



Editor's Model of the Month

Tom Catalano entered this N scale T-Trak module (diorama?) that depicts the "triple crossing" in Richmond, VA of three railroads — the C&O on the uppermost trestle, the Seaboard System on the middle bridge, above the street-running Southern Railroad. Tom recreated in this scene a prototype photo that he also brought with the module. One wonders how the mating modules look (and how many would be required to complete the scene). In any case, Tom's model placed second in the contest, which featured three other entries this month (two of which were photos, due to the subject models' immobility or prior demolition). See the B'n'B report on page 6 for more information.



Meeting Schedule

June 23, 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
Layouts (3): Pandelios, Schorr, and Coglianese

August 18, 2024 - Picnic & Division 2 Meeting, 12 noon
Henle Park
Ferry and Broad Streets
Leetsdale, PA 15056
Details: See page 4 inside

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

I attended the Mid-Central Region Convention in Cleveland May 16-19, which was hosted by Division 4. I attended many excellent clinics and had a chance to tour some interesting layouts. There were many Division 2 members there as well and I was able to spend some time with many of them. Division 2 was also very well represented in the modeling and craft contests and brought home some significant awards which are listed elsewhere in this issue. Be sure to check those out!

These conventions are a great opportunity to see what other modelers are doing and share our own experiences. There is a full schedule of clinics, layout tours and operating sessions providing completely new ideas or variations on established methods, which is only available in a multi-day event.

While we are all model railroaders, we each have our own approach to how and what we model. I firmly believe that having the opportunity to see how other modelers approach their layouts and models will always result in new ideas. I love getting to the entrance to a new layout and wonder how did they do this? It's always different and provides a fresh perspective. Plus, you can talk with the layout owner about how he built his version of a model railroad.

I also had a chance to speak with several other Division leaders. We all share the same organizational challenges, and I had the chance to discuss how they are handling them. There's always an opportunity to learn from what other leaders are doing.

Next year's MCR convention will be hosted by Division 6 in Dublin, Ohio (near Columbus) and will be called the Buckeye Express. The convention will run May 15-18. I highly recommend you put it on your calendar and join the fun!

My return from the convention caused me to arrive too late to attend the May Membership meeting, but I have heard that George did a great job! I missed seeing you all and I look forward to the June meeting!

... *Dennis Coglianese*

Errata:

The previous issue of the *Keystone Flyer* reported an incorrect date for this month's meeting. It is in fact scheduled for June 23rd, which is the Sunday after Father's Day, as has become our customary practice. The editor regrets the error.

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May 19, 2024 Business Meeting

[In Keith's absence, the minutes were taken and reported by Mike DeSensi, clerk emeritus. —ed.]

Assistant Superintendent George Pandelios called the meeting to order at 2:30pm. He thanked the Ohio Valley Lines club for hosting the division meeting. Mike DeSensi of the club thanked everyone for attending and visiting.

Pass the Hat: Jeff Gregg passed the hat.

No new members or guests in attendance.

Motion to accept the minutes as published in the Keystone Flyer by Mike DeSensi, seconded by Dennis Vaccaro; the motion passed unanimously

Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer – Patrick Altdorfer. The deadline for submissions for the next issue of the Keystone Flyer is May 26. One pike ad slot is available. Also, classified ads are available and are published on the Keystone Division website in addition to the Flyer.

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

Programs – Assistant Superintendent George Pandelios reported the following:

- June's meeting will be held on June 23 at the Marshall Township Building
- Both Neal Schorr and my layouts will be open before and after the meeting
- Neal Schorr will be presenting "Detailing the Right of Way"
- No meeting in July; the August meeting will be held at the picnic at the usual spot of Henle Park in Leetsdale

Company Store – Susan Werner. New Morning Sun book: Trackside in Southwestern PA with Dick Flock will be available in November.

Membership – Ken Hanawalt. 210 current members; 6 new members registered in April; 2 members not renewed.

Website – Tom Gaus. Everything is up to date.

Free-Mo – Patrick Altdorfer. Applications for layout space for the Greenberg Trains Shows in August, November and January 2025 have been submitted, no response as of yet.

Bring n Brag – Dominic Martinelli.

3rd Place: Neal Schorr, stone bridges, O scale; 2nd Place: Tom Catalano, T-Trak module with triple crossing bridges, N scale; 1st Place: Rick Montgomery, MJC & L Bridge, HO scale

Video Library – Bud Brock. The video library will be moving to a mail-order type of system. Details will be forthcoming.

Achievement Program – Dennis Vaccaro. Tom Gaus – Golden Spike; Ken Hanawalt – AP awards for Association Volunteer, Master Builder Scenery, and Civil Engineering; Merit awards for turnouts and gauntlet track.

T-TRAK – Richie Jodon / Jimmy Braum. No report.

Jamboree – Neal Schorr. Lots of great feedback regarding the new venue; and there will definitely be a call for more help for the 2025 Jamboree. Assistant Superintendent George Pandelios publicly thanked Neal and Grier for their outstanding effort in running this year's Jamboree under trying and changing circumstances.

Old Business - None.

New Business - George Pandelios asked for volunteers to sign-up for various chores for the August Picnic. Please check the upcoming Flyer for help needed and contact him to volunteer.

For the Good of the Division

Patrick Altdorfer reported on the just concluded Railway & Locomotive Historical Society Convention hosted locally by the Steel City Chapter. Almost 90 attendees came from across North America to experience our local railroad heritage, including shop tours of the PRT Light Rail Transit facility in the South Hills and an in-depth tour of the Union Railroad's shops in its roundhouse in Monroeville, plus a day trip to the East Broad Top RR (via Amtrak's Pennsylvanian to Huntingdon), rounded out with a semi-formal dinner and screening of the silent classic film "The General" (with live musical accompaniment) and capped off with a Gateway Clipper river tour on the last evening. For more information about this event or organization, contact Patrick or visit RLHS.org.

Neal Schorr & Susan Werner reported the following items regarding the MCR Convention held in Cleveland, OH:

- 140 Contest room entries and 13 merit awards earned
- The clinics were "OK"
- 192 attendees
- 2025 Convention will be held in Columbus, OH.
- Modular layouts on display included Free-Mo HO and T-TRAK N & HO

Dennis Vaccaro reminded everyone that the National Narrow Gauge Convention will be held in September 2024. Events include modular layouts & clinics. Extra fare items include a trip to the East Broad Top railroad and a hands-on clinic with Martin Welberg. Susan Werner also asked for volunteers to help with the convention. More details at www.44nngc.com.

Next Meeting: June 23 at the Marshall Township Municipal Building, 525 Pleasant Hill Rd, Wexford, PA 15090, 2:30pm. The Bring n Brag category is Photos (Prototype and Model).



PICNIC TIME !!

Our annual picnic meeting is **Sunday, August 18** at our usual location, **Henle Park in Leetsdale** (map on page 7). As well as train-watching, the Splash Pad will be available for children of all ages.

If you're attending, please RSVP to me via e-mail (gpandelios@verizon.net) **no later than August 11**. Make sure to include how many people will be in your party and what food (side-dish or dessert) you will bring. *Bring 1 serving for every item you will put on your plate (usually 6) times the number in your party.]*

And as is standard procedure, the Division will supply the meat, bread, sodas, and water.

Please Volunteer. In order to make the picnic a more enjoyable event for everyone (including those helping), I am asking for volunteers to assist in these areas (so far):

Set-up Crew: 3-4 folks to handle table set-up, garbage bags, utensils, prepare the grill, and basically get the party started.

Coolers & Ice: We need 4 people to sign up to bring a good-sized cooler with ice.

Cooks: We will need 4 folks who will rotate in this duty. Burgers and dogs are on the menu.

Tear-down Crew: 3-4 folks to handle clearing up the tables, putting out the cooking fire and disposing of the ashes, picking up any stray trash, etc.

Please either sign-up on the sheet at the June meeting or send me an e-mail to let me know where you can help. There is a lot of equipment and food to transport to this event, so help is needed there as well.

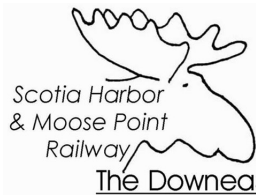
And please don't hesitate to contact me with suggestions or questions.

George Pandelios
Assistant Superintendent

Achievement Awards

Dennis Vaccaro announced achievement awards that two of our members have earned. **Tom Gaus** was awarded the Golden Spike for his layout. And **Ken Hanawalt** was awarded several AP Awards: Association Volunteer; Master Builder—Scenery and Master Builder—Civil Engineering; and Merit awards for hand laid Turnouts, Gauntlet Switch, and Gauntlet Track.





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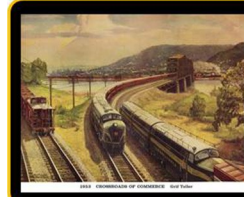
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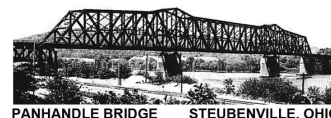


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Bring'n'Brag

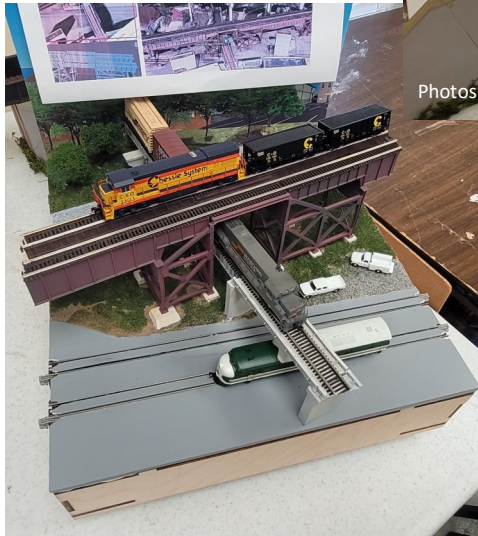
Dominic Martinelli

Dominic Martinelli filled in for Bring'n'Brag chair Rick Terek last month at the Ohio Valley Lines Model Railroad Club. Four members brought entries (two physical models and two photos) for the competition. Interestingly, the models also were built in three different scales: N—HO—O.

Rick Montgomery won first place for his Midriver Junction Columbus and Lakeshore Railroad bridge (top right). The MJC&L is Rick's freelance model railroad in HO scale, and he is also active in Division Two's (HO scale) FreeMo group.



Photos (2) by Patrick Altdorfer



Tom Catalano won second place for his triple crossing bridges in N scale, which he could conveniently display because the bridges are mounted on his T-Trak (N scale) module (left and cover). He also brought a photo of the prototype scene, which he replicated in the model.

Neal Schorr won third place for the three stone bridges he built for his PRR Middle Division layout (O scale). Because they are permanently mounted on his layout, Neal brought photos he took of the three models, which he also provided for the Flyer (photos at right). Each of his three bridges represent different engineering characteristics: tangent, curved, and skewed. You can see these bridges in person if you visit his open house before the June meeting.



Photos (3) by Neal Schorr

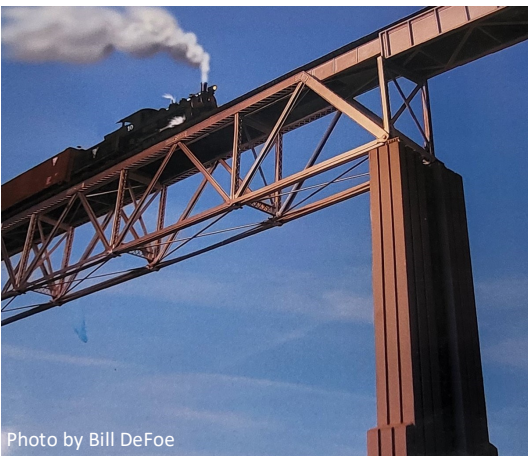


Photo by Bill DeFoe

Bill DeFoe brought a photo (left) of his scratch-built high trestle named the "Cinder Valley #10 Crossing." He refers to this as a "John Allen Bridge," and it no longer exists due to demolition. He hand-fabricated and soldered brass diagonals & chords, and built the bridge and piers using styrene. He photoshopped the smoke and steam on his original image (cropped for publication).



Name	pts
Rick Montgomery	7
Grier Kuehn	6
Tom Catalano	4
Arley Mitchell	4
Erik Fritzberg	3
Steve Ross	3
Richie Jodon	2
Neal Schorr	1

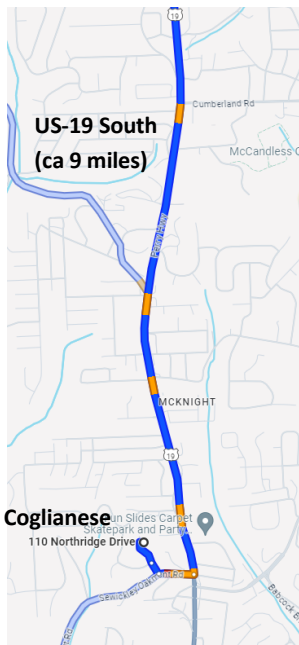
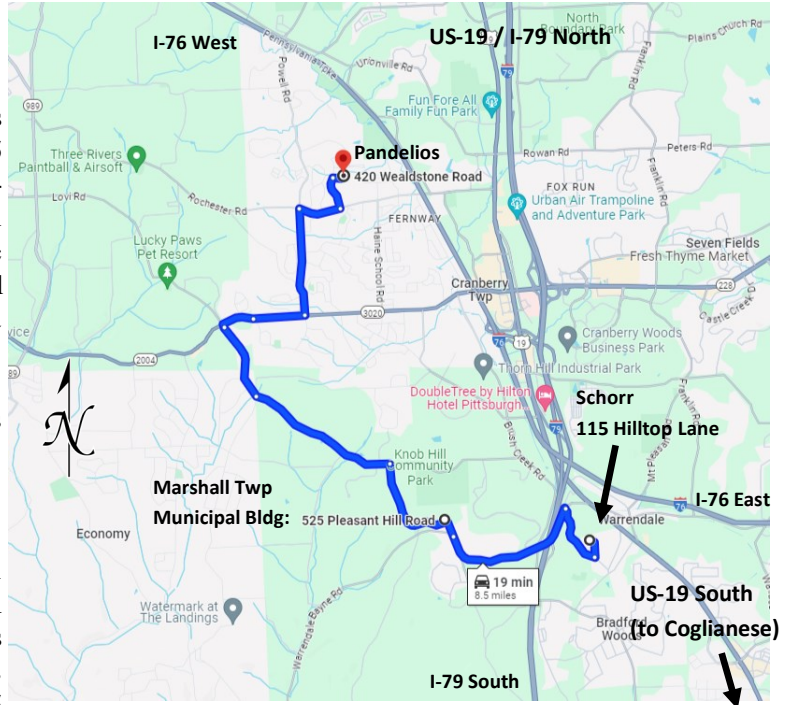


The Bring'n'Brag contest this month is in the category **Photos (Prototype and Model)**. All entries must be presented to the Bring'n'Brag chair no later than 2pm in order to be considered.

MEETING TIMETABLE

June 23: Marshall Twp Mun Bldg Wexford, PA

Our June meeting will be held the Sunday after Father’s Day at the Marshall Township Municipal Building (525 Pleasant Hill Road, Wexford, PA 15090). After the business meeting, Neal Schorr will 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.

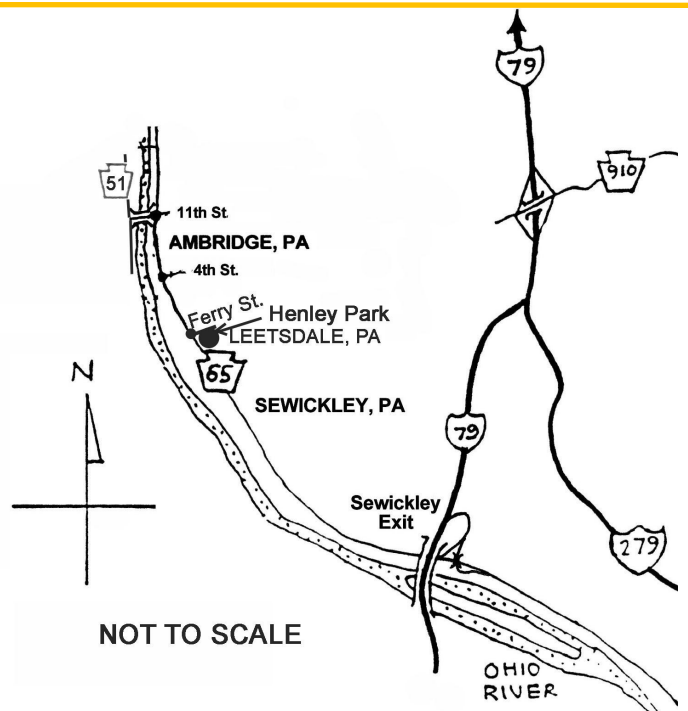


Three local layouts will be open before and/or after the meeting: Neal’s PRR Middle Division and George Pandelios’ PRR Panhandle Division. Neal’s home is located five minutes from the meeting site (115 Hilltop Lane, Wexford, PA 15090). Parking is available only on Vander Road, because Hilltop Lane is 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. Hours are 11:30am to 1:30pm and (time permitting) after his post-meeting program. George’s home is located ten minutes from the meeting site (420 Wealdstone Road, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066). His layout will be open from 11am to 1:30pm before the meeting, and (likewise time permitting) after the meeting & program ends until 6pm. The layout is in the basement (15 steps, no ADA accommodations). And Dennis Coglianese will open his HO scale Southern Pacific layout before the meeting (10am to 1:30pm). He is located about 20 minutes south of the meeting site (110 Northridge Dr, Pittsburgh, PA 15237), so right on the way for anyone coming from the southern portion of Division Two.

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

August 18: Henle Park Leetsdale, PA

Our summer vacation is July, but our next meeting is around the corner: the brief one we hold each year during our Annual Picnic. Once again, thank you to John Gallagher, who again secured Henle Park for our picnic & meeting, and to George Pandelios, who is (again) the organizing force behind the picnic. Please see his notice on page 4 for how you can help to make this a fun event. Come out to enjoy the warm weather and some train-spotting, across the road (PA Route 65) from the PRR tracks (which now belong to a different railroad). Besides the delicious food, we also hold a short business meeting, as well as have a Bring’n’Brag contest (topic: Vehicles).



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NEXT MEETING:
 Marshall Township Municipal Building, Wexford, PA, June 23

 <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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Upcoming Shows and Conventions

West Pittsburg StationFest
809 9th Street
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Saturday, July 13, 10am to 5pm

Antique tractors and stationary engines, classic car cruise, Fort Pitt HiRailers model train display, food trucks, craft vendors, raffles, and more at the former P&LE station, now home to the Beaver-Lawrence Railway Historical Society. For more information, please send an email to "messugar@gmail.com".

Greenberg Toy & Train Show
Monroeville Convention Center
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Sat & Sun, August 5-6, 10am to 4pm
next scheduled dates:
Sat & Sun, Nov 2-3, 10am to 4pm
Sat & Sun, Jan 4-5, 10am to 4pm

Now "back on again" at the MCC after the near loss of this venue, this is the largest local show that features model railroads and vendors (though admittedly somewhat heavy on the "toy" side). Division 2 members active in modular layouts often participate, including Free-Mo (HO), T-Trak (N), Pgh. S-Gaugers, among others.



Volunteers Needed for the [National Narrow Gauge Convention](#)

September 11 – 14, 2024

Greentree, PA

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Volunteering: What can YOU do to help Division Two?

by George Pandelios, Asst. Superintendent

I've been a member of Division 2 since 1998. And in all that time I have never stopped being amazed at the willingness of its members to step up, help out, or do something important that moves the Division forward. We get things done – efficiently and with class. It's why even though I lived in Central Pennsylvania from 1999-2016, I still found a way to come to a meeting or two or attend the Jamboree. I am convinced that we have one of the best divisions in the Mid-Central Region, if not the whole NMRA. The Keystone Division boasts a strong membership that shows up at Regional and National events, gives clinics all over the US, and achieves at an unprecedented rate.

But as time goes by, we are seeing a number of folks drop out of the picture, whether due to illness, family concerns, or just age. More and more of the burden of making Division 2 go is falling on fewer and fewer shoulders. The same set of volunteers need some reinforcements from the rest of us. "Many hands lighten the burden."

For that reason, I am asking you to think hard about where and what you can do to help out. Great events like the MCR Convention and the Jamboree don't happen by themselves. Please contribute to the Division – volunteer, get involved. You can contact any of the folks listed in the Flyer to lend your help. Your division needs you!

by Dennis Coglianese, 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.