



Editor's Model of the Month

Steve Ross wowed us with this blast from the past: a "Keystone Flyer" passenger train that he brought to the picnic "For Display Only" at the Bring'n'Brag (which he also handily won, by the way). As he recalls it, this was "put together and painted by a gentleman at the Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum [of Gibsonia] and given to Division Two as a gift ... in thanks for the Division helping the club get started way back in the day." It is pulled by the ever popular EMD F7 painted (appropriately) in Pittsburgh livery. Presumably the road number is also the year in which it was presented? Superintendent Dennis Coglianese has the documentation now, so perhaps we will hear more about it someday soon!

Meeting Schedule

September 15, 2024 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Schiappa Public Library
4141 Mall Drive
Steubenville, OH 43952
Program: AMREC Model Train Club
Layouts: Bob DiBenedetto & Lester Lemley

October 20, 2024 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Rochester Area Museum & Heritage Society
350 Adams Street
Rochester, PA 15074
Program: TBD

November 17, 2024 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
New Eagle VFD Social Hall
156 Chess Street
New Eagle, PA 15067
Program: Richie Jodon, "Electrical Safety"

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

Submission Deadline for next *Flyer*:
September 22, 2024

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Get the Color Version of the Keystone Flyer — as well as Online Extras — as soon as it comes out and other Division 2 news flashes and announcements via email. Contact Susan Werner:

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From the Super's Desk

We held the annual Division 2 picnic on August 17 which was followed by our regular monthly membership meeting. A great time was had by all attending.

The weather tried its best to dampen our spirits with a travelling rainstorm just before our cooks started cooking, but the collective will of those attending (led by our Assistant Superintendent) moved the cloudburst away! It was a great job by all attending.

A big shout out to George for running a great event AND to all those that volunteered to help him!

I want to add that I'm very grateful to our membership for all the support they are giving to our events. The Jamboree committee has had a tremendous response to their request for volunteers for next year's Jamboree and George had a great response to his request for the picnic. This makes our whole organization stronger.

Our division has been given an opportunity to help all model railroaders in our community to purchase **discounted day passes** for the National Narrow Gauge Convention being held in Pittsburgh September 11- 14. This 4-day gathering is attracting modelers from all over our country and the world.

The leadership of the NNGC has allowed the division to purchase a block of tickets at a **very significant discount**, that we can resell to any interested person in our area. I have sent details of this offer to the presidents of 6 area model railroad clubs in our area which helps us generate some good will with these organizations.

Don't let the words "Narrow Gauge" make you think this event is not relevant if you are modeling a standard gauge railroad. A quick look at the list of clinics will show that many apply to all scales and gauges! In addition to the clinics, there will be a huge vendor show with many of the big and little names of the vendors we ALL purchase from.

Many division members have layouts that will be open for tours during the convention and 5 area layouts were covered by articles in Model Railroad Hobbyist Magazine in conjunction with their coverage of this event. Videos of these layouts are also available on TrainMasters TV, which is the video subscription service for MRH! Note that 3 of these layouts were built by division members and 2 were built by a club that has multiple division members.

This event is happening in our area. Don't miss out on this chance to participate. We can help you, even if you can only attend for 1 or 2 days!

... *Dennis Coglianese*

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August 18, 2024 Business Meeting

Meeting called to order by Superintendent Dennis Coglianesi at 2:00 pm at Henle Park in Leetsdale for our annual picnic, with 32 members in attendance. Dennis thanked George Pandelios for managing the picnic. George, in turn, thanked everyone for coming and his volunteers that set up, cooked, and cleaned-up for the picnic.

No new members or guests were present at the event.

A motion for the approval of the minutes from the June meeting was made by Susan Werner and seconded by Dennis Vaccaro. Minutes were approved as printed.

Committee Reports

Patrick Altdorfer as Keystone Flyer Editor stated that the Keystone Flyer deadline will be August 25th and that Dennis Lippert will be stepping in for the September issue as Pat will be out of town and unavailable to publish the newsletter.

Jeff Gregg as Division Treasurer stated we are in good financial standings and able to meet the obligations of the Division.

George Pandelios as Assistant Superintendent announced that next month's meeting will be at the Schiappa Library in Steubenville, Ohio with 2 layouts open. A representative of the AMREC Model Railroad club will be the program speaker. The October meeting will be at the Rochester Area Historical Society, and he is looking for a program. The November meeting will be at the Mid-Mon Valley Model Railroad Club in New Eagle, PA with Richie Jodon doing a program on electrical safety around your layout. It will also be our annual members only swap meet.

Susan Werner as Company Store announced that convention shirts and cars are available for sale at a reduced price. She also has samples of the products in the company store that she is carrying so if you need anything please visit with her after the meeting. She is also looking for more volunteers for the National Narrow Gauge Convention to be held from September 11 to September 15 at the Doubletree by Marriott Hotel in Greentree.

Ken Hanawalt as Membership Chairman announced that he has no new applications for membership at this time.

Tom Gaus as Webmaster was not present but his report to the Super stated that all pages are up to date and if you would like to attend the National Narrow Gauge Convention, please go on the website and pay to the division \$20 for one day admission or \$40 for a 2-day admission.

Jimmy Braum as Social Media Chairman asked everyone to send information to him so he can get the information posted.

Patrick Altdorfer as Free-Mo Chair spoke about how his group worked with the South Hills group and had an excellent layout running for the Greenberg Show. Dave Martinelli had his Super X Module which helped both groups to build a layout with more running space. He also asked if anyone would like to join the group and build a module, he would be willing to help out.

Dominic Martinelli as Bring=N-Brag Co-Chairman announced that he had one entry for this month's category of Vehicles and the winner is Steve Ross. He would like to see more entries and next month's bring n brag will be rolling stock: freight cars.

Bud Brock as Video Library Chairman announced that it is still a work in progress for the membership and hopes to have everything ready soon.

Jimmy Braum for T-Trak their application for the upcoming Greenberg Show in November and also for January are pending. Always looking for new members and hopes to expand the HO-Trak layouts, and if you need help with T-Trak or HO-Trak please contact him or Susan Werner for the HO-Trak Layouts.

Grier Kuehn and Neal Schorr as Jamboree Co-Chairmen spoke that they are working on the date for next year and thanked the membership for volunteers stepping up to handle layout tours and the raffle so far. They are still in need of more volunteers for the Jamboree. This is our biggest event for the division, and it takes lots of volunteers to make this a success.

Dennis Vaccaro with the Achievement Program has no new certificates currently.

Old Business - None.

New Business - Dave Martinelli announced that he is taking over the Raffle portion of the Jamboree and will be visiting the narrow-gauge convention to see about donations.

Concerns and Questions - None.

For the Good of the Division - Jimmy Braum announced that the Steam Loco for East Broad Top is very close to being ready for the Narrow-Gauge attendees for Tuesday September 12th for their visit to EBT.

What's on your Workbench?

- Neal Schorr is finishing up his layout after 27 years, great job and great layout to visit;
- Jimmy Braum is working on a Walthers GP 35 for his layout, is starting a new section of his layout and close to starting his helix, and that he is open for the November meeting;
- Susan Werner will also be open for the November meeting and has been working very hard to get more scenery done;
- George Pandelios has installed 19 tortoise machines for his switches (grouped into 2 control panels) on his layout, as well as 7 single mast signals;
- Dennis Coglianesi started ground cover on his layout using grout and is making good progress and it looks good;
- Vagel Keller announced that he is one foot away with his hillside on his layout, a wye has been installed, new skirting almost done for the layout, and almost 100 feet more is done on his layout, which has both narrow gauge and HO Scale;
- JW Snyder thanked Susan and Dave for helping to access the tunnel under his layout and he also announced that Details West is not going out of business as previously announced.

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CLINICIANS SOUGHT

Division members, I've always thought that you know more than you are letting on. If that's the case, please consider giving a 20-30 minute clinic after a Division business meeting.

I am always on the lookout for meeting clinics, and I am always available to help you create, review, or polish your clinic.

My phone and e-mail are in the *Flyer* masthead, so please contact me if you have a topic you would like to present at a Division Two meeting.

Currently we have an opening for the October meeting, as well as for most of next year's meetings.

- George Pandelios, Assistant Supervisor

Keystone Division FreeMo stuns again at Greenberg



Photo by Dave Martinelli

The Division Two FreeMo group created another show-stopping layout at the Greenberg Train Show in Monroeville the first August weekend in collaboration with the South Hills Model RR Club. While foul-weather model fans braved the searing heat to watch the Vintage Grand Prix in Pittsburgh, only the hardest of souls trekked out to Monroeville to spend the weekend in the grueling air-conditioned comfort of the MCC. Those who made the effort were rewarded with the sight of another creative layout by the Wizards of FreeMo, who may have been inspired by Prince (who changed his name to an unpronounceable symbol, which somewhat resembles this layout). Whether or not this was an intentional homage to the late artist, *nothing compares 2 it* in recent memory: the modules branch off of the South Hills Club's oval via the wye, employ 3 corner modules, 3 straight modules, one loop, and one "Super-X" module to act as an axis in the center of it all. Representing us this time were Tom Gaus, David Grounds, Denny Lippert, Dave Martinelli, Dave Maynard, Rick Montgomery, and Rob Twigger. At the last moment on Friday, I was able to bring my module out to add to the layout, though the show's early August timing made my participation otherwise impossible.

- Patrick Altdorfer

Minutes

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What's your Problem?

- Dave Martinelli thanked Dana Brown for coming and helping him with his Electrical Program for his Super X Module and is getting it ready to take it to the Timonium Show in the fall;
- Vagel Keller found a substitute for Floquil rail brown: Tru-Color Roof Brown, which can be airbrushed or brushed on.

Reminder: the September meeting will be in Steubenville, Ohio at the Schiappa Library on September 15th.

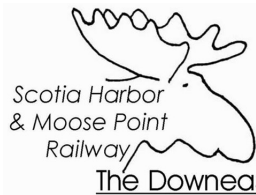
Motion to adjourn by Bob DiBenedetto and seconded by Susan Werner at 2:39 pm.



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Later this month, your editor is taking a vacation and hands over the reigns of the newsletter to **Dennis Lippert**. Please send all editorial contributions for the October issue directly to him at "denlippert@comcast.net," or you can pester him by phone at 724-601-1417.

... Patrick Altdorfer



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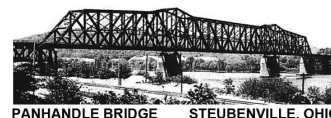


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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

OHIO RIVER NORTHERN RAILWAY CLUB

Bring'n'Brag

Dominic Martinelli

The August Bring and Brag category at the picnic was "Vehicles." We had just one entry, by **Steve Ross**, and of course his entry won **first place**. Nonetheless, his entry was a nicely done comparison of four vehicles, two pickup trucks and two passenger cars, with one "stock" as acquired/purchased vehicle and one custom painted and detailed for Steve's purpose (loads for his autoracks). Once he shifted away from Autorack cars, he decided to paint and detail them for use as background vehicles on his layout. He used rattle can paints, added a few details (such as the tonneau cover on the 1979 F150). You can see some of the differences in the photos on this page: stock as-acquired is on the left, painted and detailed on the right.



Steve also brought this passenger train set (full consist pictured above), whose locomotive is featured on the cover of this issue. This set has been in his care since he was Assistant Superintendent, when it wound with him after having spent some more time at the WPMRRM. Superintendent Dennis Coglianese is now the custodian of the trainset.

The Bring'n'Brag contest this month is in the category **Rolling Stock: Freight Cars**. All entries must be presented to the Bring'n'Brag chairs no later than 2pm in order to be considered.



Name	pts	Name	pts
Rick Montgomery	7	Erik Fritzberg	3
Grier Kuehn	8	Ray Helster	3
Steve Ross	6	Richie Jodon	2
Tom Catalano	4	Jim Braum	2
Arley Mitchell	4	Neal Schorr	2
		Mark Vinski	1

Errata

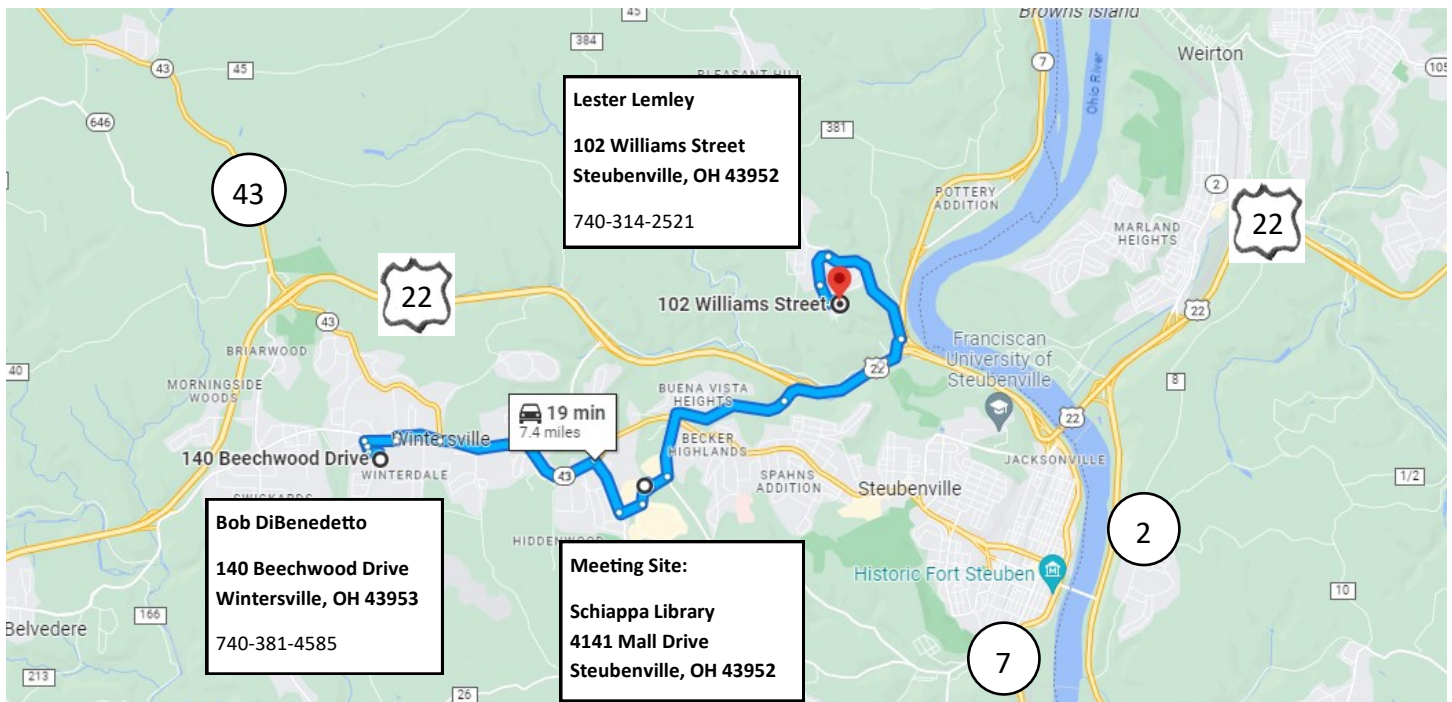
Last month, I misattributed the B'n'B entrant who submitted the photo of the side-dumping ballast car (CR 51218, below right) to **Rick Reichenbach**. Of course, I heard back from Rick regarding this, along with a JPEG of his original photo (which you can see below left). Says Rick: "I had submitted my 1969 shot of the NYC S-2 in Harmon, NY. (I was 14 with my first 35 MM camera in hand, a Konica Auto Reflex T)." Thank you Rick, for the correction, and now, would the member who submitted the photo of the ballast car identify yourself so that you can be recognized? The photographer was not documented on the papers for the



MEETING TIMETABLE

September 15: Schiappa Library Steubenville, OH

Our September meeting returns to Steubenville's Schiappa Library (4141 Mall Drive, Steubenville, OH 43952), to be followed by a program about the AMREC Model Train Club of Coshocton, Ohio. Thanks again to **Bob DiBenedetto**, who organized this locale for our meeting, and who will host an open house to view his HO scale "Midwest RxR" (140 Beechwood Drive, Winterville 43953) before the meeting, from **11am to 1:30pm**. Lester Lemley may also open his layout, but as of publication he has not confirmed with the editor; watch this space next issue for any update.

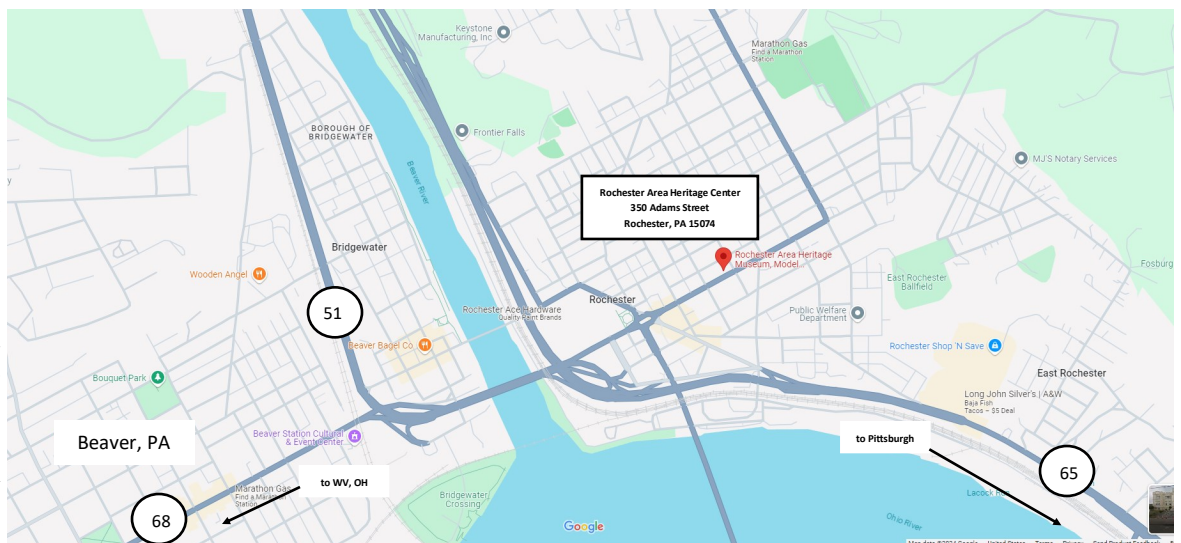


The maps provided are for general orientation; as always, **please use a real map (or GPS) to plan your trip.**

October 20:

Rochester Area Museum & Heritage Center, Rochester, PA

Our October meeting returns to the Rochester Area Heritage Museum, Model Railroad and Fry Glass (350 Adams Street, Rochester, PA 15074), about 27 miles north of downtown Pittsburgh via PA-Rt 65 (Ohio River Boulevard). The museum presents model railroad layouts and displays in various scales, as



well as artifacts related to the community's social and economic history, with particular emphasis on the Fry Glass Company. At this writing, a post-meeting program or clinic has not yet been confirmed.

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NEXT MEETING:
 Schiappa Library, Steubenville, OH, September 15

 <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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For NMRA, Division 2 members, area model railroad club members, and all model railroaders in the Pittsburgh, western Ohio, and northern West Virginia areas only:

The National Narrow Gauge Convention is being held in Pittsburgh from September 11 – 14. The event features clinics on a wide range of modeling and prototype topics by some of the best speakers from the United States and around the world; prototype tours like the East Broad Top narrow-gauge railroad and The Age of Steam Roundhouse and layout tours including several that have recently been featured in recent Model Railroad Hobbyist magazine.



The leadership of the National Narrow Gauge Convention is allowing the local division of the NMRA, the Keystone Division to offer ALL modelers in our area with an opportunity to purchase Day Passes for the convention at the significantly discounted price of \$20 each.

These discounted day passes can only be purchased through the Keystone Division's web page (use the link below or go to keystonedivision.org and click on the "Special Offer" link).

Here's how this works:

- Tickets for 1 or 2 days can be purchased per registrant.
- We can only accept PayPal for payment. No checks can be accepted for these discounted tickets.
- After you [purchase the tickets on the Keystone Division website](http://keystonedivision.org), we will forward the order to the National Narrow Gauge Convention system which will issue you the passes via e-mail.

This is a great opportunity for the model railroaders in our area and we are excited to be able to make these discounted day passes available to our local model railroaders.

Dennis Coglianesi,
Superintendent – NMRA Division 2

Additional Notices



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

September 11 – 14, 2024
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Challenge to Division 2 Members

by Susan Werner, MMR

I am challenging all members of Division 2 to volunteer to perform at least one task for the benefit of Division 2. This can easily be accomplished by responding to requests for volunteers for the picnic (contact George Pandelios), for the Jamboree (contact Grier Kuehn or Neal Schorr), or other activities (contact any of the committee members listed on the masthead of the Keystone Flyer). I challenge you to find the best in yourselves and make your membership in this organization a more engaging experience.

ICYMI last month: MRH FEATURES DIVISION TWO LAYOUTS

The *Model Railroad Hobbyist* — the free model railroading magazine published monthly online — devoted considerable space over several issues this year to highlight some detailed and great-running layouts around Division Two. The owner and publisher of the magazine, Joe Fugate, came to Pittsburgh for a week this spring, and he visited and wrote up five local layouts, which have been the featured articles in the magazine since March. He saw the two club layouts (HO and N scale) at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, plus three home layouts: Neal Schorr's O scale PRR Middle Division in Wexford, Bob Prehoda's HO scale Huntingdon Northern Railway out east, and Ken Hanawalt's Turtle Creek Railroad in South Hills. If you missed the series, see Mike DeSensi's page of links to the articles (overleaf), and come to the National Narrow Gauge Convention in September, which also features all of these layouts on the layout tour. Many of our members enjoy working on and/or operating these layouts, and it is a treat that MRC brought the fantastic work being done here to the broader attention of the model railroading community. Congratulations to those who were featured this time, and also to the dozens of others in Division Two who have dared to challenge our region's wet basement issue to build such pikes!

MRH features Division Two layouts

by Mike DeSensi

Model Railroad Hobbyist is a FREE, monthly magazine, published online. Recently, publisher Joe Fugate spent a week in Pittsburgh and visited 4 local layouts. Here are links to the issues. All of these layouts will be open for layout tours during the National Narrow Gauge Convention, September 11-14, 2024.

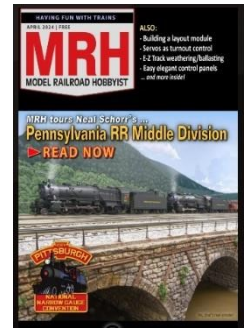
March 2024 Ohio Valley Lines HO Layout

<https://tinyurl.com/2ydybyuvd>



April 2024 Neal Schorr's Pennsylvania RR Middle Division

<https://tinyurl.com/2ar7996x>



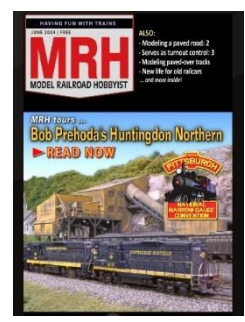
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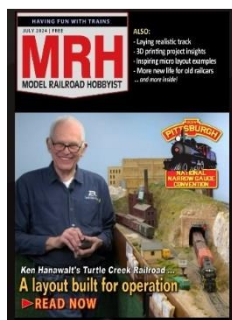
June 2024 Bob Prehoda's Huntingdon Northern

<https://tinyurl.com/2baotv7k>



July 2024 Ken Hanawalt's Turtle Creek Railroad

<https://tinyurl.com/22oj54b3>



44th National Narrow Gauge Convention

<https://www.44nngc.com/>



2024 Incentive Rewards for Recruiting New Members

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.