



George Pandelios provided this photo of his O scale version of the PRR Panhandle Bridge spanning the Ohio at Weirton/Steubenville. Details about this model and other BnB entries begin on page 3.



Division Meeting Schedule

March 17, 2019 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society
128 Pleasant Street, Morgantown, WV 26505
Program: Ian Gray: Trolley System in Morgantown

Saturday, April 27 - Model Railroad Jamboree
Robert Morris University Yorktown Hall
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Bring'n'Brag*

Jan	Anything goes
Feb	Motive Power: Diesel, Electric & Traction
Mar	Motive Power: Steam
Apr	* Jamboree *
May	Freight Cars
Jun	Non-Revenue (incl. cabooses)
Aug	Passenger Cars
Sep	Vehicles
Oct	Structures
Nov	Prototype Photos

* Note: New categories for 2019 *

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From the Super's Desk

The days are getting longer since we are almost into March and the February winter weather will be a thing of the past. Most of us have stayed indoors and worked on the railroad, but with the onset of spring, our thoughts turn to working outdoors in the yard, washing the car, getting things ready for summer and for us railroaders, it means it's time to railfan.

One thing that I do not like about railfanning these days is seeing a freight train stretch up to 2 miles long, with 150 cars or more. This is the thoughts of the major Class 1 railroads to have longer trains. This eliminates another train, engineer and conductor, so you have less people but will have fuel savings, and wear and tear on another set of locomotives. But a concern is that the longer trains could create long delays at grade crossings, and may pose safety concerns to the crews and to the general public.

Are Class 1 railroads ready to take that upon themselves? What happens if a freight train blocks a grade crossing for a significant period of time? This could keep emergency vehicles from getting to people that need them. How about the safety concern for a conductor to have to walk his train maybe over a mile to check on a brake line or other equipment defect? That could mean a 2-mile round trip for the conductor. There are also concerns that longer trains could lead to loss of radio communications among crew members. The radio walkie talkie only has a certain range, so to communicate with the engineer he would have to use his personal cell phone, and that means he may or may not have cell signal. I am concerned as a railfan, just not for myself but for everyone else.

I want to mention a Division Two sponsored event that is coming up on March 22 and 23 at the Ramada Inn at Greensburg, PA. It is the Railroad Prototype Modelers meet, held this year near Pittsburgh. The event will have lots of clinics, model displays, vendors and of course good all-around fellowship with other railroad modelers. So please plan on attending this fine event, chaired by our own Steve Ross. Cost is \$35.00 for the weekend and \$ 20.00 if you only want to take in one day. If you have not been to an RPM before, this will be your chance, so plan on attending.

One last piece of news that I would like to relay, is that Alden McBee will be stepping down from chairing the Bring N Brag contest for this past year. He has done one whale of a job, and I for one am sad to see him "retire" from Bring N Brag. But all is not lost, Arley Mitchell has agreed to step up and take on the Chairmanship. So, in my opinion, the division will not lose a "step" in this transition.

I hope to see all of you in Morgantown on St. Patrick's Day, March 17th, with four layouts open, a program and a really fun day in West Virginia.

... Keith DeVault

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Bring'N'Brag

This was the first meeting where the new Bring-n-Brag guidelines/rules were used because the January meeting was cancelled due to weather. For the same reason, there were two categories for February: Anything Goes (to make up for January) and Motive Power—Diesel, electric and traction.

In the **Anything Goes** (January) category, there were four entries. First Place was won by Neal Schorr for his O scale house with front porch. This is a stock craftsman kit from the now defunct “Scale University” and is typical of small frame houses found throughout the northeastern United States. Neal added window shades, kept a few windows open and did light weathering. He provided photos showing the house as installed on the layout.



Second place went to George Pandelios for photos of his Panhandle Bridge diorama (see cover photo of this month's *Flyer*), a work in progress. The 1902 ft. prototype double track bridge between Steubenville, OH and Weirton, WV was constructed in 1926 by American Bridge and was made famous by Grief Teller in his 1953 PRR calendar painting, “Crossroads of Commerce.” RailroadBackdrops.com provided the backdrop from photos taken on board a boat. Pier models were constructed to Visio drawings and from specifications that George created after researching the piers. Working navigation lights were placed on appropriate piers to match the prototype. 14 weight-bearing bridge shoes were cut to Visio drawings and specs he provided. Bridge pedestals were scratch-built and painted. The bridge model was constructed by East Coast Enterprises from research, photos and Visio drawings and plans George provided. Although compressed, the model is 11'9" including the stone arch at the eastern end.



Dennis Vaccaro and Jim Braum tied for 3rd place. Jim entered a pair of autoracks (above) for which he supplied the fictitious history: [These were] “Purchased by the HO scale Wheeling and Lake Erie to serve an auto manufacturing plant in New Stanton, PA and were among 40 dedicated service cars exclusively for the plant.” The ex SP car was weathered to simulate rusted and replaced panels. This was done by masking some panels and leaving others exposed. Three coats of Brown rust from Doc's weathering powders kit were applied followed by Dullcote. Tape was removed, and the whole car was given a coat of Dullcote. The ex MKT car was weathered to simulate an autorack in serious need of panel replacement. The inspiration for this car was an ex BN car seen in Wilmerding, PA in 6/18. Jim used the hair spray method of weathering which is popular among war modelers. Dennis also entered an N scale oil/coal shed (not pictured). This is a laser/cast urethane kit. Besides N scale, MCR Div. 2 is offering these in O, S, and HO scales as a fundraiser.

Alden McBee



There were also four entries in the (February) category **Motive Power: Diesel, electric, and traction**. Jim Braum took first place for his Wheeling & Lake Erie SD40-3 3068 (top). The prototype was ex Montana Rail Link and was rebuilt by WE in their Brewster, Ohio shops in 1999 and had upgraded electronics. Jim stripped the factory MRL paint and did a custom repaint using Badger Modelflex DRGW orange. He used a Highball Graphics Wheeling & Lake Erie locomotive decal set, warning label set and Micromark visibility reflector set. It was weathered according to a 2017 photograph in Bruceton, PA. Any blue showing is per the prototype.

Photos by Larry Willming.



In second place was Arley Mitchell's Atlas ICG GP38ACs (above). He added DCC, custom painted and weathered them. Pictures showing progress start to finish accompanied the diesel models.

Tying for 3rd were Dennis Vaccaro and Bob DiBenedetto. Bob entered a pair of HO Conrail Atlas Silver Series GP40-2 (at right), which are equipped with Kadee couplers and weathered.



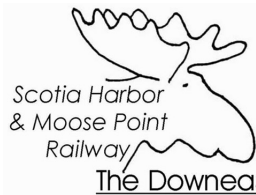
Dennis entered an HOn30 heavy switcher. It has a European TT scale body with an N gauge RSD3 drive (possibly Con Cor). The frame is 0.020" styrene to mate the two and form the walkways and porch. The switcher has Bachmann EZ Mate 2 N scale couplers.



Thanks to all who shared their models!



Name	pts	Name	pts
Jim Braum	04	George Pandelios	02
Neal Schorr	03	Dennis Vaccaro	02
Arley Mitchell	02	Bob DiBenedetto	01



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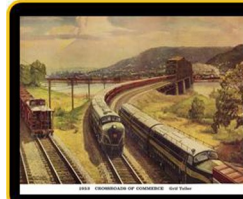
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OHIO RIVER NORTHERN RAILWAY CLUB

February 17, 2019 Business Meeting

Superintendent Keith DeVault gaveled the meeting open at 2:31 PM. He thanked the Rochester Historical Society for arranging the meeting this month..

There were no new members or guests. The hat was passed. The minutes from the November 2018 meeting as published in the Flyer were approved.

Committee Reports:

Pat Altdorfer reminded everyone that any submissions for the Keystone Flyer should be sent to him. Deadline for the next Flyer is February 25.

Treasurer Jeff Gregg reported that the division finished 2018 in the black; it continues to be solvent. Andy Blenko was not present so there was no report on the convention account.

Programs: Assistant Superintendent Frank Benders reminded everyone that March's meeting will be in Morgantown, WV. The program for the meeting is TBD, but the layouts of Keith DeVault and Mike Hohn will be open from 11am to 1:30pm and after the meeting. Ken Colvin's layout will be open 11am to 1:30pm. April's meeting will take place at the Jamboree. May's meeting will be in Dawson, PA.

Company Store: Susan Werner reported that the store was open for business and that books ordered would in by next month's meeting. The list of available books was published in the last Keystone Flyer.

Membership/Website: Tom Gaus reported that membership is stable at 225 and noted that because the Jamboree is using PayPal as a payment method, the website was forced to use a secure certificate. This will appear as https in the website URL (address bar). It also means that we can accept PayPal for the 2020 Convention. He also indicated that the website is up to date. If anyone has local events or information, please send it to him.

FreeMo: Pat Altdorfer reported that the next Free-Mo show was in July. He said that they had a great response in January and that the South Hills group wanted to coordinate with us again. He noted the need for volunteers and then introduced Rob Twigger as the builder of a new loop. The module runs well and is "free to a good home" as long as the owner brings it to all the shows during the year.

Bring N' Brag: Alden McBee announced that this meeting represented the first use of the new Bring-N-Brag rules and that a copy had been placed on the table outside the meeting room. And because January's meeting had been cancelled, there were actually two BnB contests – "Anything Goes" and "Motive Power: Diesel, Electric and Traction" - running simultaneously.

Video Library: Bud Brock reported that he had a DVD on painting figures with him today.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro reported that he has a Golden Spike achievement under consideration as well as an evaluation of a track plan for the Civil Engineering and Dispatcher AP awards.

T-Trak has had two showings so far this year – Greenberg and the club's own show. Other than a few episodes of children and adults grabbing trains, the shows have been very successful. The new modules are operating much better. Dennis showed the new T-Trak sign. Dennis noted that future exhibits of the T-Trak modules will take place at the Jamboree, the Narrow-Gauge Convention, and the two other Greenberg shows. He indicated that the modules have motivated people to think about re-starting their interest. Frank Benders informed the membership that the Gary Kohler (Portland Locomotive Works) has a new laser cutter and is able to cut frames for T-Trak modules. Please let Dennis know if you are interested in T-Trak. Dennis also has some shirts available for \$20 each.\

Old Business: None.

New Business:

Grier Kuhn asked the members to recommend a trustworthy buyer of Lionel trains. Jim Whipple announced that he is assisting in the selling of HO and S items from the estate of David Felmley. If you are interested, please contact Jim.

Neal Schorr is seeking people willing to open their layouts for tours at the Jamboree. Please contact him if you are willing to do so.

Grier also noted that Jim Sacco has put out a commemorative box car celebrating City Classics' 30th year in business. This is a limited edition; only 30 have been made. Twenty are sold; the rest will be available at the March meeting and at the Jamboree.

Jamboree: Grier reminded members that the venue (used last year) will be the same for this one. There will be more space available for the increasingly popular White Elephant Sale. Keith noted that his wife Janet will be running the sales and checkout process and it will be a lot faster than last year's. The ORNY bunch will be assisting Janet. If you wish to speed up the item registration process, please fill out the form and send it (email or snail mail) to Keith and Janet. Be sure to use your 3 initials and a number for each item. If you have quality items to donate to the raffle, please bring them that morning (April 27). The raffle is a huge income boost.

Grier noted that the agenda will feature, among other clinics, a laser kit clinic by Mike Hohn. Dan Cupper, an author and retired NS locomotive engineer, will be doing a clinic as well as speaking on transportation at the banquet.

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Saturday April 27, 2019
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Jamboree News

Jamboree Layout Tours

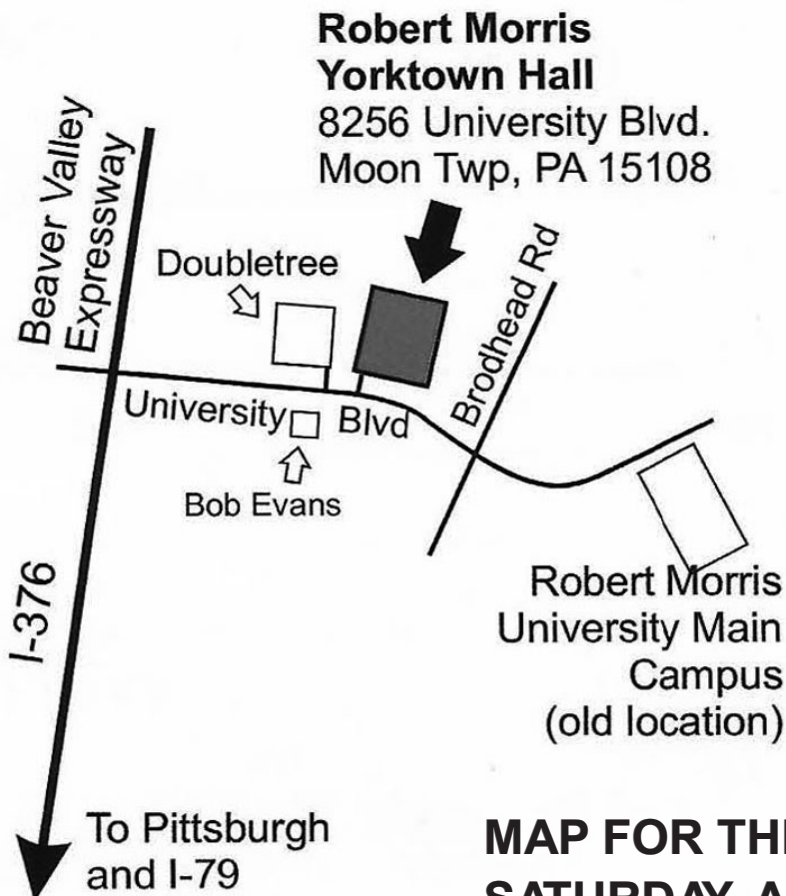
Grier Kuehn reports: "Neal Schorr is once again busy lining up Sunday layout tours for the Jamboree. As always, detailed maps to the open layouts will be provided in your registration packet. What a great way to get inspired as you check out fellow Division members' empires."

Model Contest Challenge

Jim Sacco reminds that this year's special modeling challenge is to build a 'classic structure kit' (i.e. a kit dated 1977 or older, before the advent of super-detailed craftsman kits and the like), and "pretty close to the way it comes, just much nicer than you did when you were 12 years old!" A bit more detail can be found in Jim's model contest rules published in the January 2019 *Keystone Flyer* and [online here on the Jamboree webpage](#).

Jamboree Checklist

- Register (online at keystonedivision.org)
- Bring a Friend
- Bring Contest Entries
- Bring Items to Display
- Bring Items to Sell at the White Elephant Sale
- Bring Donations for the Raffle
- Bring Cash for Purchases



MAP FOR THE JAMBOREE ON SATURDAY, APRIL 27, 2019

Minutes ... (cont'd)

Steel City Express Convention 2020: Keith noted that the convenient registration form is finished. He will be speaking at the 2019 MCR Convention in Boardman and needs photos (JPEGs) of layouts immediately (by March 1).

For the Good of the Division:

Neal Schorr announced that Jim Sacco's layout was featured in *Model Railroad Planning for 2019*. He also noted that Larry Willming's layout appeared in *Classic Toy Trains* (Neal is the author). Further, he indicated that Steven Schorr had a photograph of the Lycoming Valley Railroad published in the *2019 North Shore Railroad Calendar* (December 2019).

Keith DeVault noted that George Pandelios had an article called

"Starting A New Layout" in the January / February issue of *O Scale Trains*. He also has an article titled "Accurately Representing Automobiles in 1950's America" in the March / April issue of *O Scale Trains*.

Steve (?) spoke about the RPM-East meet in Greensburg March 22-23. The operating sessions (8 layouts) will be held on Thursday. Layout tours will be on Sunday. There are already 90 people from 14 different states pre-registered. Registration is \$35 before March 1 and \$45 afterwards.

Keith noted that the next meeting would be on March 17. The meeting was adjourned at 3:05pm.

Following the business meeting, Superintendent Keith presented a slideshow on images of the Chessie System.



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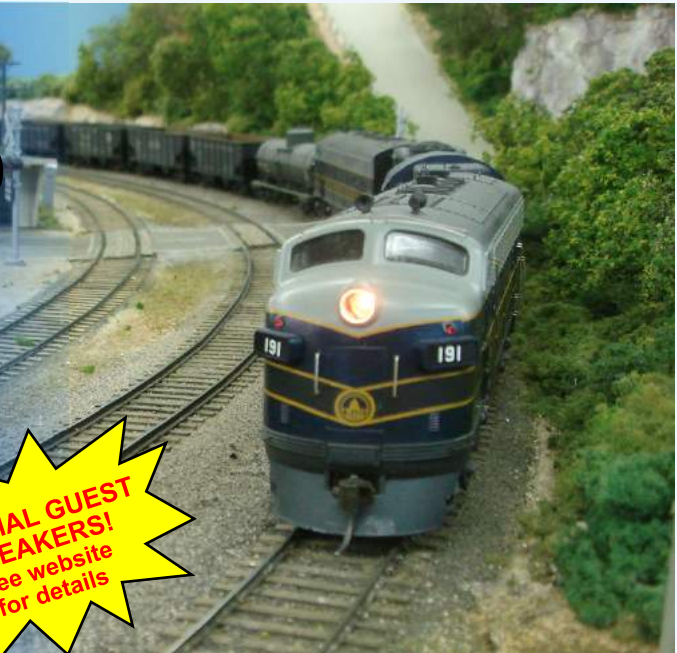


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It's a one day gathering of model railroaders where modelers can share their hobby with others, learn more about the hobby and have fun in the process! It is not, however, a train sale or show. Our event is different and features the activities listed below.

What goes on at one of these events?

There are a variety of activities. Some of the most popular are instructional seminars or clinics presented on a variety of topics. There are also model contests, space to display models you've built, a large raffle of high quality railroad items, the opportunity to meet other modelers, a buffet dinner and after-dinner program. It's a way to learn more about railroading and meet others who have the same interests.

Do you have to be an NMRA member to attend?

No! But with the special offer above, everyone who qualifies can enjoy a trial membership and enjoy all of the local activities that NMRA members enjoy year 'round! You'll get our local newsletter informing you of who we are and what is taking place locally.

What are the "clinics" that you mentioned?

Each one runs an hour and there are about 12 different topics to choose from. They may include slide presentations, actual demonstrations and open discussion on a variety of model and prototype railroad subjects. The clinics are informal and open to everyone who attends. We will try to have a timetable available ahead of time so that attendees may plan out their day.

What model contests do you have?

We have three separate categories for models - Motive Power, Rolling Stock and Structure/Displays. Anyone may bring models to enter and judging is by popular vote of those in attendance. Plaques will be given to the winners in each category. Bring your models to share with others! Special contests may be added. See our website for details.

What other activities do you have?

A white elephant table will be available where everyone can bring items to sell. Bring any train related items you can find in your closet and we'll sell it for you for a small commission! There may also be small switching layouts in operation throughout the day. There will be space where attendees can gather, relax, and meet. Our local division will also have it's "Company Store" open for modelers to purchase a variety of items. There's a little of something for everyone.

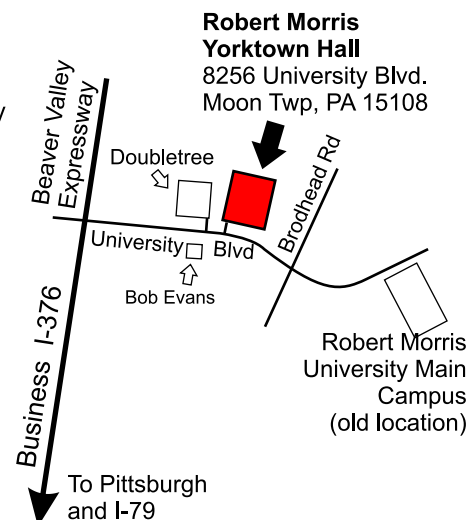
What about meals?

A lunch buffet is included with your registration along with coffee and doughnuts in the morning.

How formal is the banquet?

It's not formal at all. It's actually a buffet dinner that concludes the day's activities. Dinner is followed by a brief awards presentation and after-dinner speaker. A great way to end a day of fun and friendship!

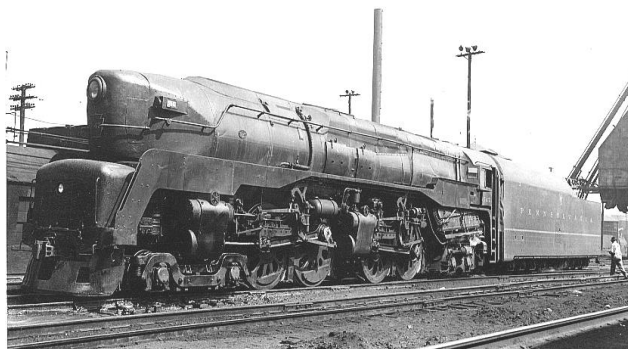
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