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Although our tri-state area is emerging from lockdown, mitigation measures must continue to prevent further spread of CoVid-19, particularly among the more vulnerable populations. Our hobby is, shall we say, well-represented by those on the mature end of the age spectrum... Therefore we have decided that we must hold at least one more monthly meeting in the relative safety of our homes, online rather than in-person. July is our hiatus month, but we hope (and expect) that we can meet again in person in August for our annual picnic in Leetsdale, PA — an outdoor venue that will enable us to spread out physically to further comply with CDC-recommended practices (physical distancing of 6 feet apart and wearing face masks). We hope that we turn the corner by then, such that we can resume our regularly scheduled in-person meetings thereafter. As in the past few months, I am publishing a trackside photo on our cover: this time an old and colorful Thai locomotive preparing to pull an oil train southbound out of Chiang Mai. 2019 photo by John Polyak, our correspondent on the East Asia desk.

Division Meeting Schedule

June 28 - Div. 2 Meeting, 2:30pm
Online Executive Meeting

July - Summer Recess - No Meeting

August 16 - Div. 2 Picnic, 12 noon
Henle Park, Leetsdale, PA

Get the Color Version of the Keystone Flyer as soon as it comes out and other Division 2 news flashes and announcements via email. Contact Susan Werner

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Bring'n'Brag

Jan	Anything goes
Feb	Motive Power: Diesel, Electric & Traction
Mar	Motive Power: Steam
Apr	Freight Cars
May	** Quarantine Extra **
Jun	Non-Revenue (incl. cabooses)
Aug	Passenger Cars
Sep	Vehicles
Oct	Structures
Nov	Prototype Photos

Submission Deadline for August *Flyer*:
July 23, 2020

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From the Super's Desk

Another month has passed and we, your officers, will hopefully finish our last virtual meeting in June. We look forward to a future where we can meet face to face.

My first Mid Central Region board meeting as Super is behind me. One major item that was discussed was the new NMRA At-Risk Person Policy. At-Risk Persons are those under the age of majority or those persons who have legal guardians. The NMRA states that we will not be sponsoring programs for At-Risk individuals. The policy does not mean that we cannot educate such people but that our members must do so under the auspices of other organizations.

We are encouraged to provide material support such as kits, tools, or money, and contact information for members who are willing to volunteer, but no NMRA Region or Division is permitted to sponsor or undertake its own program aimed at At-Risk persons. Please refer to the documents from the NMRA on our website, on the home page and on the Departments page with the constitution and by-laws. Each Region and Division will need to adopt this policy.

Stay safe,

... *Frank Benders*

Jim Sacco article in June RMC

Longtime Division Two member — and owner of the model structure kit and accessories producer [City Classics](#), authored "Building and Detailing a City Scene," an article that appears in the June 2020 issue of *Railroad Model Craftsman*.

If you do not subscribe already, pick up a copy at your local news agent, because this is a doozy of an article. Jim managed to get 28 pictures and **ten (10) pages of copy** into this issue of RMC. That is about 10% of the whole content of the magazine this month!

Jim's jumping off point for the article was the "4 square inch" contest from the 2013 Model Railroad Jamboree, which he used to showcase his talents as a premiere "urban imagineer." By the way, Jim just received the Mid Central Region's "Director's Award." Congratulations Jim, on both counts!



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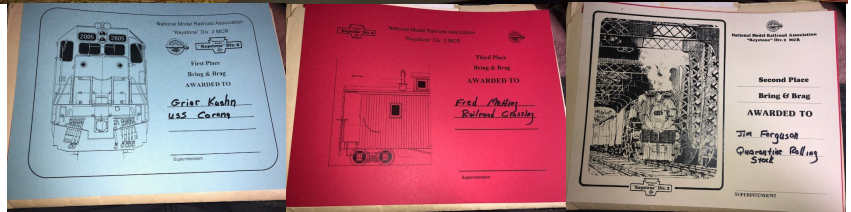
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Quarantine Extra

Hello everyone!! Here are the certificates for the May 2020 Extra Edition of the Bring and Brag contest. I want to thank all of you for your participation and also want to extend my thanks to all that have sent their votes in. If you received a reply from my email, then your vote was counted. The top three entries are posted on this page; my full report is published on page 10. See all of you soon, be safe!



Above: Grier Kuehn's "USS Corona Works" in HO scale, took first place in this special "quarantine edition" of the May model contest. Left: Jim Ferguson placed second with these rolling stock models he has been building under lockdown, shown in various stages of progress; Below: Fred Metting placed third with his scratch-built pre-signal era crossing shanty. All photos by the respective modeler. See all the models submitted for this contest—in full size—on the [Keystone Division website](#), and Arley's report (with the other photos) on page 10.



The June contest (Non-Revenue, including cabooses) will also take place online. Submit your entry (photo and description) to Tom Gaus (webmaster@keystonedivision.com) this week, but **not later than June 20**; voting takes place from 21-27 June; send me your vote by email to arleymitchell@frontier.com by June 27 at 2pm.

Errata

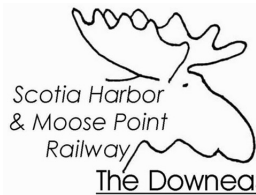
The Wheeling & Lake Erie 3 bay hopper, which placed 4th in the April Bring-n-Brag, was incorrectly attributed in the BnB Report last month. It was actually made and entered by Jim Braum,



The BnB Chairman regrets the error.

Name	pts	Name	pts
Jim Ferguson	11	Neal Schorr	02
Fred Metting	06	Arley Mitchell	01
Grier Kuehn	05	Mike DeSensi	01
Julius Fair	03		





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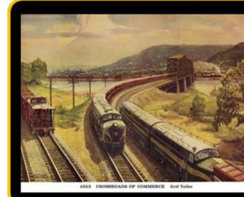
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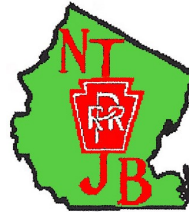
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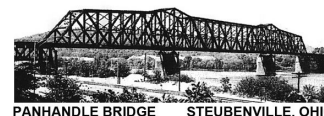


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OHIO RIVER NORTHERN RAILWAY CLUB

I planned to open my layout for the April meeting, but when the pandemic started to spread I withdrew, and as we all know the meeting was eventually canceled. I suggested to Frank Benders that our division members who intended to open their layouts in coming meetings and conventions could provide a virtual tour of their railroad. Frank suggested in turn that I get the train running—so to speak—hoping that in coming months others will do the same. So, here goes: a short tour of my layout in pictures with emphasis on what's new. My layout runs around the walls of a 16' by 25' room above our garage.

Auburn

Let's begin with one end of my pike, Auburn, New York, where the Southern Central Railroad (a Lehigh Valley subsidiary) interchanges with the New York Central. Looking east we see a commercial and industrial area, with a Swift meat packing plant and off in the distance, the Lusk Lumber Yard. The design for the meat packing plant is based on one in Oswego, NY.



Although totally freelance, the car shops are based on an outline of the building on an insurance map and photos of shops on other railroads.



Left and above: Swift & Co. Packing; Lusk Lumber is visible in the background above, and in more detail below.



I see some cars were placed on the engine house track temporarily (above). The engine house is based on a standard Pennsylvania Railroad design. Rolling stock in this view (photo below) includes both scratch and kit-built cars.



Alderson



Looking west, we see a coal shed and coal trestle in the foreground, the Southern Central freight house, shops, and engine house in the distance (photo at left).

The coal business was completed just a few months ago, and includes scales and a small office. The shed is about a scale 150 ft. long, not overly large by prototype standards (photo top right).

The other end of the layout will become Alderson, Pennsylvania, a small town in a region that thrived on the lumber industry and tourism. There will only be about six buildings: depot, freight house, water tower, country store, office and dwelling. Models will all be scratch-built, patterned on actual structures that appear in the vicinity of the depot. Similarly, the track plan, comprising a wye and several sidings, follows the prototype (photo at right).



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May 17, 2020 Business Meeting

Superintendent Frank Benders gaveled the special virtual executive meeting open at 2:20 PM. He thanked Dennis Vaccaro for hosting the meeting via GoToMeeting.

Present: Patrick Altdorfer, Frank Benders, Andy Blenko, Jimmy Braum, Keith DeVault, Tom Gaus, Jeff Gregg, Richie Jodon, Grier Kuhn, George Pandelios, Neal Schorr, Dennis Vaccaro, and Susan Werner.

Committee Reports:

Flyer: Patrick Altdorfer reported that the Flyer has been published. The June Flyer will be longer; Mike Hohn had supplied a feature about his layout, as did Bob Prehoda previously. Jim Braum's T-Trak article appeared in the April Flyer. Patrick is looking for others to add to future issues. Jim Braum indicated that a correction to the current Flyer was necessary; the W&LE hopper pictured in the Bring-N-Brag was his. Patrick indicated he would make the correction.

Treasurer: Jeff reported that the division is solvent. There has been very little financial activity.

Programs: Andy Blenko expressed concern about holding the June meeting, given the restrictions (gatherings of 25 people or less) expected to still be in place. Even if the restrictions were changed to 50 or 75, would that be safe for a member population that is mostly over 60? DARE in the South Hills has volunteered their facility for a meeting, but he expressed doubt that the size of the building would accommodate social distancing practices. He hopes to hold the August meeting, but it will be a wait and see situation. Frank would like the membership to RSVP early so that an idea of attendance can be determined. He believes the picnic can be held and that there is adequate space for social distancing around the grounds under the trees. Depending upon the restrictions in place, eating together in the pavilion might be difficult. Andy asked Frank if the pavilion had been reserved for the picnic; Keith reported that John Gallagher had already done so since the beginning of the year.

Company Store: Susan reported no changes over the past 2 months; she has placed orders for 2 books (due end of July) plus 1 that is going out of print. All 3 books are to be paid for and delivered at the picnic. She is also happy to accept payment once she knows they are on their way to her.

Membership: Tom Gaus reported the membership at 218. He also noted that membership seems to tail off somewhat during the summer. A discussion ensued regarding how accurate membership records are maintained. Tom indicated that a spreadsheet kept by Paul Novak (MCR membership clerk) is the official record. Andy indicated that a paper directory used to exist from the early 2000's. Neal Schorr volunteered that his dated from 2009.

Susan noted that these paper copies, which used to be distributed to the members, can no longer be printed under newer privacy laws. Andy has a 1998 and 2001 a version. Keith indicated that National had directed that paper directories could no longer be printed. At this point, Keith DeVault indicated that he had three boxes of divisional materials for Frank and an old directory for Andy and would deliver these items at the picnic.

Website: Tom announced that Bring-N-Brag entries were now posted on the website and voting is now open.

Free-Mo: Patrick reported that the Greenberg show is still scheduled to take place in late July, although he wondered how the show would be run if social distancing was still being enforced. The Greenberg office is closed until June 1st, but they are planning to hold the show. Patrick has not yet applied for the show, but will do that in the next week. More details to follow.

Bring-N-Brag: Arley Mitchell was not present, but Bring-N-Brag entries are now posted on the website and voting is now open. Please send Arley Mitchell (e-mail on website) your 1 vote. Susan will send out a reminder e-mail with all the pertinent information.

Video Library: Bud Brock was not present, so no report.

Achievement Program: Dennis is aware of two certifications – Scenery and Structure – that are in progress. Regarding convention building kits, Dennis showed us the N Scale signal tower he constructed as a display model and instruction proof of concept (very nice!). The price is \$29 plus shipping and the kits are ready for sale. Dennis sent Tom the updated order form and assembly instructions for posting on the division website.

T-Trak: Richie has 50 cars / rolling stock ready to go for shows. Richie found out that Scout summer Camp, which starts on Father's Day weekend, has been cancelled. He doesn't see how the July Greenberg show will take place. Jeff Gregg stated that he had sent in the application for the Greenberg Show and it did include T-Trak.

Old Business: Frank Benders thanked Keith DeVault for his 12 years of service to the division (4 as Chief Clerk, 4 as Assistant Superintendent, and 4 as Superintendent). All of us in attendance feel the same way about Keith's contribution. Thank you!

New Business:

Concerns & Questions – Susan will be the conduit for questions and concern from the membership. Bud Brock has requested a column in the Flyer on Trivia, Tidbits, cartoons, etc. A discussion around the posting of videos and other things ensued. Tom Gaus volunteered to put these on the website, which was ultimately selected as the best distribution mechanism.

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Minutes (cont'd from page 5)

Raffle: Frank announced that Division 4 is holding weekly raffles as a money-raiser and wondered if we would be interested in doing that as well. The premise is this would be the last virtual meeting. He noted that Division 4 sends an email with an item to the membership for them to bid on. Andy asked how the mechanics of this would actually work, seeing how we are only meeting virtually. He wondered if this would be a single blind bid or if it would be an eBay type of escalating bid with a time limit. Frank did not have the details of how this would operate; he will email them for that information.

For the Good of the Division:

Andy asked Tom how many physical (paper) copies of the Flyer were being mailed every month. Tom responded that the number is 14. Andy then reported that Bob Prehoda had e-mail and volunteered to give it to Tom. Susan confirmed that she had Bob's e-mail address.

Frank indicated that the June meeting would probably take place via video again (Go To Meeting), but is hoping for a physical meeting.

Tom raised the issue of the convention and donations stemming from its cancellation. To date, he has received \$1545.00. Neal Schorr inquired if that put us in the black. Tom responded that it did; we did not lose money as a result of cancelling the convention. Neal reported that all layout tour yard signs purchased for the convention are now packed and safely stored in his attic for future use, either in 2023 (our next opportunity to host the MCR Convention) or sooner. Tom asked Andy if all refunds had gone out. Andy reported that he was still working on the last list. Andy also confirmed with Keith that some printing costs for a large poster (\$392) had been incurred. A \$50 deposit with the Pittsburgh Glass Center had been made. It is thought that will not be refunded. The yard signs cost \$428. In all, Andy estimates that around \$900 had been expended, but only the advertising costs and the tour were non-recoverable. Everything else, including the building kits commissioned as convention fund-raisers, will be

recovered. Tom indicated that he has composed a "thank you" email to those who donated to the convention and wondered when it might be appropriate to send. Andy indicated that all refunds would be completed this week and that he would tell Tom when to send the email.

Dennis was attempting to say through the Internet static that several buildings were sold last month and another seven so far this month. All were HO or N. He'll keep selling them through the 2023 rescheduled convention and only order more as something sells out.

Keith noted that he hasn't heard anything or received any final paperwork from the hotel since the decision to cancel the convention. The Region is holding the 2023 date for the convention for our division.

Frank noted that a member of Division 4, Mike Oster, had undergone a successful kidney transplant. He had conveyed the divisions well wishes to Division 4.

Susan requested an accurate list of the members so that her email list can be updated. That will also be sent to Andy. Keith has told Paul Novak (MCR) that Frank is the new Superintendent and should be receiving the spreadsheet.

Neal and Keith volunteered to post Powerpoint presentations up on the website, but there is still some question as to how that might be done. Tom indicated he would be happy to do that.

Because of his experience teaching on-line courses, Frank asked George how to save Powerpoint presentations for use on the website. The method is a bit complicated, but George will look into creating a set of instructions for doing so for anyone who wants to attempt it. Tom would have to assist with the posting of these presentations on the website, as their sizes of these self-running presentations tend to be very large. These may cause space issues on the website server.

As business had concluded, Frank asked for a motion to adjourn. Keith moved to adjourn with Dennis seconding. The meeting was adjourned at 3:01 PM.



Hohn (cont'd from page 5)

The kindling wood factory (below left) and freight house (below right) were completed recently. The depot and enclosed water tower in the photo are temporary stand-ins until I can build new ones.



Keystone Flyer



Between Auburn and Alderson the railroad travels through a rural area with a few structures.

I hope you enjoyed this tour. How about your layout?

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NEXT MEETING: June 28, 2020
 Online Executive Board meeting

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<p>All aspects of "S":</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scale • Narrow Gauge • Hirail • American Flyer <p>Monthly meetings Two portable layouts Membership open Contact: Jon Knox 724-287-6829</p> 	 <p>BEAVER COUNTY MODEL RAILROAD and HISTORICAL SOCIETY</p> <p>416 6th St. Monaca, PA 15061</p>  <p>Visitors Welcome</p> <p>Worknights: Tuesdays 7:30 www.bcmrr.railfan.net</p>

June 28: ONLINE MEETING

Once more we will need to hold off on a physical meeting this month. Our regular schedule calls for a meeting on the Sunday after Father's Day; due to the crisis, we will conduct this meeting again using teleconferencing software. Due to technical limitations, it is not feasible to hold this meeting as an open membership meeting with several dozen attendees; with the 12-13 who have participated in the April and May meetings, we have already run into the limits of the platform we are using. Therefore the June meeting will also be a business meeting without our traditional post-meeting model or prototype program. However, please take a look at the Feature Article this month, by Mike Hohn, whose Southern Central Railroad layout had been scheduled to be open for visitors after the April 2020 meeting in Morgantown. After we had to cancel that meeting, Mike offered to write up a description of his layout and provide us some nice photos. Be sure to take a "virtual tour" of his layout modeling 19th century railroading (pages 8 and 10).

There is no meeting held in July, but we are hopeful that our next meeting will take place according to plan, in August for our annual picnic at Henle Park, Leetsdale, PA. Keep an eye on your email (or see the August Keystone Flyer) for details as they develop.

Killing Time during the Pandemic, Part Le Deux

Back by popular request — or at least after continued prodding by Bud Brock — we bring you a continuation of our occasional series dedicated to how you can use the internet for the improvement of your modeling skills, and/or the tweaking of your prototype and model railroad interests, instead of simply for wasting time, consuming (or manufacturing) political misinformation, or otherwise wasting precious time. So once again, here are some more Youtube links to videos suggested by our friends around the hobby!

Snow, Grain and Steel in Whitefish, MT! Big Sky Tour, Part 4 [youtu.be/ILc2DxY-hy4]

Catch The Katy: Ride with the engineer of a vintage MKT Railroad locomotive! [youtu.be/BN-YxjiAVQo]

Age of Steam Roundhouse [youtu.be/leLXXyxUzQs]

Inside A Tier 4 Locomotive: From Engine Building To Train Monitoring - In The Wild - GE [youtu.be/Jv8tH6Tv9a4]

TRRS 487: Railroad Foreign Power Explained [<https://youtu.be/CW5QlcqhZRQ>]

Hopping a Freight Train in Africa [youtube.com/watch?v=1mL1a16aabs]

Model Train Structures: Building an HO Laser Cut Interlocking Switching Tower [youtu.be/d--nloQC5kw]

Brad Martin's Ho Scale Bee Line Railroad - layout tour [youtu.be/wDt2cQ2-e2g]

FreeMo Update

The Greenberg Train Show organization reopened its office on June 1st, with the intention of holding events already scheduled in July and thereafter. Hence if the situation allows for it, the Monroeville Convention Center will host the Greenberg Train Show again on the weekend of July 25-26. The organization says that it will "confirm exhibitor reservations and begin selling tickets for the July and August shows by July 1, 2020. Please continue to visit [this web site](#) for the latest information."

I have now heard back from several of the members of our FreeMo (HO scale modular railroad) group, most of whom plan to attend this show. Not everyone from our group can attend, and the situation is similar for the South Hills Model Railroad Club, though Jeff Graybill said that most of their members do plan to attend the event, if it is held, to keep the trains running. We have cooperated in the past to create one larger layout at the train show than either of our groups could stage on our own, and that is our hope for this show as well. Planning is still underway and may need to be finalized in future weeks, as we watch the situation with the virus unfold. Nonetheless the Division has applied to attend, with member tables and N-Trak layout, and our FreeMo group has also applied for a large space next to SHMRRC, even if our portion may be a module or two short of the complement we typically field for the less sparsely attended winter and fall shows. If you can come to the show to help out Friday with setup or Sunday with tear down, or in between to run trains, please let me know!

There will not be another Flyer before this event, but you can always check for updates online at our own [NMRA Division Two website](#).

Bring'n'Brag

Arley Mitchell

Quarantine Extra *(cont'd from page 3)*

Hello again everyone!! I now realize that when I ask for some different entries that all of you are only too eager to supply us with great entries. This is a good problem to have although it does take me longer to write my article. Not that I'm complaining! Here we go in no particular order...

1. Display Case - Richie Jodon

Nice job taking something meant for another purpose and making it work for your purpose. I'm a "light" kind of guy so I really like this one. Again, nice job Richie!!

2. Hobo Camp - George Pandelios.

George has created a nice scene here...George how do you feel about working in HO scale? I need one of these!! Again, nice job!!

3. Train Station - Charles Donbins.

I'm impressed that this was actually printed! A lot of great detail here, a lot of work went into this.

4. PRR Bridge - Neal Schorr.

I didn't have to look at the log to see who entered this. I remember seeing the scene before it was completed and once again just like the PRR, Neal your work is Top Notch!

5. Waybills - Tom Gaus.

This is a job that I suspect that more of us besides myself needs to do. I see a lot of effort that went into making these; it looks like a good system that will work. Good Job Tom!

6. USS Corona Works - Grier Kuehn.

Nice job on the mill! Grier put a lot of time and effort into this scene and it paid off for him, all of you voted it #1! Awesome Job Grier!!

7. Quarantine Rolling Stock - Jim Ferguson.

I've never been much of a PRR fan. That being said, you could always count on the PRR to come up with their own way of solving their own problems. Jim has done a great job here modeling some not very well known (at least to me) rolling stock. All of you like it as well, it was voted #2. Great job Jim!

8. Engine House - Susan Werner.

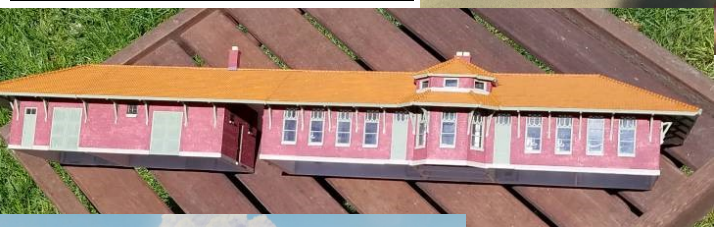
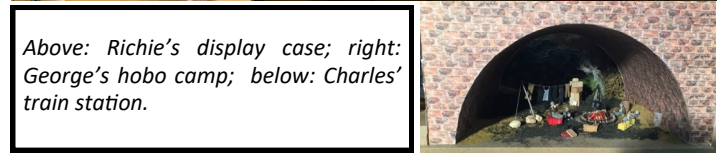
A really nice structure, she has a lot more patience than I do at this point. I'm always amazed at what Susan creates, and this time she turns out another stunning project. Good job Susan!!

9. N Scale Scenery - Jimmy Braum.

I grew up along the P&WV but by the time I was old enough to know the difference the P&WV was just a memory and everything was black NW, with the exception of the Alpha Jets that still ply those rails. Jimmy has captured the "feeling" of the NW in coal country. Great job Jimmy!

10. Railroad Crossing Structure - Fred Metting.

Fred has once again given us another nice structure! All of you thought so also, as you voted him #3.



Above: Richie's display case; right: George's hobo camp; below: Charles' train station.

Left: Neal's PRR bridge; below: Tom's waybills.

Below left: Jimmy's N scale scenery; below right: Susan's engine house.



Quarantine Ops, Session #3

Bob Prehoda

Greetings railroaders,

This op session lasted 16 days and 34 trains were run including 4 helper moves. The WM TURN doubled the hill using engine 1791, a 2-8-8-2 mallet. Four other through freights used a reluctant housekeeper/cook/wife to man the helpers. Management had to pay dearly for those helper moves!

The Huntingdon Northern uses 3 yards to generate the variety of trains we run. There are 3 mine turns, 3 locals, 6 through freights with 2 doing work at the yards, helpers, and several transfers. The 2 passenger trains were not run because of virus concerns.

A total of 373 cars were moved (239 loads and 134 mtys) which is more cars than the railroad has. A possible explanation might be that cars are counted twice. A good example would be the Ridge Turn; it would return to Spruce Creek from Chestnut Ridge and those cars would be classified and moved again on the Buckeye, Shenandoah, or Huntingdon Transfer.

The branch hosted 3 trains. The Prep Plant Turn, Meadow Run Local, and the Hickory Shifter moved 66 cars; 41 loads and 25 mtys. Activity on the branch is holding steady.

Surprisingly, Huntingdon and Spruce Creek yards handled the same number of cars at 172; while Chestnut Ridge only moved 68 cars. Therefore, rookie crews will be trained at Chestnut Ridge, at half the pay of the larger yards. The pay structure will be equalized at Huntingdon and Spruce Creek!

As fears of the Wuhan virus subside, management has begun calling back furloughed employees based on their seniority. Using the health department guidelines, management felt that the railroad could safely handle 3 crews and 1 dispatcher. The Huntingdon Northern expects to become more profitable in the foreseeable future and may begin calling more crews for the Friday night sessions. Hopefully, the retiree crews will be called back in September!

Sincerely,

R.J.Prehoda, Director of Operations

Hi Bob,

Always good to hear of furloughed employees being called back. But, with all the different locality contracts HN management is considering with the same craft, I would hate to be a Local Chairman for the BMLE. To keep labor peace on your (and other area) railroads, I would recommend adhering to the National Model Railroad Pay Scale Agreement for **all** employees and concentrate on the Arbitraries.

Such as: Huntingdon and Spruce Creek crews may use the restroom facilities at your house, but Chestnut Ridge crews have to use the one at Sheetz. You get the idea. The possibilities are almost endless.

Best, Gary

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M E M O R A N D U M

To: NMB, Pittsburgh regional office
From: J.E. Day, U.S. Postmaster General
Date: May 31, 1962
Re: Suspected Railroad Collusion to Undermine Labor

My Department recently came into possession of this private communique between subjects Gary DEEVERS, the Sup't. of the Glyndale & Davidton RR Co. and V.P. of Operations for the West Virginia & Lake Erie RR Co., and Robert PREHODA, Director of Operations of the Huntingdon Northern Rwy. Apparently, the envelope was speared (and thereby inadvertently opened) when a mail-bag fell out of the RPO car enroute to Greensburg station for local sorting; a civilian found it, brought it to the attention of the mail clerk at Irwin station, who after seeing its contents thought it may merit my attention. Having examined it, and knowing something about the way model railroad managers operate (having many relatives who work on said roads), I am sending it to your office for further disposition.

For what it's worth, the brief letter sheds light on the thinking of railroad management regarding strategic differential treatment of employees in order to effect the goal of breaking the will of the union (BMLE). Moreover, it also presents a prima facie case that these roads are collaborating with one another, despite their competitive position in the industry, to develop strategies to undermine or defeat their perceived "common enemy" - organized labor. Whether this constitutes collusion, conspiracy, or an antitrust violation must be determined by your office, not mine. But this is of a piece with their ongoing resistance to my ZIP-code initiative, which they have been fighting tooth and nail (also for obvious self-interest reasons). Hence I recommend continued surveillance of the roads in question, and particularly of the principals PREHODA and DEEVERS, to assess the degree to which such behavior may be an ongoing feature of the relationship.

Understand that we at the Post Office Department stand ready to assist you in any way we can. I have taken the liberty of sharing this with JEH, and though his organization is no ally of labor, it does have jurisdiction (File 125), he believes that surveillance of these railroad magnates might also produce useful intelligence against other subjects of his ongoing investigations / extracurricular interests.

TEXT OF DEEVERS LETTER - IN FACSIMILE -
ENCLOSED HEREIN

Here are the latest book offerings from our friends at Double Take Productions. Please let me know if there any books you would like. Remember, Division 2 members get a 20% discount.

Garbely Publishing: This organization has proven itself to be the most enthusiastic and motivated publisher out there right now. We have already mentioned and many of you have responded to their fall release of **Comprehensive Guide to Conrail Cabooses**. In addition other titles are planned over the next 7 months and they include: **Bobbers: North America's Four Wheel Cabooses, Conrail Rainbow Years Vol. 3: New Jersey Commuter Operations, Pinsley Railroad Company, Just a Shortline - Rahway Valley Vol. 3: Facilities, Industries and Operations** and **Railroads that Ran Along the Edge of the Road - New Hampshire and Vermont**.

Morning Sun: June 15 will see us starting to ship the new July titles and they are:

Hard Cover
Penn Central Color Guide Vol. 2 - # 1703
New Haven Power in Color Vol. 2: Roadswitchers & 2nd Generation - #1704
Soft Cover
Strasburg Railroad - A Photographic Tribute - #7316

By now you should have received the fall listing of new titles. The below listing is offered as a refresher.

September 1, 2020
Hard Cover
Clinchfield in Color Vol. 2 #1707
Conrail in the Norfolk Southern / CSX Era Vol. 1:1999-2004 - #1708
Soft Cover
Crane and Derrick Color Folio Vol. 1: ACL - CNJ - # 7391

October 1, 2020
Hard Cover
Canadian National Power in Color Vol. 1: 1st Generation Roadswitches - # 1709
Lehigh Valley in the Conrail Era Vol. 1: 1976-1986 - #1710
Soft Cover
Crane and Derrick Color Portfolio Vol. 2: CNW - EL - #7405

November 1, 2020
Hard Cover
Norfolk Southern - Southern Rwy. Merger in Color - #1711
(This title concerns the original NS and its merger into the Southern Railway and then status in the new NS Era)
Trackside Around Canada - #1712
Soft Cover
Crane and Derrick Color Portfolio Vol. 3: FCP - OC - #7413

November 15, 2020
Hard Cover
Chessie System in Color Vol. 3: B&O East End - #1713
Penn Central in the Conrail Era Vol. 3: 1985-1989 - #1714
Soft Cover
Crane and Derrick Color Portfolio Vol. 4: PRR - WP - #7421

Outer Station:

(Old): As time goes by many of the older Outer Station titles are shrinking in inventory numbers. The EBT and Spokane International titles have less than 50 of each available. The NY&LB title has just recently gone off our shelves for good.

(New): Of their newer titles we still have a few of the **Reading Trainmaster** book on hand. Expected by early July will be **Reading Railroad Vol. 8 - Select Philadelphia Locations**, this is another in their series of deluxe, \$125.00 list price that looks at the Reading's mainline locations and facilities.

White River Productions: Two new titles have been announced with minimal details. First to discuss is **Conrail in Pennsylvania's Lehigh Valley**. While the title is descriptive in overall scope it is presumed to be all color and will have a list price of \$59.95. Page count and a delivery date are unknown. The other will be the **On30 Annual 2020** and it is expected to be of a familiar size and content as their previous editions. Priced at \$24.95, a delivery date is unknown. **The Great Northern** book is getting very low with but a few copies left on everyone's shelves.

And of course, the N Scale Signal Tower is now in stock, for \$29 + \$8 S&H!

