

Jamboree, CCAC Boyce, May 3: Registration is Open !



Editor's Model of the Month

Rick Montgomery won first place for his "El Capitan," the famed Santa Fe passenger train that served the Chicago to Los Angeles route (incidentally running parallel to US Route 66 in many places along the way). Pictured above is the two-level passenger coach with lighted interior, for which Rick provided this photo from his layout. Along with his model, he also displayed an infosheet about this "Hi Level Train that's Fun for Everyone" giving a history of this ATSF passenger service and the current disposition of some of the cars that served this route. You can read more about his model and the other passenger train entries in the Bring 'n' Brag coverage beginning on page 6.

Meeting Schedule

January 19, 2025 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Youngstown Model Railroad Club
751 North Four Mile Run Road
Austintown, OH 44515
Layout: Club opens for us at 1pm

February 16, 2025 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Weirton Area Museum & Cultural Center
3149 Main Street
Weirton, WV 26062
Program: George Pandelios, Vehicles of the 1950s

March 16, 2025 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society
5000 Green Bag Road, Unit D-13
(Mountaineer Mall & Professional Plaza)
Morgantown, WV 26501
Program: Richard Turton, Topic TBA

Bring'n'Brag

Jan 19 Anything Goes
Feb 16 Motive Power: Diesel / Electric / Traction
Mar 16 Motive Power: Steam
Apr 20 RR Company Structures (incl. Bridges/Trestles)
May 3 *** Model Railroad Jamboree ***
May 18 Freight Cars
Jun 15 Non-Revenue Cars (incl. Cabooses)
Aug 17 Vehicles
Sep 21 Passenger Cars
Oct 19 Non-Railroad Structures
Nov 16 Prototype Photos

**Submission Deadline for next Flyer:
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From the Super's Desk

As I'm writing this, Christmas is a little over 2 weeks away, but you will read it sometime in January, which is currently next year. That's a bit of a time warp!

December means that I'm enjoying the upcoming holiday season and all the decorations and gatherings that come with it. I have my grandfather's Lionel trains under the Christmas Tree just like I did as a kid. It's also a time to look back on the past year, which was very good. But come January, we start looking and planning for the year ahead and I have several things planned that I'm looking forward to.

I think it was a pretty good year for the Keystone Division. We had a very successful Jamboree in May. We've had good turnout for our meetings, and I think member engagement is increasing. The number of Bring 'n' Brag entries has increased and there continues to be a good number of Merit Awards being presented. We had 29 new members join the division this year.

Looking forward to the new year seems positive with the usual challenges. Our net membership increased to 205 members, which continues to be good news. Unfortunately, when you compare that number to the prior year, our net growth is only 7 members, which means we LOST 22 members. This is consistent with the NMRA, although our small growth is better than many divisions that had net losses.

I've always believed that slow and steady wins the race and I've always been the tortoise. If we keep doing good things, we'll continue to make incremental gains.

Last December, I wrote about how engaging with members of the Keystone Division brought my hobby enjoyment to a new level. The opportunity to engage with others is always present, but we don't always take the opportunity to create those opportunities.

The first way is to attend meetings. I'm not saying all, but some. We have a large geographic footprint, so we move the locations of our meetings, so you don't have to travel too far. If you haven't been to one lately (or ever), I think you'll find that they are lively. When you come to meetings, find someone to talk with. This can be hard if you haven't been to one. Don't let that stop you. Take the step to introduce yourself to someone.

If you're at a meeting and you see someone new, go talk with them. We're all model railroaders and it doesn't take long to find some shared ground.

Find ways to share your work with others. Our monthly Bring 'n' Brag is an activity for that, but what about getting together with other members at your home (or theirs) to share what you are doing. That's why we do the "What's on Your Workbench" and "What's your Problem" items at our membership meetings.

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November 17, 2024 Business Meeting

Division Two meeting called to order by Superintendent Coglianesse at 2:30 pm at the New Eagle VFD Social Hall in New Eagle, PA. We had 47 members in attendance and Ray Helster, the President of the New Eagle Model Railroad Club welcomed us to the meeting.

We had one new member attending today by the name of Ric Marshall, who is a member of the New Eagle Club, and one new guest Marty Swartz.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved with a motion by Rick Montgomery and seconded by Richie Jodon and a vote by the attending members.

Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer: Editor Patrick Altdorfer said the next issue deadline for articles to the Flyer will be December 8th. We have no meeting in December. Pat also mentioned that the Pike Ads that appear in the flyer are now due and payable with the cost being \$15.

Financial Report: Treasurer Jeff Gregg stated that we are financially sound at this time and able to handle the division's financial obligations.

Programs: Asst. Superintendent George Pandelios announced that the next meeting will be held at the Youngstown Model Railroad Club near Youngstown, Ohio on Sunday, January 19, 2025. The program will be given by a member of the club. The February meeting will be held at the Weirton Historical Society in Weirton, WV with our own Assistant Super giving a program on Vehicles in the 1950s. The March meeting will be held at the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society in Morgantown, WV with Richard Turton, president of the society, giving the program that day with the title to be announced at a later date. George also announced that he needs members volunteering to give a short program after each meeting and will be willing to help anyone put together a short presentation. Please step up and volunteer.

Company Store: Susan Werner has samples of the various books that the company store offers for sale along with 3D printing of Car Cleaning Underbellies, Trackside Sheds, and other items. Please stop at the store and take a look. She also announced that the previous convention shirts and cars are available for sale. Superintendent Coglianesse announced that the price for the remaining inventory of convention shirts will be reduced to \$20 for division members and \$25 for non-division purchases. The price for the convention cars will be reduced to \$15 for division members and \$20 for non-division purchases. Please check with her or the web store for availability of each item.

Membership: Ken Hanawalt reported that the division stands at 207 members, with 3 new members signed up and one who did not renew.

Website: Tom Gaus announced that we have a new internet hosting provider, the Jamboree pages are on the website, and the holiday open house dates are now published on the website for your viewing pleasure.

Social Media: Jimmy Braum reported that he made some new posts and with that the page is beginning to become active. He also would like for you to show off your layout. Please contact him and he will help you with the new posts.

Free Mo: Patrick Altdorfer had not received word on being confirmed for the January 4 and 5 dates at the Greenberg Show.

Bring N' Brag: Dominic Martinelli announced he had he had 3 entries in the category of Passenger Cars with First Place to Rick Montgomery for his Walthers Proto coaches, with weathering, lights, people, and a total of 18 cars in the trainset. Second Place went to Jimmy Braum, and Third Place to Jeff Gregg. Superintendent Coglianesse asked Dominic to prepare the category list for 2025 and submit it for the Keystone Flyer and website. He also noted that there will be an extra contest since the May meeting will not be held at the same time as the Jamboree. The January category will be Anything Goes, so get started on your projects for the coming year and the categories will be announced in the upcoming issues of the Flyer.

Video Library: Bud Brock was not able to attend, and no report was given.

T-Trak Committee: Richie Jodon thanked everyone for helping him out on T-Trak, and he also announced that he has resigned his position as MCR Division Chairman for T-Trak to devote more time to Division Two's T-Trak events. T-Trak will be at the New Eagle Railroad Show on January 26 and also will be setting up at the Beaver County Show later this month.

Jamboree: Grier Kuehn and Neal Schorr reported that the date has been set for May 3, 2025, at CCAC Boyce Campus in Monroeville, PA. The registration page is up on the Keystone Website, both lunch and dinner speakers are lined up with almost all the clinicians for the event. George Pandelios is in charge of the Sunday Layout Tours, so if you would like your layout to be open, please contact him. The White Elephant page is now up on the Division Two website, so start cleaning out your unused items to sell.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro presented the Master Car Builders Certificate to Jimmy Braum, congrats Jimmy on a job well done.

Old Business - None.

New Business - None.

Concerns & Questions: Please be aware of spam emails from anyone in the Division as no one will send out emails asking for anyone with accounts, or anything else.

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Jamboree Contests

There is plenty of time to prepare entries for the contests and remember it couldn't be easier. Just like the monthly Bring and Brag contest, this is a popular vote competition, which means no paperwork and no judging. Here are the four categories:

Motive Power	Any locomotive... diesel, steam or electric
Rolling Stock	Anything that rolls on the rails... freight, passenger, caboose, or MoW cars
Structures	Literally any building, bridge, or right-of-way structure
Vehicles	This year's special fourth contest category is vehicles ... Anything with wheels and tires that operates on highways qualifies for this category

The Jamboree is a great recruiting tool for Division 2 and the NMRA

Encourage your non-NMRA friends to register for the Jamboree. What a great way for them to check out what the NMRA is all about up close and personal. That way they can also take advantage of our "Rail Pass" offer at no additional cost — a 9-month trial membership in the NMRA, including all privileges and benefits of membership, such as a subscription to the *NMRA Magazine* and NMRA website and archive access.

The Jamboree Pages Are Up now on the Division Website

You can now register on-line and info is continuously being updated. Check out the clinic presenters, topics and descriptions at the [Jamboree website here](#), or find and click the link to the Jamboree on the [Division Two website](#).

Layouts wanted for the Jamboree Layout Tour!

If you would like to open your layout for the day after the Jamboree (Sunday, May 4, 2025), please contact George Pandelios at AsstSuper@keystonedivision.org or (717) 503-3192.

Minutes

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For the Good of the Division

Beaver County Historical Society show at Monaca. They have 15 members. All are invited to attend, please check them out.

What's on your Workbench?

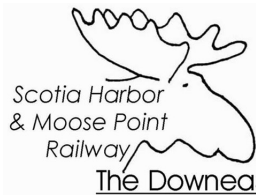
- Dave Martinelli is working on his FreeMo yard and he took 3 modules to the Timonium Show and hooked up with another FreeMo group to create a layout that measured 90 feet long by 38 feet wide. He also stated that he is taking modules to the Amherst Springfield show in January and is going by Amtrak;
- Larry Willming is starting to work on realistic operation on his N Scale Layout;

- Jimmy Braum thanked everyone who attended his layout visitation today and he stated to check out your track plan at least 3 times before starting because he found out when building somethings will have to be changed;
- George Pandelios got some new backdrops and is starting in to fixing the roof on His Open-Hearth Structure; and
- Tom Gaus put in some new lights for his layout.

Next meeting will be held January 19, 2025 at the Youngstown Model Railroad Club.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:28 p.m. with a motion by Rick Terek and second by Dennis Vaccaro.





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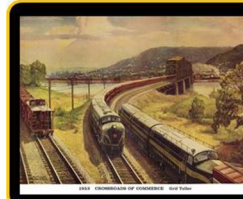
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Bring'n'Brag

Dominic Martinelli



The November Bring 'n' Brag category was **Passenger Cars**. We had three entries in the category, and once again, **Rick Montgomery** took **first place** for his Santa Fe "El Capitan" passenger train (right). He brought a whole trainset, including an A-B set of F-unit locomotives in their classic Warbonnet livery pulling five 85' coaches — Pullman baggage car with dorm transition and observation/lounge at the end of the set; plus three Budd coaches to round it out: one 10-6 sleeper car; one Hi-Level car with two levels of seating; and one Dome coach car. Besides adding lighting and people, he also weath-ered the cars slightly. More photos are on page 9, as well as featured on the cover this month.



Second place went to **Jimmy Braum**, who brought his Wheeling and Lake Erie Business Car (above), which he scratch-built (3D printed resin) in N scale. He added interior and underbody details that he identified from a YouTube video of the prototype, which started out as a Great Northern lounge car, but then was rebuilt into an inspection car in the 1980s before being purchased privately, and then finally bought by the WLE.

Third place went to **Jeff Gregg**, who captured a video of Amtrak #41, the passenger railroad's Chicago to Miami service, flying through McKeesport on November 10th, just one week before our meeting (still photo of video at right).



More photos of these entries are shown on page 9 of the online edition of the Flyer.

The table below shows the cumulative point totals for the eight contests held last year, from January through November. Entries must be submitted by 2pm on meeting day to qualify for participation, and each entrant who places first in the monthly contest earns 3 points; for second place they get 2 points, and for third place they earn one point. The points accumulate throughout the year and the member with the most points at the end of the year is awarded "Modeler of the Year" at Division Two's "Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree" (see page 4 for details about this event).



Name	pts	Name	pts
Rick Montgomery	14	Richie Jodon	2
Grier Kuehn	8	Arley Mitchell	2
Steve Ross	7	Rick Reichenbach	2
Tom Catalano	4	Neal Schorr	2
Jimmy Braum	3	Jeff Gregg	1
Erik Fritzberg	3	Dennis Lippert	1
Ray Helster	3	Mark Vinski	1

The Bring'n'Brag contest this month is in the category **Anything Goes**. All entries must be presented to the Bring'n'Brag chair no later than 2pm in order to be considered.

MEETING TIMETABLE



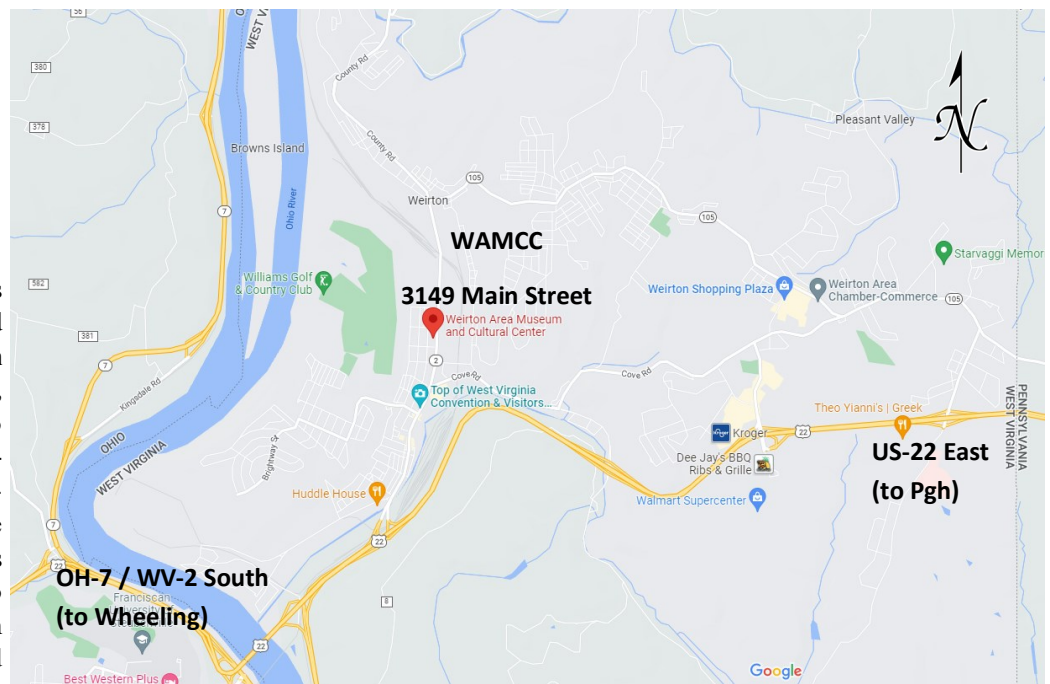
January 19: Youngstown Model RR Assoc., Austintown, OH

Our January meeting is in a venue new to us, the Youngstown Model Railroad Association, located about 6 miles west of downtown (751 North Four Mile Run Road, Austintown, OH 44515) via I-680. For more information about the club, check out their website at ymra.org, including information about their remaining open houses for this year, November 9 and 10 and December 7, 8, 14, and 15, from 12 noon to 6pm each day.

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

February 16: Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center, Weirton, WV

In February our meeting returns to the Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center (3149 Main Street, Weirton, WV 26062), which has hosted us the past two years, thanks to George Pandelios' involvement with the museum, which will open for us before the meeting. If you missed this venue in the past, please try to make it this time. The museum exhibits daily life in Weirton and environs over the past 200 years.







After the business meeting, George will present a program focusing on vehicles of the 1950s — Tailfins and Chromium and Dagmars, oh my!

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NEXT MEETING:
 Youngstown Model RR Club, Austintown, OH, January 19

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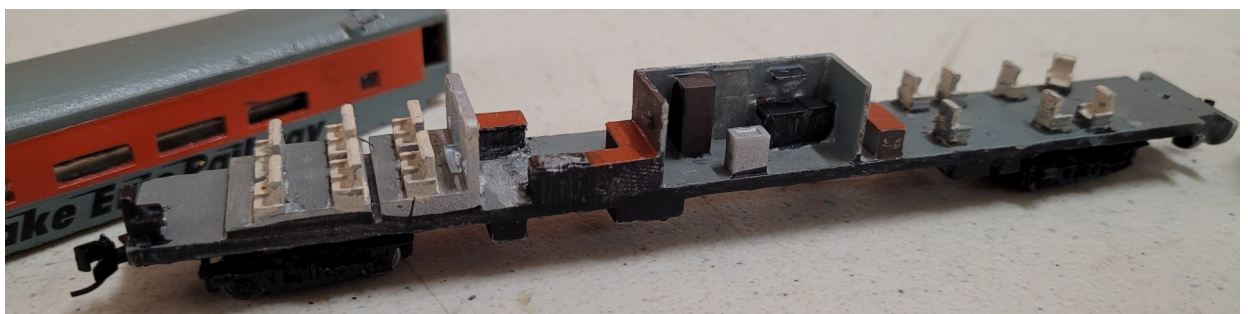
More Bring 'n' Brag Photos

Here are a few more photos of models that were brought and bragged on at the November meeting. Rick's First Place entry was documented by Dominic at the meeting (photo column below left), and because the gremlins at the meeting prevented him from showcasing his model with the working lighting that he installed in his coaches, the editor asked Rick to provide some more photos of his train on his layout. One image of the lighted Hi Level coach car graces the front page; some of the other photos he sent are presented here (photos at right), displayed passing an industrial area on his home layout. As he said at the meeting, these are Walthers models representing the Pullman and Budd coaches, and Athearn blue box models of the EMD F-units (with an ABBA set providing power to the full train. Rick has enough cars

to recreate the historical consists of El Capitan service.



Jimmy Braum's Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Business Car (ca. 1990; photos below right) earned second place. This is a scratch-built N scale model that he 3D printed in resin. It is based on prototype photos and videos he found on the internet (with interior details based on a YouTube video). He modeled underbody details and used Modelflex paints to finish the car to match its WLE incarnation.



Railroad Prototype Modelers – East 2025

The next RPM East convention will be held at the Westmoreland County Community College in Youngwood, PA on Friday, March 21 and Saturday, March 22. This event is sponsored by Division 2 and alternates between western PA in odd years and eastern PA (Malvern) in even years. Other than 2021 it has been featured since the 1990s.

The **Railroad Prototype Modelers** (RPM for short) meets are like a typical NMRA regional convention, but with a couple of differences and some fewer activities, i.e. no non-rail clinics or prototype tours. Thursday evening, March 20, starts with optional operating sessions at nearby layouts. Slots are limited, so preregistration is required. A number of clinics on modeling, railroad history, and prototype equipment are presented on Friday and Saturday. There is a large room to display prototype models (not a contest). In process models are often shown so construction features can be seen and discussed. Everyone is encouraged to bring something to display. In 2023 we had over 500 models. Additionally, there is a large room with high quality vendors such as CMP Shops and Funaro & Camerlengo. This room is shared with various railroad historical societies. So far, we have commitments from Friends of the EBT, NYC System Historical Society, and the P&WV Technical & Historical Society. The PRR and B&O groups have attended previous meetings.

Breaks are provided for lunch and dinner. There is a café in the WCCC building and numerous nearby restaurants in Youngwood, Greensburg, or New Stanton. Registration is a very reasonable \$40 until February 28, \$45 afterwards. Single day registration is available for \$20. You can pay at the door, although preregistration is encouraged. See additional information, photos, and registration forms on our website – www.hansmanns.org/rpm_east/.

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- Steve Ross

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