

THE *Keystone Flyer*

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Div. 2

Division Meeting Schedule

January 16, 2011 - Ohio Valley Lines,
1225 Merchant St. Ambridge, PA 15003
Layout open at 1:30 PM
Meeting: 2:30 PM

February 20, 2001 - Western PA Model
RR Museum, 5507 Lakeside Dr, Gibsonia,
PA 15044
Layout open at 1:30 PM
Meeting: 2:30 PM

Bring'n'Brag

Jan	Anything Goes
Feb	Boxcars
Mar	Online Structures
May	Steam Power
Jun	Bridges
Aug	Passenger Equipment
Sep	Cabooses
Oct	Layout Photographs
Nov	Hopper Bottom Cars

We are saddened to learn of the death of Dennis Vaccaro's wife of 31 years Beth, who succumbed to cancer on December 6. On December 8 a memorial gathering was held at the Donora Public Library, where Beth was active in bringing people back to use its resources. The family asks that any memorials you may wish to send be forwarded in her name to the Donora Public Library, 510 Meldon Ave., Donora, PA 15033-1333.

From the Super's Desk



By the time you read this, the Holidays will have come and gone, the football regular season is over and the Winter Classic hockey game is in the books. Our family duties keep us very busy with all the gatherings and visits. I certainly hope you found time to visit some of the model railroad clubs that were having open house activities. I hope as well that you found some time to pursue your own model railroading interests. Now, all the hubbub is quieted down, and there is little left to do but put things away and clean up all the bits of tinsel and holly left behind. Oh yes, and we need to pull out the snow removal equipment! Let us pray that we do not have as much snow as we did last year. I look forward to the time spent indoors to work on my model railroad.

Much has been said recently about sharing your knowledge by giving programs or clinics. This is an excellent way to give back to the hobby. Each of us has some aspect of the hobby that appeals to your interests. This can be about railroad history, construction of your layout, building structures, rolling stock, motive power, track, backdrops or anything else you might have to share. Please consider doing a program for a Division 2 meeting or a clinic for a Jamboree. If public speaking scares the overalls off of you, remember we have all been there at one time or another, or you can write an article for publication. Start at the Division level until you feel comfortable. The more you do these things, the more comfortable you will feel. While you're at it, keep a record of what you do and soon it could lead you to your Model Railroad Author Certificate. Be sure to check out this month's issue of the NMRA Magazine. I can personally attest to the friendliness and the helpfulness of the editorial staff.

Be sure to get your ballot in to Jack Pscherer to add your voice to the proposed Constitutional changes. The votes will be tallied at this January meeting.

... Susan Werner

Minutes

KEITH DeVAULT

Superintendent Susan Werner called the November 21, 2010 meeting to order at 2:33p.m. at the New Eagle VFD Social Hall in New Eagle, Pa.. The attendance was 43 members and 1 guest from Salem, Ohio by the name of Gary Core.

Susan thanked the Mid Mon Valley RR Club for hosting today's meeting.

Minutes that were published in the Keystone Flyer from the October 17, 2010 meeting were approved with no corrections or additions.

Marge Meehan presented Susan with a Railroad Hat to use for passing the hat.

Carl Volkwein the division treasurer gave his report stated that the division is solvent. Dick Flock presented his report on the company store, with Calendars available for 2011, New Books, like PRR Facilities, Penn Central Volume 3, Trackage in the Cement Industry. Please stop at the store or get in contact with Dick about any material you would like to purchase.

Tom Gaus was absent and Susan presented his report on the membership that we have 268 active members and the website is running great with 14,148 requests, 5,290 page requests. His report also stated that we have 2 new members to the division and they are Michael J. New and Gwendolyn Schmidt. Please welcome these new members when they attend the next meeting.

In the absence of Bob Meier the Free Mo chairman group joined up with South Hills Model RR Club and everything ran great at the Greensburg show on November 13 and 14 at the new Monroeville Convention Center.

Paul Gallick has 6 entries for bring n brag on the "tank cars", so please stop by with your vote

Bud Brock on the video library stated that everyone should check out the videos that he has displayed on the table.

Mike Hohn the assistant superintendent gave his report that January 2011 meeting will be at the Ohio Valley Lines Club in Ambridge, Pa. The February meeting will be at the Western Pa Museum in Gibsonia, Pa.

Dennis Vaccaro gave his report on the Achievement Program and said that a few members are taking advantage of the program, so please keep working.

John Gallagher, the Education Chairman was absent but Susan stated that he is complying a list of clinicians and will have it posted on the Mid Central website. This list will help anyone who needs a clinician on a certain subject along with helping the convention organizers.

There was no report on the Jamboree at today's meeting.

In old business the ballots for the constitution amendment is in this month's flyer, and if you do not want to tear out the ballot, make sure that you copy both sides so the teller can verify who is voting. You may mail the ballot back to Jack Pscherer or bring it to the January meeting.

In new business a motion was brought up to the group spending \$ 500.00 to redo the Exhibit Board for the division also known as the Albatross. Motion passed.

For the good of the division, Dick Flock the chairman of the copy store has a new policy that you must pay up front for him to order books, calendars etc. He has ordered material and he is still holding onto the books for many months without the people paying for the books.

The New Eagle Train show will have lots of structures, bridges at the show, thanks from the a club donating these for sale.

Mid Central Convention will be end the last week of April at Geneva on the Lake, Ohio registration is only \$ 45.00 and \$ 15.00 for family members.

Jerry Kyslinger has some N scale collection from Dan Miller, please see Jerry is interested.

Dennis McInay, who was our Jamboree speaker this past April, has a new book titled *Wreck of the Red Arrow*. Susan stated that she has started to work on her own layout at her home. Please vote for bring n brag and today's program will be Susan Werner talking about how to make "puff ball" trees.

Meeting was adjourned at 3:12 p.m.



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Bring'n'Brag

November's contest was hosted by the Mid Mon Valley Model RR Club and held at The New Eagle VFD Social Hall in New Eagle, Pennsylvania. The subject of 2010's last contest was "Tank Cars" and there were six entries.

First place voting ended in a tie between Marge Meehan and Grier Kuehn. Marge entered an N-scale diorama showing a crude oil collection scene. Her models included an Intermountain ACF Type 27 8,000 gallon tank car, a set of Kibri Oil Storage Tanks, and a Walther's Walking Beam Oil Pump. Marge also entered an On30 square tank resin model of a Fire Tank Car. Grier entered a collection of HO scale modern tank cars built from Roundhouse and Walthers kits. He replaced all the molded on grabs and stirrup steps with wire ones, added the correct Haz Mat placards, replaced the wheel sets with metal wheels, and installed Kadee double-shelf couplers. Finally he weathered the cars with airbrush, dry brush, and chalks.

Third place was won by Dennis Williams for his collection of three HO scale tank cars. All of his models were built from Sunshine Resin kits and included an X-3, an X-5 and a wood body Vinegar Tank.

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PAUL GALLICK

Dick Flock entered a pair of HO scale Walther's 10,000 gallon tank cars that he detailed and weathered.

Bill DeFoe entered an HO scale Auxillary Water Tank for a Missouri Pacific 4-8-4. He kitbashed the car starting from a Tichy Tank Car kit to which he added running boards and railing and a new water hatch.

Larry Kline entered an O scale 8000 gallon tank car lettered for Gulf Oil which he scratchbuilt.

There were a number of 'Display Only' models also brought in this month. Vince Martelli showed a collection of older Ambroid tank car kits. Bub Brock brought a collection of tank cars lettered for Jones and Laughlin in various scales and materials. Dennis Vaccaro brought an HO tank car based on and lettered for a Chinese railroad. John Polyak brought a collectable 4-4-0 model engine.

Thanks to everyone who participated in the Bring 'n' Brag contest for 2010. Next January we start another contest cycle. The categories for 2011 are listed on the front page, so get your models and ideas ready.

Name	Points	Name	Points
Grier Kuehn	42	John Gallagher	2
Marge Meehan	38	Charlie Hallman	2
Dennis Williams	34	Vagel Keller	2
Steve Raque	10	Jim Kubanick	2
Neal Schorr	10	Kevin Kuzman	2
Steve Hertzner	9	Dennis Lippert	2
Fred Abrew	8	Joe Lofland	2
Bill DeFoe	8	John Lynd	2
Robert Hickman	8	Don Reed	2
Dick Flock	6	Steve Ross	2
Tim Moffat	6	Roy Ward	2
Jim Whipple	5	Bob Weinheimer	2
Andy Blenko	4	Hans Werner	2
Charlie Blenko	4	Susan Werner	2
Keith DeVault	4	Robby Whipple	2
Larry Kline	4	Dave Wilson	2
Dennis Vaccaro	4	Andy Loince	1
Patrick Altdorfer	2	George Turak	1

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Events of Interest

Pennsylvania, Monaca — The Beaver County Model Railroad and Historical Society's 2010 Christmas Season Open House will be held NOV 27-28, DEC 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, and JAN 1-2 2011 at 416 6th Street, located across from the Monaca Legion in the old Pittsburgh and Lake Erie railroad station, right next to the tracks. Hours will be from 12:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. Admission is free; donations are very much appreciated. For more information contact: Glenn Wallace, (724) 775-8023; Website: www.bcmrr.railfan.net/openhouse.html

New Eagle - Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club Holiday Open House, 159 Main St., New Eagle, PA, Rt. 88, in the Municipal Building. Noon to 5 PM on the following dates: Nov. 27-28; Dec. 4-5, 11-12, 18-19, and 26; Jan. 2 and 8-9.

Ambridge - Ohio Valley Lines, 1225 Merchance St. Open House Jan 2, 8-9, and 15-16, from Noon 'til 5:00 PM. Adults \$4.00, children 6-12 \$1.00, 5 years and younger FREE. www.ohiovalleylines.org, email info@ohiovalleylines.org. This year we will also be giving away at random two train sets every day that we are open. We are still accepting donations of old trains for the give away program.

Pittsburgh - PHIPPS Conservatory Garden Railroad Oct. 16 - Mar. 6, 2010, Trains chug over bridges and through tunnels, with miniature plants and shrubs providing living landscape. The world's first N-Scale garden railroad will be an added feature.

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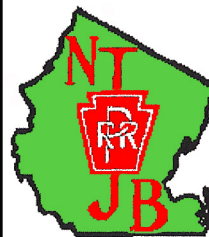
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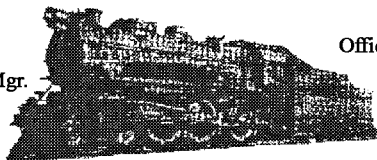
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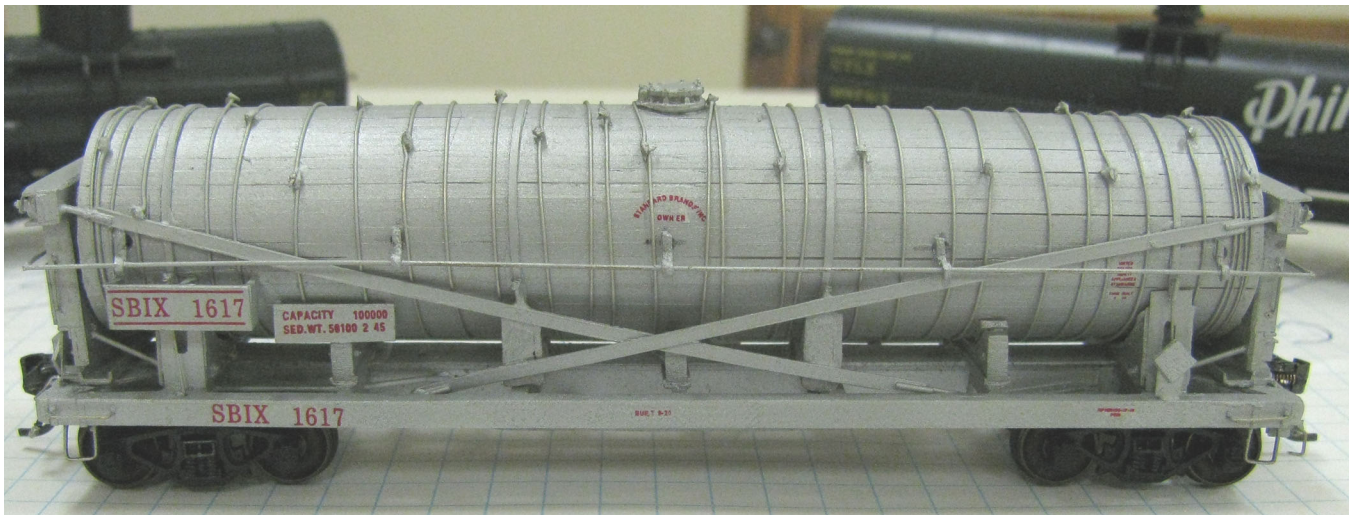
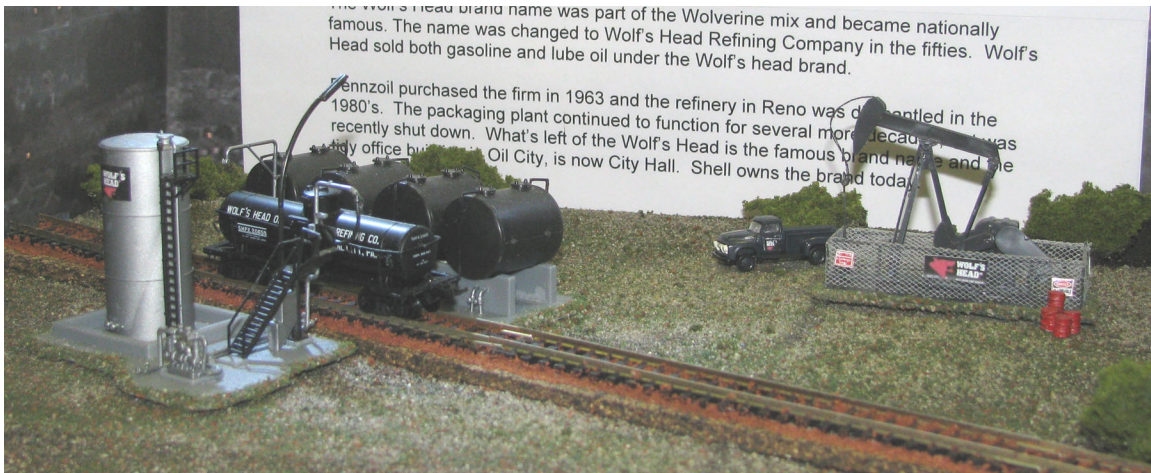
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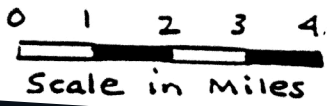
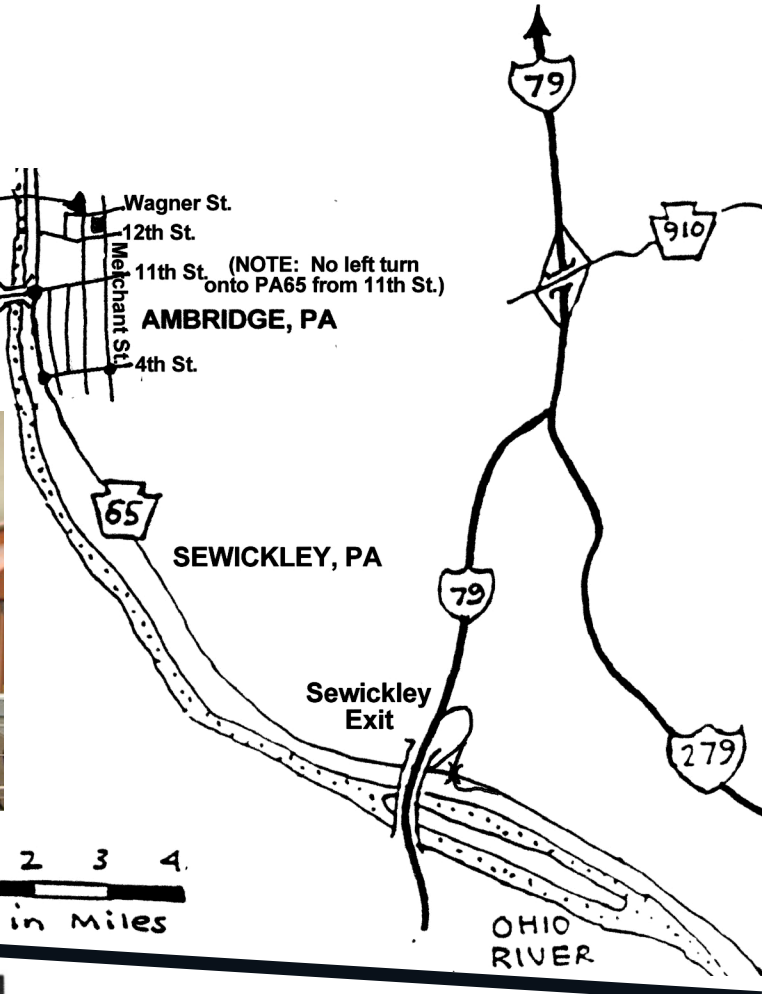
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Entries by Grier Kuehn (top), Marge Meehan (middle), and Dennis Williams dominated the voting in the November B'n'B contest.

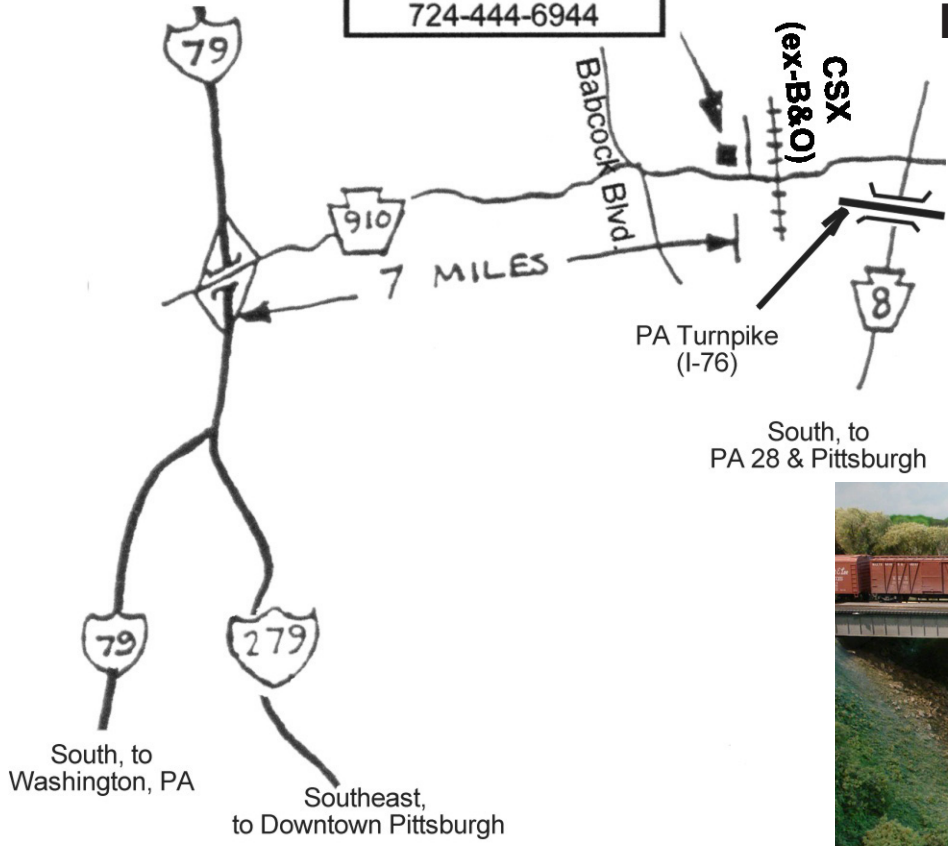
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