



Editor's Models of the Month

A sort of "Steel(ers) Fever" gripped Division Two last month, as two Mini Metals HO scale models of work trucks representing that most renowned industrial concern that dominated the economy and culture of Division Two were the only entrants in the Bring'n'Brag contest (category "Vehicles") by Grier Kuehn (the 1960 Ford F800 stake body truck, at left) and Rick Montgomery (the White tractor and trailer, at right). Both of these models were weathered and grimed up to reflect their use in and around the US Steel mills that still cast a long shadow over the region. More photos and details on what Rick and Grier did to accomplish these results can be found inside on page 5.

Meeting Schedule

October 15, 2023 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Rochester Area Museum & Heritage Society
350 Adams Street
Rochester, PA 15074

November 19, 2023 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
New Eagle VFD Social Hall
156 Chess Street
New Eagle, PA 15067

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Bring'n'Brag

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| 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*:
October 22, 2023

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From the Super's Desk

Last month, I discussed sharing your projects with other members by writing an article for the Keystone Flyer and gave you 3 reasons that you might want to share more:

- First, when you publicly say what you are doing, you are more likely to follow-up through with the actions needed.
- Second, someone might let you know that they have done it and would be glad to help you if you have any questions.
- Third, you may inspire someone!

One of the great things about our monthly membership meetings is that you have the opportunity to find out what other members are working on. Members usually start arriving about 30 minutes before the meeting and it's a great time to have conversations. At a minimum, if two people are talking to each other, one of them has a chance to learn something new or interesting. Often, both benefit from the conversation.

While we all have different prototype, scale, time period or modeling interests, the chemistry of being in the same room as others that share your interests is powerful!

We have several other opportunities for sharing:

- The modeler of the First Place Bring 'N' Brag entry will describe how they built their model.
- We dedicate time in our meeting agenda for "What's on your workbench?" and our members share what they are doing.
- We frequently have a clinic from one of our members to share work that they have done and the knowledge they have gained as a result.

Our division has a large geographic footprint (which means we don't all live near each other), but we change our meeting locations every month so we will be "local" to a different group of members. While we have some members who attend wherever the meeting is located, not everyone can do so due to family obligations and time constraints.

We've seen meeting attendance vary from 27 to 54 members. We have almost 200 members, which indicates we have room for attendance growth.

If it's been a long time since you've attended a membership meeting, why don't you come and see what's going on now? There is a lot of energy generated by the attendees. If you have been to a meeting and didn't feel welcome, come back and we'll fix that. If you don't know anyone, we'll help you get introduced.

You are more than a name on the membership list, and we would like your presence. The date, program and locations of upcoming meetings are posted on our website. Come and join us! We want to see you!

... *Dennis Coglianese*

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September 17, 2023 Business Meeting

Meeting at the Schiappa Library, Steubenville, Ohio, called to order by Superintendent Dennis Coglianesi at 2:31 p.m. with 32 members in attendance.

We had a moment of silence for Joel Everly, a member of the Ornerly Bunch, who passed away this past week,

Recognition of host Bob DiBenedetto, who set up the meeting at the library.

Pass the hat was started.

We had no new members or guests at the meeting today.

Minutes of the August Picnic meeting were approved unanimously, Dennis Vaccaro motioning and Susan Werner seconding.

Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer – Patrick Altdorfer stated that the Sunday after a meeting is the deadline for submission to the Keystone Flyer and if want to add something to the flyer, please email it to him and then text or call him to let him know.

Financial – Treasurer Jeff Gregg stated that the division is solvent.

Programs – Assistant Superintendent George Pandelios told us that the that October 15 meeting will be at the Rochester Area Historical Society, with special guest Jerry Krueger from Division 4 talking about the next Regional Convention; Mike DeSensi will be doing a program after the meeting on how to match acrylic paints to Floquil. The November 19 meeting will be at the New Eagle VFD Social Hall, with a program of white elephant sale for members only. George has the meetings lined up for January, February, and March of next year.

Company Store – Susan Werner stated that she has NMRA Merchandise for sale in the way of pins, badges and other items, please check out the store after the meeting.

Website – Tom Gaus was not present, no report.

Membership – Ken Hanawalt is the new Membership Chairman and he would like to see each member bring in a new member and the division will give each member \$10.00 for each new member that fulfills the requirement for membership.

Free-Mo – Patrick Altdorfer said that the group is “pending” status and waiting on final word about the Greenberg Train Show coming up for November 4-5 at the Monroeville (PA) Convention Center.

Bring & Brag – Susan Werner, filling in for Co-Chairs Richard Terek and Tracy Boyd, said that she had two entries in the category of vehicles. First Place went to Rich Montgomery and Second Place to Grier Kuehn.

Superintendent Coglianesi asked members to get off their butt and bring their entries to the Bring’n’Brag.

Video Library – Bud Brock was not present, no report.

T-Trak – Jimmy Braum reported that he is waiting on word about the Greenberg Show in November. He told us co-chair Richie Jodon was at the N-Scale Convention with 18 modules from our division in Altoona.

Jamboree 2024 – Grier Kuehn told us the Jamboree will be April 13, 2024 at CCAC North Campus near Monroeville and the new contest will be a 1 x 1 diorama with trains and monster or super heroes. More information will follow at the next meeting. Grier also stated that Mike DeSensi made up a new Jamboree Flyer and hopes to have them available at the next meeting.

Achievement Program – Dennis Vaccaro voiced his opinion that this the first month without giving out an award, but hopes to have some for next month.

Old Business - None.

New Business

Superintendent Coglianesi is starting a Financial Oversight Committee to give the membership a better report on the division with information on income and expenses. More to follow in the coming months.

For the Good of the Division

Dennis Vaccaro spoke on the upcoming National Narrow-Gauge Convention to be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton at Greentree on September 11-14, 2024. He is asking for volunteers from our membership to help out at that convention, like we did for the Regional Convention held this past May.

What’s On Your Workbench?

Dave Martinelli is working on new module for the Free-Mo Group;

Jimmy Braum is working on Track for his layout and 2 cars for judging;

Larry Willming has 4 new buildings on his layout;

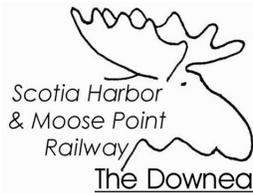
George Pandelios has end walls and molds are done on his steel mill;

Alden McBee has CTC system with detectors and infra-red on his layout with about 40 on 4 scale miles of track; and

Jim Whipple is scratch building brake lines for box cars.

Meeting Adjourned at 3:24 p.m. and Matthew Kinnard from the Age of Steam Roundhouse at Sugarcreek, Ohio gave an excellent presentation on the buildings and equipment at the facility and invited everyone to visit.





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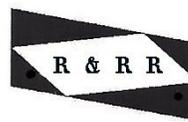


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Bring'n'Brag

Tracy Boyd/Richard Terek

Rick Montgomery won 1st place for his 1950s-era White tractor hauling a steel coil on a flat-bed trailer (at right); Grier Kuehn won 2nd place for his 1960 Ford F800 stakebed truck (photos below).



September 2023

[Thank you to Susan Werner for filling in for Tracy and Rick and submitting this detailed report. -ed.]

This month's contest category was vehicles and it saw two wonderful entries. **First place** was a US Steel White tractor with a 32' flatbed trailer unloading a steel coil. It was modeled by Rick Montgomery. This model was a Mini Metals HO scale set that he weathered with Monroe ash grey powder and assorted weathering paint markers. Rick added the USS coil, tie down chains and hooks, and he detailed the wheels and marker lights.

Second place went to an HO scale 1960 Ford F800 stake body truck modeled by Grier Kuehn. He was modeling a stake body truck for the US Steel mill on his layout...a truck that rarely, if ever, left the mill. Grier started with a basic Mini Metals 1960 Ford F800. He made the USS logos on his PC. He then heavily weathered it with airbrushed washes, chinks and powders to depict a hard-working truck that is covered with red mill dirt and grime.

These were both excellent models this month. We hope to see more entries in the future from these modelers and from others. Let's see what you are doing in your workshops!



| Name | pts | Name | pts |
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| Rick Montgomery | 16 | Grier Kuehn | 2 |
| Jim Braum | 3 | Terry Stuart | 2 |
| Joel Everly | 3 | Richard Turton | 2 |
| Bill DeFoe | 3 | Susan Werner | 2 |
| Patrick Altdorfer | 2 | Rick Bennett | 1 |
| Mike DeSensi | 2 | Ray Helster | 1 |
| Bob DiBenedetto | 2 | | |



The Bring'n'Brag contest category for October is "Structures." Remember: All entries must be presented to the presiding Bring'n'Brag chair no later than 2:00pm in order to be considered.

JAMBOREE 2024

2024 Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree: What's New and What's Not

New is the **Venue**. Due to unforeseen circumstances arising at our previous location, the RMU Yorktown Conference Center, we will be at the Community College of Allegheny County-Boyce Campus in Monroeville. The facility is located at 595 Beatty Road, Monroeville, PA 15146. Change can be challenging, but we are optimistic that CCAC Boyce will accommodate us well.

New is the **Raffle Procedure**. Due to the extensive time taken to draw winning tickets at past Jamborees, this year we are switching to a Chinese Auction style. Numbers will be drawn in late afternoon and posted so the winners can claim their prizes long before the banquet. However, the 50/50 raffle will still be drawn live after the last clinics wrap-up.

New will be an **NMRA Partnership Program Table**. We will spotlight these partners with the information and handouts they have supplied.

New and Old. As always, the popular vote Model Contest will have four categories. The standard ones of motive power, rolling stock and structure categories will be joined by a whimsical fourth one... **"Trains and Fantasy."** We hope to have fun with this and stir your creative juices by combining serious model railroading with the world of superheroes and sci-fi. Stay tuned to future issues of the Keystone Flyer and the Division website for details and ideas.

Oldies but goodies. Back will be our Jamboree favorites included with your registration: continental breakfast, buffet lunch, (optional extra-fare banquet), 12 clinics, White Elephant Sale, Company Store, aforementioned contests, displays, door prizes, lunch program and after dinner speaker. And as always, the weekend will conclude with the Sunday self-directed layout tours.

The Jamboree pages on the Division website have been activated and will be updated continuously from now until April. Please check-in regularly for the latest.

One final note. As in the past you will be able to register online at the division site or mail in your registration with a check.

Grier Kuehn and Neal Schorr - Co-Chairs

JOEL EVERLY (1944-2023)

Joel Everly passed away on September 12th, leaving behind his wife Arlene, daughters Elise and Melissa (and spouses), and grandchildren Joshua, Josie, and Max. We knew Joel as an accomplished model railroader and active member of the O.R.N.Ry. Bunch and an avid fan of model railroad operations, whose layout many Division Two members had the privilege of visiting and/or operating over the years. He was also a US Army veteran of Vietnam and in civilian life a music and driver's education teacher. In lieu of flowers, donations can be made to the USO or to a charity of your choice.

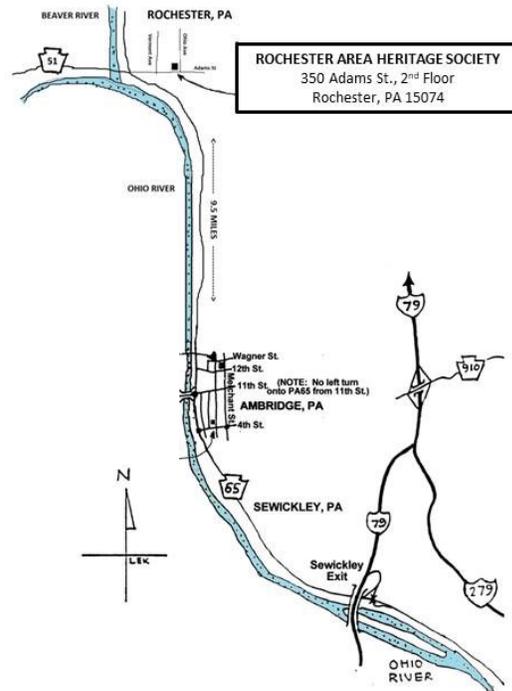
MARGE MEEHAN (1931-2023)

Marjorie Meehan passed away on September 27th, aged 91. A career civil servant of the US Commerce Department's Census Bureau, she was a very active member of Division Two, was an excellent modeler (particularly of churches and European prototype structures, in both N and HO scales), and she generously volunteered to serve on the Model Railroad Jamboree in the less glorious but nonetheless critical task of behind the scenes organizing, particularly of the raffle. Cards may be sent to her surviving daughter, Monica Yurkowski, at 1512 Gringo Road, Aliquippa, PA, 15001.

MEETING TIMETABLE

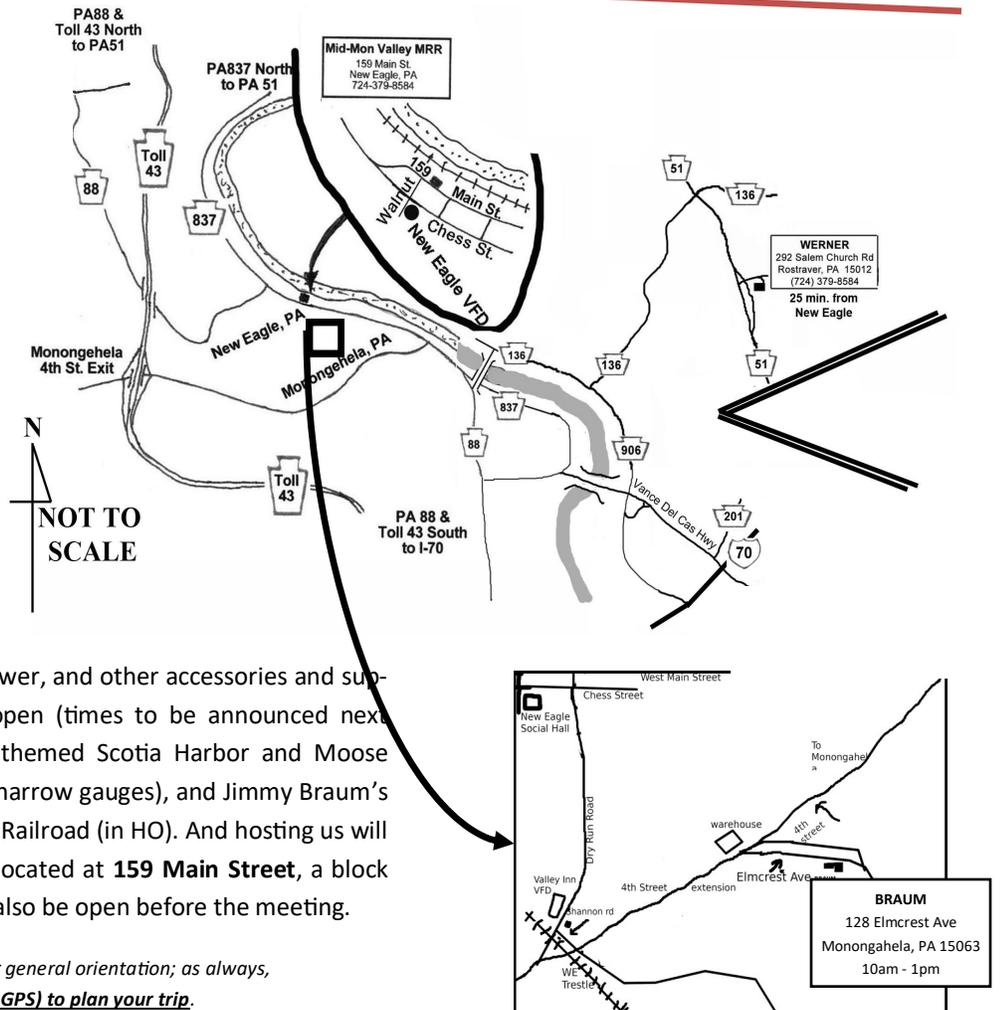
October 15: Rochester Area Museum & Heritage Society

Our October meeting returns to the Rochester Area Heritage Society and Museum (350 Adams Street, Rochester, PA 15074). The site hosts interesting artifacts of regional history, as well as several model railroad layouts and displays in various scales. Bring'n'Brag submissions are due no later than 2pm, and the meeting begins at 2:30pm. At the meeting, Jerry Krueger of Division 4 will present an update on planning for the MCR Regional Convention 2024. After the meeting, Chief Clerk Mike DeSensi will present a program on matching Vallejo acrylic paints to the once ubiquitous but now discontinued Floquil model railroad paints of days of yore.



November 19: New Eagle VFD Social Hall

Our November meeting returns again to the New Eagle VFD Social Hall (156 Chess Street, New Eagle, PA 15067). This has been our traditional location for the last meeting of the year, and we will be using this meeting as an opportunity to facilitate a members only White Elephant Sale, i.e. member-to-member transfers of railroad-related items, memorabilia, and yes, of course, model rolling stock, motive power, and other accessories and supplies. Two local homr layouts will be open (times to be announced next month): Susan Werner's New England themed Scotia Harbor and Moose Point Railway (HO scale in standard and narrow gauges), and Jimmy Braum's recreation of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad (in HO). And hosting us will be the Mid Mon Valley Model RR Club, located at 159 Main Street, a block from the Social Hall. The club layout will also be open before the meeting.



The maps provided are for general orientation; as always, please use a real map (or GPS) to plan your trip.

The Keystone Flyer
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NEXT MEETING:
 Rochester (PA) Area Museum & Heritage Society, October 15

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|  <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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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.



Needed: Volunteers for
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September 11 – 14, 2024
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New Member Recruitment Program

During the remainder of the year (July to December 2023), we would like to encourage current members to seek out potential new members at train shows, hobby shops, clubs or anywhere such candidates might be found. Division 2 will reward members for any new members they recruit.

This is how the reward program will work:

- 1) The current member tells them about the NMRA's RailPass program and that the division will pay for that RailPass if the following takes place: saves his/her receipt.
- 2) The new member will complete an application on the NMRA website and purchase a RailPass membership.
- 3) The new member comes to a Division 2 meeting in one of the next 3 months that meetings are held.
- 4) The new member is issued a check for the RailPass membership (\$19.99) when their membership is confirmed on the Divisions Membership list provided by the Mid-Central Region on the first of each month and they fulfilled the requirement to attend a Division 2 meeting. Note that if the new member enrolls in any other membership level, we will award the cost of a RailPass membership.
- 5) The recruiting member is issued a check for \$10.00 when the new member fulfills the requirement to attend a Division 2 meeting.