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Steven Schorr photo

Division Meeting Schedule

January 15, 2017 - Old Economy Village Visitors Center, 270 16th St, Ambridge, PA 15003
Layout: Ohio Valley Lines, 1225 Merchant St, Ambridge, PA 15003, open noon - 5:00 PM. Meeting at 2:30 PM

February 19, 2017 - Western PA Model RR Museum, Gibsonia, PA

Jamboree Model Contests

There will be a fourth contest category at the upcoming 2017 Jamboree in addition to the traditional Motive Power, Rolling Stock and Structures. This year's special category is Highway Vehicles. Cars, trucks and buses in any scale are welcome and may be scratch built, kit, kitbashed or RTR. As always entries must demonstrate the modeler's skill and winners are determined by popular vote.

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Editor's "Model" of the Month by Steven Schorr

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
Nov	Houses of Worship

Submission Deadline for the next *Flyer*:

January 20, 2017



From the Super's Desk

Well Christmas, Hanukkah, and other holidays will be behind us when you are reading this newsletter. I hope Santa, the wife, kids, family or whoever was good to you and you found just what you wanted under the tree. Some of us have everything we need, so gift cards work just as well.

Now we are starting a New Year 2017 and with that comes all the New Year's resolutions, like for some of us getting organized, losing weight, cleaning up the layout room or just going thru stuff that we haven't used in a number of years. This list could go on and on but you all catch my drift. There's an easy way to this dilemma, just don't make any resolutions. We don't usually keep them anyway, so why bother?

Well, I am guilty and I only made one for this year and that is to finish as much as I can on my layout for all of you coming to Morgantown in March for our meeting. I hope to have the layout looking good to represent my era. I know Mike is working on his and the Mon Valley Railroad History Society has added some new scenery and a new siding from your last visit to make your trip worthwhile.

This brings me to my dilemma, researching usable photographs for specific industrial buildings? I know all of us have photos of engines and rolling stock taken on the tracks, but not one shot of any industries. If you have a layout like mine or like some of the open layouts of our members that we visited, we are all trying to model something that we liked, or grew up with. I am trying to model from Morgantown to Rowlesburg, West Virginia and locating a particular building to put on the layout is almost impossible. When you find that photo and scratch build or kit bash a building to represent that photo, it's only after you are finished with it, that you come across another photo and find you built it "wrong".

This last paragraph is what sometimes gets us into trouble, but the key thing to remember is that you built it your way and it is on your own layout. So forget about New Year's Resolutions and enjoy the many aspects of model railroading.

... Keith DeVault



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Minutes

John Gallagher

The meeting was convened at 2:30 p.m. by Superintendent DeVault. He thanked the New Eagle VFD for hosting our meeting and Susan Werner for setting things up refreshments.

New Members

None

Guests

None

The minutes of the previous Business Meeting were approved as published in the Keystone Flyer. The communication problems have apparently been solved.

Keystone Flyer: See above.

Financial: As reported the previous month, both the regular and Convention accounts are still in the black. Any questions can be directed to the Treasurer for the regular account or Andy Blenko for the Convention account.

Programs: January's meeting will be at the Old Economy Visitors' Center presuming we have solved the insurance issues. The February meeting will be at the "Pittsburgh Club" which seems to be becoming an annual event. The March meeting will be in Morgantown, WVa.; April will bring the annual Jamboree at Robert Morris; May's meeting will be at the McKeesport Club. There will be no program due to the lack of space.

Company Store: Susan Werner reported that if you wish any new books, you should order them through her by this coming Tuesday. Neil Schorr announced the availability of a new book about the Pennsylvania Turnpike, a special interest of his. If you're interested, see Neil.

Membership: No report.

Free-Mo: No report.

Video Library: We're looking for someone to convert VHS tapes to CD to make our Library completely digital. If you can do this, or know someone who can, please see Bud.



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Bring N' Brag: 11 entries. Please vote.

Achievement Program: No Report.

Old Business: There is good news on the Jamboree. We're safe at Robert Morris for at least another year. The price will remain the same. The banquet will be \$25 in addition to admission to the Jamboree. There will be new clinicians and contests. Lionel Strang formerly an Associate Editor at Model Railroader will be the after dinner speaker. If you haven't heard him before, he's extremely hilarious as well as informative.

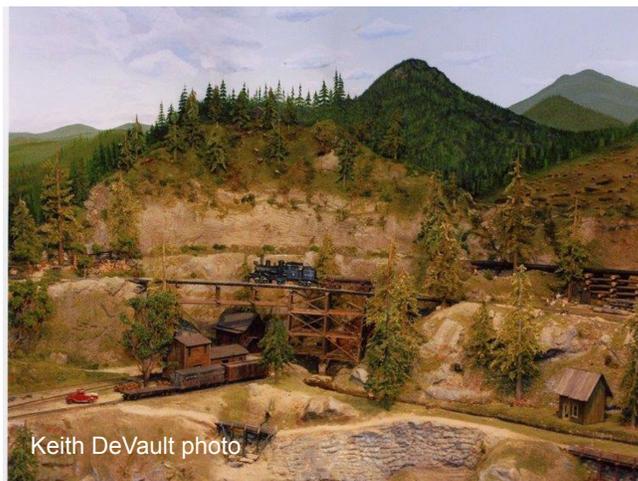
New Business: There seems to be some confusion about the insurance coverage for the January meeting at Old Economy. The state bureaucracy at Harrisburg has tightened the requirement for insurance for non-Old Economy events held on their premises. We are currently working on who has a copy of what and how to get it to the state for review prior to the January meeting. There seems to be some confusion because we've never been required to produce a written copy before. Hopefully it will be resolved within the next week or two.

As a reminder, the next meeting, hosted by the Ohio Valley Lines as usual, will be January 15, 2017 at the Old Economy Visitors' Center in Ambridge. The Ohio Valley lines itself will be open for viewing from noon 'til 5 p.m. Please vote for the Bring N' Brag.

There will be an N Scale Convention at Station Square 21 - 25 June.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:03 p.m.

Editor's Note: Mike Hohn's byline was mistakenly carried over from the previous issue in the printed version of the January Flyer.



Keith DeVault photo

Bring'n'Brag

A thank you to New Eagle VFD for hosting the Division 2 meeting this November, This month's Bring N Brag was "Layout Photographs" and First place went to Steven Schorr, Second Place was Jim Braum, and Third Place was split between Alden McBee, Keith DeVault and Neal Schorr. Always a Thank You to the members there who voted for them. Next Bring N Brag is Anything Goes. The Bring and Brag modeler for this 2016 year will be Alden McBee with his total of 62 points, great work and hope to see a lot more in the coming year from Alden and some new members well to bring in their work. The Award will be handed out at the 2017 Jamboree. Thank you all again for a great year and please if you have not entered please give it a try this next year



Jim Braum photo

Donald Austel

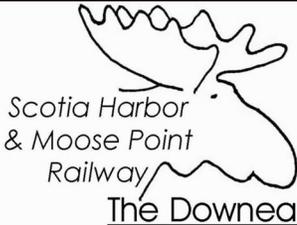


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Frank Benders	27	Keith DeVault	5
Dennis Vaccaro	25	Mike Hohn	4
Jim Braum	25	Charlie Blenko	3
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Dick Flock	16	Jeff Gregg	2
Neal Schorr	15	Richie Jodon	2
Steve Ross	11	Vinny Kaplack	2
Bud Brock	10	Jim Kubanick	2
Jerry Kyslinger	10	Rick Montysnery	2
Joel Everly	9	Mark Vinski	2
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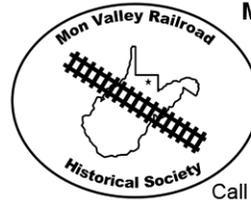
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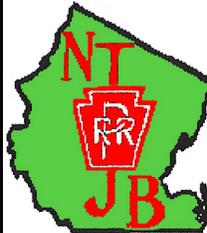
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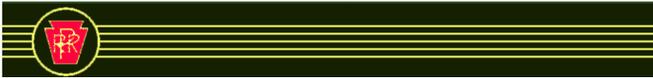
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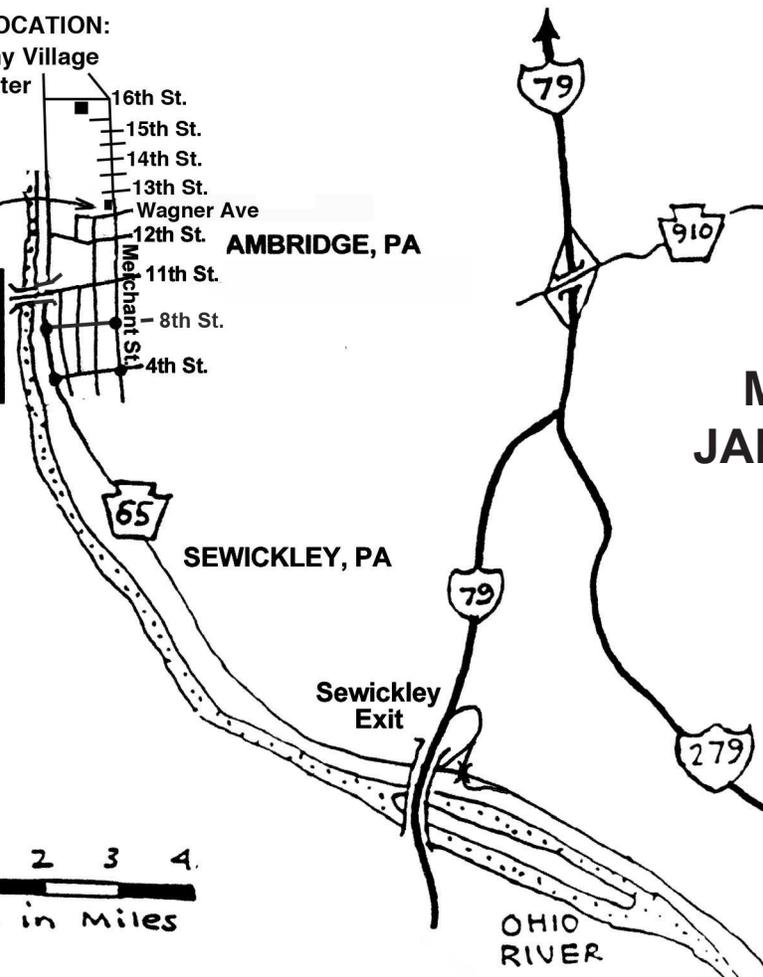
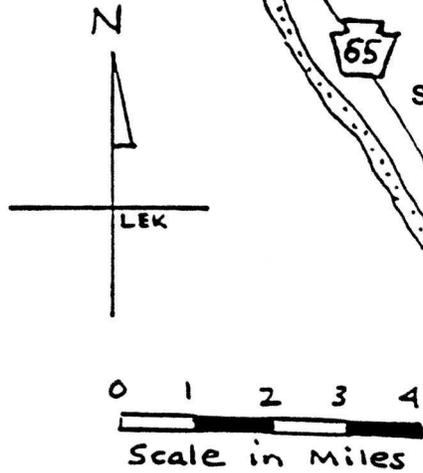
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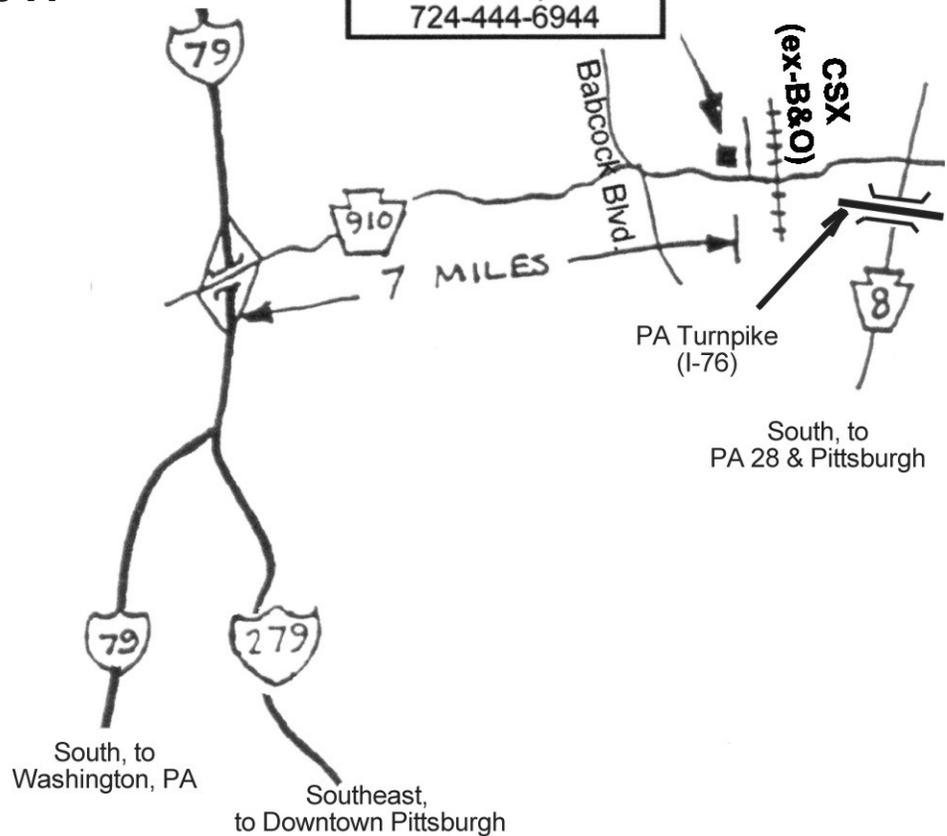
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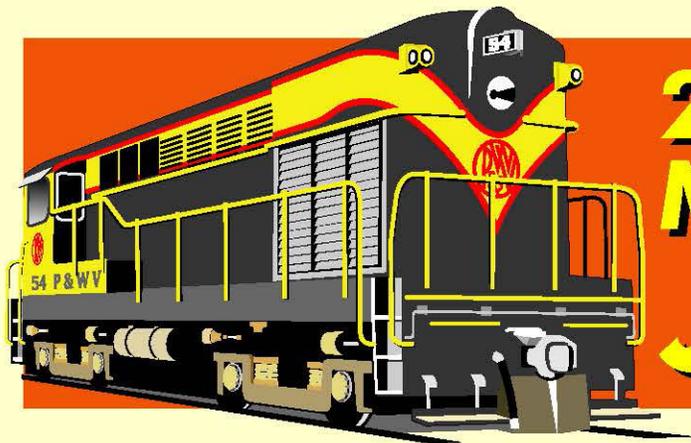


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