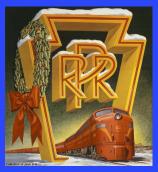
Model RR Club Holiday Open House Schedules in this Issue!







Editor's Model of the Month by Steven Schorr

Division Meeting Schedule

November 19, 2017 - New Eagle VFD, 156 Chess St,

New Eagle, PA 15607 Meeting: 2:30 PM

Four Layouts: See Map. All layouts open 11 AM - 2

PM; Jodon open after meeting until 5 PM.

Program: Jim Braum, slide show on the Wheeling &

Lake Erie RR

January 21, 2018 - Old Economy Village Visitors Cen-

ter, 270 16th St, Ambridge, PA 15003

Layout: Ohio Valley Lines, 1225 Merchant St,

Ambridge, PA 15003, open at 1:30 PM

Meeting at 2:30 PM

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Bring'n'Brag

Jan	Anything goes
Feb	Re-purposed box car
Mar	Trucks and tractors
May	Cranes and Derricks
Jun	Structures
Aug	Work -in-progress
Sep	Diesel power
Oct	Tank cars
Morr	Houses of Worshin

Submission Deadline for the next Flyer:

December 29, 2017

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From the Super's Desk

Welcome to November, when we celebrate National Model Railroad Month! This is the time of the year that all of us can help promote the great hobby in which t we all are involved. Please talk with your local civic organizations about passing out fly-

ers when your local group will be holding an open house. Print stacks and take to your downtown stores to put on their counter, ask craft and hobby stores to do the same. If you have a layout of your own, make up a few flyers and go around your neighborhood. This is a great opportunity to get to see your neighbors (maybe they do not know you have a layout?) and then you can meet them and run your layout. There are more ideas if you put your "thinking caps" on to help get the word out about model railroading.

My group, the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society, just finished up this past weekend with a three day display at the West Virginia University Student Union (The Mountainlair). We were able to discuss model railroads in general with lots of folks, both young and old. We found out there are a lot of closet railroaders out in the world and we got a chance to showcase our skills and knowledge about this hobby. During the month of November we will be holding a model train workshop for one day to promote the hobby. We will teach people how to build a box car kit, make some trees and other scenery, discuss railroad history and service some of their locomotives. Remember, sharing our ideas and thoughts of this great pastime is imperative for the growth and continued success of this industry. We are getting older, and we can pass on our knowledge to friends, family and neighbors, who might want to join into the fun of Model Railroading.

On another note-The Regional NMRA Board of Directors has approved our Division as host of the 2020 NMRA Regional Convention! It will be held the last weekend of April, 2020 at the Doubletree Inn by Hilton, Greentree, PA. This is the same site as the 2012 Convention, and the facility has been fully remodeled since we were last there. We'll be forming committees soon, so decide where you can assist and let us know, before you are drafted!

... Keith De Vault



Get ready for tank cars in this issue. This one is by Jim Braum.

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Minutes

The meeting was convened at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent DeVault. Approximately 50 members were present. He expressed the Division's thanks to Andy Blenko for arranging the use of a very nice facility as well as opening his home layout to visitors.

There were no new members and one guest present: Dave Westly from Altoona.

The minutes of the September Business Meeting were approved as amended.

Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer – The Editor was not present, so there was no report.

Treasurer – The Treasurer reported that we are still solvent. Our CD matures next month and we will probably roll it over. The Convention account is also solvent.

Programs – Susan Werner warned that the highway approaching her house from the east will be under repair next month, so reaching her house to view her home layout may be difficult for some. The program for November will be presented by Rich Bauman on the Wheeling & Lake Erie RR. Lastly, there will be a silent auction to dispose of some estate items.

Company Store – The order for 2018 calendars will go in tonight (15 October), so if you wish to order a calendar, make sure you give Susan your request before you leave today. There are copies of Morning Sun Books (MSB) offerings available. Pick one up if you're interested. Susan is looking for help to organize the Company Store merchandise.

Membership – We've recruited four new members. Website – The Photo page has been redone and redone again. There are still a few minor problems to resolve.



John Gallagher

Free-Mo – Apparently, our application for the upcoming Greenberg Show has been turned down. Jerry surveyed other groups who have a display. Apparently, they don't even have to submit a request; they're automatically included. He was unable to find out why we're not automatically included. However, if the Free-Mo Group is unable to get additional assistance, especially in the areas of transportation and set-up, obtaining setup space may be a moot point. Therefore, it's time to consider if we want to continue to have a Free-Mo layout and use it as a recruiting tool. Please feel free to express your well-considered ideas at future meetings. We will still submit an application for the World's Greatest Hobby in 2018.

Bring'N'Brag – There were eight entries.

Video Library – No Bud, no report.

Achievement Program – Arley Mitchel has received a Golden Spike Award. <u>Old Business</u>

We need volunteers to help with organizing the 2020 Regional Convention.

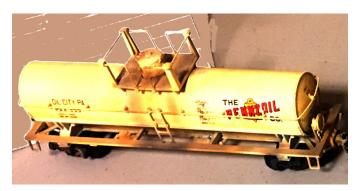
New Business

A motion was approved by acclamation to organize a visit to the Ohio Rail Museum and Railroad in September 2018.

Jim Sacco reported that Robert Morris University may have a "temporary" convention facility that we can use for next spring's Jamboree; the operative words being "may" and "temporary".

For the Good of the Order

A local gentleman is looking for assistance in using Sprog on his model railroad. If you know anything about Sprog, contact the Superintendent.



More tank cars from the November B'n'B contest: Bob Dibenedetto's 3rd Place-winning entries, left, and one of Dick Flock's cars, above.

Bring'n'Brag

The October Bring & Brag contest had a whopping 8 entries. Alden McBee won First Place for his drag of 3 sulfuric acid 13,500-gallon tank cars. One was a Rail Yard Models resin and etched brass craftsman kit while the other two were Athearn Genesis. All had Sergent double shelf couplers installed, wheels and trucks were painted and all had light weathering. Hi-Tech Details rubber brake hoses were added to the Rail Yard kit and the coupler cut levers attach to the linkage on the bottom of the coupler where they should be instead of on the coupler box.

Steven Schorr won Second Place for his 3D printed PRR ore jenny. Built in 1960, the PRR rostered 1000 of these small ore jennies, originally built to remove standard coal hoppers from ore service. This model is a 3D printed rendition in approximately 1:40 scale. Some modifications had to be made from the original PRR drawings, such as thicker walls and grab irons to make the model more durable. The model was drawn using AutoCAD Inventor. (Steven's entry was selected for Model of the Month because it represents the wave of the future in model railroad manufacturing. In fact, as Dennis Vacarro has demonstrated in the past, the future is already here. ED.)

Susan Werner

Bob DiBenedetto entered 3 UTLX JM Huber 16,000 gallon funnel flow tank cars by Walthers Ready to Roll. They sport three separate numbers, are weathered and have Kadee couplers.

Additional entries included 3 European tank cars from Dennis Vaccaro, 3 tank cars from Dick Flock, a Tilx tank car from Jim Braum that he modeled for the Wheeling & Lake Erie Clairton branch service (LPG) trains. Andy Blenko entered a diecast monorail and Charlie Blenko en-

Standings as of September 2017

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5	Name	Points	<u>Name</u>	Points
	Alden McBee	43	Mark Vinski	4
	Neal Schorr	22	Bryce Walat	4
	Jim Braum	19	Steve Ross	3
	Bill DeFoe	18	Richie Jodon	2
	Marge Meehan	14	Joel Everly	2
	Dick Flock	9	Jerry Kyslinger	2
	Dennis Vaccaro	9	Andy Laurince	2
	Michael Hohn	7	Steven Schorr	2
	Hans Werner	6	Jim Whipple	2



One of Alden McBee's prize-winning sulfuric acid tank cars from the November B'n'B contest.



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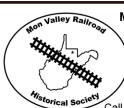
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2017 - 2018 Holiday Display Hours

Date	Open	Close
SAT. NOV. 11	11:00 am	5:00 pm
SUN. NOV. 12	11:00 am	5:00 pm
FRI. NOV. 17	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
SAT. NOV. 18	11:00 am	5:00 pm
SUN. NOV. 19	11:00 am	5:00 pm
FRI. NOV. 24	11:00 am	9:00 pm
SAT. NOV. 25	11:00 am	5:00 pm
SUN. NOV. 26	11:00 am	5:00 pm
FRI. DEC. 1	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
SAT. DEC. 2	11:00 am	5:00 pm
SUN. DEC. 3	11:00 am	5:00 pm
FRI. DEC. 8	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
SAT. DEC. 9	11:00 am	5:00 pm
SUN. DEC. 10	11:00 am	5:00 pm
FRI. DEC. 15	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
SAT. DEC. 16	11:00 am	5:00 pm
SUN. DEC. 17	11:00 am	5:00 pm
FRI. DEC. 22	6:00 pm	9:00 pm
SAT. DEC. 23	11:00 am	5:00 pm
SUN. DEC. 24	CLOSED	
MON. DEC. 25	CLOSED	
TUES. DEC. 26	11:00 am	5:00 pm
WED. DEC. 27	11:00 am	5:00 pm
THU. DEC. 28	11:00 am	5:00 pm
FRI. DEC. 29	11:00 am	9:00 pm
SAT. DEC. 30	11:00 am	5:00 pm
SUN. DEC 31	11:00 am	5:00 pm
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SUN. JAN. 7	11:00 am	5:00 pm
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SAT. JAN. 13	11:00 am	5:00 pm
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Requested Donation: Adults, \$8; under 12, \$4

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<u>Fridays</u>		<u>Sa</u>	<u>Saturdays</u>	
	12/8	7 - 10 PM	12/9	1 - 7 PM
	12/15	7 - 10 PM	12/16	1 - 7 PM
	12/29	7 - 10 PM	12/30	1 - 7 PM
	1/5	7 - 10 PM	1/6	1 - 7 PM
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	12/10	1 - 6 PM		
	12/17	1 - 6 PM		
	12/31	1 - 6 PM		
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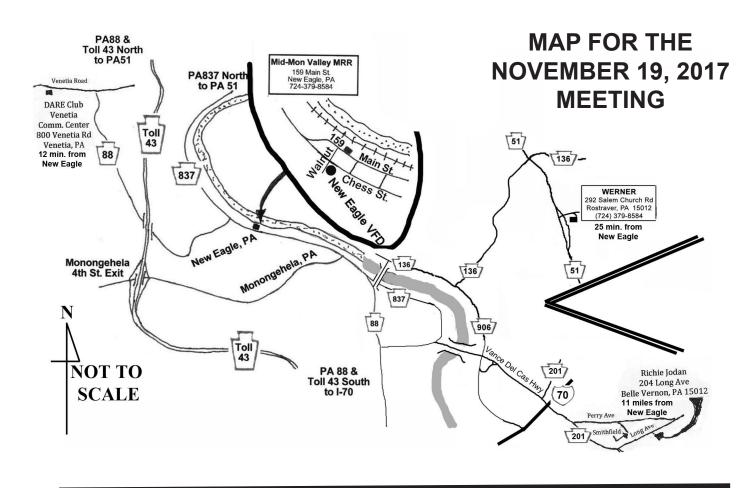
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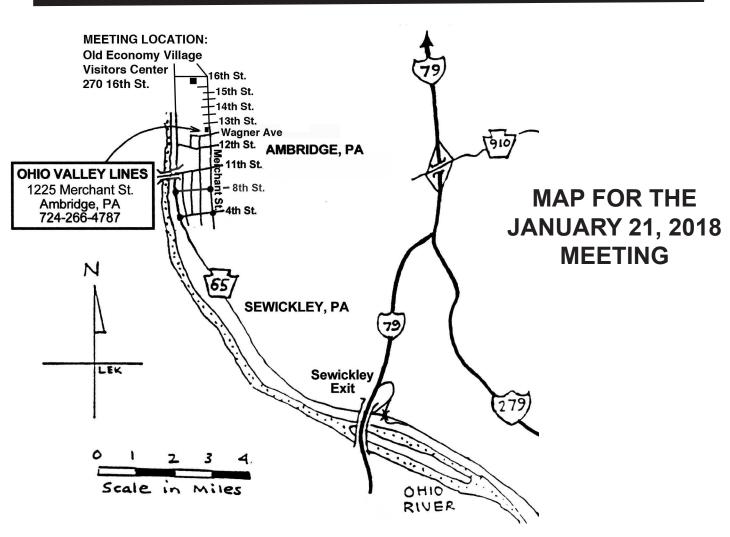
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