# Division Meeting Schedule

May 16, 2010 - Munhall Fire Co. No. 5, 971 Hardin PL, Munhall, PA 15120 Layouts Open - Dennis Williams & Andy Lorince. See Maps Meeting - 2:30 PM

June 27, 2010 - Westinghouse Castle, 325 Commerce St., Wilmerding, PA 15148 Tours: starting at 12:00 PM Meeting: 2:30 PM

**August 15, 2010** - Div. 2 Picnic, Henley Park, Leetsdale, PA. 15056 Gather beginning at 12:30 PM; meeting following the picnic.

### Bring'n'Brag

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# From the Super's Desk



What a wonderful Jamboree we had!? The clinics were outstanding and all new. The hands-on clinics were sold out and well appreciated. The entire day was non-scale specific and covered everything from simple techniques to elaborate electronics projects. Even the after-dinner speaker offered a new perspective on our favorite subject. I find it interesting how different interests and avocations intersect. Our speaker was not a model railroader, but had researched and written about the Nazi plot to blow up the Horseshoe Curve in order to disrupt

troop movements and arms shipments just before America entered World War II. The plot was designed to strike terror into the hearts of Americans and make this country less likely to commit to enter the war in Europe. The plot was foiled and the plan to keep America out of the war failed. If you are interested in learning more (and there is plenty more to this story), the author donated a copy of his book to Division 2 and it is currently in my possession. Any Division member may borrow this copy to read.

Whether we are at a Jamboree, a convention, a Division meeting or hanging around a favorite hobby shop, we are all ambassadors of our hobby. One mission of the National Model Railroad Association is to share our hobby with the general public. This also involves recruiting and retaining new members. Each of us can help with recruitment and retention and it is relatively easy. Greet each new face you see with a warm smile and a handshake. Offer to explain the Bring & Brag contest or show them the Company Store. Help people connect with others that share similar interests. Encourage visitors or new members to stand up and be recognized. Remember, newcomers are often shy and reluctant to speak up. These gatherings are a good place to reconnect with old friends, but just as good a place to make some new friends. If you have some ideas about recruiting and retention, please share them with me.

# ... Susan Werner

Ohio Valley Lines plans to make up train sets to give away at their holiday open houses this year. They seek donations of any of the components of a traditional train set (locomotive, rolling stock, track, powerpack, etc.). This would be a good way to contribute to the hobby while getting rid of that old toy train stuff that you've had stored away for years. Just drop them off at the clubhouse in Ambridge.

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# **Minutes**

Superintendent Susan Werner called the April 17, 2010 meeting to order at 1:14 p.m. at the Jamboree which was held at the Sewall Center on the campus of Robert Morris University. The attendance and ending time of the meeting was not recorded.

Robert South a new member was recognized and Susan wanted to extend to him on behalf of the members a warm welcome to our new member.

Minutes that were published in the Keystone Flyer from the March 21, 2010 meeting were approved with no corrections.

Treasurer Carl Volkwein gave his report with checking balance of \$4,800.00 and savings and Certificate of deposit also being held by the division.

Dick Flock gave his report on the company store, with everything available at the tables in the back, and if you want a 2011 Railroad Calendar, please see Dick so he can order one for you.

Tom Gaus gave his report on the membership that we have 257 active members and the website is running great.

Bob Meier the Free Mo chairman stated that the group is holding a white elephant table in the hall next to the clinic room and please stop by and buy something to help out expenses for the group.

# THE KEYSTONE DIVISION

I want to thank everyone who helped with this year's Jamboree - Don Reed for managing the clinics, Tom Gaus for being our registrar, Rob Twigger for his work in soliciting the many prizes given away, Vagel Keller & Larry Kline for putting the layout tours together, Dick Flock for running the Company Store, Paul Gallick for managing the contests, Dennis Lippert & Bob Meier for manning the white elephant tables, all of the groups who brought layouts and everyone who presented clinics. I also want to thank Bill Sartore and John Polyak for their efforts in presenting three hour-long clinics which was something new we tried this year. John also donated some door prizes too late to be listed in the program.

As always, we want your feedback and suggestions for future Jamborees. We're already planning next year's event and want to make it even better than this year!

Jim Sacco

# KEITH DeVAULT

Paul Gallick has 4 different categories to vote on this month, so please stop by with your vote sheet, that was in your packet when you registered.

Mike Hohn the assistant superintendent told the group of the next 3 functions that the division will be holding. The May 16<sup>th</sup> meeting will be at Munhall # 5 Fire Department building and Dennis Williams will have his layout open for the group. The June meeting will be held at Westinghouse Castle on Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup>. Please make note that it is the Sunday after Father's Day, as per our bylaws. The picnic will be held again at the Leetsdale Park along Rt 65 in August. No meeting or activity in July.

Dennis Vaccaro gave his report on the Achievement Program and said that a few members are taking advantage of the program and then he called up Neil Schorr who got his Associate Volunteer Certificate and Dave Wilson who earned his Model Railroad Author Certificate. Congratulations to both gentlemen.

In old business, none was brought up before the group and also no new business was announced before the group also.

Paul Gallick announced the contest winners for the Jamboree and they were Joe Lofland for his Structure, and Grier Kuehn won 3 areas, Rolling Stock, Motive Power and Blue Box Kits. Good job by these two members.

Paul also recognized Dave Wilson as the Division 2 Modeler of the Year. Great job by Dave for all his hard work over the past year.

Today's program after dinner will be Dennis McIlnay who will speak on the topic The Horseshoe Curve: Sabotage and Subversion in the Railroad City."



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"Indiana House," Popular Vote Winner - Structures 2010 Div. 2 Jamboree. John Polyak photo.

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Div. 2 Treasurer Carl Volkwein (r) chats with author Dennis McIlnay, who gave an excellent talk on his book, *The Horse-shoe Curve: Sabotage and Subversion in the Railroad City,* at the Jamboree banquet. John Polyak photo.





Popular Vote Winners Motive Power & Rolling Stock 2010 Div. 2 Jamboree John Polyak photo







Participants in the "Make and Take" LED clinic, above left, and the Scratchbuilt Structure clinic, above right, during the 2010 Div. 2 Jamboree. John Polyak photo.



Check out the exterior and interior lighting on the Theater Supply Co. - another fine model at the 2010 Div. 2 Jamboree. John Polyak photo.



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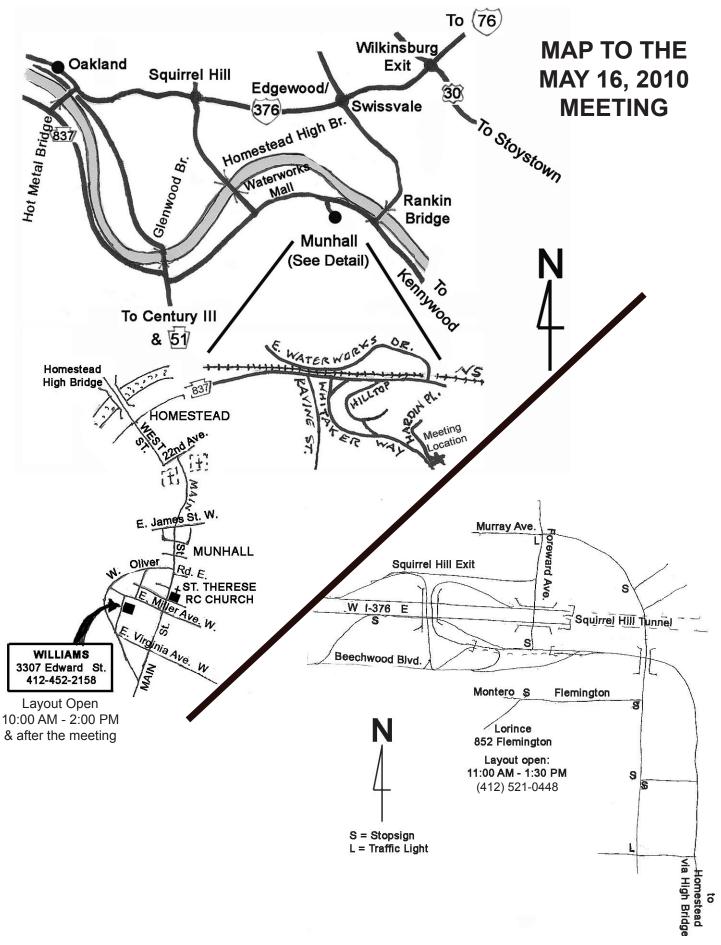


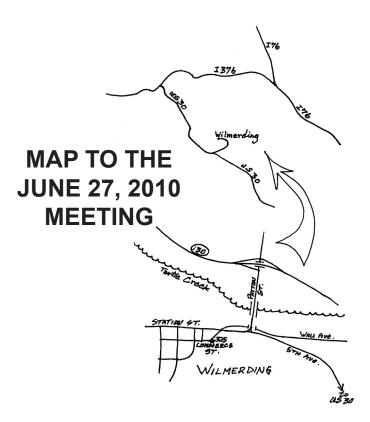
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Attendees of the 2010 Div. 2 Jamboree wait with bated breath for their number to be called during the raffle. John Polyak photo.

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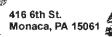
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