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PRR 9915 traverses the Ohio River on Larry Brown's Woodlawn Southern Railroad, a beautifully scenicked HO scale layout set in 1950s southwestern Pennsylvania and the West Virginia panhandle. Thank you to Larry, Neal Schorr, Anthony Kulfan, and the Ohio Valley Lines and Rochester Area Heritage Society Museum and Model Railroad for opening their layouts to Jamboree participants on Sunday. Photo by Patrick Altdorfer.

Division Meeting Schedule

May 19, 2019 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm Dawson United Methodist Church 209 Griscom Street Dawson, PA 15428 Program: History of the Dawson UMC and the late Sam Powell's layout, which is located across the street at Greater Tri-Town Historical Society (209 Howell Street)

June 23, 2019 - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm Kruger Street Toy & Train Museum 144 Kruger Street Wheeling, WV 26003 Program: TBD Layouts: several in the Museum, plus 3 home layouts and 2 hobby shops open 11am-4pm (see p. 5)

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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

Submission Deadline for June *Flyer*: May 26, 2019

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From the Super's Desk

The last Jamboree of my term in office is now over, and I would like to thank the following people for a job well done. First off, the leadership of the Jamboree committee led by Jim Sacco, who for almost 20 years has shown to

us in the Keystone Division and outside the area what a one day mini-convention is all about.

Jim has used his vast array of contacts and business knowledge to make this event one of the best, if not the best, in the country. This Jamboree hosted attendees from other divisions in the region, 17 non NMRA members, and almost 100 NMRA members. Two other important people of the committee were Grier Kuehn and Gary Carmichael. Without their expert knowledge in setting up the clinic rooms, the clinicians they invited, and all the other details for this event, it could not have been the success that it was. Also, our thanks go to Neal Schorr for doing a fantastic job setting up the fine layout tours on Sunday.

Also, our thanks go to Charlie Blenko and his volunteers for another great raffle event. I also would be remiss not to mention the fine job that my wife Janet did in the White Elephant room. It was handled in a professional and businesslike manner and I believe that all the different people who sold items in the room were very satisfied with how things were handled. If I missed anyone, I am truly sorry, but I for one look forward to this great event in 2021.

Our next meeting of the division will be in Dawson, PA, and the June meeting will be in the Wheeling, WV area. I hope all of you plan on attending the next two meetings, as we will have some new layouts to visit and more details on the upcoming Steel City Express Convention that we are hosting in May 2020.

... Keith DeVault

RPM-East 2019

We thank you for attending the 2019 RPM-East prototype modeler meet. Attendance was strong with 220 hobbyists. The event featured 37 presentations, a number of vendors, and nearly 500 models on display. A gallery of images has been posted; we were unable to capture images of all the fine work and we missed grabbing info for a few displays. Leave a comment below the image on the gallery if you can help identify the modeler's work:

https://pbase.com/ehansmann/2019_rpmeast

If you know of another gallery featuring images from the event, please send it along to us! Your participation makes these events work! Bookmark the RPM Event Calendar site so you can make plans to attend another prototype modeler meet this year.

http://designbuildop.hansmanns.org/rpm-event-calendar/

We had crew members from a couple upcoming events in attendance at RPM-East. The New England/Northeast and Mid-Atlantic RPMs are shaping up well. Thanks again for attending RPM-East!

- Steve Ross and Eric Hansmann

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Jamboree Model Contest

Alden McBee

built by the railroad. Jim's model was scratch-built except for

The special model category this year was Vintage Plastic Structures (prior to 1977), and there were 14 very nice entries.

As might be expected, voting was very close. Grier Kuehn won the category with his Atlas switch tower kit, circa 1960. Grier originally built it when he was around 13 years old. Several years ago he rebuilt it. This entailed adding a basic interior with lighting and window shades, repainting and lightly weathering it with powders.

The regular structure category had three entries, and again voting was close. Dave Vale's Calumet Post Office won the category. It was a laser-cut craftsman kit from CMP Models with

Tichy windows and doors included in the kit. Shingles were paper strips. The large tree was made from "Pinky Winky" hydrangea. Dave included a photo of the Calumet, PA post which office, was remodeled into а house and has now been torn down.

The Rolling Stock category had eight



the roof and some detail parts. The hopper car 250000 was converted by the railroad from an earlier GL class to become the sole GLF class car. The model is a Tichy kit with commercially available side panels added. Modifications were done to the end sills and hopper door hardware. Mount Vernon Shops provided the car-specific details. Jim also provided photos of the prototype cars and a diagram of the boxcar. The motive power category had 4 entries, and William Ward's three GP35s won in the category. Chessie System B&O 3553 and B&O 3559 ware both huilt in October 2016 from late re

three GP35s won in the category. Chessie System B&O 3553 and B&O 3559 were both built in October 2016 from late release Kato GP35s, both originally in Santa Fe livery. Both were stripped using 91% rubbing alcohol prior to refinishing. A-Line sunshades, MU hoses and lift rings were added. 3553 was painted with Testors acrylic Insignia Yellow, Italian Red (vermillion) and Polly S Enchantment Blue. 3559 was painted with Tru Color Enchantment Blue

and C&O yellow.

Top Left: Grier Kuehn's Atlas signal tower won in the classic structure kit category (Larry Willming photo); *Below Left*: Dave Vale's Calumet post office won in the regular category structures (Patrick Altdorfer photo); *Bottom*: Jim Ferguson's "one and done" freight cars won for Rolling Stock (Larry Willming photo); *Right*: William Ward won the Motive Power category with his three modified and weathered Gp35s h (Patrick Altdorfer photos).



Western Maryland 3579 was built in September 2017 from an old release



Kato GP35 and started life undecorated. A-Line sunshades, MU hoses and lift rings were added. It was painted with Testors acrylic semi-gloss white, Guard's Red, and semi-gloss black. Snow plows are from an Atlas SD35. All three models were lettered with Micro Scale decals and were weathered with an airbrush using Testors acrylic paints. All have Kadee #148 couplers. Each had its mechanism disassembled, cleaned and lubricated with Labelle oil. William reports that these diesels all have run many miles on the Youngstown Model Railroad Association layout during the open house of 2017.

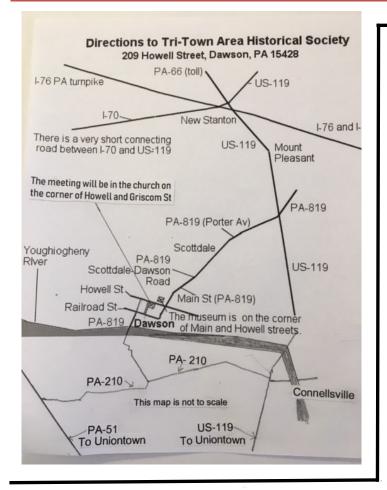
entries, and winning the category was Jim Ferguson's PRR "one Thanks to all those participated in the Jamboree Bring-n-Brag and done" freight cars. These included the one and only Class and shared their outstanding models with us.





Sunday, May 19: Dawson, PA

Our May meeting will take place in the Dawson United Methodist Church, located at 209 Griscom Street. After the meeting, a presentation on the history of the Cochran family and the Dawson area coke industry will be given by Eugene List of the Historical Society, and Roger Schneider and R. James Whipple will describe the rebuilding of the late Sam Powell's Penn Creek Valley Railroad. The layout is located about 100 feet away, at the Greater Tri-Town Area Historical Society, at 209 Howell Street. The layout will open at noon, and again after the meeting.



Sunday, June 23: Wheeling, WV

Our June meeting will take place on the 4th Sunday (3rd Sunday is Father's Day). We are meeting in the <u>Kruger Street Toy & Train Museum</u>, located at 144 Kruger Street, Wheeling, WV 26003. The program is at this writing TBD, but there are several layouts inside the museum. Three ORNRy Bunch layouts in the area will host open houses, and two hobby shops are also open for us to lighten our wallets (see details below). At this writing, the schedule for the open houses is TBD, but more details will follow at the May meeting and in the June Flyer. More detailed maps are published in the color edition of the Flyer below (page 9) or can be obtained (as a pdf format file) from the editor directly via email.

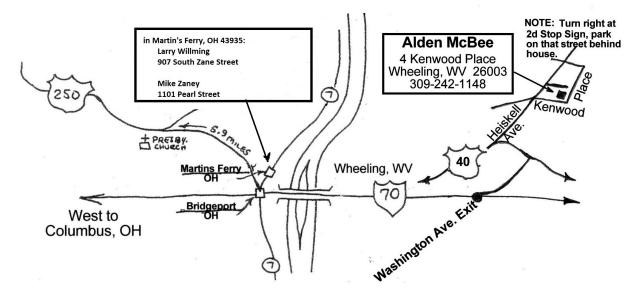
Two hobby shops, both of which are well stocked and discount items, will be open from 11am to 4 pm:

- T&K Hobby, 500 Hall Street, Bridgeport, OH 43912
- Pat's Trains, 142 29th Street, Wheeling, WV 26003

Three HO home layouts will be open (times TBD):

- Alden McBee, 4 Kenwood Place, Wheeling, WV 26003
- Larry Willming, 907 S. Zane Hwy., Martin's Ferry, OH 43935
- Mike Zaney, 1101 Pearl Street, Martin's Ferry, OH 43935

All of the above are no more than 15 to 20 minutes apart. A more detailed map follows on page 9 (online Flyer).



Jamboree Awards

From The Editor

Modeler of the Year: Mike Hohn

This is awarded to the modeler who accumulated the most points throughout the previous calendar year for the Bring-N-Brag contests. Starting in 2019, this is based almost exclusively on the number of votes received, and no longer on any "extra" points awarded for scratch-building or kitbashing.



Golden Spike: Rich Aubel

This is awarded to modelers who have demonstrated their skill by completing at least 8 square feet of operational, scenicked model railroad. Rich has outfitted multiple 2x4 HO modules he built for the South Hills Model Railroad Club with all manner of electronic gadgetry, including grade crossings, a working crane, and even a volcano, for crying out loud!



Jamboree Model Contest Winners

There are three "regular" categories in which participants can submit a model for popular consideration: Rolling Stock, Motive Power, and Structures. In addition, there is a fourth category that is a little offbeat or unusual, such as last year's "pasta challenge" category, or this year's "Classic Plastic Structures" (i.e. kits produced before 1977, the advent of today's popular craftsman kits). Alden McBee details the winning models on page 3 above.

Clockwise, from Left: Rich Aubel received his Golden Spike certificate; Alden McBee presents Mike Hohn with his "Modeler of the Year" plaque; and three of the model contest winners are pictures, including Jim Ferguson for his entries in the category Rolling Stock, William Ward for Motive Power, and Grier Kuehn for the Classic Plastic Structures. Not pictured is Dave Vale, who had to leave before the awards were presented. Details of their entries are provided by Alden McBee in his report on page 3 (Patrick Altdorfer photos).





Distinguished Service: Jim Sacco

After years of involvement in helping to organize the Jamboree, Jim is taking a break from it over the next few years. To recognize and honor his service to the local, regional, and national NMRA organizations, as well as to thank him for his efforts to improve our model railroad scenery by producing prototypically accurate and detailed structures through his company City Classics and its line of structure kits and accessories, Division Two presented him with this special recognition and engraved plaque. See Jim's note on page 7 below.



Jamboree Wrap-Up

From the Jamboree committee, thanks to all who attended on April 27th at RMU. The total attendance was 115, breaking down as 98 NMRA members and 17 non-members. Tom Gaus reported that 5 of the non-members accepted our offer and signed up for the 9-Month Rail Pass. We welcome them and hope that nine months turns into many years of NMRA membership.

The day was packed with 12 clinics and a big thank you goes out to all the presenters. We also thank our after dinner speaker Dan Cupper for his presentation on the work of rail artist Grif Teller.

In typical fashion, the day was also filled with the White Elephant Sale, Raffles, Contests, and Displays. Breakfast, lunch and dinner were excellent and as always the mood was upbeat.

Grier Kuehn

That's what makes our annual Jamboree a casual, fun event!

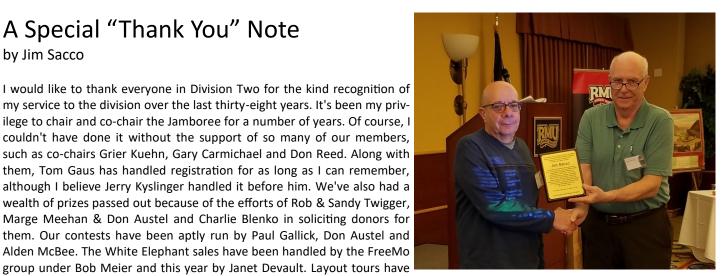
We also want to thank the layout owners who opened up on Sunday for the Day 2 layout tour, as well as Hobby Express in Cranberry for their generous discount offer.

The Jamboree takes a break next year, as it steps aside to make way for the Steel City Express 2020 NMRA Regional Convention. We'll



A Special "Thank You" Note by Jim Sacco

I would like to thank everyone in Division Two for the kind recognition of my service to the division over the last thirty-eight years. It's been my privilege to chair and co-chair the Jamboree for a number of years. Of course, I couldn't have done it without the support of so many of our members, such as co-chairs Grier Kuehn, Gary Carmichael and Don Reed. Along with them, Tom Gaus has handled registration for as long as I can remember, although I believe Jerry Kyslinger handled it before him. We've also had a wealth of prizes passed out because of the efforts of Rob & Sandy Twigger, Marge Meehan & Don Austel and Charlie Blenko in soliciting donors for them. Our contests have been aptly run by Paul Gallick, Don Austel and Alden McBee. The White Elephant sales have been handled by the FreeMo



been coordinated over the years by Larry Kline, Vagel Keller and Neal Schorr, while Dick Flock and Susan Werner have managed the company store. It really has been a group effort. And that extends to all of you who have kindly volunteered over the years to present clinics and open your layouts to fellow members. Special thanks have to go to Grier Kuehn, who has handled many of the details over the past few years while I dealt with some health issues.

Sadly, we have lost a number of members in recent years who we aren't able to thank now for their efforts in putting on a successful Jamboree. Those include Don Reed, Larry Kline, Sandy Twigger, and Louie Dalton. At the same time, others who contributed are also dealing with serious health issues that are becoming more common as we all age. I also have to mention that I wouldn't have even been involved if Neal Schorr didn't ask me to help him co-chair the Jamboree somewhere around nineteen years ago. My memory is kind of fuzzy, but as I recall, enthusiasm and attendance had waned some in the late 1990s. In a bid to rejuvenate the event, Eric Hansmann, Carl Volkwein and our superintendent at the time, Louie Dalton, stepped in and put on a Jamboree that reversed the tide. That was when, in an effort to keep the momentum going, Neal asked me to help him. I hope we've succeeded in doing that.

Don't get me wrong, I don't plan on going anywhere. I'll still be actively involved in division activities. It's just time to turn the reins over to someone else since we have a two year break before the next Jamboree. I was always taught to let others have a turn playing with my toys, so now I'm going to let someone else have all the fun!

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NEXT MEETING - Sunday, May 19, 2019 at the **Dawson (PA) United Methodist Church**





