

The Jamboree is a Month Away — Register Now !



Editor's Model of the Month

Photo by Grier Kuehn



Grier Kuehn won first place in the Bring'n'Brag last month with his pair of GP-35s, both of which are Kato HO scale models. Number 2503 at left started as an undecorated locomotive, which Grier detailed and painted to his standard livery for his "proto-lanced" Penn Western Railroad; number 2506 at right is former Santa Fe 3305, which Grier patched out, detailed and re-numbered and re-lettered for the PW. Finally, he weathered both locomotives to varying degrees. Commenting at the meeting, he pointed to the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad as one of his favorite railroads, because it has a diverse and interesting fleet by virtue of its acquired "foreign" power, whose "old" liveries tend to live on under the flag of their new home road, whatever the reason may be, which makes railfanning the WLE particularly interesting.

Meeting Schedule

March 17, 2024 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society
5000 Green Bag Road, Unit D-13
Morgantown, WV 26501
Program: Wally Venable, "Cardboard Structures"
Layouts: Keith DeVault, Mike Hohn, Richard Turton

Saturday, April 13, 2024 - Model RR Jamboree
Community College of Allegheny County — Boyce Campus
595 Beatty Road
Monroeville, PA 15146
Sunday: Layout Tours (self-guided)

Bring'n'Brag

Jan	Anything Goes
Feb	Motive Power: Diesel / Steam / Electric / Traction
Mar	Railroad Structures / Commercial Structures
Apr	*** Model Railroad Jamboree ***
May	Bridges and Trestles
Jun	Photos (Prototype and Model)
Aug	Vehicles (at the Picnic)
Sep	Freight Cars
Oct	Non-Revenue (incl. cabooses)
Nov	Passenger Cars

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From the Super's Desk

There is no shortage of news and opinions available to us in our connected world. As a result, it is a daunting task to process this information. Not all the information is true, but because there is so much information available, it's hard to sift through it all.

I follow many Model Railroad focused Facebook groups and I often see someone post "I'm new to model railroading," followed by any number of questions about what's the best this, that or the other thing. Then the responses overpower the question with opinions and debates. I wonder how many of those new modelers determine that they have to "go it alone" to figure it out or worse, decide it's too complicated.

Many of us got interested in model railroading through a friend or model railroad club. This personal connection allowed us to learn about the hobby. If you were really lucky, they helped you LEARN why some choices were better than others. They also helped you LEARN about new products, techniques and materials. When you struggled with something, they HELPED you figure out what to do.

I think it's safe to say that most of us have benefited from this type of support and in turn have provided that to someone else.

As a group of almost 200 model railroaders, I'd like us to help new modelers find their own path.

At the February meeting, I mentioned that I'd like to form a group of Keystone Division members that can help new model railroaders get a good start. There are many ways we can do this. Here are a couple:

- Place a link on the Keystone Division website to allow a new modeler to connect with someone on the team to provide guidance (not opinions);
- Hold Introduction to Model Railroading events at local libraries;
- Organize single topic Model Railroading classes like how to build a simple diorama.

These are just some thoughts. My goal is to have members of the Keystone Division help others learn about and enjoy the hobby as much as we do. That's good for the hobby and it's really good for the NMRA and the Keystone Division.

Who will join me and help me figure this out?

... *Dennis Coglianesi*

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February 18, 2024 Business Meeting

Superintendent Dennis Coglianesi called the meeting to order at 2:30PM. He thanked the Weirton Area Museum for hosting the division meeting. Ed Giacino of the Museum thanked everyone for attending and visiting. He asked members to please mention the Museum to their friends and family and to follow them on Facebook. (<http://tinyurl.com/24esyj86>)

Pass the Hat: Jeff Gregg passed the hat.

New members or guests – Welcome to new member Richard Reichenbach; he models the Erie Railroad in the 1950s era in HO.

Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer – Patrick Altdorfer. The deadline for submissions for the next issue of the Keystone Flyer is February 25. The pike ads are running and there is always room for your own layout to have an ad in the Flyer.

Financial – Treasurer – Jeff Gregg. The division is solvent.

Financial – Jamboree – Andy Blenko. The Jamboree account is solvent.

Programs – Assistant Superintendent George Pandelios. March's meeting will take place at the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society, 5000 Green Bag Road, Morgantown, WV; program on cardstock building. The April meeting will take place at the Jamboree, April 13. 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. Books that were ordered have been delivered and paid for. Also available: City Classics window inserts, etched swing kits, NYC box car kits, and track cleaning cars (3D prints from K Hanawalt).

Elections Nominating Committee – Susan Werner. No additional nominations. Unless there are additional nominations, the three incumbents (Superintendent Dennis Coglianesi, Assistant Superintendent George Pandelios, Chief Clerk Mike DeSensi) will be elected at the April meeting by acclamation. (*See page 11 for the candidates' biographical statements. -Ed.*)

Membership – Ken Hanawalt. Membership is at 197 +/-; 2 new members, 3 past due.

Website – Tom Gaus. No report.

Social Media—Jimmy Braum. No report.

Free-Mo – Patrick Altdorfer. The Monroeville Convention Center - the venue that has been hosting the Greenberg Train Show for the past several years - is in the process of being sold and all shows beyond June 1, 2024 (including the Greenberg Shows) have been cancelled. Grier Kuehn stated that the Radisson Hotel will be the temporary site of the Greenberg Shows in August and November. However, these shows will be at 40% of the vendor capacity.

Bring & Brag – Tracy Boyd & Rick Terek. Diesel Locomotives. Third Place: Rick Montgomery, O scale Conrail ES44; Second Place: Arley Mitchell, HO scale N&W GP-35s; First Place: Grier Kuehn, HO scale, xxxxxx.

Video Library – Bud Brock. No report.

Achievement Program – Dennis Vaccaro. No new AP awards. One Merit award was earned but the paperwork is still awaiting approval.

T-TRAK – Richie Jodon / Jimmy Braum. Kevin Squire reported that there will be a small T-Trak display at the Jamboree in April. Anyone wishing to participate please let him know via email at gentgeen@wikiak.org.

Jamboree 2024 – Grier Kuehn. Grier reminded everyone that plans are on schedule and the date is April 13, 2024; CCAC Boyce Campus in Monroeville, PA. Grier also thanked Tom Gaus for his awesome work on keeping the website up to date. Neal Schorr noted that an interior map with directions will be available soon.

Old Business - The recommendation from the Financial Oversight Committee regarding payment to meeting host organizations is as follows: Raise the payment (honorarium) from \$100 to \$125 to all host organizations. No higher fees for any host. Motion to approve recommendation: Dennis Vaccaro, seconded by Jim Whipple, unanimously approved.

New Business - None.

For the Good of the Division

Susan Werner noted the passing of Forest Lucas from Altoona.

What's on your Workbench?

Neal Schorr is making trees...lots of trees.

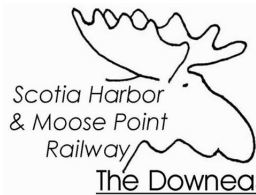
Andy Blenko mentioned the simplicity of the Woodland Scenics **Just Plug** lighting system, but recognized the cost as being a hindrance. he asked about power supplies for lights and animation. Several people gave suggestions of simple 3v power supplies to 12v power stations that can have voltages stepped down as needed.

Next Meeting: March 17, 2024 at the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society, Morgantown, WV. Program by Wally Venable, "How to Make Cardboard Structures with Your Computer." Bring 'n' Brag category is Railroad & Commercial Structures.

Motion to adjourn by Ken Hanawalt, seconded by Dennis Lippert; meeting adjourned at 3:24PM.



After the meeting, George Pandelios presented a program on using Low-loft quilt batting as scenery material.



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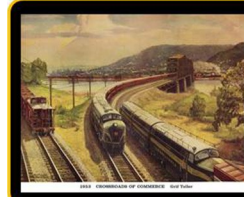
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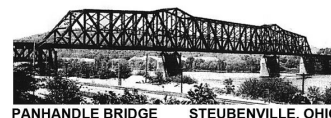


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Bring'n'Brag

Tracy Boyd/Richard Terek

February 2024

The Category for the February meeting was **Motive Power: Diesel, Steam, Electric, Traction**. We had 7 entries for judging. The winners were as follows:



In **first place** was **Grier Kuehn** for his entry of two KATO HO scale GP 35s which were decorated for his proto-freelanced Penn-Western Railroad. The models were custom painted, had added details, and were weathered.



In **second place** the winner was **Arley Mitchell** for his entry of two KATO HO scale N&W GP 35s. They were painted to represent the two P&W GP 35s that were delivered after the N&W merger. The models were painted with Polly S Engine Black, LED Lights were installed along with ALCO trucks and DCC along with slight weathering.

In **third place** the winner was **Rick Montgomery** for his O scale entry of a NS ES44AC heritage Conrail Unit. It was weathered with the following powders: Ash Gray, Dark Rust (Monroe Powder); Paints were Grimy Black (Tru Color), Burnt Umber (Plaid), and Brown Oxide (Plaid). It was then dull-coated with Krylon Matte finish.



Except where noted, photos by Patrick Altdorfer

Special mention to the other entries by Frank Benders, Mike DeSensi, Keith Devault and Mark Vinski (pictured on page 9). It was nice to see their work and talents on display. The March category is **Railroad Structures / Commercial Structures**. Remember: All entries must be presented to the presiding Bring'n'Brag chair no later than 2:00pm in order to be considered.

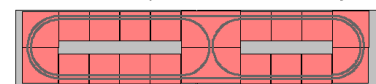


Name	pts
Grier Kuehn	6
Arley Mitchell	4
Erik Fritzberg	3
Rick Montgomery	3
Richie Jodon	2

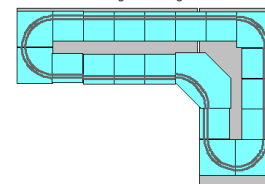
T-Trak at the Jamboree

We are excited to share that we will be having a T-TRAK layout at the April 13th Jamboree in Monroeville. We are currently looking at having a smaller layout of a few corners and 14 singles (or equivalent). If you would like to participate in the layout, please email Kevin Squire (gentgeen@wikiak.org) and let him know how many modules you can commit. For this initial planning, we ask that all participants keep it at 2 modules max, preferably doubles or singles.

Keystone Jamboree - Apr 2024 -- T-TRAK layout options



Hot Dog -- 14 singles, 4 corners, 2 Junctions



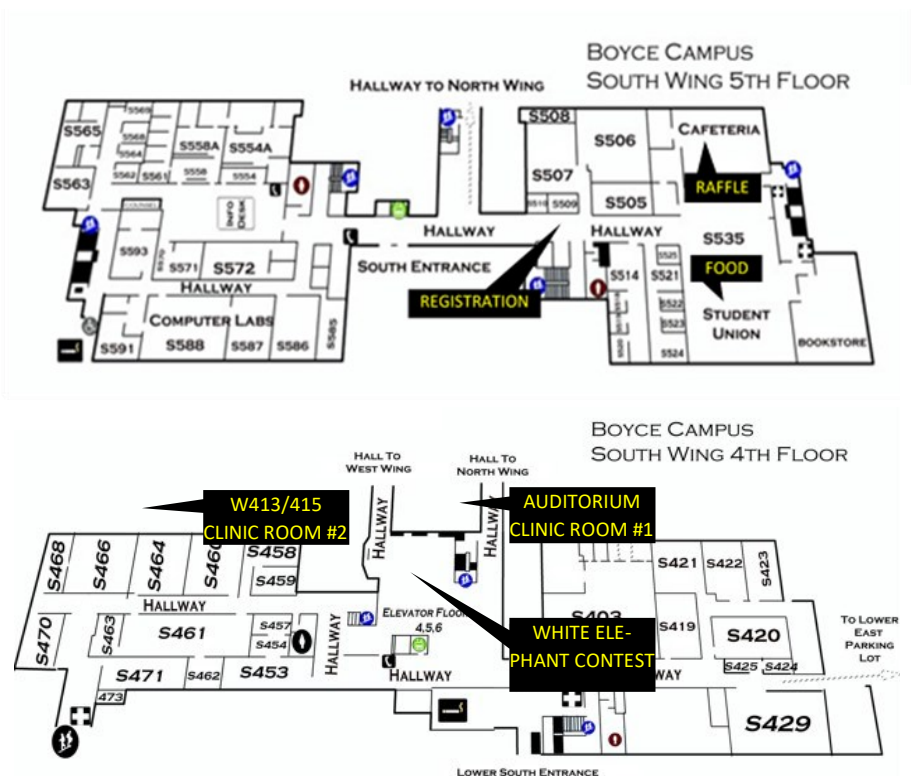
L-Shape -- 14 singles, 5 corners, 1 inside

Your Jamboree Checklist

- Register On-Line at www.keystonedivision.org or by Mail
- Invite a Friend and Have Them Register Soon
- Finish-Up Your Models to Enter in the Four Contests
- Gather Your Items to Sell at the White Elephant Sale
- Bring CASH, Cash, cash. No Credit Cards Accepted for Purchases.
- There is no ATM on Campus
- All Details are Continually Updated on the Division Website

Helpful Hints, Instructions and Reminders are on the Website

- For Everything You Need, Go to the [Jamboree Pages on the Division Website](#)
- Check-out the 3 Serious Contest Categories & the Whimsical category "Trains & Fantasy"
- Prefill Your White Elephant Paperwork Using the Downloadable Sales Forms
- Clinician Presenters and Descriptions of Their Topics
- Schedule of the Events
- Descriptions of the Lunch and After Dinner Speakers' Presentations
- Door Prize Ticket Included with Your Registration, 21 Winners to be Drawn
- Raffle Will be High Value Items and Streamlined in Chinese Auction Style
- The Winning 50/50 Ticket Will be Drawn at 5:30PM
- It's a Two-Day Event with Self Directed Layout Tours on Sunday

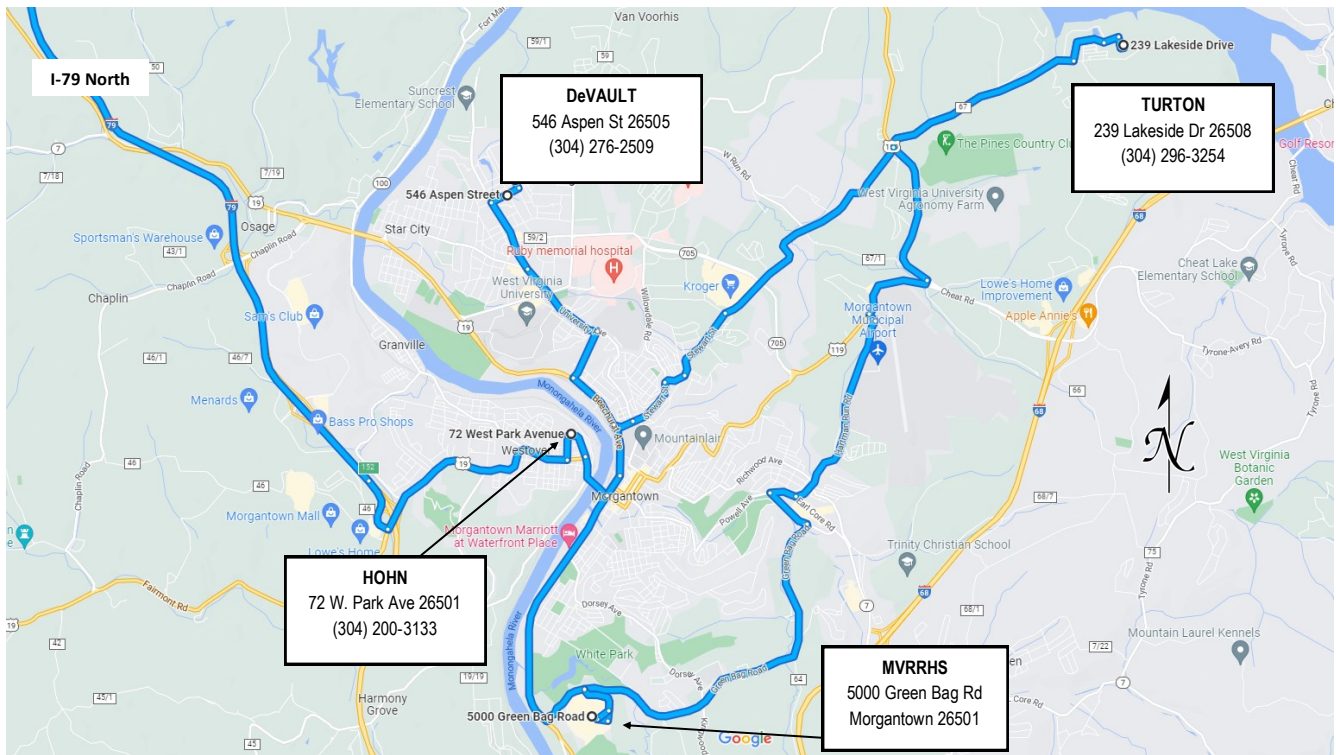


MEETING TIMETABLE

March 17: Mon Valley Railroad Society, Morgantown, WV

Our March meeting will return to the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society at the Mountaineer Mall (5000 Green Bag Road, Morgantown, WV 26501). From the north, take I-79 South to I-68 East, then Exit One (to US-119), turn left (north) at the light and drive 2.5 miles to 3rd stop light, then turn right up the hill and into the mall. The Mall opens at 12 noon, but the Society layout will open at 12:30pm; the meeting starts at 2:30pm in the classroom across the hall. After the meeting, Wally Venable will present "How to Make Cardboard Structures," a ca. 30 minute program that will show the group how to make structures in N, O and HO scale and will have samples of each.

Before the meeting until 1pm, three nearby home layouts are open: Keith Devault (546 Aspen Street, 26505, opens 9:30am); Mike Hohn (72 W. Park Avenue, 26501, opens 10am, and will also be open after the meeting until 5pm); and Richard Turton (239 Lakeside Drive, Morgantown 26508, opens 10am). Please refer to GPS and interactive map to calculate driving times.



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

Saturday, April 13:

Model Railroad Jamboree, Monroeville, PA

The event that almost needs no introduction (re-read page 6 if you are lost), this year will be held at a new (to us) venue, the Community College of Allegheny County, Boyce Campus (595 Beatty Road, Monroeville, PA 15146).

From points east or west: Take US Route 22 to Monroeville, turn north onto Haymaker Road, continue onto Beatty Road;

From the south: Take I-76 West to the Pittsburgh/Monroeville exit, then take US 22 East to left onto Old William Penn Highway, and turn right onto Beatty Road;


From the north/northwest: Take I-76 East to the Pittsburgh/Monroeville exit, then take US 22 West to north onto Haymaker Road, continue onto Beatty Road.



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NEXT MEETING:
 Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society, Morgantown, WV, March 17

 <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)

Four additional entries were submitted for the February contest **Motive Power**.

Keith Devault brought C&O 8212, a GE U30B (aka “U-Boat”), heavily weathered with dust and grime (top right).



Mike DeSensi brought Santa Fe #1263 in N scale (left).

Frank Benders brought an Athearn “blue box” HO scale model of an EMD F7 in Southern Pacific’s “Black Widow” livery.



And Mark Vinski brought this work-in-progress (middle left), a GP9 locomotive shell on which he chopped the nose to match the Western Maryland prototype, which is pictured (left below) on the cover of the WM Historical Society’s 2023 calendar.

Executive Officers Election

Susan Werner reported at the February meeting that there have not been other nominations made for the executive officers positions. As such, the incumbent officers will be elected by acclamation at the April meeting. Nonetheless, as is custom and provided for in the by-laws, we present here the biographical statements that each candidate has submitted for members to consider their candidacies and plans for the Division.

Superintendent

My name is Dennis Coglianese, and I am a candidate for Division Superintendent, a position I have held for the past two years. I'd like to tell you a bit about myself if we haven't already met. I am a native New Yorker and grew up on Long Island in the original Levittown. I moved to Pittsburgh in 1991 and you couldn't get me to move back to Long Island. I've been married to my wife Debbie for almost 46 years and have 3 grown children (all married) and 4 grandchildren. I was in the Information Technology field for over 50 years and have done everything from programming to operations to IT Management to consulting. I have been retired for a little over a year now, which gives me more time to enjoy family and hobby interests.

My grandfather had a Lionel layout in his basement in Brooklyn and I was bitten by the bug when I was somewhere between 2 and 4 years old. A Levitt house didn't have a basement, so I tried many tricks to build a layout, including convincing friends with garages that they needed to build one. I was a member of several clubs on Long Island before moving to Pittsburgh, where I joined the Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum and am now a life member. I am currently building a model railroad in my basement that is a freelanced line located in the San Joaquin Valley during the 1950s. I have a great crew of guys helping me build and operate it.

I've been a member of the Keystone Division since 2009 and I have served as the Division's Superintendent since 2022. I like the sense of community that brings us together and hope to find new ways for us to share and learn from each other. I have enjoyed serving the Keystone Division for the past two years and would appreciate your consideration to allow me to continue serving as your superintendent.

Assistant Superintendent

George Pandelios is a retired software executive, consultant, programmer, and project manager whose career has spanned 41 years. Most recently he taught software engineering and other computer-related courses at La Roche University, but has also worked at Carnegie Mellon University's Software Engineering Institute. As a project manager he made a major contribution to the implementation of EZ-Pass on the Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia turnpikes.

George has been a member of Division 2 since 1998 and currently serves as Assistant Superintendent. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center and has also been active in the Steel Mill Modelers SIG. He models the Pennsylvania Railroad's Panhandle Division in 3-rail O scale. Recently, his articles have been featured in *O Scale Trains* magazine.

George resides with his wife Judy in Cranberry Township.

Chief Clerk

My name is Mike DeSensi. I have been a regular member of the NMRA since about 2017 and for the past two years I have had the privilege to serve as the Chief Clerk for the Division.

I am a full-time member of the Ohio Valley Lines club in Ambridge. For the past 6 years, I have served as the club's Secretary. In addition to my duties as Secretary, I rebuilt and now maintain the club's website and our Facebook page. In my tenure, the Facebook page has grown from 200 followers to over 1200.

I am also heavily involved in T-TRAK modular railroading. Along with others, I have used the modular layout system to promote N scale railroading at numerous shows and conventions in the Pittsburgh, Altoona, Youngstown, and Erie areas.

The West View & Santa Fe is my home layout. It is a 24" x 48" N layout based on a fictional branch of the Santa Fe Railroad set in the summer of 1945. The layout won Third Place in the Walther's 2021 National Model Railroad Build-Off Open Category and served as the basis for my NMRA Golden Spike Award.

Thank you all for your support these past two years. I hope that you will allow me to continue in my role as Chief Clerk for the Keystone Division. Thank you for your consideration.

by Dennis Coglianesi, Superintendent

For the entire year of 2024, 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 Two will reward members for any new members they recruit.

This is how the reward program will work:

The current member tells the new member about the NMRA's RailPass program and that the division will pay for that RailPass if the following takes place:

The new member will complete an application on the NMRA website and purchase a RailPass membership (the new member must save his/her receipt).

The new member comes to a Division 2 meeting in one of the next 3 months that meetings are held.

The new member is issued a check for the RailPass membership (\$19.99) when their membership is confirmed on the Division's Membership list provided by the Mid-Central Region on the first of each month and they have fulfilled the requirement to attend a Division 2 meeting. Note that if the new member enrolls in any other membership level, we will refund the cost of a RailPass membership.

The recruiting member is issued a check for \$10.00 when the new member fulfills the requirement to attend a Division 2 meeting.

Since this Incentive Program will run for the full year, we are going to add 2 more incentives for our members.

At the end of 2024, any member who has recruited 3 or more new members who met the above requirements will receive a \$25 bonus.

At the end of 2024, any member who has recruited 5 or more new members who met the above requirements will receive a \$50 bonus.

Note, the bonuses cannot be stacked. Any member who is awarded the 5 recruits bonus will not (also) receive the 3 recruit bonus.



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<https://forms.gle/RkKrdTWxcZetGDUr6>

Useful Links

T-TRAK Information <https://ntrak.org/T-TRAK-Home>

T-TRAK Wiki <http://ttrak.wikidot.com/>

Questions:

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