



Photo by Rick Terek.

Editor's Model of the Month

The October meeting saw eight models entered in the Bring'n'Brag contest, the largest number for a monthly contest in many years. All of the models entered were of very high quality, and Alden McBee placed first in the voting with his scratch-built HO scale model of D Tower in Grafton, West Virginia. You had to look twice at this model when you read in Alden's description that it is not yet complete; he is still working on interior and exterior details. More information about this model is given in the BnB report on pages 5 and 9.

Meeting Schedule

November 19, 2023 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
New Eagle VFD Social Hall
156 Chess Street
New Eagle, PA 15067
Layouts: Mid-Mon Valley Club; Sue Werner; Jim Braum

January 21, 2024 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Venetia Heritage Center
800 Venetia Road
Venetia, PA 15367
Program: TBD
Layouts: DARE Model RR Club; Ken Hanawalt

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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*:
November 26, 2023

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George Pandelios: Steel Mill in O Scale (pp. 11-14)



From the Super's Desk

You may have noticed that my last 3 columns have followed a theme: increasing member engagement. My reason for this is simple: Our organization is stronger when more members are more engaged.

Why is this important, you may ask.

The Keystone Division exists as a part of the larger NMRA national organization to meet the needs of its **LOCAL** members! Our role is to give local modelers of all scales and skills someplace to gather and grow. That can only be done by providing ways for our membership to benefit from the social and intellectual connections made between members and getting more members to participate. When this is working, it becomes a very efficient engine; the more engaged the members, the larger the group becomes, the larger the group grows, the more opportunities there are for each member.

The reason we want to increase member engagement is to make this a better organization **FOR** the members. That should sound like a win for all our members.

Notice that I did not mention a monetary reason. Increased membership does not provide any financial benefit to the division, but your dues are used very efficiently by the National organization to provide outreach, standards and a voice to manufacturers. Being part of the national organization allows us to increase our community to other divisions and regions, which are other opportunities for engagement. It also lets the national organization make investments in technology that benefits its members and develop standards for new technologies and products, among other things. But the division level belongs to the members and is here to serve those local members.

The pandemic had an enormous impact on our lives, not just the Keystone Division. We couldn't interact with people through the channels we had used for years before. We become remote dwellers and, in some ways, have "forgotten" how important personal interaction is.

My enjoyment of model railroading has always increased because of my involvement with other modelers. I've learned new skills and developed new friendships that wouldn't have happened without being involved with other model railroaders. Many others have found this to be true.

The Keystone Division is the easiest way for you to get this same benefit. Come and get involved. We'll have a great time!

... *Dennis Coglianese*

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October 15, 2023 Business Meeting

Superintendent Dennis Coglianesi called the meeting to order at 2:30PM. He thanked the Rochester Area Heritage Museum for hosting. Joe Long from the Museum was still upstairs wrapping up so we don't have a comment from him.

Pass the Hat: Jeff Gregg passed the hat.

New members or guests – None.

Motion to accept the minutes as published by P. Sullivan, seconded by Ken Hanawalt; the motion passed unanimously.

Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer – Patrick Altdorfer stated that the deadline for submissions for the next issue of the Keystone Flyer is October 22.

Financial – Treasurer Jeff Gregg. The division is solvent.

Programs – Assistant Superintendent George Pandelios.

Our final monthly meeting of 2023 will be November 19 at the New Eagle VFD Social Hall in New Eagle, PA. Susan Werner will be giving us the benefits of her considerable wisdom with a clinic called “Tips, Tools, and Techniques.” The meeting will also feature our annual members-only swap meet. Please remember to bring your items to the meeting. Note that these items may also be swapped for Dead Presidents.

January's meeting will take place at the DARE Club, Venetia, PA at 2:30PM on January 21, 2024. We are working on a program for this meeting.

Meeting locations have been firmed up for nearly all of 2024. We are still (and always) on the lookout for presentations at these meetings. If you've done or learned something new, we'd like to see that. Help in creating a presentation (slides, handouts, etc.) is available.

Company Store – Susan Werner: Get your Keystone Division baseball caps!

Membership – Ken Hanawalt is taking over for Tom Gaus as the Membership Committee chairman and getting up to speed.

Website – Tom Gaus. The website is up to date. 2024 Jamboree Registration is coming soon!

Free-Mo – Patrick Altdorfer reported that Greenberg Shows has declined to offer space for the group at the upcoming show in Monroeville, November 4 & 5.

Bring & Brag – Tracy Boyd / Rick Terek. Rick reported there was great participation this month, 8 entries in the category Structures. First Place went to Alden McBee, for his Tower at Grafton, made with brick sheet and styrene. Second Place to Mike Hohn for his Depot; and Third Place to Grier Kuehn for his Pizza Shop. Great job, everyone!

Video Library – Bud Brock. No progress.

Achievement Program – Dennis Vaccaro announced two AP certificates: Ken Hanawalt for Civil Engineering – Electrical; and Frank Benders for Association Volunteer.

T-TRAK – Richie Jodon / Jimmy Braum. Jimmy reported that the T-TRAK layout would be on display at the Greenberg Show, November 4 & 5 in Monroeville, PA.

Jamboree 2024 – Grier Kuehn. Planning for the 2024 Jamboree is WAY ahead of schedule. Final notes on food & pricing are in good shape.

Old Business - None.

New Business - None.

For the Good of the Division

Grier Kuehn noted that there will be a large number of items (paint, tools, scenery, etc.) from the estate of the late Marge Meehan available at next month's swap meet.

Susan Werner and Jimmy Braum will have their layouts open for the next business meeting. Contact the Chief Clerk or Editor for address information.

Rob DiBenedetto noted that there will be another Model Railroading Day at the Schiappa Library in Steubenville, OH, November 18, 2023.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2023. New Eagle VFD Social Hall, New Eagle, PA. The New Eagle Social Hall will be open starting at 11am for the swap meet.

Motion to adjourn by George Pandelios, seconded by Dennis Vaccaro; meeting adjourned at 3:27pm.

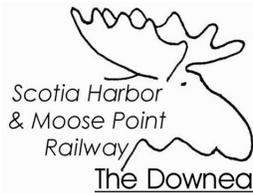


Editor's Note: After the meeting, Mike DeSensi presented an informative program on the use of Vallejo Acrylic Paints, not just as a substitute for the discontinued Floquil or alternate Polly Scale lines, but arguably as a superior product.



Dennis Vaccaro presents AP certificates to Ken Hanawalt (left) for Civil Engineering – Electrical and to Frank Benders (right) for Association Volunteer.





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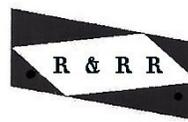


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Bring'n'Brag

Tracy Boyd/Richard Terek

October 2023

We had eight entries for the Bring and Brag Structures contest. The following members submitted entries: Keith DeVault, Mike Hohn, Frank Benders, Grier Kuehn, Alden McBee, Neal Schorr, Rick Montgomery, and one unknown member submitted an entry For Display Only. More photos are published on page 9. The winning entries this month were as follows:

First Place went to **Alden McBee** for his model of the D Tower in Grafton WV (top). The HO scale model was scratch built but not quite yet finished. The prototype tower was built in 1911 and torn down in December of 2017. He used blue prints from the B&O historical Society along with plans that were published in Model Railroader Magazine to construct his model.



Second Place went to **Mike Hohn** for his HO scale model of the Anderson, PA Depot (center). The structure was scratch built from a photograph of the actual building.

Photos by Rick Terek (top & bottom) and Patrick Altdorfer (center).

Third Place went to **Grier Kuehn** for his HO scale model of a Pizza Shop (bottom). It started out as a City Classics company house kit. Scratch built additions were enclosed stairs and brick storefront. Added details were the asphalt shingles, block foundation, steps, gutters, downspouts, window dressing, vents, electric service, dumpster and signage. The interior included lights, floor, background walls, counter, and figures.



Congratulations to the winners and special mention to all who submitted their handiwork for consideration. We hope to have another great selection at the November meeting, when the category will be Prototype Photos. Get out your cameras



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



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

Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree: April 13, 2024

April 13, 2024 is five months away, but here are a few tidbits to keep in mind:

- It's a heck of a lot of model railroading fun packed into one day!
- Actually it's not one day... it's a two-day mini-con. Sunday is the self-directed layout tour.
- The Jamboree pages on the division website are up and being continuously updated. Check out the clinics, popular vote contests and White Elephant Sale. They're all up to date.
- You can now register on-line at: www.keystonedivision.org
- We believe we've addressed every detail that moving to a new venue entails. Please be patient and bear with us if a glitch or two arises. Murphy's Law says that will probably happen.

Last and certainly not least, please remember that our annual Jamboree is a huge recruiting tool for the NMRA and our division. Attendees do not have to be NMRA members. In fact, we spend lots of time and money promoting it to the general model railroading public. We do that at the Greenberg shows, TCA shows, local hobby shops, local holiday events, local model railroad clubs' open houses and more. It works. Our Rail Pass offer to non-members at the last Jamboree netted us 18 new members.

Here's where you come in. Be a recruiter and talk it up to you friends. Tell them about the full two days of activities as well as the Rail Pass offer which is hard to beat.

Grier Kuehn and Neal Schorr - Co-Chairs

In Case You Missed It

The current issue of *Railroad Model Craftsmen* (November 2023) published two features back-to-back that show alternative builds of the "Crafton Avenue Gas Station," one of the beautiful City Classics structure kits that Jim Sacco created and offered to the modeling community.

Chris Adams built the kit as the service station would have appeared in its heyday (the late 1940s on his layout), with all of the *streamline moderne* architectural elements intact: the large corner picture window, the use of porcelain tile as exterior cladding, and the clean horizontal lines and flat roof that lack the decorative elements of *fin de siècle* structures, all characteristics of the new trends in architecture and industrial design. And in a nice touch, Adams dedicated his Esso station to Jim Sacco by making him the proprietor!

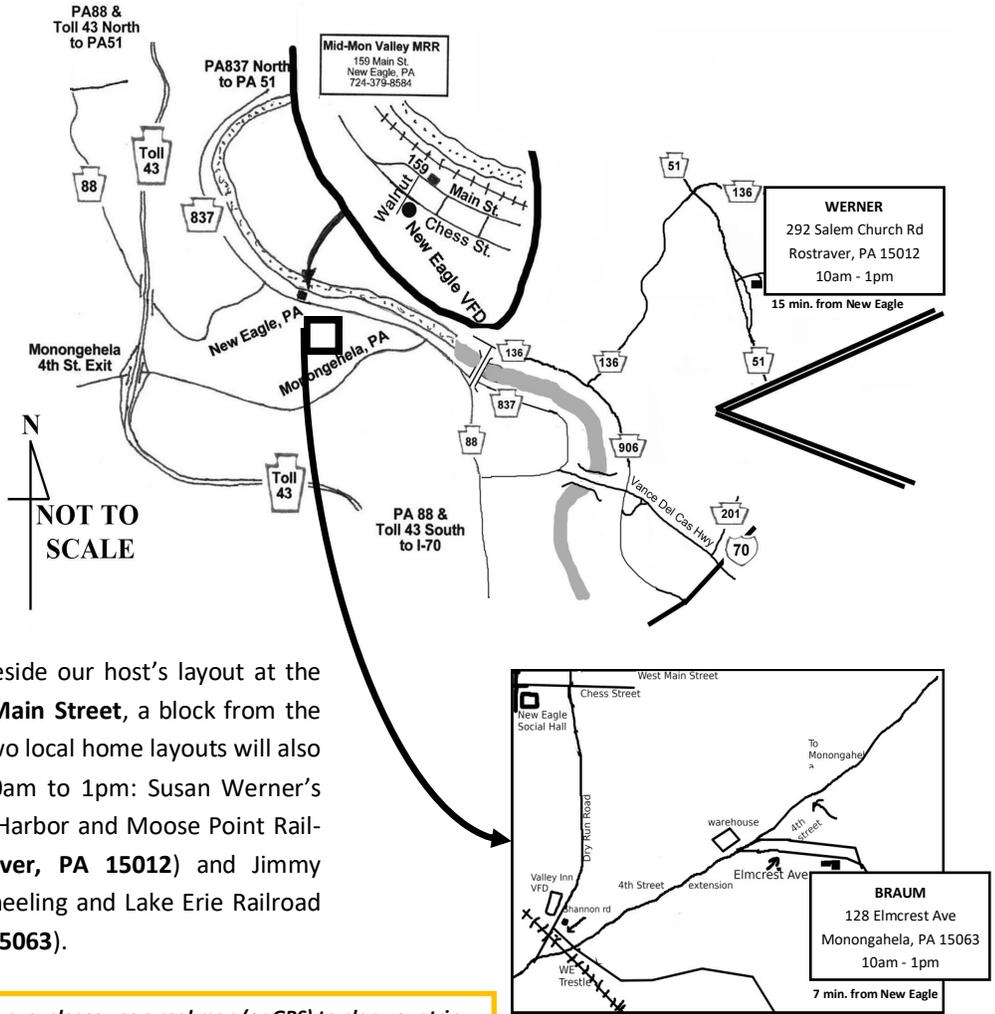
Ken Hamilton achieved a very different effect using the same kit as the centerpiece of a diorama depicting a gas station site that has been long out of service, and which apparently was abandoned in the midst of an attempt to remove the subterranean fuel tanks. The unsightly mess of the now unearthed tanks pose an environmental hazard to the neighbors as well as to the juvenile delinquents who have vandalized the site with their graffiti and wanton destruction.

Both of these are fine examples of unleashed modeler imagination, as well as a reminder of Jim Sacco's enduring legacy in the model railroading hobby.

MEETING TIMETABLE

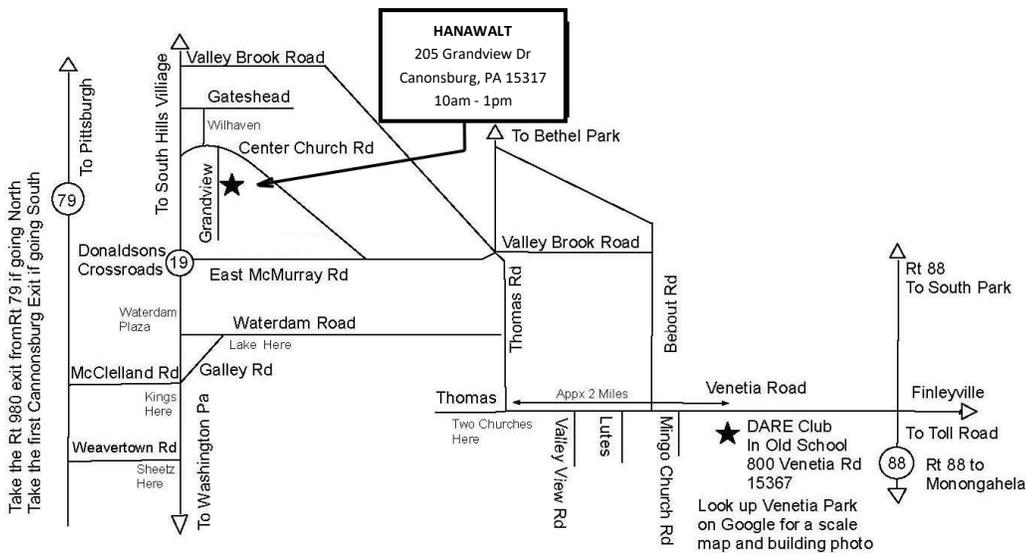
November 19: New Eagle VFD Social Hall

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: member-to-member transfers of railroad-related items, memorabilia, and yes, of course, model rolling stock, motive power, and other accessories and supplies. Beside our host's layout at the Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club (159 Main Street, a block from the Social Hall, open from noon to 2pm), two local home layouts will also be open before the meeting, from 10am to 1pm: Susan Werner's New England themed HO scale Scotia Harbor and Moose Point Railway (292 Salem Church Rd, Rostraver, PA 15012) and Jimmy Braum's HO scale rendition of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad (128 Elmcrest Ave, Monongahela, PA 15063).



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

January 21: D.A.R.E. Model RR Club, Venetia, PA



Our January meeting site is hosted by the D.A.R.E. Model Railroad Club at the Venetia Heritage Center (800 Venetia Road, Venetia, PA 15367). The club boasts several model railroad layouts in N, HO, S, and O scales. At this writing, the program after the meeting has yet to be determined. Ken Hanawalt will open his HO scale Turtle Creek Railroad (205 Grandview Drive, Canonsburg, PA 15317) for "snappy service" before the meeting (10am to 1pm).

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NEXT MEETING:
 New Eagle (PA) VFD Social Hall, November 19

 <p>Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society 128 Pleasant Street Morgantown, WV 26505</p> <p>Meeting Thursdays at 7:00 PM</p> <p>www.MVRCC.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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Bring 'n' Brag (continued)

Here are more photos of models that were submitted for the Structures contest in October.

At right is another view of **Alden McBee's** D Tower at Grafton, next to the prototype photo of that corner of the building. This view highlights the aftercooler he scratch-built to represent the equipment used "for cooling the air for the electropneumatic switch machines." Alden also informed us at the meeting that he just found out that Leopard Architectural Models now offers a 3D printed versions of this tower.



Frank Benders brought an HO scale structure, a "Hay & Grain" store (right), a nice little mom & pop grocery with some interior details suggested in the windows, a barrel and bag of feed out front, and lightly weathered clapboard siding.



Keith DeVault submitted his HO scale rendition of the Western Maryland Railroad's Blaine Station (left), as it appeared in its third incarnation. Below is the back view of the station.



Bring 'n' Brag (continued)



Rick Montgomery created Casa de Roma (left), an Italian restaurant, using an HO scale DPM Model, which he painted and detailed, installing LED lighting, roof and interior details, restaurant accessories from Noch, and a bunch of little people enjoying their pasta, zuppe, and pesce.

Neal Schorr kit-bashed the Espy Farm Supply in Spruce Creek (below left) from an old Ertl S scale structure that he modified significantly, including adding a concrete foundation to raise the height, replacing the molded man-door with an O scale door, and scratch-building a new garage door to achieve O scale proportions. He then added only limited detail and light weathering to reflect the relative youth and plain exterior of the prototype, a photo of which he also presented.



A modeler who chose to remain **Anonymous** submitted a fascinating 11-story tall building, the Ashmore Hotel (right). This structure appears to be complete, with window glazing and window treatments (I counted 160 individual hotel room windows just on the front of the building and two sides, plus two rows of wide picture windows on street and mezzanine levels all the way around). The rooftop included details such as asphalt, vents, the elevator machine room, and a ladder attached to the inset penthouse floor exterior walls, for access to the rooftop billboard advertising the “wise choice” of Owl Cigars. The rear of the building sported a roll-up garage door, a man door, and some faded posters and weathered block; and the storefront windows on ground level remind one of something you might have seen in an urban downtown area in the 1920s or 1930s, the decorative copper on its façade now corroded.



Open Hearth Steel Mill in O Scale

by George Pandelios

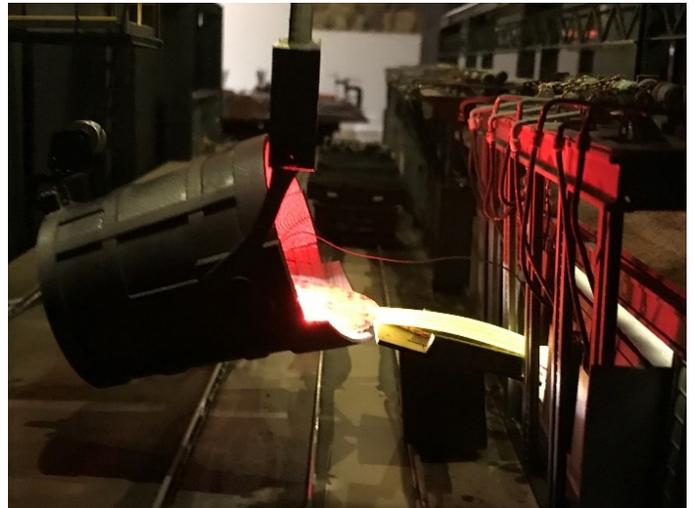
I am pleased to report that photos of my O-scale model of the Weirton Steel Open Hearth won the Photography category of the Dean Freytag award at the Steel Mill Modelers Special Interest Group (SMMSIG) annual meeting held in Pittsburgh July 27-29.

My model depicts the southern end (Furnaces 11, 12, 13, 14) of the prototype. It is scratch-built and consists of more than 2,200 individual pieces with a small number of 3-D printed components. It measures 37" wide, 72" long, and 34" tall.

Top Right: The left side of the building holds the Pouring Floor, while the Charging Floor is on the right. The open hearth furnaces straddle the midline of the building.



Below (left) Furnace No. 12 is being tapped while Furnace No. 11 (right) is being charged with molten iron from the blast furnaces.



Open Hearth Steel Mill in O Scale

In this photo, Furnace No. 14 is in the foreground. Immediately behind it, scratch-built buggies with their boxes of scrap await charging into Furnace No. 13. At the very back of the floor, a transfer crane positions a ladle to pour molten iron into Furnace No. 11. On the right, a worker fills a wheel barrow with chemicals that will be shoveled into a furnace through an open charging door.



The next two in-progress photos show the charging door details more clearly.

On the left, the water jacketed door, its water hoses, and lifting chain are visible.

The photo at right shows the chain lifting pulley, spool, and motor assembly.



Open Hearth Steel Mill in O Scale



Left: On the Pouring Floor, the 350 ton bridge crane positions the teeming ladle over the ingot molds and fills the rearmost ingot mold. The molds rest on scratch-built ingot buggies (flatcars).



Right: A view of the Pouring Floor from the rear is shown. The teeming crane appears in the distance.

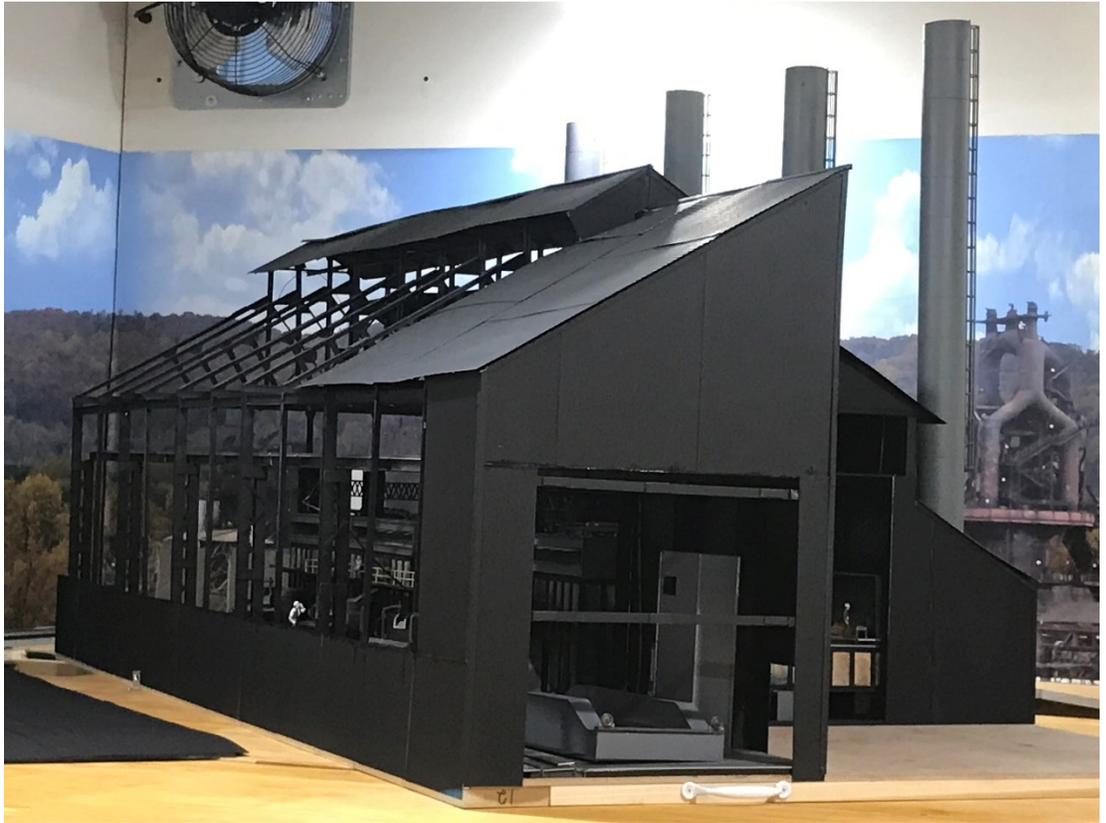
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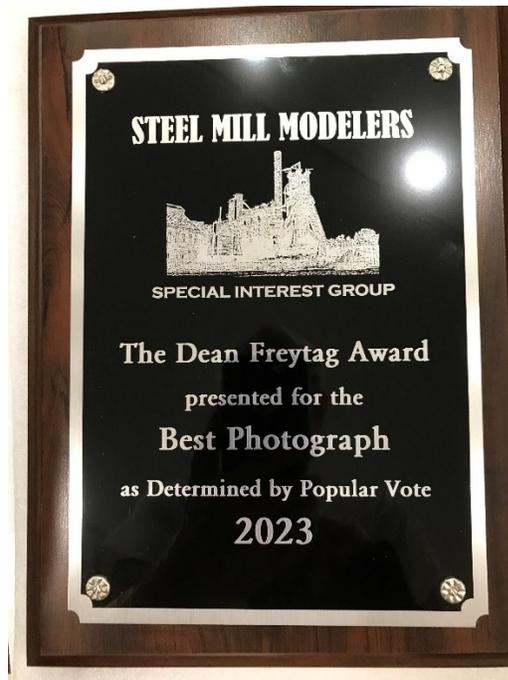
- Dimensions: 72" long x 37" wide x 34" high
- Scratch-built – no kits or kit-bashing
- Over 2,200 individual parts
- 5 smoke units (all smoke shown in photos is real)
- Each of the 4 furnaces (Nos. 11-14) represents a different phase of the open hearth process
- Ingot mold flatcars and scrap flatcars are scratch-built
- Ingot molds are cast from an original design

Open Hearth Steel Mill in O Scale

As a result of some new bench work completed in late October, the Open Hearth was moved into its position on the layout. The removable walls, roof, and cranes are yet to be re-installed in this photo.



Below, SMMSIG President Jim DiPaola (L) presents George Pandelios (R) with the Dean Freytag Award.





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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.