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Editor's Model of the Month by Fred Abrew



Fred Abrew's rendition of the Waynesburg depot is just one of many great scratch-built structures on his On3 Waynesburg & Washington.

Division Meeting Schedule

May 20 - Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, 1 Museum Rd,
Washington, PA 15301

Arrive at museum by 1:00; meeting on trolley or in loca-
tion TBD. Check Div. 2 website for updates.

June 24 - Westinghouse Park Shelter, Thomas Blvd at
Lang Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15208

Layouts open before and after meeting (see map)
Meeting at 2:30

July - No Meeting

August 19 - Annual Picnic, Leetsdale Park,
Leetsdale, PA 15056

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May	Factories and Industries
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Sep	Built Laser Kits
Oct	Traction
Nov	Open Loads

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From the Super's Desk

This will be my final column in this space, although you are in no way rid of me. During my four years as your Superintendent, I have re-established our 501c3 charitable status with the IRS, rehabilitated the display board we use at the Greenberg Shows so that we may

get a few more years out of it, brought our Constitution into compliance with the Mid-Central Regulations and Chaired a very successful Mid-Central Region Convention.

I hope that this work serves as a foundation upon which to build our Division even further. We need to focus on member retention and recruitment. If you have ideas on what we need to do to serve model railroaders better, please let us know. This is a challenging time with so many demands on our time and financial resources.

We need to make membership in the NMRA and the Division a good value for these limited resources.

Please give your new officers, Mike Hohn (Superintendent), Keith DeVault (Assistant Superintendent) and Dennis Lippert (Chief Clerk) all the support you have given me over the past few years. Thank you for that support. I have enjoyed serving as your Super!

... Susan Werner

To begin my first column in this spot, I'd like to thank Susan for all the hard work she's done over the years as Assistant Super and then Superintendent. During the past four years it has been my honor and pleasure to work under her. I was blessed. We all have been, and we really should not let her get away. There must be a committee or two she can serve on or run.

In addition, I've had the privilege of witnessing her work on the regional level; I can report that she has represented our division well.

Meanwhile, I look forward to working alongside Keith, Denny, Vagel, Carl, and the rest of the crew. You probably got tired of me asking for program ideas at our monthly business meetings, but I can say truthfully that the best ideas came from members who quietly walked up to me with a suggestion. Now it's Keith's turn, and I hope you will give him the same support. And do the same for Vagel by sending him an article every so often.

I love model railroading, and model railroaders. Thank you for placing your trust in me.

... Mike Hohn

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Minutes

KEITH DeVAULT

Meeting called to order at 11:50 a.m. in Superintendent Werner's room with 6 people in attendance. Susan Werner, Mike Hohn, Keith DeVault, Jeff Gregg, Carl Volkwein and Dennis Lippert.

We stand at 244 members with the Division. Discussion about what we can do to increase members and suggestion around the room how to welcome new members and what to pass out to them as a new member.

Susan stated that we had 300 total convention registrations which includes members and family. She wanted to thank each member of the committee for all the work and effect it took to make this convention a success.

The gavel will be passed at the May meeting at the trolley museum. Carl stated that we are solvent and will have a full report at the May meeting.

The 2013 Regional Convention will be held in Dayton, and since the National Convention in 2014 will be in Cleveland, there will be no regional convention that year.

No other business was discussed and the meeting was adjourned at 12:22 p.m.



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by Gerry Leone, MMR

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The ORMRR is a tremendous resource for those who travel and would like to visit model railroads during their trip. The Register lists names, addresses and phone numbers of registrants, along with visitation preferences.

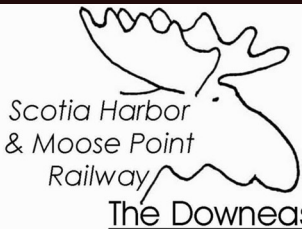
Studying the ORMRR is fun in and of itself. Currently it contains well over 500 pikes, some of which are as yet unbuilt. Among those appearing are prototypical names such as Union Pacific and Burlington Northern. But others have registered more whimsical names, such as the Kneedy & Lackamoney and the Downe & Owlte. It makes for great reading.

The Pike Registry was updated and streamlined last year and is now a self-supporting volunteer-run part of the NMRA Membership Services and Promotion Department. Besides the fun of receiving an official certificate and the ORMRR, it gives members a great way to make a small donation to the NMRA.

For details on how to get your pike registered, visit the NMRA website at <http://www.nmra.org/pikereg>



Join us for an excursion and our monthly meeting at the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum, adjacent to the Washington County Fairgrounds, on May 20th.



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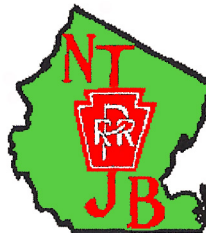
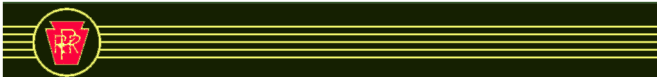
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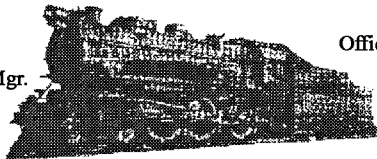
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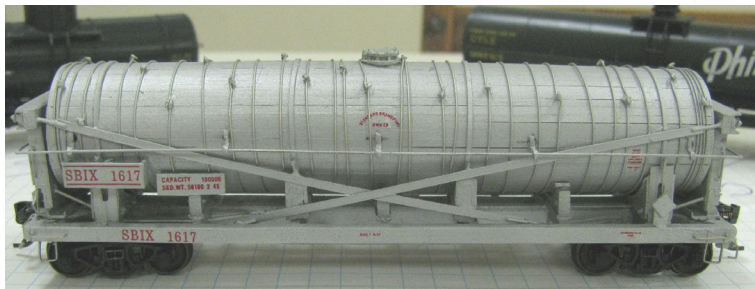
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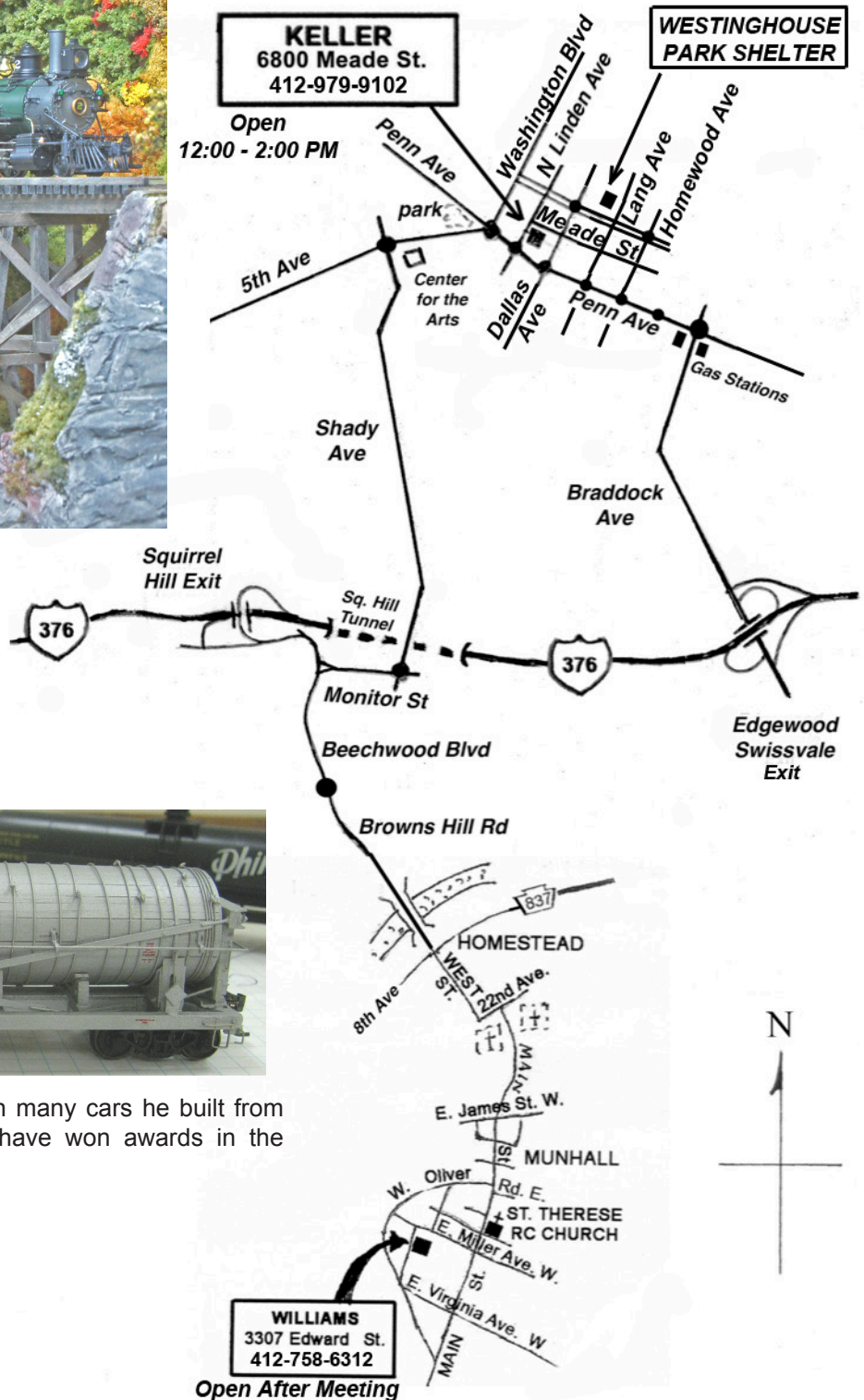
As of May, the trackwork is complete and scenery is underway on your editor's joint PRR/Blacklog & Shade Gap Eastern. Below, Consolidation No. 2, a Blackstone product, pauses on Reed Trestle on the Buchanan Branch of the HOn3 B&SGE.



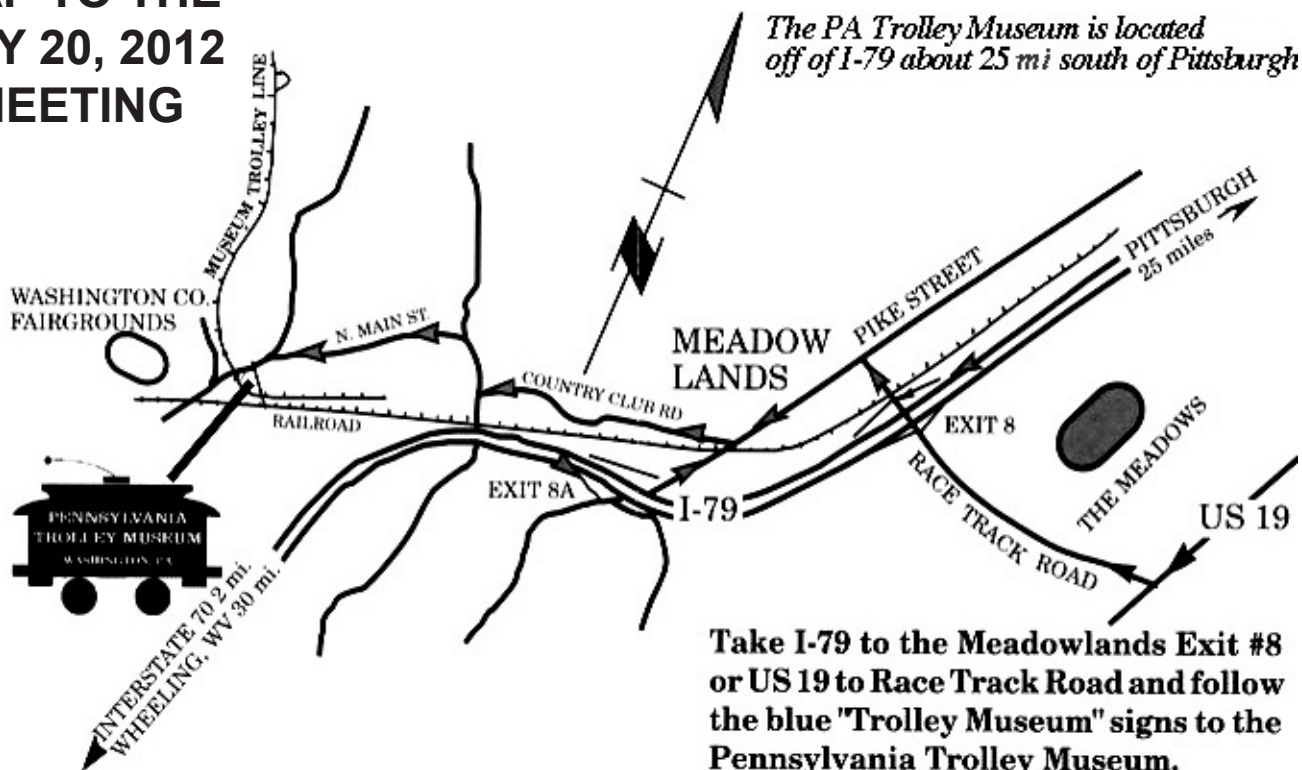
to downtown Pittsburgh



Dennis Williams' layout is populated with many cars he built from craftsman resin kits, several of which have won awards in the Bring'n'Brag contest.



MAP TO THE MAY 20, 2012 MEETING



There's lots of progress on the B&SGE since the last time many of you visited the layout ... in fact many of you have probably not visited since the last time Div. 2 met at Westinghouse Park in 2002, when the B&SGE was in the editor's damp, old basement across the street from its new home. Come see us on June 24th!

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