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# THE *Keystone Flyer*

MCR  
Div. 2



## *Editor's Model of the Month by Dick Flock*

### Division Meeting Schedule

**March 15, 2015** - Mon Valley RR Historical Society.,  
128 Pleasant St, Morgantown, WV 26505

Layouts: Mike Hohn & Keith DeVault layouts open  
10:00 AM - Noon; Club open at noon. Mike and Keith  
open for 1 hour after the program.

Program: Kenton Colvin, Impact of Railroads on WW I

**Saturday, April 25, 2015 - Division 2 Jamboree** -  
Sewall Center, Robert Morris University, 6001 Univer-  
sity Blvd, Moon, PA 15108

**May 17, 2015** - McKeesport Model RR Club, 2209 Wal-  
nut St, McKeesport, PA 15132

**June 2015 - Date TBD.** Youngstown Model RR Club,  
751 North 4 Mile Run Rd, Youngstown, OH 44515

### Bring'n'Brag

<b>Jan</b>	Anything Goes
<b>Feb</b>	Homes & Residential Structures
<b>Mar</b>	Built Resin Kits
<b>May</b>	Diesel Locomotives
<b>Jun</b>	Diners & Lounges
<b>Aug</b>	Commercial Structures
<b>Sep</b>	Paper Industry
<b>Oct</b>	Refrigerated Cars
<b>Nov</b>	Open Hopper Cars

**Submission Deadline for the April Flyer:**

**March 27, 2015**

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# From the Super's Desk

## Stops Along the Mainline

Looking at the calendar, I see several activities around our division and region: the RPM-East in March, the Model Railroad Jamboree in April, and the Mid-Central Region Annual Convention in May.

Coming up in just a couple of weeks is the Railroad Prototype Modeler Seminar, or RPM-East for short. It will take place March 27-28th at the Ramada Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center on Route 30 east of Greensburg. Sponsored by our division, this seminar is really two days of clinics on a variety of subjects, with an optional banquet. In addition there will be vendors and a large room of models, mostly rolling stock, motive power and structures. Activities include operating sessions and self-guided layout tours. Clinic topics range from types of rolling stock to railroad history, translating prototype scenes and operations to models, and industries served by rail.

Check it out at: [http://www.hansmanns.org/rpm\\_east/](http://www.hansmanns.org/rpm_east/)

The 2015 Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree will be held at the Sewall Center at Robert Morris University, April 25th and 26th. Clinics, model contests, modular layout displays, white elephant tables, raffles and door prizes make up activities on Saturday with layout tours on Sunday April 26th. Lunch and snacks are included in the very reasonable registration fee. The informal banquet includes an after dinner speaker and presentation of Modeler of the Year award and popular vote contest winners. Cost for the banquet is extra. Clinics are still being rounded up but will be listed on the Jamboree website. I find this to be a relaxing event as well as educational. The meeting site is comfortable with easy, free parking, coffee and other drinks, and places to sit and converse with like-minded hobbyists.

Details are available here: [http://www.keystonedivision.org/jamboree\\_files/jamb2013.html](http://www.keystonedivision.org/jamboree_files/jamb2013.html)

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Finally, our regional convention this year travels to the fine small city of Lexington, KY, May 14-17th. Several days of clinics, prototype and spouse tours, open layouts, and operating sessions will keep you pretty busy. Then there are models on display, optional banquet Saturday evening, and company store. The always entertaining and occasionally provocative NMRA President Charlie Getz will be the banquet speaker, so if you missed him at our Jamboree two years ago here's your chance. It's an easy drive to Lexington--south to Charleston WV and turn right--and being near the fringe of our region I expect a different stable of speakers than we have seen lately. I've signed up and hope to see lots of Division 2 members there.

More at the convention website: <http://thoroughbredlimited2015.yolasite.com>

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# Minutes

The meeting was convened by Superintendent Hohn at 2:30 p.m. This month, we met at Western Pa. Model Railroad Museum. Approximately 35 people were present. The Superintendent thanked the Museum for hosting the meeting. Dennis Lippert represented the Museum. He welcomed the Division members and suggested they view the new trackwork and new lighting on the layout upstairs.

The only new member to attend was Joe Arnold. There were no guests.

The minutes from the previous meeting, as published in the Keystone Flyer, were approved as amended. Two new members names were spelled wrong.

## Reports

The Editor of the Keystone Flyer, Vagel, reminded people that the time to renew Pike Ads is here. Reminders will be mailed soon. Also, the deadline for submissions to the next edition of the Flyer is 20 February.

The Treasurer did not attend. His doctor recommended that he avoid the extremely cold weather. He submitted the following to the Superintendent: We have about \$1,700 in the checking with about \$600 in expenses. Carl Requested that Dick Flock and Tom Gaus forward any money they have collected for the Company Store and Jamboree respectively to keep our checking balance from getting too low. He will provide a more detailed report at the next meeting.

Programs - Keith also extended his thanks to the Museum for hosting the meeting. The March meeting will be in Morgantown. The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will have their layouts open for viewing before and after the meeting. The May meeting will be at the McKeesport Model RR Club. It's been awhile since we've been there. The June meeting will be at the Youngstown Model RR Club. Keith brought some slides he took of the Colorado Narrow Gauge. He'll show them after the meeting if there's enough interest. It was also pointed out that the June meeting will be on the fourth Sunday, not the third, due to Father's Day. There was a question about why we don't visit the Connellsville Club. It seems the people who own the restaurant/ building where the club is located are not open on Sundays.

Company Store - Dick reported that he will be leaving at 3:00 p.m. for Monroeville to help tear down the display at the Greenberg Show. He brought just a few books and calendars. If you're interested, see him before he leaves.

Membership/ Website - There was no report as Tom was at the Greenberg Show manning the Division Two tables.

Free-Mo Modules - Jerry Kyslinger is the new Chairman of the Free-Mo Group. He was also absent because he was at the Greenberg Show with our modules. Dennis Lippert

## John Gallagher

reported that we still have the Loop, but the Yard left with Bob Meir. He'd built both of them. The group is looking for new members and new ideas.

Bring N' Brag - There were four entries. Don Austel, the new Chairman, urged members to vote for their favorite.

Video Library - There was no report as Bud Brock was not present.

Achievement Program - There was no report as Dennis was on his way to Australia.

The Welcoming Committee had no report as Susan was also at the Greenberg Show.

## Old Business

Neill Schorr reported for the Jamboree Committee. They still need two clinicians to fill out the slate. They are looking for new topics and new presenters. If you've never given a clinic, think about giving one. Help is available. He urged people to enter one or more contests. The winner is chosen by popular vote. There are no esoteric rules or complicated paperwork to fill out. Pick out some of your best work and enter it. Ken Kobus will be the after dinner speaker and also give a clinic. His after dinner speech will be "About Time" or how the railroads used time in their daily operations.

## New Business

There was no new business.

## For the Good of the Order

Members were reminded not to follow their GPS blindly. Someone turned left, as the GPS told them to, when they should've turned right. They ended up on the railroad tracks as a train approached.

The meeting was adjourned to tally up the Bring N' Brag votes and watch slides. Remember, next month's meeting is in Morgantown.



## The Keystone Division

"Super," cont'd ...

As you can see, opportunities abound to learn something new, see something different, run into old acquaintances, and make some new friends.

... Mike Hohn



# Bring'n'Brag

February's contest was hosted by the Western PA Model Railroad Museum in Gibsonia, Pa. This month's contest category was "Homes & Residential Structures" and there were four Entries. Do to the cold weather and the Greenburg's Show meeting turnout was small, and it was nice to see everyone a winner for the month.

Dick Flock won first place, receiving 15 of 26 votes cast, for his HO scale Company House Row.

Second place was a tie won by Marjorie Meehan for her n-scale Kibri, Houses, Apartment building and Railroad worker's house, received 4 votes. Also winning Second was Bryce Walat with 4 votes for his HO Scale Atlas "Barb's Bungalow and Model power Garage.

Third place was won by Neal Schorr with his stock model Power House, Receiving 3 votes.

## Railroad Prototype Modelers - East Meet Greensburg, March 27 - 28

It's time to make your RPM-East plans to rekindle your modeling efforts after a long, cold winter! We will meet again at the Ramada Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center on Route 30 just east of Greensburg, PA, on March 27 & 28. Here is what we are planning.

- two days of prototype and model presentations
- a large display room to share your modeling efforts and learn new techniques
- a variety of vendors selling goods for prototype modeling
- Thursday evening operating sessions on local model railroads
- an informal Saturday buffet
- Sunday model railroad layouts to visit

A wide variety of rail-related subjects will be presented. Nearly 30 speakers are now lined up for the meet. Check our website for the latest details. A tentative presentation schedule will be available a couple of weeks before the event.

Registration is only \$38, with an additional buffet cost of \$28.

The Ramada has a special hotel room rate of \$105 per night, plus taxes.

Registration forms, hotel information, and more details can be found at the RPM-East website:

[http://www.hansmanns.org/rpm\\_east/index.htm](http://www.hansmanns.org/rpm_east/index.htm)

PayPal is now an option for registration directly from the website!

Don't miss the 2015 RPM-East prototype modeler meet sponsored by Division 2, MCR-NMRA!

## Donald Austel

John Polyak brought in steel beam structures made of Styrene that he had done a time ago. A skill being lost in today's world of modeling, the detailing down to the rivets was something to really see, and we thank him for sharing this with us.

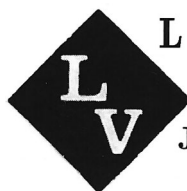


### Bring'n'Brag Standings:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Marge Meehan	12	Bob DiBenedetto	5
Neal Schorr	12	Steve Ross	5
Bryce Walat	8	Steven Schorr	4
Dick Flock	7	Hans Werner	2



Bryce Walat's Second Place entry, above, shared the votes with Marge Meehan's group of buildings, one of which is below, left. Neal Schorr's O-scale house was the Third Place entry.



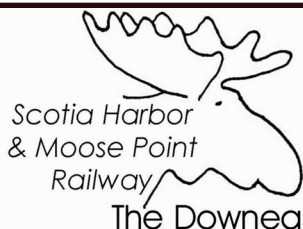
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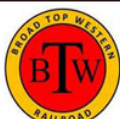
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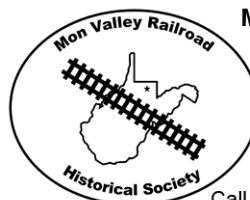


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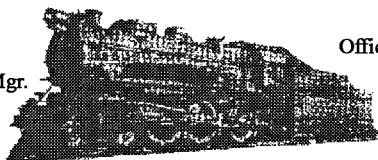
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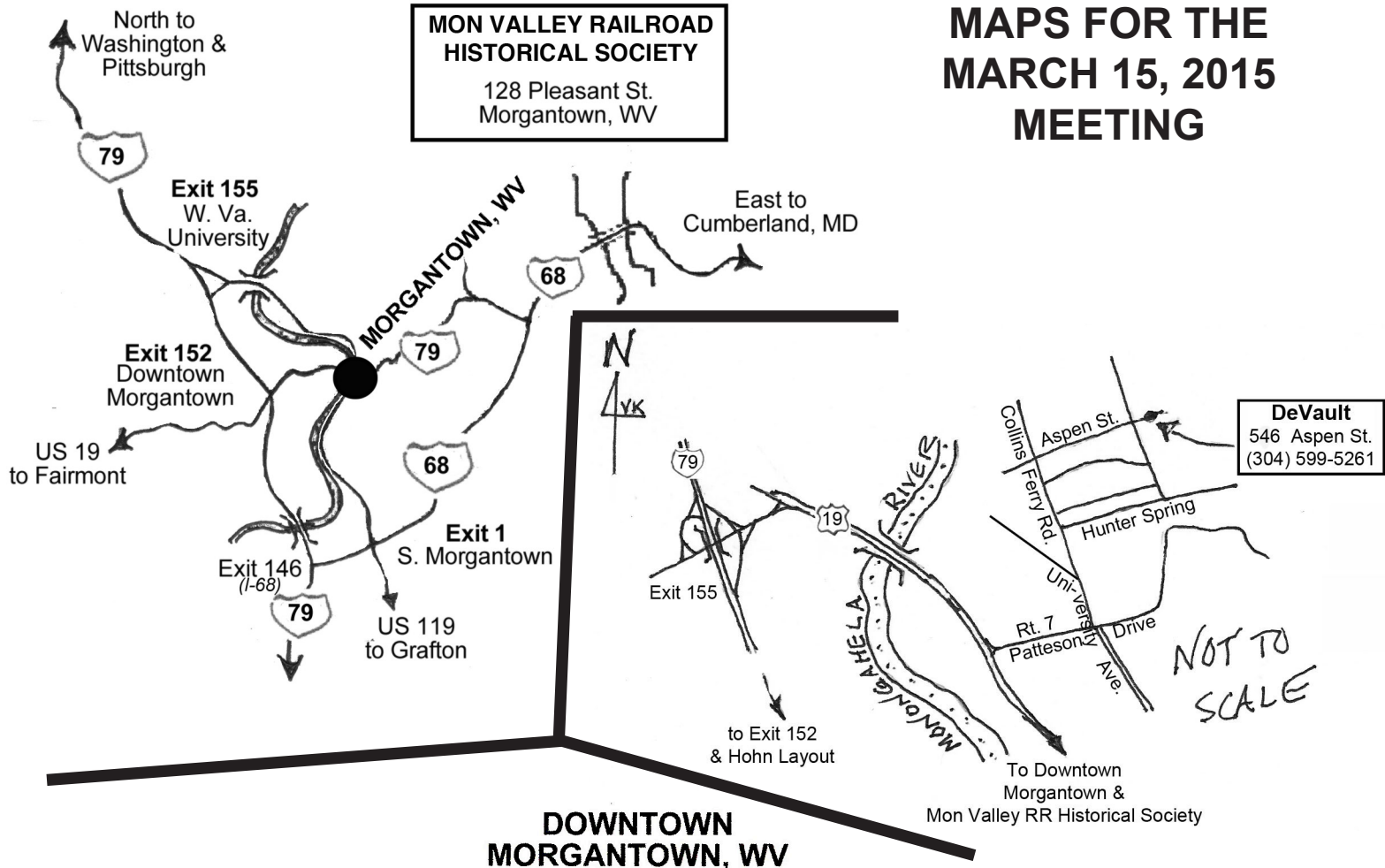
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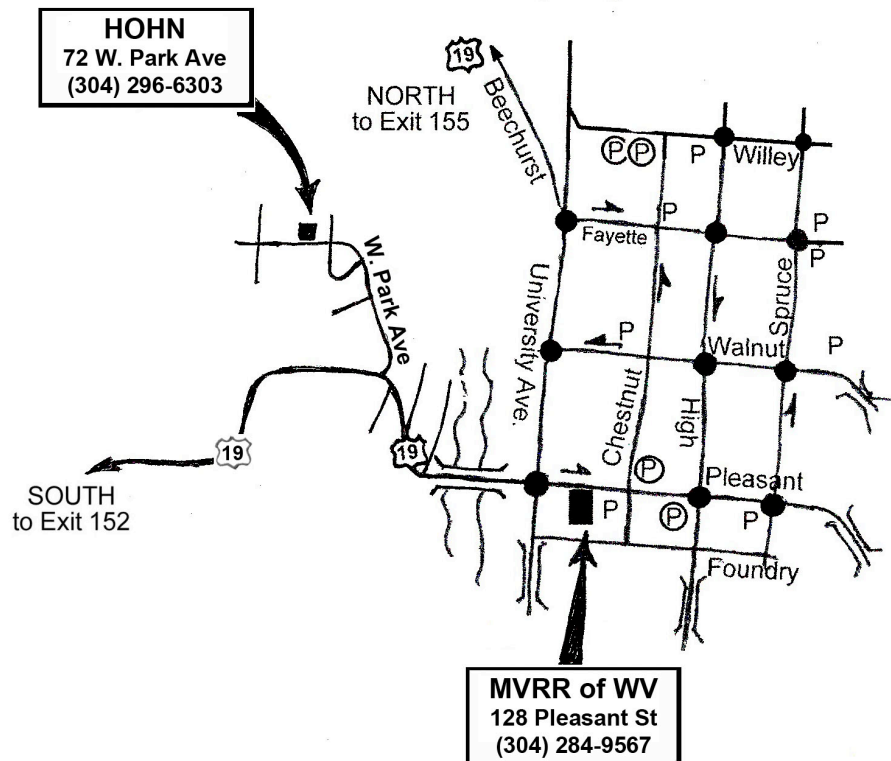


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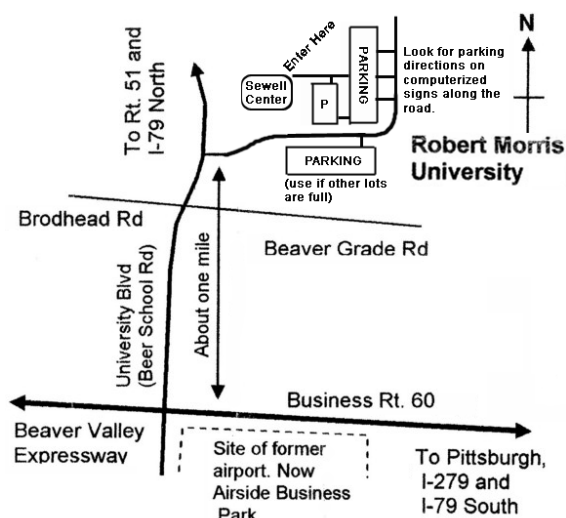


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