Museum and</u> <u>Cultural Center</u> (**3149 Main Street, Weirton, WV 26062**). After the meeting, George Pandelios will present a program on "Building Weirton Steel." The museum will open for us at 12 noon and will close after we are done; as of editorial deadline, open houses at local layouts have not been reported. *The Keystone Flyer* Division Two, NMRA, MCR P.O. Box 223 Gastonville, PA 15336



NEXT MEETING: January 15, 2023, Marshall Twp. Municipal Bldg, Wexford, PA



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