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## Editor's Model of the Month

Erik Fritzberg won two of the model contests at the Model Railroad Jamboree last month, for the categories Motive Power and Rolling Stock. Above is his model of a New York Central dining car as it appeared on the name train "20th Century Limited," ca. 1938. He has recreated the car's dining area furnishings, kitchen fixtures, and other interior finishes, including lighting, based on archival images such as advertising brochures or company drawings. On page 6, you can see a photo of his winning entry for Motive Power, a late steam era S1 of the mighty Pennsylvania Railroad.

## Meeting Schedule

**May 19, 2024** - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm  
 Ohio Valley Lines Model Railroad Club  
 1225 Merchant Street  
 Ambridge, PA 15003  
 Program: Bruce Lightcap, CSX yard at New Castle, PA

**June 16, 2024** - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm  
 Marshall Twp. Municipal Bldg  
 525 Pleasant Hill Road, Suite 100  
 Wexford, PA 15090  
 Program: Neal Schorr, Detailing the Right-of-Way

## Bring'n'Brag

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

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## From the Super's Desk

The Keystone Division held our biennial election of officers at the April meeting (which was held in conjunction with the 2024 Keystone Jamboree). For the first

time in a long time, we had two members running for a single office – Chief Clerk.

As you will read in the minutes, Dennis Coglianesse was re-elected to serve another term as Superintendent, and George Pandelios was re-elected as Assistant Superintendent. Keith DeVault was the winner of the election for Chief Clerk.

On behalf of your elected officers, thank you for the confidence and trust given to us by allowing us to continue to serve the Keystone Division.

Speaking of the Jamboree – that was some event, wasn't it!

I want to thank the Jamboree committee leaders, Grier Kuehn and Neal Schorr and all of their volunteers for a job well done!

There were many hurdles to clear before Grier and Neal got to the finish line. Sinkholes at the first choice for this year's events caused a chain of events that took the event to a new venue, with different logistics and a different caterer. Not deterred by this, they changed the format of the raffle to award prizes faster. They obtained high quality merchandise from many new vendors. They found two excellent speakers. And they put together a clinic schedule that had new clinicians and new topics.

Grier, Neal and your staff of volunteers – THANK YOU !

... Dennis Coglianesse



Jamboree attendee Rider expressed his "felines of gratitude" for members' advice on getting started in N scale. - shared by J.W. Snyder (more on p. 4)

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# MODEL RR JAMBOREE

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## 2024 Jamboree Wrap-Up by Grier Kuehn and Neal Schorr

The 2024 Jamboree is now in the books and by all accounts it was a very successful one. Our pre-event anxieties with the new venue quickly proved to be moot. Two minor issues surfaced and were worked around. Our thanks go to the staff at CCAC-Boyce and Jaden's Catering for working with us to continue the tradition of a high-quality Jamboree.

Thanks also go to our many members who worked hard supporting every aspect: Promotional Flyer, Registration, A/V, White Elephant, Company Store, Display Layouts, T-Trak, Contests, Security, NMRA Partnership Promotion and the Raffle. There are too many names to list here, but they were recognized in the program.

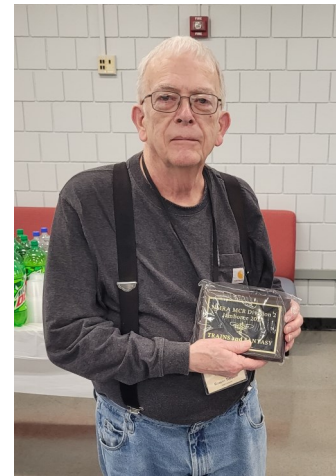
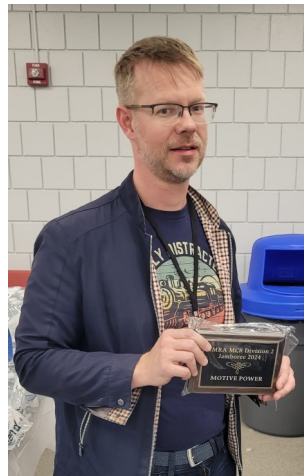
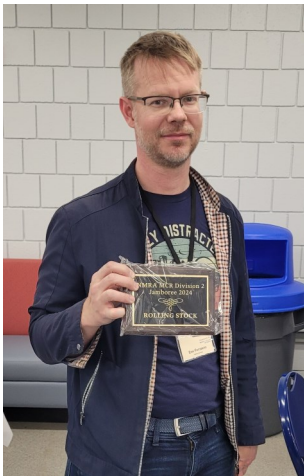
We also want to acknowledge and thank the clinicians who provided us with twelve quality presentations on a wide variety of topics. Oh, and by the way, we listened to your feedback from the 2022 Jamboree and streamlined the Raffle which saved much time.

Last but not least, thanks to all who attended: 93 NMRA members, 11 non-members and 1 student.

### Contest Winners

Congratulations to the four popular vote contest winners (below, left to right):

Rolling Stock	Erik Fritzberg	O-Scale NYC Diner 1938 20th Century Limited
Motive Power	Erik Fritzberg	O-Scale PRR S1 Late Unskirted
Structures	Neal Schorr	O-Scale Light Green/Blue House
Trains & Fantasy	Rob Twigger	HO-Scale King Kong in the subway diorama



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## April 13, 2024 Business Meeting

The April 13, 2024 Division Two Meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dennis Coglianesi at 1:12 p.m. with 105 people attending the Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree.

Superintendent Coglianesi recognized Grier Kuehn, Neil Schorr and their committee for the hard work that they put in for this Division Jamboree at Community College of Allegheny College at Boyce Campus in Monroeville.

Minutes of the last meeting with a motion by Dennis Vaccaro and Seconded by George Pandelios and the motion was carried with no changes.

### Committee Reports

Jeff Gregg and Andy Blenko both stated that the accounts are solvent and are able to meet the financial obligations of the Division.

Pat Altdorfer as Editor of the Keystone Flyer spoke about having 2 Pike Ads available in the newsletter and the deadline for the next publication is always one week from the meeting date.

Susan Werner as chairman of the Audit Committee stated that her committee checked the books and all is well with the financial books of the division. It was announced that we need to approve a budget for the fiscal year at the beginning of the new year.

No Other Committee Reports were needed today.

Old Business - None.

### New Business

The General Election was open on the Floor for anyone that wanted to be nominated for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk.

No nominations from the Floor for Superintendent it was moved by Andy Blenko and Seconded by Pat Altdorfer to accept the nomination of Dennis Coglianesi as the next Superintendent.

Moved by Susan Werner and Seconded by numerous people to accept Dennis Coglianesi by acclamation; Motion Carried.

Moved by Ken Hanawalt and Seconded by Pat Altdorfer to nominate George Pandelios as Assistant Superintendent; Motion Carried.

Moved by Susan Werner and Second by Dave Martinelli to accept George Pandelios as Assistant Superintendent by acclamation, motion carried.

Chief Clerk had 2 nominations for this position, Keith DeVault and Dennis Lippert. It was moved by Dennis Vaccaro and second by Susan Werner to vote with a show of hands for each nominee. Keith DeVault was declared the winner by hand vote.

No other business was announced and moved by George Pandelios and second by Michael Hawk to adjourn this meeting at 1:32 p.m.



## MODEL RR JAMBOREE

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### Modeler(s) of the Year

Congratulations to:

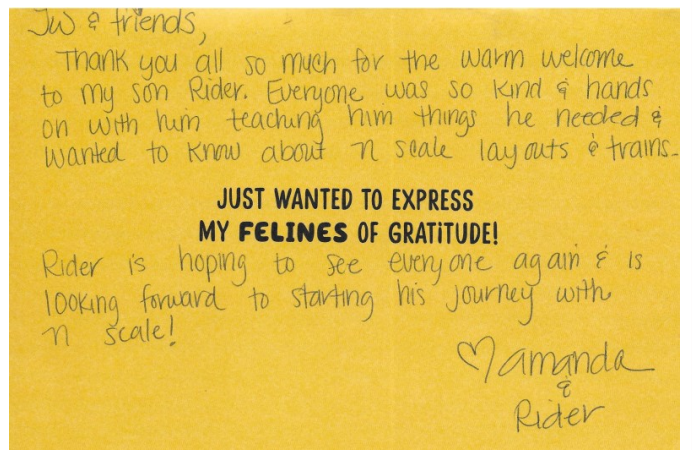
Jimmy Braum      Modeler of the Year 2022\*  
Rick Montgomery      Modeler of the Year 2023

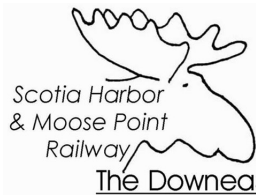
\*Due to our hosting the MCR Regional Convention last year, the 2022 MoY was not presented until now.



Superintendent Dennis Coglianesi presents the Modeler of the Year awards to Jimmy Braum (left) and Rick Montgomery (right).

Rider's mother Amanda, a relative of member JW Snyder, shared this note of thanks for members' advice and help in getting into N scale model railroading:





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# JAMBOREE MODEL CONTEST

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There was no Bring 'n' Brag contest in April, but a model contest in four categories was held at the Jamboree. The four categories included: **Rolling Stock**, **Motive Power**, **Structures**, and **Trains and Fantasy**. Below are the three winning entrants and their respective models.

**Erik Fritzberg** won in two categories. For **Rolling Stock**, his O scale New York Central 20th Century Limited Dining Car (photo on cover) was beautifully detailed, down to the tablecloths of the dining area, the kitchen fixtures and galley area, and even the overhead lighting Erik also won the category of **Motive Power** with his O scale PRR S1, in its late (unskirted) appearance (photo at right).



All photos and text by Patrick Altdorfer



The **first-place** entry in **Structures** was offered by Neal Schorr, who entered this O scale light green/blue home, which he kitbashed to make it appear more realistic and less toylike (as its original was). He also presented a side-by-side comparison of the original Model Power house (offered by Lionel as a kit), a prototype photo of a similar style house (taken in a town he is modeling), and his own kitbashed version, the one you see in the photo at left.

And the **winning** entry in the whimsical category **Trains and Fantasy** was entered by **Rob Twigger**, whose model captured the essence of the category, with both surface and subterranean details depicted realistically, despite the fantastic nature of the subject. He revealed that he needed to purchase an entire NYC subway train set in order to model the single subway car that Kong plucks out of the street in this scene as he “search[es] New York City for his girlfriend and costar Fay Wray.” When he does not find her in that car, my guess is he will likely seek higher ground to get a better view over the city.



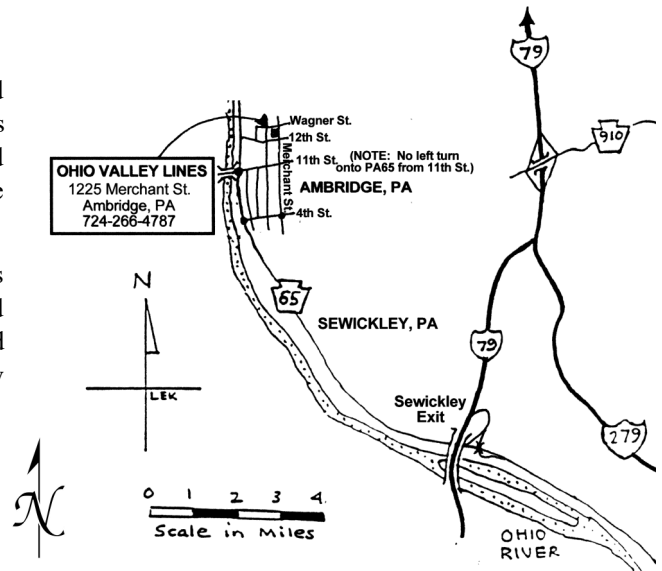
The Bring 'n' Brag contest resumes this month with the category **Bridges and Trestles**. All entries must be presented to the Bring 'n' Brag chair no later than 2pm in order to be considered.

# MEETING TIMETABLE

## May 19: Ohio Valley Lines, Ambridge, PA

Our May meeting will be held at the Ohio Valley Lines model railroad club (1225 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA 15003). The club hosts our meeting regularly and boasts two excellent scale model railroad layouts, a very large HO scale layout on the ground floor and a sizable and growing N scale layout in the basement.

Bruce Lightcap will present a post-meeting program of slide images (taken by Ed Horm and acquired by the Beaver Lawrence Railroad Historical Society), depicting mainly employees at work at CSX yard in New Castle, PA, along with many photos of locomotives and a few surprises.

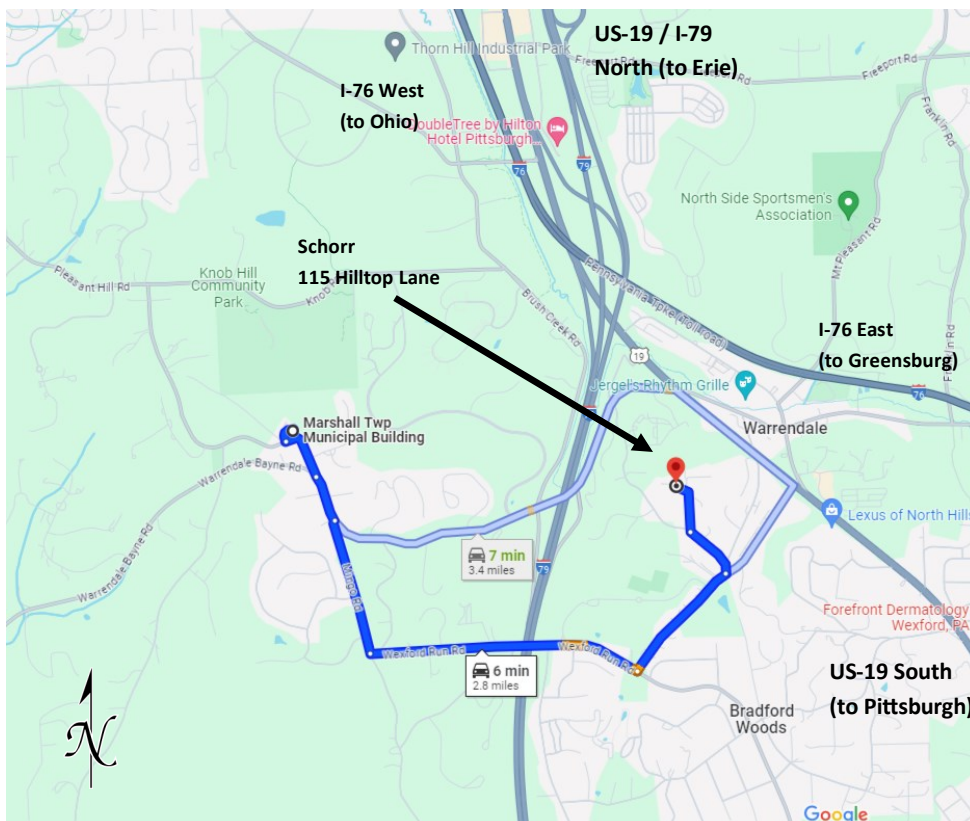


The maps provided are for general orientation; as always, **please use a real map (or GPS) to plan your trip.**

## June 16: Marshall Township Municipal Building Wexford, PA

Our June meeting will be held at the Marshall Township Municipal Building (525 Pleasant Hill Road, Wexford, PA 15090). Neal Schorr will open his O scale layout before the meeting, from 11:30am to 1:30pm. And Neal will also present a clinic entitled “Detailing the Right of Way” after the meeting. The clinic looks at some of the details you can add to your model railroad’s right of way to enhance realism and create a more interesting layout, including signage, signal bridges, relay cases, battery wells, milepost markers, cable drops, and more. The clinic includes pictures of prototype details and will show you how to create models of them.


Neal will also open his layout between 11:30am and 1:30pm, and —time permitting—after his post-meeting program. Neal’s home is located five minutes from the meeting site (115 Hilltop Lane, Wexford, PA 15090). Parking is available only on Vander Road, because Hilltop Lane is private and no parking is available there or in Neal’s driveway. He will post signs that direct visitors to the walk down to his house.



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NEXT MEETING:  
 Ohio Valley Lines, Ambridge, PA, May 19

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**by Dennis Coglianesse, 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.

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