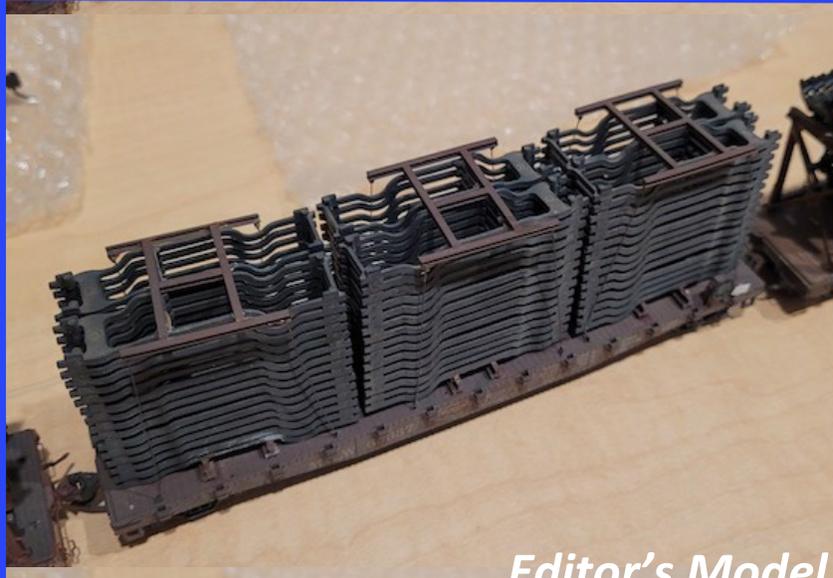


# MCR Convention Coverage Inside!



## *Editor's Model of the Month*

What can I say? I'm a sucker for frame loads! This model was one of several on display in the convention Contest Room in support of a clinic on the topic by John Brown, MMR. These vertical stacks have been the defacto method of moving frames since the 70's (at least ... I didn't make it to the clinic!), replacing the earlier "leaners" slightly visible at the right. Frame loads have been a common open-car load for nearly a century, and continue today!

*All photos in this issue by Patrick Altdorfer ... commentary by Guest Editor Dennis Lippert*

## Meeting Schedule

**June 25, 2023** - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm  
Greater Tri-Town Area Historical Society  
203 Howell Street  
Dawson, PA 15428  
Program: Andy Blenko, "Trains across the Pond"

**July 2023** – NO MEETING

**August 20, 2023** c- Keystone Division 2 Annual Picnic  
Henley Park, Leetsdale, PA

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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*:  
July 23, 2023

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## From the Super's Desk



The Rails to Pittsburgh Mid-Central Region Convention is now in the books! We hosted over 225 regional members and 115 attendees at the banquet.

Division 2 members did very well in the modeling contest AND both Susan Werner and Richard Turton received their MMR plaques at the convention banquet which was attended by National and Regional NMRA leadership.

The reports we've received so far have been very favorable. We had a few moments of concern, but the convention team stepped up and resolved every issue! Great work team!!!

Now it's time to turn our attention to other things. Planning for the 2024 Jamboree has already started thanks to the efforts of Grier Keuhn and Neal Schorr. While this is a shorter event than the convention, there will be much to do, so please consider volunteering to help.

There are other things to focus on besides events. Membership in the division has grown, reversing a trend of lost members over the last several years. I think we need to find ways to increase member engagement to build on this trend and make it sustainable. While attendance at the monthly business meeting has increased, I'd like to find other ways for our members to interact with each other.

For example, many of our members host ops sessions for their crew. What if we had an Ops Session weekend that gave others the opportunity to operate on these layouts. What an opportunity to learn new ideas for operating (and for some to learn how much fun operating can be).

What if we had some "Make and Take" clinics that allowed the attendees to learn something new AND take it home with them?

These are just two thoughts. There are also technologies like Zoom and Discord that can be leveraged. I'd like to know from our members what type of activities you would find interesting.

We have a really great group of people and lots of incredible talent. My e-mail address is on the masthead of the newsletter. I'd love to hear any and all ideas you may have. I'll be watching my inbox!

... *Dennis Coglianese*

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# Minutes

**Dennis Coglianese**

Minutes of the May 6, 2023, Keystone Division Business Meeting

As moved and approved by the attending membership at the March Business Meeting, the Keystone Division held its May Business Meeting at the Rails to Pittsburgh Mid-Central Regional Convention.

The minutes of this meeting were prepared by Superintendent Dennis Coglianese since no other officers were able to attend.

Superintendent Coglianese called the meeting to order at approximately 11:52am in the Chestnut Room at the convention hotel. Attendance was very low because of the convention, so Superintendent Coglianese announced that no business would be transacted at this meeting.

Superintendent Coglianese also announced that there would be no motion to accept the minutes of the April meeting, again because of the low attendance. They will be up for approval at the June Business Meeting.

Committee Reports were limited to the Treasurer's Report from Jeff Gregg, (the division is solvent), the Rails to Pittsburgh Committee by Keith DeVault (the convention seems to be going well) and the 2024 Jamboree by Grier Keuhn who detailed concerns about the proposed Jamboree venue that has a problem with a sink hole in the parking lot. No other committee heads were in attendance.

A motion to adjourn the meeting was made and approved by those attending. Superintendent Coglianese adjourned the meeting at approximately 12:16 pm.

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## At the Convention....



Our own Frank Benders was among the folks receiving plaques from the Region, thanking him for his recently-ended tenure as a Division officer.

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## NEW MMR SPOTLIGHT

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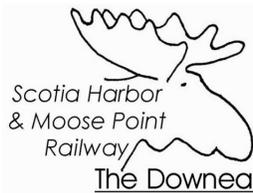
TWO Division 2 members were awarded their Master Model Railroader awards at the MCR Convention! Susan Werner and Richard Turton received their MMR plaques at the convention banquet which was attended by National and Regional NMRA leadership.



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The MMR is a longstanding (50 years?) honor, awarded by the National NMRA. You, too, can become an MMR! The process is widely praised for the discipline, attention to detail, and breadth of skills that it imparts on the modeler. Speak to Dennis Vaccaro (Div 2 Achievement Program chair) to learn more.





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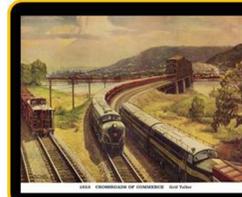
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# More Convention Pics



At left, we see an overview of the Keystone Division Freemo layout (HO scale) which was in attendance as a small point-to-point switching operation in the main hallway.

Our division combined with members from other local groups from around the region to form a rather impressive N-scale T-track modular layout.



Several other portable layouts were in attendance. My favorite was this wee N Scale steel mill shipping dock scene.

The Steel Mill Modelers SIG (an NMRA Special Interest Group) is holding its annual meeting in Pittsburgh over the weekend of July 26-30.

You can get more info and register at this site:

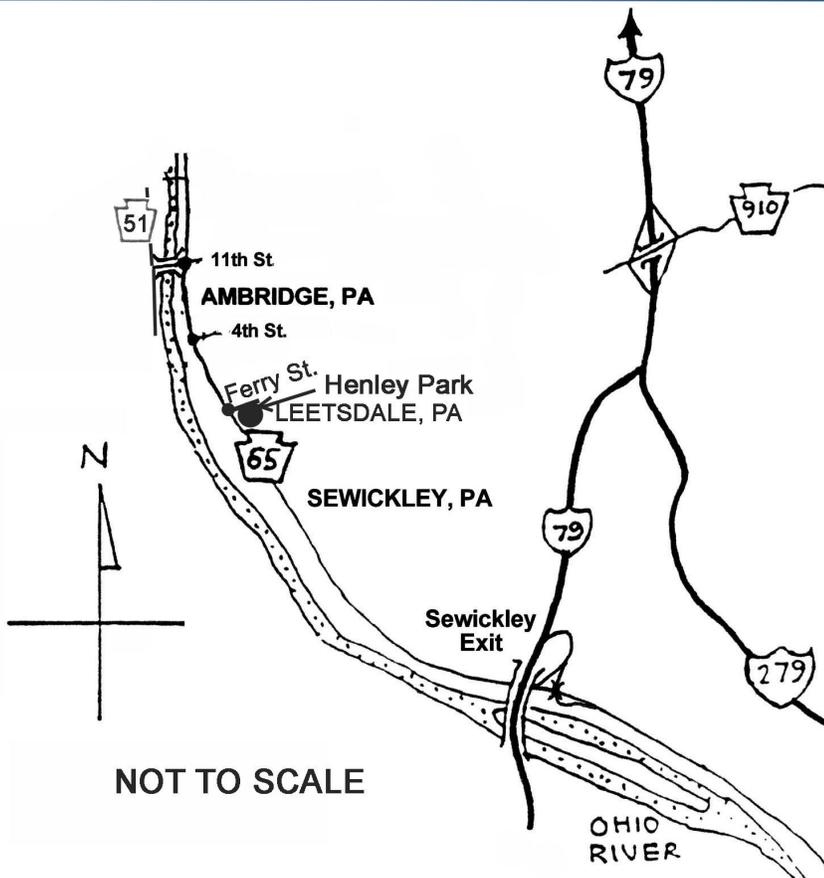
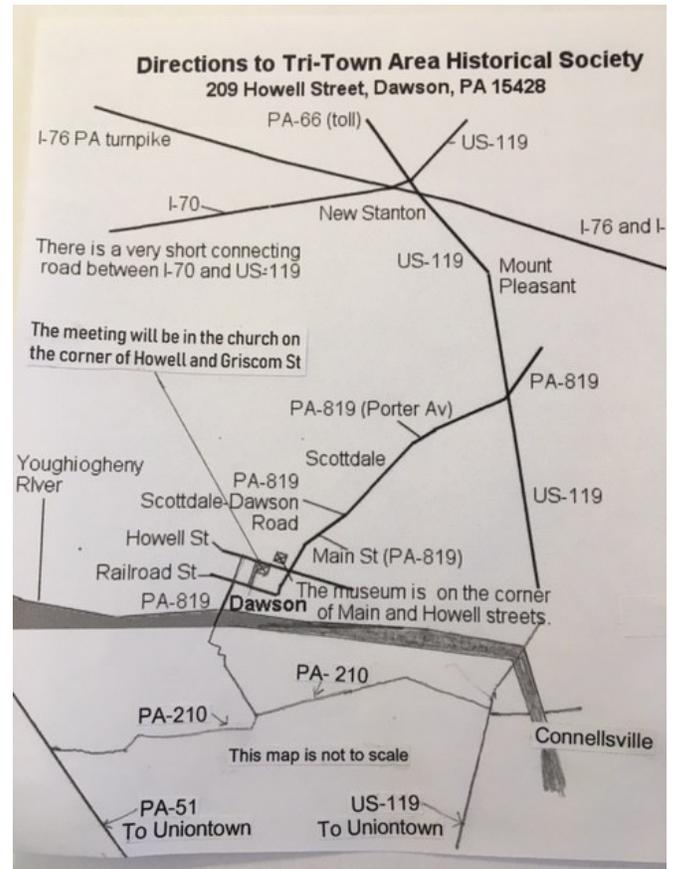
<https://smmsig.org/2023-annual-meet/>

# MEETING TIMETABLE

## June 25: Tri-Town Area Historical Society Dawson, PA

The division returns in June to the Tri-Town Historical Society (203 Howell Street, Dawson, PA 15428), where we last met for our May 2019 meeting (although some of you may have visited the layout on Jamboree Sunday last April). At the rear (wheelchair accessible), the building houses the Penn Creek Valley Railroad, a large S gauge freelanced layout designed to suggest the landscapes and industries of southwestern Pennsylvania in the approximate era of 1950-1962. The layout is curated by the Pittsburgh S Gaugers and is a fully scale (not hi-rail) display featuring a variety of commercial, kit, and scratch-built locomotives, rolling stock, and structures. The layout has been publicized in *Model Railroader* and *Classic Toy Trains*. The layout will be open for viewing from **12 Noon to 2pm** and after the meeting.

The actual meeting will be held **across the street** in the social hall of the Philip Cochran Memorial Church (209 Griscom Street). The program this month is international in nature: Andy Blenko will present "Trains across the Pond" — a look at passenger rail service and the magnificent stations he saw on his 2022 trip to the United Kingdom.



## August 23: Annual PICNIC Henley Park, Leetsdale, PA

The division returns in August to Leetsdale, PA for our annual PICNIC at Henley Park. This location is great for train-watching, being just across Route 65 from the Broad Way... the ex-PRR Fort Wayne Line west from Pittsburgh. (roughly milepost 14 from downtown).

Come early, and work up an appetite by watching trains in the area. The industrial park at Leetsdale, and Conway Yard (7 miles west) each have overhead bridge views... but there are numerous other good spots all along the line.

The Division will supply the burgers, dogs, and fixins. Members are asked to bring a covered dish. Full details in the next *Flyer*. Start thinking of what you'll bring to add to the menu!

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NEXT MEETING:  
**June 25, 2023**, Dawson, PA: Tri-Town Historical Society

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|---|--|
|  <p><b>Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society</b><br/>       128 Pleasant Street<br/>       Morgantown, WV 26505</p> <p>Meeting Thursdays at 7:00 PM</p> <p><a href="http://www.MVRRC.org">www.MVRRC.org</a><br/>       Call Rich Henderson (304) 276-1046 for more info</p> |  <p><b>MID-MON VALLEY<br/>       MODEL RAILROAD<br/>       CLUB</b></p> <p><b>159 Main Street, New Eagle, PA</b><br/> <b>Meetings: Fridays 7:30 pm</b></p>  |
|  <p><b>Visitors Welcome<br/>       MEMBERSHIP OPEN</b></p> <p><b>FRIDAYS 7pm-2am<br/>       SUNDAYS 1pm-7pm</b></p> <p><b>2209 Walnut St. McKeesport, PA</b><br/> <a href="http://mckeesportmodelrr.com">mckeesportmodelrr.com</a></p>                                       |  <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• HO &amp; N Scale Layouts</li> <li>• T-TRAK Modular Display Layout</li> <li>• Extensive Library &amp; Video Collection</li> </ul> <p><b>OHIO VALLEY LINES</b><br/>       1225 MERCHANT ST AMBRIDGE PA 15003</p> <p><a href="http://www.ohiovalleylines.org">www.ohiovalleylines.org</a> info@ohiovalleylines.org<br/>       Open Every Monday 7:30PM – 10:00PM Memberships available!!</p> |
| <p><b>All aspects of "S":</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Scale • Narrow Gauge</li> <li>• Hirail • American Flyer</li> </ul> <p>Monthly meetings<br/>       Two portable layouts<br/> <b>Membership open</b><br/>       Contact: Jon Knox 724-287-6829</p>  |  <p><b>BEAVER COUNTY<br/>       MODEL RAILROAD and HISTORICAL SOCIETY</b></p> <p>416 6th St.<br/>       Monaca, PA 15061</p>  <p>Visitors Welcome</p> <p>Worknights: Tuesdays 7:30<br/> <a href="http://www.bcmrr.railfan.net">www.bcmrr.railfan.net</a></p>   |

# More Convention Pics



Above: The Awards Banquet

Right: Another N Scale layout



Another view of the T-track layout



***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.

May 8, 2023

The Contest Administration Committee ran the contest with the following members present:

|                                       |                 |                |                 |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|
| Larry Willming                        | Rick Montgomery | Don Coulter    | Roy Allen       |
| Bob Belt                              | Larry Smith     | Rick Terek     | Mary Pescatore  |
| Rob Twigger                           | Neal Schorr     | David Williams | Michael DeSensi |
| Dave Stanton                          | John Hemsath    | Arley Mitchell |                 |
| Frank & Jan Benders, Acting Co-Chairs |                 |                |                 |

The following members judged the contest:

|                  |                      |                   |                     |
|------------------|----------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| Laura Jodon      | Debra Hudak          | Becky Turton      | Richard Turton, MMR |
| Mike Hauk        | David Ellis          | Michael DeSensi   | Bob Weinheimer, MMR |
| Bert Wisbar      | Mike Hohn, MMR       | Susan Werner, MMR | Robert Belt, MMR    |
| Fred Soward, MMR | Richie Jodon         | John Hemsath, MMR | Larry K Smith, MMR  |
| Ron Morgan       | Steve Zapatowki, MMR | Frank Stevenson   | Ed Dirkin           |
| Cecil Stuart     | Bruce DeMaeyer       |                   |                     |

The total of one hundred fifty-two entries included thirty models, forty-two photos, seventy-four T-TRAK modules, and six Arts & Crafts entries. Fifteen entries earned Merit Awards.

The following awards were given:

#### **People's Choice**

|                              |                      |  |
|------------------------------|----------------------|--|
| Favorite Locomotive          | Steve Zapatowski MMR | Big Creek Timber Co. Speeder 3 (Hon3)                      |
| Favorite Car                 | Rick Montgomery      | Flatcar Load Caboose                                       |
| Favorite Structure           | Steve Zapatowski MMR | Pacific Cordage  |
| Favorite Display             | Kevin Squire         | Boxcar Display in 3 scales                                 |
| Favorite Prototype Photo     | Jerry Jordak         | Blowing Off Steam  |
| Favorite Model Photo         | Rick Ware, NCR       | Team Track New Baltimore & Fairhaven (HO) of Greg Rich MMR |
| Favorite Arts & Crafts Entry | Rick Ware, NCR       | Night Crew art quilt                                       |
| Favorite Module              | Mike DeSensi         | Engine Facility and Roundhouse                             |

#### **Module Contest**

|                                     |              |                                |
|-------------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place T-TRAK Module | Mike DeSensi | Engine Facility and Roundhouse |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place T-TRAK Module | Richie Jodon | Ocean View                     |
| T-TRAK Best of Show                 | Kevin Squire | Freight House Road             |

## hModel Contest

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| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Steam Locomotive<br>Anthony Parrish                | Guyan Valley 2-8-4 1966                          |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Diesel & Other Locomotives<br>Steve Zapatowski MMR | Big Creek Timber Co. Speeder 3 (Hon3)            |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Diesel & Other Locomotives<br>Anthony Parrish      | Midland Atlantic GP40-2 Mother and F7A Slug Unit |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Passenger Car<br>Richard Turton MMR                | Western Maryland Passenger Car No. 835           |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Freight Car<br>Robert Belt MMR                     | D&RGW Highside Gondola #1536                     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Freight Car<br>Roy Allen                           | D&RGW 9200 Series Hi-side Gondola Fn3            |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Freight Car<br>Richard Turton MMR                  | Greenbrier & Elk Rive Logging Flatcar            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Caboose<br>Richard Turton MMR                      | Western Maryland Steel Caboose No. 1860          |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Caboose<br>J eff Burch                             | Norfolk & Western Class CF Caboose               |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Non-Revenue Car<br>Jim Grell                       | M1920 Railway Gun                                |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Non-Revenue Car<br>Mark Maynard                    | CM & WS Water Car                                |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Non-Revenue Car<br>Mark Maynard                    | CM and WS Boom Flat                              |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Structure<br>Jerald Krueger                        | Pete's Barber Shop                               |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Structure<br>Neal Schorr                           | Split Entry Home                                 |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Display<br>Bob Frankrone                           | Sunrise Feed Display                             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Display<br>Kevin Squire                            | Boxcar Display in 3 scales                       |
| Model Best of Show<br>Steve Zapatowski MMR                               | Pacific Cordage                                  |

**Photo Contest**

|  |   |
|--|---|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Model Color Photo<br>Keith Devault     | CSX 6487 Leading Coal Drag  |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Model Color Photo<br>Neal Schorr       | Class J Texas at Port Royal                                       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Model Color Photo<br>Rick Ware, NCR    | Grafton Locomotive Facilities – B & O layout (HO) of Bob Case     |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Model B&W Photo<br>Rick Ware, NCR      | Team Track – New Baltimore & Fairhaven layout of Greg Rich MMR    |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Model B&W Photo<br>Rick Ware, NCR      | Coal Pier – New Baltimore & Fairhaven layout of Greg Rich MMR     |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Model B&W Photo<br>Neal Schorr         | Mifflin Tower   |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Prototype Color Photo<br>Jerry Jordak  | Welcome to Burnside   |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Prototype Color Photo<br>Keith Devault | CSX 7869 in Snow Mountains of West Virginia                       |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Prototype Color Photo<br>Keith Devault | NS 9662 Leading Loaded Coal Drag                                  |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Prototype B&W Photo<br>Rick Ware, NCR  | Appalachian Spring – Cass No. 11 with coaches                     |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Prototype B&W Photo<br>Rick Ware       | Michigan Steam – Little River 110 & Pere Marquette 1225 at Owosso |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Prototype B&W Photo<br>Jim Braum       | Never Forget  |
| Photo Best of Show<br>Keith Devault                          | CSX 6280 Passing Signals  |

**Arts & Crafts**

|  |                        |
|--|------------------------|
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Arts & Crafts – General<br>Marie Ware, NCR     | Diamond Dotz bookmarks |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Arts & Crafts – Needlework<br>Marie Ware, NCR  | Sea Turtle             |
| 2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Arts & Crafts – Needlework<br>Rick Ware, NCR   | Danger – Keep Out      |
| 3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Arts & Crafts – Needlework<br>Rick Ware, NCR   | Holly Heron            |
| 1 <sup>st</sup> Place Arts & Crafts – Railroadiana<br>Rick Ware, NCR | Night Crew art quilt   |
| Best of Show Arts & Crafts<br>Rick Ware, NCR                         | A Tale of Two Bridges  |
| Special Awards   |                        |
| Martha Newberry Award<br>Steve Zapatowski MMR                        | Pacific Cordage        |
| Shorty Parker Award<br>Jerry Lauchle MMR, M                          | Vintage Steam Shovel   |

Respectfully Submitted,  
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