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THE *Keystone Flyer*

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Editor's Model of the Month by Neal Schorr

Division Meeting Schedule

February 18, 2018 - Marshall Township Municipal Building, 525 Pleasant Hill Rd, Wexford, PA 15090
Layout: Neal Schorr's PRR Middle Division open 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM (**Weather Permitting - check your email the day of the meeting**)
Hobby Express, 10 min. from meeting location, open 11:00 - 5:00 PM
Meeting at 2:30 PM
Program: Neal Schorr, "History of the Pennsylvania Turnpike"

March 18, 2018 - Scenic Express, 175 Sheffield Dr, # 100, Delmont, PA 15626

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Bring'n'Brag

Jan	Anything goes
Feb	Railroad stations
Mar	Paper industry
May	Steam power
Jun	Hopper bottom cars
Aug	Structures
Sep	Lumber & logging industry
Oct	Cabooses
Nov	Advertising & signage

Submission Deadline for the next *Flyer*:

March 2, 2018

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From the Super's Desk

We need to help a new generation of modelers and railfans to get turned on to railroading. From DCC to the internet, digital photography, smart phones, remote-controlled locomotives, the young crowd of railfans and modelers is right in the heart

of the techno-explosion hitting the rail scene.

As model railroaders we are at the ground level ready to hit the up button on the elevator to new techniques and inventions in model railroading. Model railroading is leaping forward with all new technology. Look at it: plastic rolling stock with extra fine details, once thought of only achievable by the masters, DCC with sound just like the real thing, JMRI computer program and so much more. Even though the hobby shops are not as abundant as they once were, there are still quite a few where an enthusiast person can go for help or to see the latest releases.

One of the big drawbacks we run into these days that most of us is on a tight budget is the price of model railroading.

The cost of everything going up from food, gas and clothing. One idea on this subject is the new NMRA discount program, where you can talk to your local hobby shop, tell them that you are a NMRA member and see if they will offer a discount for any NMRA member. We as model railroaders travel around and like to visit hobby shops and if that hobby shop offers at least a 10 per cent discount, then we as model railroaders we would then be inclined to visit that shop to see about letting go of some of our funds. If your shop does offer a discount, then always say THANK YOU!

Railroads still offer a lot to capture our attention young and old, from all of the museums to the local short lines and scenic railroads just to name a few choices. Don't forget about the Class 1 mainlines in the area with the latest AC Power, Intermodal innovations, and there is also Amtrak.

What am I saying in this article is we as members of the division need to push for more young people into model railroading.

When we see articles in magazines full of articles written by older folks, they and we sometimes forget to target the younger generation. Set up a time for the young folks to visit a club, museum or take them to an operating session. Young people can be intimidated by the older generation over 50, but with the knowledge we have learned over the years, we can get the young folks into this great hobby.

... Keith DeVault

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Minutes

John Gallagher

The [January] meeting was convened at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent DeVault. He expressed his thanks to the Ohio Valley Lines for hosting Division 2 for another year. President Dick Jackson of the OVL welcomed the Division once again.

There were no new members or guests.

There were no minutes for November due to an error on the part of the Chief Clerk.

Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer – The Editor was not present, so there was no report, other than the Keystone Flyer is no longer published on paper. This will create a substantial cost savings for the Division. A color edition of the newsletter is available on the Division website.

Treasurer – The Treasurer reported that he renewed our CD for \$10,000 and the interest we received was transferred to the savings account. The balance of the checking account is a moving target since bills are paid and funds transferred from the savings account as necessary.

Programs – Asst. Superintendent Frank Benders listed the location of upcoming meetings: February – Marshall Twp. Municipal Building hosted by Hobby Express; March – Scenic Express in Murrysville. There will be no program to allow members more time to purchase essential scenic supplies; April – 2018 Jamboree at Robert Morris University at what used to be the Holiday Inn on University Blvd.; May – There is nothing firm yet as there are many conflicts with Mother’s Day, Regional Conventions and more; July – As usual, there will be no meeting in July; August – the Annual Division 2 Picnic at Henley Park in Leetsdale. The September, October and November meetings will be held in the Steubenville area, North Huntingdon and New Eagle, as in past years

Company Store – Susan Werner noted that members can still order Morning Sun books for a 20% discount.

Membership – Tom Gaus reported that we now stand at 226 members. Our number seems to fluctuate due to differences between what we and the National consider a member.

Website – The website is up to date. Items are being added for the Jamboree.

Free-Mo - There was no report.

Bring ‘N Brag – There were eight entries. Please vote. Next month’s category will be a train station.

Video Library – No Bud, no report.

Achievement Program – There was no activity over the holidays.

Old Business

The World’s Greatest Hobby Show went quite well as far as the Division is concerned. A lot of people expressed interest in the hobby.

New Business

The Superintendent asked for volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee for the upcoming elections. Joel Everly, and Arley Mitchell volunteered. We need one more individual.

Grier Kuehn reported on progress for the upcoming Jamboree. It will still be held at Robert Morris University, but in a different building. It is located across from Primanti’s Restaurant on University Boulevard. There will be a map on our web site. There will be 12 clinics. If the faces are the same, the subject will be different. Tony Cook, who has written for several hobby magazines, will give a clinic and speak after dinner. There will be contests. People were encouraged to enter as sometimes the competition can be weak. There will also be the usual white elephant sale and raffle.

A lengthy discussion ensued about how much and why the Division pays to local organizations to host our meetings. It seems that one of our previous hosts feels that what we’ve paid in the past is inadequate. A motion was made and seconded to keep the “honorarium” at \$100. The motion passed by unanimous voice vote. Unless circumstances change, as determined by the executive board, the amount will remain at \$100.

For the Good of the Order

The annual RPM meet will be held in Malvern, Pa 23 – 25 March. There will be lots of vendors and lots of clinics. Next year’s meet will be held in Greensburg, as usual.

Susan Werner would like help carrying items from the Company Store to her vehicle.

Members were reminded of the NMRA discount program. You can obtain a discount from various retailers and manufacturers by stating you are an NMRA member. See the NMRA web site for details.

Mo Mecklenberg, a noted craftsman among narrow gauge modelers, was inducted into the Narrow Gauge National Hall of Fame.

The New Eagle Train Club will be hosting a train show on 28 January 2018.



Bring'n'Brag

Donald Austel

A new year and we started with our friends at Ohio Valley Lines in the Old Economy Village Visitors Center. As with each January, the first Bring'n'Brag is "Anything Goes," and this year we had eight entries. In first place was Neal Schorr, with his Corner Pharmacy. This model began as a stock MTH corner Pharmacy (design Pirated from DPM). In order to make it look realistic the building was disassembled and the clunky base discarded. The sandstone window sills and lintels were all painted a realistic color, as was the brick before applying mortar, then the structure was weathered with India ink diluted in rubbing alcohol. A granular roof was applied using textured spray paint, and roof details were added. Given the large windows and prominent position this structure will occupy on a layout a simple interior was needed. Of note are the simulated bottles of prescription medicines and the cash register, both scatchbuilt.

Second place was a tie between Dennis Vaccaro's HOn3 Push Snow Plow and Jim Braum's Wheeling & Lake Erie Ballast cars 901 and 910. Dennis' snow plow was hand molded with a new type of molding material poured into hand-worked molds. Jim built the ballast cars from covered hopper kits, with the roofs removed minus the pieces covering the ends of the cars. He also modified the weight location.



Third place was a three-way tie: John Gallagher's Union Railroad coal hoppers converted to coke service, kitbashed from Bowser H-21 Hoppers; Jim Braum's Wheeling & Lake Erie GP35 High Hood 2662 (also kitbashed), and George Pandelios's Bridge Piers & Shoes, representations of those that support the ex-PRR bridge over the Ohio River at Steubenville (Panhandle MP 42.11). The Bridge was immortalized in Grif Teller's 1953 Pennsylvania Railroad calendar painting "Crossroads of Commerce." The prototypes are poured concrete rising 65' above water level. George's models are proportionate but selectively compressed. They support a similarly proportioned model bridge for an O scale layout.

Others who entered were Mike Hohn, with his Caw. So. Box Car, and Jim Whipple, with his switch towers before and after. Thank all of you who brought Bring'n'Brag items, and as always a Big THANK YOU to each of the members that voted for your favorite entry.

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Jim Braum	11	John Gallagher	6
Neal Schorr	9	Jim Whipple	4
Dennis Vaccaro	8	Michael Hohn	2
George Pandelios	7		

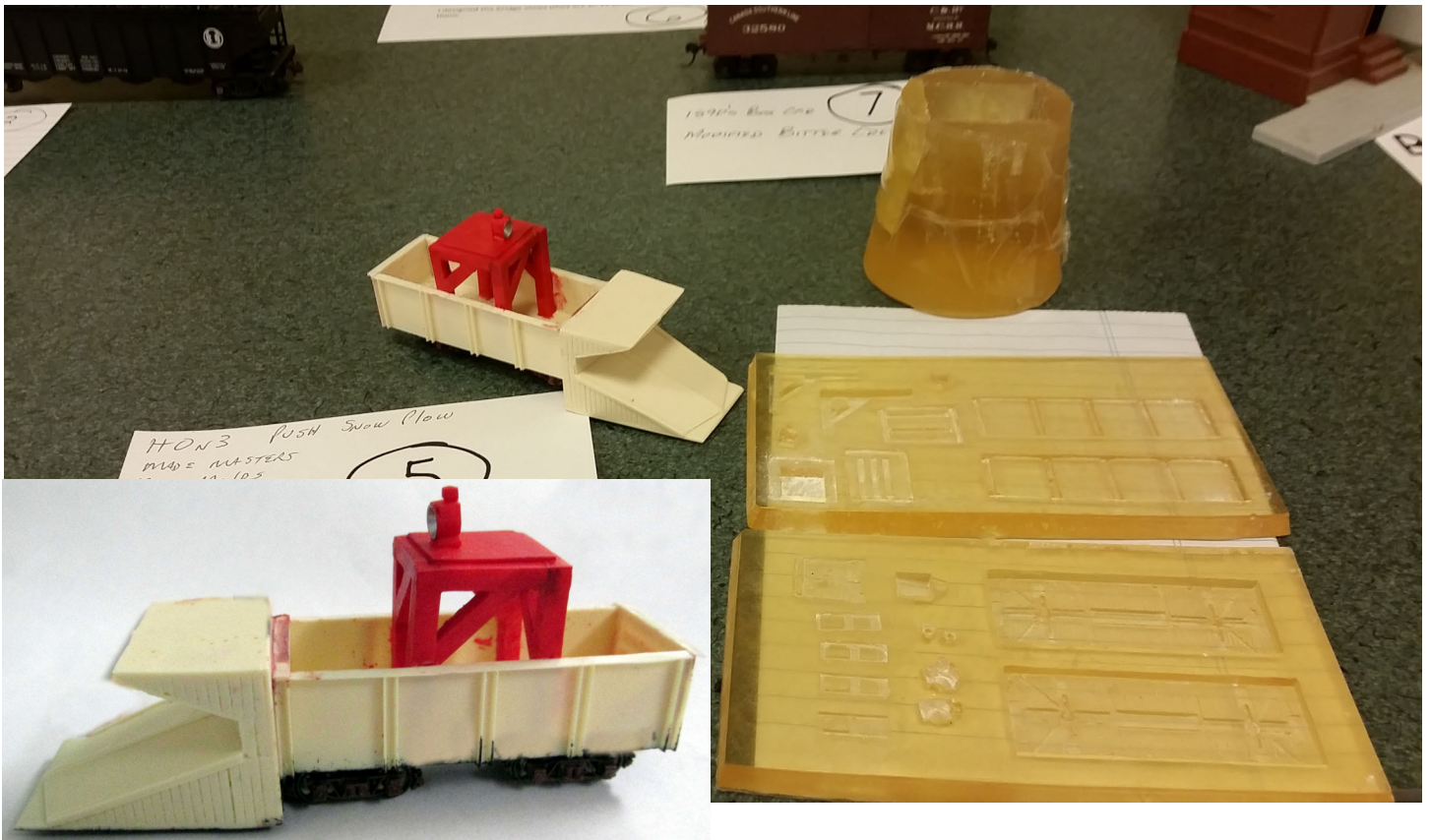


Neal Schorr's pharmacy interior, Jimmy Braum's W&LE "Geep," and Jim Whipple's "after" interlocking tower were three of the highlights among the January 2018 B'n'B entries.





George Pendelios' bridge piers. The description reads, "This sampling of bridge piers (mid-stream, "pocket", and "shorty") are representations of those that support the ex-PRR bridge over the Ohio River at Steubenville (Panhandle MP 42.11). The bridge was immortalized in Grif Teller's 1953 Pennsylvania Railroad calendar painting "Crossroads of Commerce". The prototypes are poured concrete (in 3' tall rings) rising 65' above water level. The [model] piers are proportionate but selectively compressed. They support a similarly proportioned model bridge for my O scale layout. I researched, designed, painted, and wired (for lights) 5 piers. Two of these piers are works in progress. I designed the bridge shoes (they are an 11-piece kit), assembled, and painted them."



Dennis Vaccaro's HON3 Push Snow Plow, above, built of castings from the molds that he made himself.

Mike Hohn's
HO scale
Canadian
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boxcar.



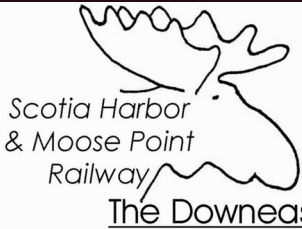


Two HO scale kit-bashing projects from the January B'n'B contest: John Gallagher's Union RR coke cars, above, and Jimmy Braum's W&LE ballast cars, below.



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| 2. Keystone Steam & Electric ; Edson; Wayner Publ; softbound | \$ 5 |
| 3. Pittsburgh & Lake Erie Railroad ; McLean; Golden West Books | \$ 10 |
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| 5. Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railway, The Story of the High & Dry ; Worley & Poellot; Withers; signed by Poellot. | \$ 15 |
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| 12. Pennsy Steam & Semaphores ; Westing; Bonanza. | \$ 10 |
| 13. "I Remember Pennsy" ; Wood; AudioVisual Designs | \$ 9 |
| 14. The Pennsylvania Rail Road, A Pictorial History ; Alexander; Bonanza | \$ 9 |
| 15. A Treasury of Railroad Folklore ; Botkin & Harlow, ed.; Bonanza | \$ 6 |
| 16. America's Railroad, The Official Guidebook (Durango & Silverton); Royem; Durango & Silverton | \$ 5 |
| 17. North American Railroad Bridges ; Solomon; Voyageur Press | \$ 15 |
| 18. West Virginia Logging Railroads ; Warden; TLC Publ. | \$ 10 |
| 19. American Heritage History of Railroads in America ; Jensen; McGraw-Hill. | \$ 15 |
| 20. The Pennsylvania Railroad's Golden Triangle, Main Line Panorama in the Pittsburgh Area ; Kobus & Consoli; softbound. | \$ 9 |
| 21. The Pennsy in the Steel City, 150 Years of the PRR in Pittsburgh ; Kobus & Consoli; softbound. | \$ 10 |
| 22. On the Mainline, The PRR in the 19th Century ; Alexander; Bramhall House | \$ 7 |
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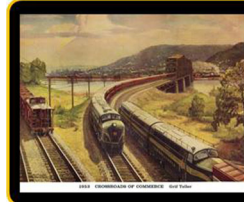
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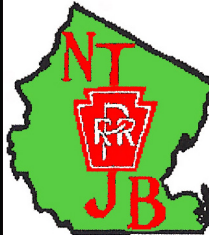
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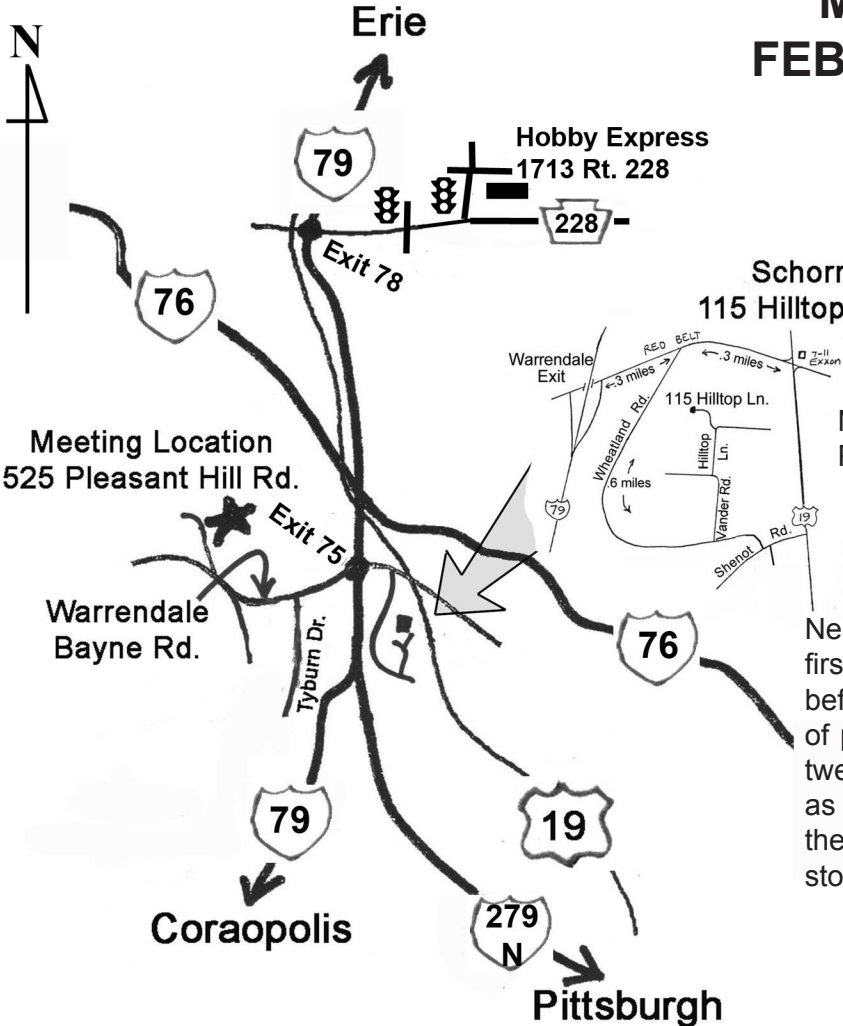
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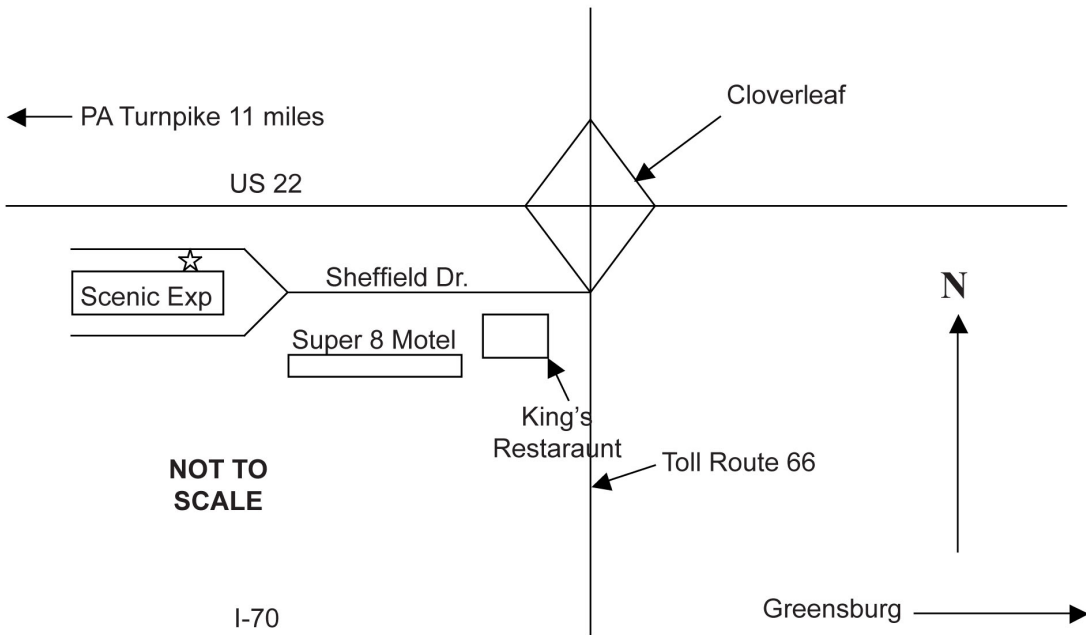
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No Parking on Hilltop Ln. Park on Vander Rd.

Neal suggests stopping at his place first, then head to Hobby Express before the meeting. There are tons of places to eat along Route 19 between my house and Hobby Express as well. You can then shoot back to the meeting after you visit the hobby store.

MAP FOR THE MARCH 18, 2018 MEETING

Delmont is about 11 miles east of PA Turnpike (Monroeville). Sheffield Drive is at a traffic light just south of the 22-66 cloverleaf. Scenic Express is around the right side of the building called Sheffield Business Center.



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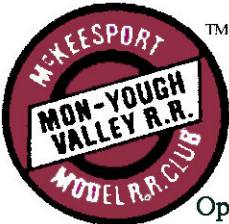



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