

**The Jamboree is SATURDAY, APRIL 13!**



Photo by Dominic Martinelli



## **Editor's Model of the Month**

Steve Ross won first place in the Bring'n'Brag contest last month with his model of Eidenau Station, based on prototype photos that he found online. You can read more about how he created this structure using two of the Division Two fundraising kits — the Telegraph Office from Portland Locomotive Works — in the Bring'n'Brag contest report on page 5.

## **Meeting Schedule**

**Saturday, April 13, 2024 - Model RR Jamboree**  
Community College of Allegheny County — Boyce Campus  
595 Beatty Road  
Monroeville, PA 15146  
Sunday: Layout Tours (self-guided)

**May 19, 2024 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm**  
Ohio Valley Lines Model Railroad Club  
1225 Merchant Street  
Ambridge, PA 15003  
Program: TBD

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## **Bring'n'Brag**

Jan	Anything Goes
Feb	Motive Power: Diesel / Steam / Electric / Traction
Mar	Railroad Structures / Commercial Structures
Apr	*** Model Railroad Jamboree ***
May	Bridges and Trestles
Jun	Photos (Prototype and Model)
Aug	Vehicles (at the Picnic)
Sep	Freight Cars
Oct	Non-Revenue (incl. cabooses)

**Submission Deadline for next Flyer:  
April 21, 2024**

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## From the Super's Desk

Over the past several months, I've written about becoming more engaged in the activities of the Keystone Division. This month, you all have a great engagement opportunity – The Keystone Division Jamboree!

This annual event is a one-day mini convention for NMRA members. While we often have a few members from other divisions, this event is FOR the Keystone Division membership.

The Jamboree Committee, headed up by Grier Kuehn and Neal Schorr, have put together a full day:

- Welcome Breakfast & Lunch surrounded by 12 clinics;
- Popular Vote Model Contests, incl. "Trains & Fantasy";
- White Elephant room where you can sell model railroad items you no longer need or purchase items you do need;
- Door Prizes and Raffles; and
- Layout Tours the day after the Jamboree.

All of this is included in the single registration fee. For an extra fare, there is a banquet and guest speaker.

You'll have the opportunity to meet other area members and see firsthand what a great group of people the members of our division are. If you're like me, you will probably meet someone who becomes a new modeling friend and learn something that will help you in your modeling.

The Jamboree is YOUR event! It is organized so our members can gather and enjoy the social side of the model railroading community. Grier and Neal have gotten clinicians that give great presentations about topics that will be useful to a variety of modelers. They have organized the event so attendees (our members) can enjoy a day of model railroading.

All we need now is YOU! Get registered and get here! Come and learn a new skill or new information. Come and meet someone new. If we haven't met before, come and introduce yourself to me! Come and tour the great layouts that will be open on Sunday.

But come! You won't be disappointed!

... *Dennis Coglianese*

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## March 17, 2024 Business Meeting

The March 17, 2024 Division Two Meeting was called to order at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent Dennis Coglianesi at the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society in Morgantown, WV, with 44 members and guests. The Host President Richard Turton thanked everyone for coming to Morgantown and hoped everyone enjoyed visiting the two home layouts and the three layouts at the society.

The Division welcomed new Member Dave Trader from Morgantown and also Bob Meier as a guest from Hagerstown, MD area. The minutes as published in the Keystone Flyer were approved with a first by Dennis Vaccaro and second by Steve Ross.

### Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer Editor Patrick Altdorfer was not present but sent his report, stating that the Flyer deadline for next month is a week from each meeting. He has openings for more pike ads in the flyer and also has some people that have not paid for their ad for this year.

Jeff Gregg and Andy Blenko, the two Division treasurers, reported the financial accounting of the Division.

Programs by George Pandelios, Assistant Superintendent, were announced as the April Meeting will be our annual Jamboree to be held on April 13<sup>th</sup> at the CCAC Boyce Campus, which is a new venue for all of us. The May meeting will be at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge and the June Meeting will be at the Marshall Township Building in Wexford. George is looking for programs for after the meetings. Please contact him. He is willing to help presenters with their programs.

Company Store — Susan Werner has some City Classics swing sets, window dressings, lot of NMRA pins and accessories for sale.

Membership Chairman Ken Hanawalt stated that we have 199 active members on the roster, which is up from 196 the previous month.

There were no new reports for the Financial Oversight Committee, Audit Committee or Website.

Social media, by Jimmy Braum, stated that the Keystone Division Facebook page has 22 likes and 36 followers, including Lucy Dormont, the national Social Media Director from NMRA National Headquarters.

Free-Mo – Patrick Altdorfer not present, but Dave Martinelli reported that they are looking for new members and the committee members will always maintain each module for showing. He hopes to get back to the Greenberg Shows as it was announced that it will be coming back to the Monroeville Convention Center.

Bring & Brag – Dominic Martinelli filling in and maybe taking over for Tracy Boyd had 26 votes for the 5 different Structures with First Place going to Steve Ross for his station model, 2<sup>nd</sup> to Tom Catalano for his N Scale Farm and 3<sup>rd</sup> to Rick Montgomery for his Theater Display.

There was no report on the Video Library.

T-TRAK – Jimmy Braum stated that T-Trak will be set up at the Jamboree in April.

Grier Kuehn and Neal Schorr reported on the upcoming Jamboree, which will be at the new venue at CCAC Boyce Campus in Monroeville, with 12 Clinics, free breakfast pastries, lunch buffet all included in your registration. They would like to see everyone attend, as White Elephant will have tables along with T-Trak and the Company Store.

Achievement Program – Dennis Vaccaro was happy to pass an Achievement Certificate to Kevin Squire for his model of a Caboose. He also stated the Susan Werner would like everyone that has ever received an Achievement Certificate or Golden Spike Award to email her stating what it is and the year that you received the certificate.

Old Business - None.

New Business - Mike DeSensi has stepped down as Chief Clerk, the Superintendent has appointed Keith DeVault as replacement until the elections. Keith DeVault and Dennis Liippert both put in their names for the position to be voted on next month.

### For the Good of the Division

Dave Martinelli announced that the Free-Mo Committee is working on new modules and has started a mentorship program to help anyone get started with Free-Mo Modules. Please step up and take on this exciting model railroading project.

George Pandelios talked about Railfan Dan Productions. He is a producer of 4K quality drone videos featuring some of the most stunning scenery in the Western United States. These can be found on You Tube.

Jimmy Braum made some statements on East Broad Top and the existing news about their new trackage and other improvements.

Steve Ross presented a check as Chairman of the Railroad Prototype Modelers to Jeff Gregg as Division Treasurer for the Division sponsoring the RPM meeting in March at Westmoreland Community College. Steve announced that they had over 200 people attend from 17 different states and one from Canada.

### What's on your Workbench?

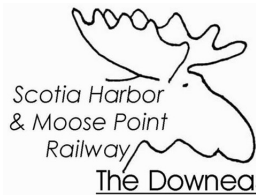
Dennis Liippert has cleaned up his workbench; Neal Schorr is working on the last area of his layout, about 24 square feet. Jimmy Braum replaced a bridge and put down a new passing siding with new switches.

### What's your Problem?

Ken Hanawalt had problems with the joint on his duck under and he soldered two rail joiners on the track along with a small hole to help him place the joiners on the duck under. Dave Martinelli needs some help with wiring three different switch machines with different amps and voltages.

Meeting adjourned 3:30pm; next meeting April 13 at the Jamboree.





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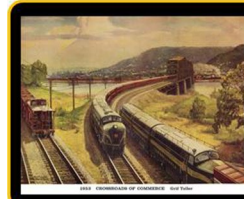
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March 2024

*Editor's Note: Susan Werner stepped in to run the Bring 'n' Brag contest in Rick's emergency absence; due to work scheduling conflicts, Tracy Boyd stepped down as co-chair of the B'n'B contest, and Dominic Martinelli stepped up to take her place as co-chair with Richard. Susan submitted the following comprehensive report.*

The category for the Bring and Brag contest was **Structures: Railroad / Commercial**. There were five excellent entries offered.

The **first-place** entry was the Eidenau Station modeled by **Steve Ross** (right). He describes his model this way: "Eidenau is north of Pittsburgh where the B&O P&W Subdivision split with the mainline going to New Castle and the branch to Butler. The model was inspired by these photos of Eidenau Station on the [Pennsylvania Railroad Stations Past & Present website](#) (by [Dan West](#)). I had one of the Telegraph Office kits from Portland Locomotive Works that the Division was selling as fundraisers. It didn't quite work for the non-RR office I was planning, so I bought a second kit to extend the waiting room section and model the Eidenau building. The station names were made on a laser printer. The MU telegraph code in the windows are dry transfers. The snow guard on the roof was scratchbuilt from scale 2x8's. The outside lamp is a Tichy part. I'm still searching for an appropriate brick chimney for the 1950s look.



The **second-place** entry was an N-scale farm diorama modeled by **Tom Catalano** (left). He used a train show find of a Kibri Marburger Milking Barn which he disassembled, repainted, reassembled and added details. Additionally, on the diorama there was a Country Barn by American Model Builders. It was well assembled and painted and weathered. All of the additional details added to the appeal of the diorama.

The **third-place** entry was the Paramount Theater built by **Rick Montgomery** (right). This model was a Walthers Rivoli Theater kit. He painted and weathered the building with model paints and powders. He added a Miller Electronics "Paramount" sign and marquee. He edited the sign on his computer to show it hosting Dean Martin and Frank Sinatra.



Also entered was a color photograph of the Weirton Steel open hearth furnace (left) modeled by **George Pandellos**. The fifth entry was a water tower (below) modeled by **Frank Benders**.



The Jamboree features its own model contest, but the Bring'n'Brag contest returns at the meeting in May, with the category **Bridges and Trestles**. All entries must be presented to the Bring'n'Brag chair no later than 2pm in order to be considered.



Name	pts
Grier Kuehn	6
Arley Mitchell	4
Rick Montgomery	4
Erik Fritzberg	3
Steve Ross	3
Tom Catalano	2
Richie Jodon	2



# MEETING TIMETABLE

## Saturday, April 13: Model Railroad Jamboree, Monroeville, PA

The event that almost needs no introduction (re-read page 6 if you are lost), this year will be held at a new (to us) venue, the Community College of Allegheny County, Boyce Campus (595 Beatty Road, Monroeville, PA 15146).

From points east or west: Take US Route 22 to Monroeville, turn north onto Haymaker Road, continue onto Beatty Road;

From the south: Take I-76 West to the Pittsburgh/Monroeville exit, then take US 22 East to left onto Old William Penn Highway, and turn right onto Beatty Road;

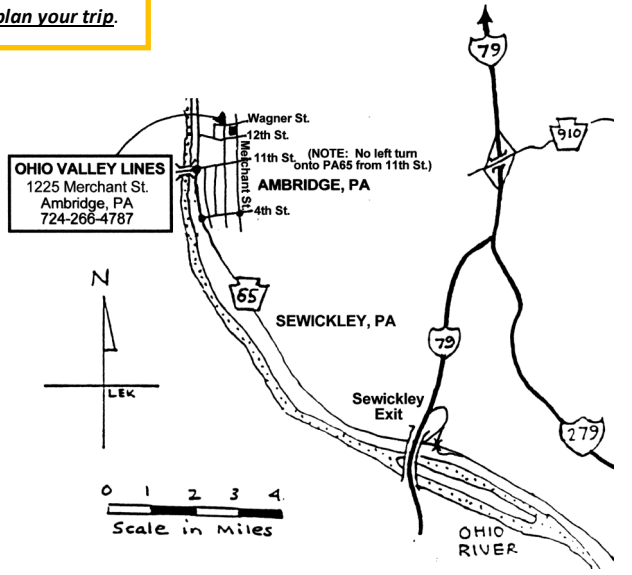
From the north/northwest: Take I-76 East to the Pittsburgh/Monroeville exit, then take US 22 West to north onto Haymaker Road, continue onto Beatty Road.



The maps provided are for general orientation; as always, **please use a real map (or GPS) to plan your trip.**

## May 19: Ohio Valley Lines, Ambridge, PA

Our May meeting will be held at the Ohio Valley Lines model railroad club (1225 Merchant Street, Ambridge, PA 15003). The club hosts our meeting regularly and boasts two excellent scale model railroad layouts, a very large HO scale layout on the ground floor and a sizable and growing N scale layout in the basement. At this writing, a post-meeting program has not yet been arranged, but George Pandelios is entertaining offers for this (and future) programs.



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Due to my Parkinson's not getting better, I have decided to thin out my collection of HO scale cars, kits, and ready-to-run rolling stock and accessories. Among the items I have are the following:

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- Mark Hoeller

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NEXT MEETING:  
 Model Railroad Jamboree, Monroeville, PA, April 13

 <p><b>Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society</b>        128 Pleasant Street        Morgantown, WV 26505</p> <p>Meeting Thursdays at 7:00 PM</p> <p><a href="http://www.MVRCC.org">www.MVRCC.org</a>        Call Rich Henderson (304) 276-1046 for more info</p>	 <p><b>MID-MON VALLEY        MODEL RAILROAD        CLUB</b></p> <p><b>159 Main Street, New Eagle, PA</b>  <b>Meetings: Fridays 7:30 pm</b></p>
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## Executive Officers Election

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Mike DeSensi has withdrawn as a candidate for Chief Clerk, and as such, new nominations were solicited for that position at the March 17 meeting. The statements of these two nominees are presented for the first time below, followed by the statements from the uncontested nominees for Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, republished. The election will take place during the brief business meeting portion of the Jamboree on Saturday, April 13.

### Chief Clerk

My name is **Keith DeVault** and I would like to be considered for the Division Two Chief Clerk's position. I have 4 years previous experience in that position before coming Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent along with being General Chairman of the Division's Regional Convention last year. I have the knowledge and experience to continue to serve this great Division.

My name is **Dennis Lippert**, and I'm running for the position of Chief Clerk for Division 2. I have been a Division member since 1990, and have held the positions of secretary and newsletter editor in other organizations in the past — as well as being Div 2 chief clerk briefly about a decade ago. I had to resign during my elected term, due to a schedule change at work that had me working Sunday afternoons, so I could not regularly attend our meetings. With that schedule conflict behind me now, I'd be happy to step back into the role.

### Superintendent

My name is **Dennis Coglianesi**, and I am a candidate for Division Superintendent, a position I have held for the past two years. I'd like to tell you a bit about myself if we haven't already met. I am a native New Yorker and grew up on Long Island in the original Levittown. I moved to Pittsburgh in 1991 and you couldn't get me to move back to Long Island. I've been married to my wife Debbie for almost 46 years and have 3 grown children (all married) and 4 grandchildren. I was in the Information Technology field for over 50 years and have done everything from programming to operations to IT Management to consulting. I have been retired for a little over a year now, which gives me more time to enjoy family and hobby interests.

My grandfather had a Lionel layout in his basement in Brooklyn and I was bitten by the bug when I was somewhere between 2 and 4 years old. A Levitt house didn't have a basement, so I tried many tricks to build a layout, including convincing friends with garages that they needed to build one. I was a member of several clubs on Long Island before moving to Pittsburgh, where I joined the Western Pennsylvania Model Railroad Museum and am now a life member. I am currently building a model railroad in my basement that is a freelanced line located in the San Joaquin Valley during the 1950s. I have a great crew of guys helping me build and operate it.

I've been a member of the Keystone Division since 2009 and I have served as the Division's Superintendent since 2022. I like the sense of community that brings us together and hope to find new ways for us to share and learn from each other. I have enjoyed serving the Keystone Division for the past two years and would appreciate your consideration to allow me to continue serving as your superintendent.

### Assistant Superintendent

**George Pandelios** is a retired software executive, consultant, programmer, and project manager whose career has spanned 41 years. Most recently he taught software engineering and other computer-related courses at La Roche University, but has also worked at Carnegie Mellon University's Software Engineering Institute. As a project manager he made a major contribution to the implementation of EZ-Pass on the Pennsylvania, Ohio, and West Virginia turnpikes.

George has been a member of Division 2 since 1998 and currently serves as Assistant Superintendent. He is a member of the Board of Directors of the Weirton Area Museum and Cultural Center and has also been active in the Steel Mill Modelers SIG. He models the Pennsylvania Railroad's Panhandle Division in 3-rail O scale. Recently, his articles have been featured in *O Scale Trains* magazine.

George resides with his wife Judy in Cranberry Township.





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