



## Editor's Model of the Month by Alden McBee

### Division Meeting Schedule

**SATURDAY, April 29, 2017** - Keystone Division JAM-BOREE at Robert Morris University Sewall Center, 6001 University Blvd., Moon, PA 15108  
Registration open at 8:00 AM

**May 21, 2017** - McKeesport Model RR Club, 2209 Walnut St, McKeesport, PA 15132  
Layout Open at 1:30 PM; Meeting at 2:30 PM  
No Program

**June 25, 2017** - D.A.R.E. Club, 800 Venetia Rd, Venetia, PA 15367  
Layout: Ken Hanawalt Turtle Creek RR open TBD

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### 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

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## From the Super's Desk

We just finished a successful RPM meet in Greensburg, where the committee showed a forty per cent increase in attendance from the last time the meet was held here in Western Pennsylvania. I would like to commend Chairman Steve Ross and his

entire committee, who stepped up to take over the reins of leadership. Our division sponsors this event and it shows how successfully Steve and his committee put this venue together. I would be remiss not to acknowledge Dick Flock and the late Larry Kline who got this RPM started years ago, and how they helped it grow to the success it is today.

This brings me to a running discussion I had with an attendee at this meeting. The discussion centered on how you want to model your layout. There was a difference of opinion about those people that tend to pursue model railroading to be comforted by history, and those who tend to pursue model railroading to understand history.

I explained to the person that both will work on building a layout. I discovered history behind building my layout and I am comfortable understanding the history behind the railroad. In this hobby either will work; it is up to each individual, and no one should tell you how to model or build your layout.

These differences in approach to the hobby are often the cause of tension in general model railroading forums amongst those who feel threatened by the other. We name the others as rivet counters, static modelers, freelancers, prototype modelers, etc.

In general, there is plenty of room for different pursuits in modeling railroads, and it is unproductive to discount any of them simply because one does not subscribe to the same pursuits. In the end we are all some form of a model railroader. This is an issue of concern at the national level where people have splintered away from the NMRA for feeling like they do not belong.

I would like to make anyone in our Division feel welcome at the RPM meet, whatever their pursuits are in the hobby. I want everyone to enjoy themselves, enjoy the friendship and camaraderie that each one of us brings to the table. We need to learn from each other because no one in model railroading knows everything.

In my discussion with this individual I told him that I model after a prototypical model railroad operation, rather than freelance, but I also very much enjoy "just running trains". I enjoy putting together a manufactured kit, doing some scratch and kitbash building, or buying something just because I like it. In my view, there is room to escape and engage in whatever pursuit we wish, in this hobby. We should support each other in whatever way helps us enjoy the hobby on our own terms. Making a model railroader feel bad about their kind of pursuit and disenfranchised

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from the hobby is simply the wrong thing to do. In other words it is your layout built it to whatever suits your needs.

See you all at the Jamboree!

... *Keith DeVault*

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# Minutes

**John Gallagher**

The meeting was convened at 2:20 p.m. by Superintendent Devault. He thanked Gerry Deavers for providing the venue and the layout.

There were no new members or guests.

The minutes of the of the previous Business Meeting were approved as amended. The Chief Clerk had spelled Gerry Deaver's last name wrong. The motion was passed by unanimous voice vote.

**Keystone Flyer:** No report.

**Financial:** We are still on solid financial footing. Further, it was pointed out that the Railroad Prototype Modelers' Meet will take Pay Pal to pay for registration. The Jamboree does not take Pay Pal as some had mistakenly believed.

**Programs:** Today's program after the meeting will be some newly acquired Chessie slides presented by Keith Devault.

April: Jamboree at the Sewell Center at Robert Morris University.

May: No program at the McKeesport Club due to a lack of space.

June: A D.A.R.E. program and HO layout in Peters Township.

July: No meeting

August: Division Two picnic at Henley Park in Leetsdale.

September: The Ohio Northern at various points around Steubenville.

October: Part Two about the Disney Train at the Norwin Public Library.

November: No program as yet at the New Eagle Volunteer Fire Department.

**Company Store:** Susan Werner announced that she had brought a few more items to get rid of.

**Membership & Website:** Despite the fact that we gained three new members during the month, we're down to 266 members. The three new members appeared on a list we get from the Mid-Central Region.

**Free-Mo:** We have applied for space at the Greenberg Show, but haven't received a reply as yet. They are still looking for new members to build a module or just help set-up.

**Video Library:** No Report.

**Bring'N' Brag:** Don is sick, so Hans is running the Bring N' Brag this month. At this point, we have five entries and may get a sixth.

**Achievement Program:** No report.

RPM Meet Steve Ross reported that they have 160 registrants and 38 clinics at this point, along with seventeen vendors.

**Jamboree:** We have only 52 registrants so far, which is below average for this time of year. You can sign up here at the meeting if you wish. See Tom Gaus.

**Old Business:** There was no Old Business.

**New Business:** Neil Schorr still has Turnpike books for sale. This is the last time he'll bring them to a meeting, so if you want one, get it today.

**For the Good of the Division:**

The Division expressed its condolences for the passing of Division 9 Superintendent Gary Burdette.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m.



Dennis Vaccaro's "White Lightning," above, and Steve Ross's contemporary over-the-road semi-tractor, at right, from the March B'n'B contest, reminded your editor why he models the 1930s!



# Bring'n'Brag

## Donald Austel

A thank you to the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society of West Virginia for hosting the March Division 2 meeting. This month's Bring N Brag was "Trucks and Tractors." First place was Alden McBee for his truck crane open flatcar load. The crane is a Kibri kit with lot of parts! It was painted with tru-color Chessie yellow. The crane part can be rotated, the telescoping boom raised and extended, the cable extended, outriggers with jacks extended, and truck wheels turn. Added tie-down attachments to body, heavy duty tie-downs from Alkem and wooden chocks, both of which actually secure the load to the flatcar. Also added where 2 shipping crates on skids. The flatcar is an Inter-mountain 60 ft. Trailer Train car. It is stock except for added weight and Sargent couplers. The flatcar was weathered but not the load as the mobile crane represents a new one. This model is similar to the one in a photo that passed through Grafton, WV in 1979.

Second Place was Neal Schorr for his 1950's Pick-up truck. This truck started as a run of the mill die cast model. The vehicle was disassembled so that all the parts aside from the glass could be sprayed with Dullcote. The truck was then weathered with chalks, a driver was glued to the driver's seat, and then the vehicle was reassembled. A load of simulated cut 2x4's was included by throwing some unstained HO ties in the bed. Third Place was Hans Werner for his B-Model Mack.

Steve Ross entered a International 9400i Eagle Tractor, an HO Malibu International die cast model of late-1990's

or early-2000's version. Oversized whip antennas were removed, tires were filed with emery boards. He added numerous painted details: black bumper and front wheel openings, amber turn signal lenses, steering wheel, grab irons, sleeper window frames, back up lights, black rubber extensions of air dam, Dullcote and lightly weathered frame. Dick Flock entered a Tractor with a stock trailer. Dennis Vaccaro entered "White Lighting" Hot Rod delivery, "Getting it there before the Police get us". We can always depend on Dennis for something that stands out and is an added joy for us all. And as always a Thank You to the members there who voted for them and a big THANK YOU to Susan Werner who helped me this month when I was sick. Thank you again.

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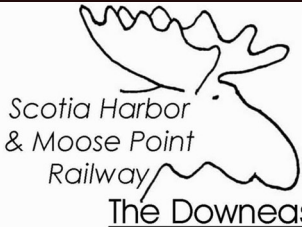


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Alden McBee	22	Steve Ross	3
Neal Schorr	15	Dick Flock	2
Bill DeFoe	9	Jerry Kysliger	2
Jim Braum	8	Andy Laurince	2
Marge Meehan	8	Steven Schorr	2
Michael Hohn	7	Mark Vinski	2
Hans Werner	6	Bryce Walat	2
Dennis Vaccaro	4	Jim Whipple	2



Here is Neal Schorr's O-scale Second-Place winner from the March B'n'B contest.





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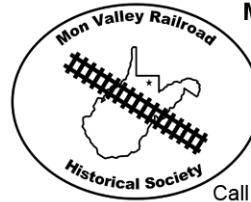
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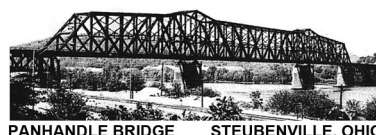


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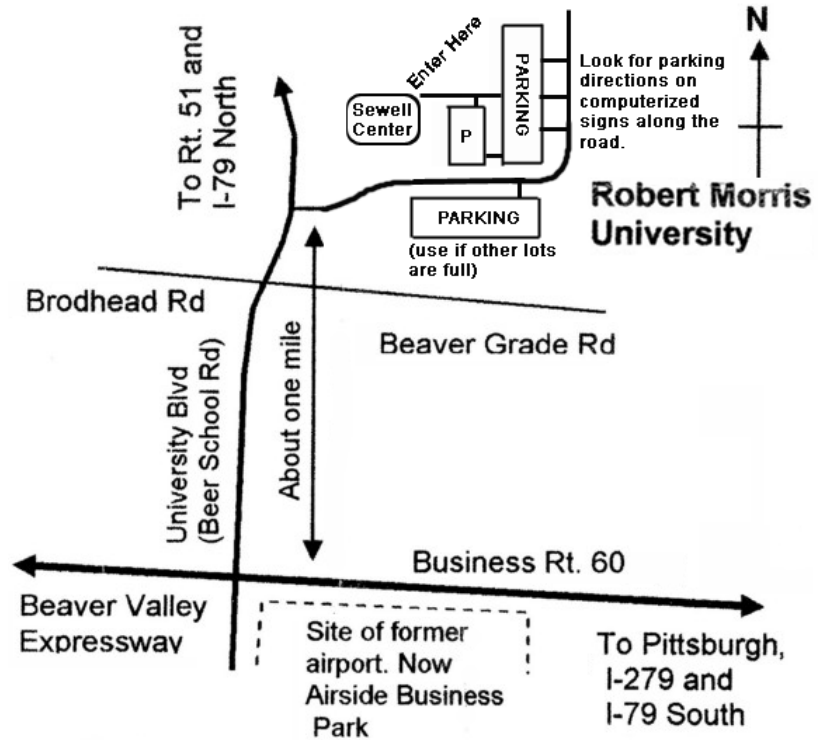


Hans Werner's nifty HO-scale Mack Model "B" truck garnered Third Place in the March B'n'B voting. These white metal kits are really a challenge to build, and Hans did such a good job on this one that the weld lines are impossible to detect!

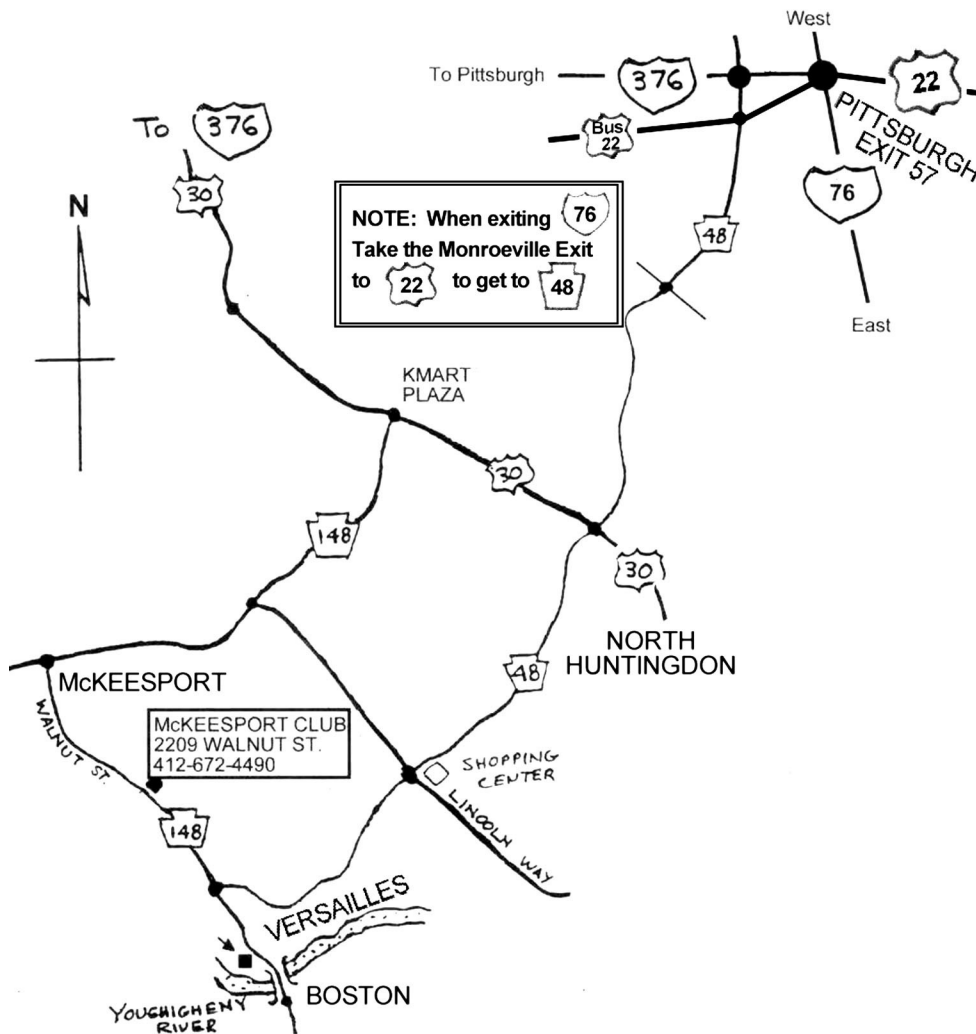
Ken Colvin's excellently done, compact HO model railroad was one of three that were open before and after the March meeting. The scene below was shot from the end opposite the entry via a not-too-low duck under.



# MAP FOR THE SATURDAY, APRIL 29, 2017 JAMBOREE



# MAP FOR THE MAY 21, 2017 MEETING





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