

Workbench (p. 6): Another 3-D Printing Project!



Photo: Steve Crise/NNRY

Dirt — the Boss Shop Cat of the Nevada Northern Railway — passed away in January, aged 15 years. Born in their locomotive repair shop in Ely, he lived up to his name, favoring a sleeping spot in a coal tender. The shop is seeking donations for an appropriate memorial to their beloved mascot, who was known throughout the railfanning world. Details on page 12.

Meeting Schedule

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

March 19, 2023 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society
5000 Green Bag Road, Unit D-13
Morgantown, WV 26501
Program: TBA

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Bring'n'Brag

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

Submission Deadline for next *Flyer*:
February 26, 2023

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From the Super's Desk

The planning has been going on for several months and now we're able to share more information about the Rails to Pittsburgh Regional Convention that we are hosting May 4 through 7 this year.

I've made Convention Presentations to each of the divisions in the region, and I am happy to say that the enthusiasm for a Keystone Division hosted convention is VERY high! People remember the conventions we've hosted in the past fondly and look forward to being there again.

At the January division meeting, I asked how many members intended to come and almost (if not) all raised their hands. But wait! Denny Lippert tried it again and after the hands went up, he asked how many have registered. Most of the hands went down! Hmm.....

Early registration ends on February 1. On that date, the price will go from \$85 to \$95. Then on March 15, the price will go up to \$105! This isn't done to make more money, but early registrations help us plan better because we know how much money is in the bank. We need to make sure we make our commitments to the hotel, or we are subject to costs that were waived based on the number of room-nights and food expenditures.

We are lining up some really great clinics, including a Modeling with the Masters clinic (extra fare). We have a great banquet program and meal! And we're working hard to make the whole event a great time for members and their families.

So get registered before February 1 and keep your hand raised!

... *Dennis Coglianese*

CONVENTION: REGISTER BEFORE FEBRUARY 1!

Remember that "Early Bird" registration (\$85) for the MCR Regional Convention (to be held in Cranberry, PA, May 4-7) ENDS on February 1, so use this weekend to get registered! This saves you \$10, but more importantly it helps to put the convention on a solid financial footing, as Superintendent Dennis says above. Sign up today!

STILL LOOKING FOR A CLINIC FOR MARCH

Some folks answered the call last month, but we still need a program for our March meeting in Morgantown. Again, your talk doesn't have to be long: 20-30 minutes is just right, and the Division has everything you might need - projector, computer, PowerPoint, and even a screen. If you need help making the presentation, I would be happy to help you. We can get together via Zoom or in person.

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January 15, 2023 Business Meeting

Meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent Dennis Coglianesi at Marshall Township Municipal Building with 49 members in attendance.

Pass the hat was distributed by Treasurer Jeff Gregg.

New Members in attendance were Rick Bennett, who models the Delaware Ave Branch in HO Scale. Also, a new member was Dave Martinelli, who models the Bessemer and Lake Erie. We had one guest, Dominick Martinelli, who attended with his father.

Minutes of the November meeting, as published in the Keystone Flyer, were moved by Susan Werner and seconded by Frank Benders to accept as written. The minutes were approved by majority vote.

Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer – Patrick Altdorfer. The deadline for next month's flyer will be by Sunday January 22nd. If you have anything that you would like in the flyer, please get the information to him. He also reminded the membership that the annual dues for pike ads in the flyer are due and payable. The cost is \$15 for the year, and please send your check to the Treasurer Jeff Gregg at the Post Office Box as published in the flyer.

Treasurer – Jeff Gregg reported that the division is on solid financial ground. The convention treasurer Andy Blenko gave him report on the finances for the convention and we are increasing each month toward the convention date of May 4th.

Programs – George Pandelios reported that the next meeting will be at the Weirton Museum in Weirton, WV on the 19th of February. He will present a program on "Building Weirton Steel." The Museum will open at noon for the Division with no admission charge; it will close after the meeting. The March 19th meeting will be at the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society in Morgantown, WV with Andy Blenko giving a program on "Trains across the Pond." The April meeting will be at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge. May is the Convention at the Doubletree by Hilton at Cranberry on May 4 to May 7. *[Editor's Note: Just before publication a program change was made: Andy cannot present in March, so a program is still needed; Neal Schorr will present the April program on Backdrop Painting.]*

Company Store – Susan Werner was given some NMRA belt buckles, pin, patches so please stop at the store after the meeting.

Website & Membership – Tom Gaus was not present, but our membership stands around 200.

Free-Mo – Patrick Altdorfer stated that six members and seven modules were on display at the Greenberg show in Monroeville, including one of the dual gauge modules that Don Reed built, which needs some track work. KDKA was present and filmed the

layout and was featured on the news that evening. David Grounds will have his 11 x 11 "Old River, CA" corner module at the Titanium Show in February.

Bring & Brag – Richard Terek had entries under the heading "Anything Goes" with First Place to Joel Everly on his building called Jack's Place; Second Place to Susan Werner for her scratch-built box car, and Third Place to Rick Bennett on his passenger station. Congrats to all the winners.

Video Library – Bud Brock is working on redoing the library, see the information in next month's Flyer.

Achievement Program – Dennis Vaccaro gave an achievement award to Susan Werner for her scratch-built box car; that makes number 7 for Susan and gives her the MMR Award. Congratulations for your hard work, Susan.

T-TRAK – Richie Jodon stated they had a great turnout at the Greenberg show, the group was also filmed by KDKA and shown on the evening news. The T-Trak group will be at the New Eagle show on January 29, also at the RPM meet in Youngwood on March 24 and 25, and at the Regional Convention in Cranberry on May 4 to May 7.

MCR Regional Convention – Keith DeVault reported on the progress with the convention along with the committee members present and we are progressing to have a great convention for the Region on May 4 to May 7 at the Doubletree by Hilton at Cranberry. He is still looking for some volunteers to help at the convention and if you are interested in helping out please let him know. He is also concerned with the convention bus transportation for the 3 prototype tours that the convention has lined up. If you have any contact with any bus lines, please get hold of him. The NMRA liability insurance will not let us rent or drive any vehicle for the group. He also mentioned that the convention will have a huge white elephant room for people to buy and sell, so if you have anything to sell like at the Jamboree, please come to the convention, just think: you could sell enough of your train collection to pay for your registration. Keith also thanked everyone in attendance for their help for the division on putting on the convention.

Old Business

The video Library was discussed and 2 volunteers were appointed for the committee to help redo the library with Andy Blenko and Dennis Lippert. It will be reported on at next month's meeting.

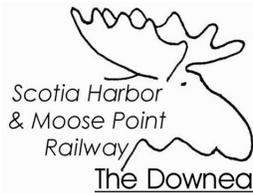
New Business

Nothing to discuss.

For the Good of the Division

Grier Kuehn has some old Walthers Catalogs so if you are interested please see him.

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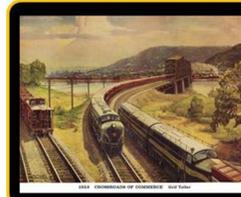
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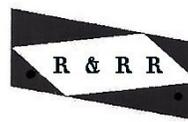


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OHIO RIVER NORTHERN RAILWAY CLUB



Joel Everly's version of the Bar Mills kit "Jack's Place" (top) won 1st place.

Sue Werner's entirely scratch-built wooden box car (left) placed 2nd in this contest but is the feather in her cap toward achieving the MMR. Congratulations!

Rick Bennett's scratch-built passenger station (bottom) may have placed 3rd, but he used a wide variety of leftover parts (including Tichy windows & doors, Monster Modelworks brick, Hydrocal, clapboard, etc.) to create this diorama.

See page 13 for more photos.

January 2023

The Bring and Brag Category for January was Anything Goes. We had 4 submissions for judging and 1 for display only.

First place went to Joel Everly for his HO scale Jack's Place Structure a Bar Mills Kit.

Second place went to Susan Werner for her HO scale, scratch-built, box car # 3548.

Third place went to Rick Bennett for his HO scale train station.



Name	pts
Joel Everly	3
Susan Werner	2
Rick Bennett	1



Congratulations to the winners. Next month, February, category is Motive Power: Diesel, Electric and Traction.



- Rick Terek

The February contest category is **Motive Power: Diesel, Electric, and Traction**. Bring your entry to the meeting **no later than 2pm** on **Sunday, February 19** in order for your entry to be considered in the contest.

The 4th entry was an assortment of 3D-printed HO scale figures (above), created using the "make people" command, then hand-painted. For display only, someone shared an edition of the "Timber Transfer" with an article about restoration progress being made at the East Broad Top Railroad (right).



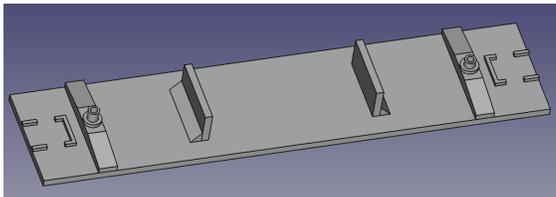
WHAT'S ON YOUR WORKBENCH ?

At the January meeting, Ken Hanawalt shared another of his and Tom Frommeyer's 3D printing projects, which he kindly shares with us here and on the [Keystone Division website](#) as well.

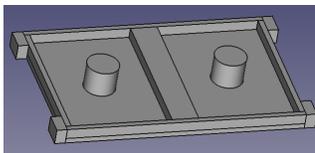
Tunnel Sliders for Spiders

by Ken Hanawalt

The Turtle Creek Railroad (HO scale) has some hard-to-reach track in tunnels, and there are tiny spiders who get into the tunnels to spin their webs. So Tom Frommeyer and I designed and 3-D printed underframes for track-cleaning cars to be run between operating sessions. The 40-ft car underframe (pictured top right) has truck bolsters, guides for coupler pockets, and a pair of brackets to guide the cleaning pad holder (pictured bottom right). The guides keep the pad holder centered under the car while permitting it to ride up and down a little so it doesn't snag the track. The pad holder has two posts used to install Woodland Scenics tidy track cleaning pads that slide along under the car on the rails. We put a regular metal freight car weight on top of the underframe, and two thicknesses on top of the cleaning pad holder. We run several of these in a work train with different kinds of cleaning pads and our favorite cleaning solution. You can download the Stereolithographic(STL) file from the [Division Two website here](#) if you would like to print some for yourself.



The files "CleanerCar.stl" (top left) and "PadHolder2.stl" (bottom left) are images that represent the Stereo Lithographic files that you can use with a slicer to 3-D print the underframe and the cleaning pad components of the car. Download these files from the Keystone Division website (navigate to link above).



The finished car will look something like this.



Minutes

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Dave Kitsch talked about the LGB products that he has.

Steve Ross talked about the RPM event that the division helps sponsor at the Westmoreland Community College at Youngwood on March 24 and March 25 with the cost of \$ 35.00 to attend. The gentlemen from Soundtraxx will be have a clinic on the new products and questions at the RPM meeting, so get your questions and concerns for him. He also will be at the Western Pennsylvania Railroad Museum on March 23rd.

Richard Turton talked about the article from Lance Mindheim on estate planning for your railroad which is posted on his Facebook page.

The annual Mid Mon Valley Train show will be held at New Eagle Firehall on Sunday January 29th from 10-4 with layouts and over 100 tables for vendors to sell products.

Dennis Vaccaro mentioned about the narrow gauge show in Salem, Ohio on March 16 to 18, with layouts and vendors also.

Jimmy Braum mentioned about the East Broad Top Winter Spectacular on February 18 and 19.

What's on your workbench-Ken Hanawalt presented his new track cleaning car it looked great and please talk to him about his invention.

There was no other business before the group the meeting was adjourned at 3:27 P.M.

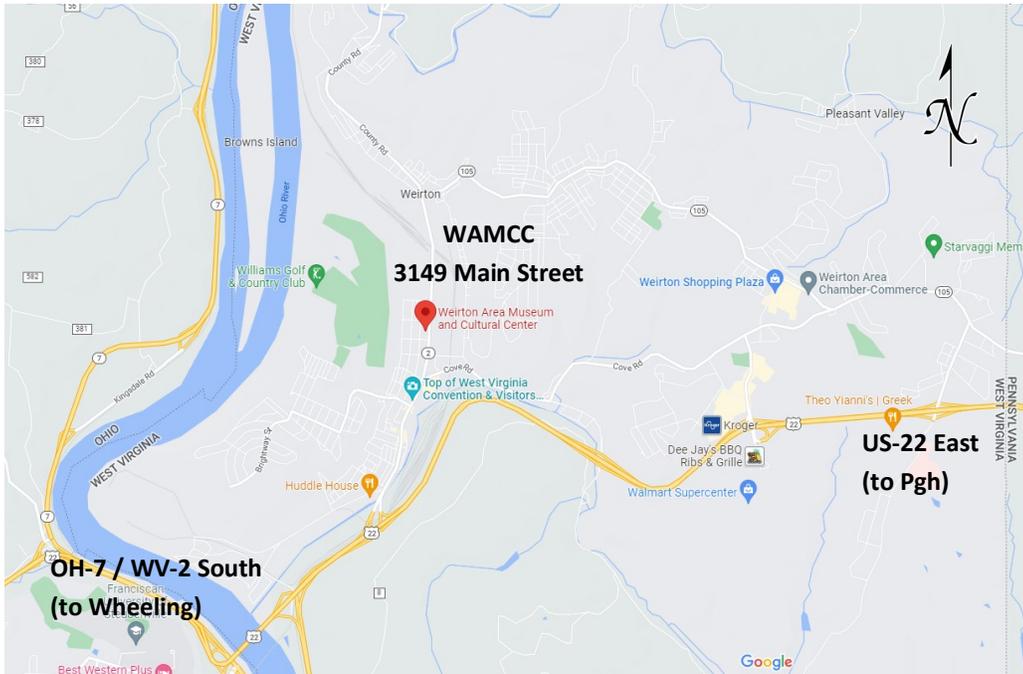
Submitted by Keith DeVault as the substitute for the chief clerk in his absence.



2nd REMINDER: RENEW YOUR PIKE AD !

It bears repeating: it is 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



February 19: Weirton, WV

Our February meeting will be held at the Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center (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.

March 19: Morgantown, WV

For our March meeting, we return to the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society (5000 Green Bag Road, Unit D-13, Morgantown, WV 26501). This venue is hosting us for the second occasion; it is located inside the Mountaineer Mall. At publication deadline, there was not yet a program scheduled.



April 16: Ambridge, PA

Ohio Valley Lines Model RR Club; Program by Neal Schorr on “Painting Backdrops.”

May 4-7: Cranberry Twp., PA

MCR Convention, Doubletree by Hilton, **REGISTER TODAY !**

The Keystone Flyer
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NEXT MEETING:
February 19, 2023, Weirton (WV) Area Museum & Cultural Center

 <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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Division 2 Needs You !



I WANT YOU

Unlike Uncle Sam, who required a 6 year obligation, the Division only needs you for a handful of hours over the course of 3 days at the Rails to Pittsburgh MCR Convention in May! Help us make this convention a huge success by lending a hand. We plan to have enough volunteers to share duties so no one will miss out on a clinic or other activity they want to attend. Besides the satisfaction of being part of this great event, you will earn "volunteer" hours toward your NMRA Association Volunteer Certificate. Please email me at: volunteer@RailsToPittsburgh.com for more details.

- Grier Kuehn

EVENTS TIMETABLE

Train Sale and Show 2023

Mid Mon Valley Model Railroad Club and New Eagle VFD

Sunday, January 29, 10am to 4pm

Location:

New Eagle VFD Social Hall
156 Chess Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

Admission:

Adults: \$ 4
Seniors (62+): \$ 3
Kids (under 10): free w/ adult admission

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Midwest Narrow Gauge Show

March 16-18, 2023

Location

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Round the Curve to Altoona

October 19-22, 2023

<http://mer2023.org/index.html>

The Mid-Eastern Region's annual conventions rotate throughout the MER so that each geographic area will have a nearby convention on a regular basis. The host areas are North Carolina or Southern Virginia, Washington DC, Maryland, Pennsylvania, and Eastern New Jersey. Pennsylvania is the selected area for our 2023 convention with the Susquehanna Division 11 as host.

The previous two conventions held in Pennsylvania were in King of Prussia and in Harrisburg. We wanted to find a host city that was farther to the west, and it was not difficult to identify Altoona as an ideal place to hold this convention. A very successful MER convention was held there in 2000. In 2000, the host hotel was the Altoona Sheridan which is now called the Altoona Grand Hotel under its new management. It was again selected as the host hotel for our 2023 convention.

Jerry Lauchle, MMR was appointed chairman of the Local Convention Committee (LCC) in February 2022. Jerry plans to attend the MCR Convention we are hosting in Cranberry this May, on Friday and Saturday, to present information about their plans for Altoona 2023. Watch the Keystone Flyer throughout this year for more information about this convention, and other exciting upcoming prototype and model railroad events.

Dirt, the NNRy's "King of the Shop" (2008-2023)

His name was "Dirt" — and that is no insult, he *earned* the name.... He was born in the locomotive repair shop of the Northern Nevada Railway Museum, beneath an historic steam locomotive. According to the NNRy, "Dirt got his name because he loves to roll in the dirt in the back rooms of the engine house. He got his title "King of the Shop" because he carried out his role as official greeter and mascot in such a regal way."

Last month, at the middle age of 15, Dirt passed away unexpectedly. He had lived his whole life amidst the coal and soot of a

working locomotive repair facility and yard. His "co-workers" in the shop report that he would hang around with them as they performed their tasks, and he was "unflustered by the routine noises in the shop as the machinery operates. The shop was his home, and all that he really knew." I guess this means that he was no scaredy-cat!

As his passing was noted on the [NNRY website](#) and [Facebook pages](#), tributes poured in from around the world, a testament to how beloved he was around the world, to the many visitors to the NNRy Shops over the past 15 years got to know him as one of the living faces of the preservation work that is done there. He leaves a legacy of fond memories of those who had known him all these years, or who had visited or worked in the shops of this heritage railway, as well as those who had visited only virtually online.

To honor this legacy and to commemorate his life, the NNRy is raising funds to commission a bronze statue to erect at his tombstone on the site, and they hope to dedicate it on May 28 of this year. You can find [more information about Dirt here](#) on the

Photo: Jen Folwer/NNRY



NNRY website, including how you can contribute to this memorial, or how to make a general contribution to support the preservation work done at the NNRy shops.

A special thank you to our Treasurer Jeff Gregg, who suggested this story, and to Mark Bassett, President of the NNRy, for permissions to run the photos.

Nevada Northern Railway Museum

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GREENBERG SHOW

The Greenberg Train Show rolled back into town on January 7-8, and once more Division Two was represented by our Free-Mo HO scale modular railroad, and the T-Trak N scalers were also there, as were several Division Two members who are involved in other organizations, such as the Pittsburgh S-Gaugers and Independent Hi-Railers. A great time was had!



Above: Overview of the FreeMo layout we martialed at the Greenberg Train Show in January 2023. New member David Martinelli discusses his corner module with his son Dominick (top left), while Rob Twigger confers with Denny Lippert (center) between the two Wye modules, arranged end-to-end for the tight space we were allotted this time. In its report on this event, local TV station [KDKA \(Channel 2\) interviewed Dave](#), but they also captured action on many of the layouts present, including views of the Division Two T-Trak (N scale) modular railroad (below left). Right: Tom Gaus' Loop module. Below right: Dave Martinelli's revamped corner module, offering "Altoona Excursions" as well as delicious DQ ice cream. Below center: Joe Yak's Wye module & oiling facility.



Bring'n'Brag (cont'd)

Left to right: Joel Everly, Susan Werner, and Rick Bennett, receive their contest certificates for their first, second, and third place wins, respectively, in the January Bring'n'Brag contest for the category "Anything Goes."



Susan was also presented with an AP Merit Award for the same scratch-built box

car she entered in the contest; this model was judged after the November 2022 meeting, and this merit award is the final one she needs to earn her MMR, which will be presented at the MCR Convention. Congratulations, Susan!

