

The Kingpin



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NMRA 75th Anniversary

2010 is the 75th Anniversary of The National Model Railroad Association. Members of the Mid-Central Region and Model Railroad Clubs in The Mid-Central Region helped with the formation of The NMRA.

The Kingpin is looking for articles, of any length - even a few paragraphs, about the beginnings of The NMRA, The Mid-Central Region, and the Divisions of The Mid-Central Region.

Send your articles to Editor [President] Dick Briggs or Publisher [WEB Master] Don Wilke. See MCR Contacts on page 2.

From the President.....

Christmas is now over, all but the memories. We hope that all had a safe and joyous holiday season. Hopefully many of us are busy in the layout room checking out the new locomotives and cars that Santa left under the tree. Oops! Maybe you were on the naughty list this year. Better luck next time.

This issue of *The Kingpin* focuses on the 2010 Spring Convention to be held in Charleston, WV. This convention will be hosted by Division 9. As you can see by the information on the following pages, Bob Weinheimer and his convention staff are planning a great event for us next May. There is

something for everyone and some great clinics and tours for those interested in non-rail activities. There is also a full service mall very close by for those who like to shop. I suggest you fill out the enclosed registration form soon and join us in Charleston.



While this issue of *The Kingpin* has been mailed to every member household, remember that the spring and fall issues will be published on the [MCR WEB Site](#). Only those members who have requested a hard copy mailed to their home will be receiving those issues. All others will be seeing *The Kingpin* on the WEB Site. If you want a hard copy mailed to you at home or an e-mail reminder please send me a note letting me know to add you to the mailing list. My mailing address is on the outside cover.

Kirk Perkins has been appointed Regional Boy Scout Merit badge co-coordinator. Kirk is very active in scouting and serves as a Scoutmaster in the Dayton area. He is active in the fine merit badge program offered by Division 3 to the potential young model railroaders in his area. Kirk will be assisting other Divisions in developing the same type of program. After all,

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what a great way to recruit the next generation of enthusiasts. You can contact Kirk at jeepfunatic@yahoo.com or at 1-937-233-0240.

All Divisions will be, or are in the process of electing officers for the next two year term. I encourage you to step forward, raise your hand, and volunteer to help your Division. If you don't want to be an officer that's fine, but there are a lot of other things you can help out with. Let someone know you are willing. You might be surprised and have a lot of fun helping out.

We hope to see everyone in Charleston next spring!

Dick Briggs, MMR

Second Chance

Photo by Don Wilke

Do you have an unfinished model hiding in the dark recesses of your workshop? Maybe more than one? You have time to give those models a second chance. Dig them out, finish them, and enter them in The 2010 MCR Convention Contest.

You have almost five months, so turn on a light in the workshop and find those models and get busy.

The Kingpin

This issue of *The Kingpin* contains a new section, The Golden Spike Awards.

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The Coalfield Express

Bob Weinheimer, MMR
Convention Chairman

As this issue of the Kingpin reaches you the holiday season is behind us and winter has set in. For many of us this means more time devoted to our hobby. Nearly all of us, however, yearn for the longer warmer days of spring. Spring brings not only leaves on the trees but also the Mid-Central Region's annual convention. This year the convention will be in a new location, Charleston, West Virginia. We're not sure if we have ever met in Charleston previously, it may be a first time. Division 9, *The Coal Division*, welcomes you to come to the heart of West Virginia for four days of mine tours, clinics, contests, layout tours, and all that goes with our conventions.

Register early and save a few dollars. Early registration at \$60 ends February 28. Effective March 1 registration is \$70. Also, note that there is a very limited number of Thursday evening operating session spots. These are already going fast so if you want to operate you should register as soon as possible.

Check the convention web site for updates to clinics, layout tours, raffle offerings, and other convention news.

The convention web site is located at:
http://www.coaldivision.org/coalfield_express

The Hotel

The Coalfield Express will be headquartered at the Embassy Suites Hotel in downtown Charleston. This beautiful facility, opened about 10 years ago, offers a variety of all suite accommodations. Their web site describes it best: "Rated as a three-diamond hotel by AAA and a recipient of the 2005 Expect the Best of West Virginia award, the Embassy Suites Charleston is home to premium accommodations and an outstanding staff. As a hotel guest, you'll enjoy spacious, two-room suites with a

complimentary cooked-to-order breakfast and nightly Manager's Reception. High-speed Internet access, indoor pool, fitness center and onsite, casual dining in the Athletic Club sports grill are available daily."

All of this is available at the special convention rate of \$139 per night single or double. Additional adults will be charged \$10 per person per night. While this may seem a bit high for one of our conventions, step back and look at the total cost of your stay.

Let's figure two people per suite. That's about \$70 per night for each but that includes breakfast. A decent breakfast anywhere is at least \$10 these days. The complimentary afternoon reception, from 5:30 to 7:30, includes a couple of beverages, something we all need after a hard day at the convention. Elsewhere you would expect to pay \$5 or more for a beer. That's included in the room rate. You would have to find a much less costly hotel to make a choice other than the Embassy Suites an economical selection.

Note also that the rooms are not normal hotel rooms but suites. Each contains a bedroom with one or two beds. There is also a living room with a queen size sofa bed. This means that you and your snoring roommate can be separated by a door. You won't find that feature at a run of the mill hotel. Each suite also includes a small refrigerator and a microwave oven. In the morning you will awake well rested and hungry.

The breakfast buffet is quite extensive. Pancakes, waffles, omelets, and eggs other than scrambled are prepared to order as you watch. Breakfast meats and breads, and pastries are on the buffet. For the more health conscious, the buffet also includes a variety of fruits, yogurts, and other more healthful items.

Remember, it's included in your room rate.

The hotel is directly across the street from one of the largest center city shopping malls in the country, the Charleston Town Center. Restaurants in the mall include the Outback Steakhouse, Chili's, the Tidewater Grill (seafood) and the Chop House (very high end dining). There is also a food court and other fast food restaurants throughout the mall.

The Hotel reservations can be made at:
<http://www.embassysuitescharlestonwv.com>

To make hotel reservations, you can call the hotel directly at 304-347-8700. Mention convention code "NMR" to get the convention room rate. You can also make reservations on-line, see WEB Site information above. Click on the reservations button. On the reservation screen, enter NMR in the group/convention code box and the convention room rate will be applied to your reservation. The convention rate is available until April 20, 2010. As of early November 2009 about 20% of the rooms have already been reserved. Don't be left out, make your reservations soon!

Prototype Tours

We are offering a full slate of tours that should be of interest to all attendees. All transportation will be via chauffeured motor coach. All coaches feature reclining seats with footrests, they will also have lavatories.



This Tour is for RAIL ATTENDEES

Walker Machinery/Four Mile Surface Mine Tour

Friday May 14, 2010

8:00 AM - 12 Noon

This tour travels 11 miles east from the hotel to Belle, WV along the Kanawha River, passes the beautiful gold domed WV state capital along the way. Cecil I. Walker Machinery Co., a family owned Caterpillar dealer is West Virginia's largest construction and mining equipment supplier. Their Belle facility is located along nearly 2 miles of the Kanawha River. On the walking tour, you will see their machine and component rebuild facility which includes a dynamometer that can handle engines of over 2,000 HP. Their parts department is particularly impressive in that it has an automatic robotic retriever.

Upon leaving Walker Machinery the tour continues east on US 60 passing Norfolk Southern's Dickinson Yard and Progress Energy's Kanawha River Terminal Dock at Quincy. While crossing the river at Chelyan there is a very good view of those facilities. The tour turns west on the WV Turnpike for a few miles to Marmet where it exits and goes up Lens Creek to Prichard Mining Company's Four Mile Surface Mine. This is an active Surface Mine that uses large excavators, wheel loaders, bulldozers and off highway trucks to remove overburden from the top of coal seams. You may not be able to leave the bus; however just driving through one of these mines is an experience you will not forget.

Price \$30.00 per person



This Tour is for RAIL ATTENDEES

John Amos Power Plant

Friday May 14, 2010

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM

This tour travels about 15 miles west from Charleston to St. Albans, the location of American Electric Power's John Amos Plant. This plant is one of the largest coal fired electric generating plants in North America. It has two 800 million watt and one 1,300 million watt generators. The plant also has an active rail to river transfer dock. CSX serves the plant as does the plant's 100 ton center cab GE. Appalachian Railcar Service facility is also on the property.

This is a walking tour with plenty of stairways and an eye opening education on how electricity is generated.

Price \$30.00 per person



THE TAMARACK PORTION of this Tour is for NON RAIL ATTENDEES

THE MINE PORTION of this Tour is for RAIL ATTENDEES

Tamarack/Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine

Friday May 14, 2010

1:00 PM - 5:30 PM

After leaving the hotel the tour travels southeast on the WV Turnpike I-77/I-64 to Beckley through some of the most rugged terrain in West Virginia. The mountains begin when the highway makes an abrupt right 90 degree turn up Cabin Creek, the home of basketball great Jerry West. It goes over a mountain to cross Paint Creek seven times before arriving at Tamarack in Beckley. Those going to Tamarack will leave the bus and be picked up at 4:25 PM. Tamarack: The Best of West Virginia is the nation's first showcase of handcrafts, fine art and regional cuisine. It comprises a warmly decorated retail store, working studios for resident artisans, a fine art gallery, a theater and A Taste of West Virginia food court, managed by The Greenbrier Resort. This is a must see if you enjoy fine art and handcrafts. Note that the work of the artisans is available for purchase.

The Rail Attendees tour continues to the Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine where the main attraction is an actual coal mine tour that takes visitors below ground, under the supervision of an experienced veteran coal miner.

Traveling 1,500 feet beneath the hillsides of New River Park visitors are carried along the track riding authentic "man cars" from the mine entrance to old working areas of the mine. Stops along the way explore the history of low seam coal mining from the hand loading days to modern mechanization. In addition the visitors can explore the historical coal camp situated throughout the grounds. This tour gives a true

representation of life in an early 20th century coal camp. Bring a jacket; the mine is always 55 degrees.

Price \$30.00 per person to Tamarack

Price \$45.00 per person to Exhibition Mine (includes admission)



This Tour is Intended for Both RAIL AND NON RAIL ATTENDEES

New River Bridge/New River National Park/Hawks Nest State Park Lodge and Overlook

Saturday May 15, 2010

8:00 AM - 3:00 PM

After leaving the hotel the tour travels southeast on the WV Turnpike I-77/I-64 to Beckley through some of the most rugged terrain in West Virginia. The mountains begin when the highway makes an abrupt right 90 degree turn up Cabin Creek, the home of basketball great Jerry West. It goes over a mountain to cross Paint Creek seven times before exiting onto US 19 at Beckley. US 19 crosses the New River Gorge just north of Fayetteville on an 876 foot high arch bridge. At the National Park Visitor Center the Park Service will conduct a narrated and guided tour. The tour will continue to the Hawks Nest State Park lodge for lunch. There will be enough time available to take the cable tram to the bottom of the gorge before departing to the nearby Hawks Nest overlook. The return to the hotel via US 60 along the New, Gauley, and Kanawha rivers is a spectacular drive that parallels Norfolk Southern's WV Subdivision. This is a tour for everyone as it has some of the most awesome vistas in the eastern United States.

Price \$50.00 per person (includes lunch at Hawks Nest and a tram ticket)

Banquet

Our awards banquet will be Saturday evening. Things will get started with a social hour from 6 to 7 with dinner starting at 7. Hotel guests can find cocktails and the like at the Manager's Reception, the cost is included in your room rate. Those who are not hotel

Clinics

We have an outstanding program of clinics. Space here precludes detailed information on each clinic but we have a list of clinicians that is current as of the middle of November. Check the convention web site for changes.

Clinician	Clinic Title
Gerry Albers	AC/DC/DCC, Signals By Spreadsheet (SBS)
Gerry Albers	Designing The Deepwater District with CAD
Gerry Albers	Signals by Spreadsheet
Jerry Ashley, MMR	How to use JMRI with DCC
Jerry Ashley, MMR	Weathering with Bragdon powders
Pete Birdsong, MMR	Logging Concepts: Design
Pete Birdsong, MMR	Logging Disconnects: Cars
Frank Bongiovanni	Modeling Laser Kits for Klutzes
Frank Bongiovanni	Motive Power of the Pocahontas Roads
Mike Brestel	C&O Coal Lines through the 1980s
Mike Brestel	Meet the President
Dick Briggs, MMR	Cheap and Easy Trees and Backdrops
Jack Brown	Modeling the Western Maryland
Chuck Davis, MMR	Dual Magnet Uncoupling
Bob Dawson	Modeling the Arbegust Branch
Jerry Doyle	Dieselization of the C&O
Jerry Doyle	Early Diesels
Jerry Doyle	Second Generation Diesels and Beyond
Gerard Fitzgerald	TBA
Dick Flock	Building Prototype Structures
Clint Foster	Choreographing Railroad Ops
Bob Frankrone	Operations on the Louisville Southern

Clinician	Clinic Title
Bob Frankrone	Scratch Building Open Loads
Dan George	Spring Creek Logging Railroad
Eric Hansmann	Upgrade Freight Cars to Prototype Standards
John Harris	Scenery on the C&O
John Harris	Turnout Indicators
Bob Johnson	Scratch Building from Household Materials
Carl (Bob) Johnson	What is G Scale?
Ed Keith, MMR	Log Cars I Have Known
Larry Madson	Myths and Facts About DCC
Larry Madson	Modeling Steel Mills
Greg McCartney	Make Computer Generated Decals
Dan Mulhearn	Tweaking Athearn Blue Box Kits
Larry Richards	Details on the Cheap
John Roberts, MMR	Modeling a Railroad Port Operation: The C&O Railway – Newport News
Jim Rollwage	Passenger Operations on the Denver Pacific
Neal Schorr	Line Poles and Pole Lines
Howard Smith, MMR	Building a Mountain Railroad
Jesse Smith	Chessie’s S. T. E. Locomotive
Steve Summers	Trestles of the Virginian
Jim Trivett	Innovative Layout Design
Charlie Venable	Wiring Oregon Signals
Donald Wilke	Photographing Model Railroad Layouts

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 guests can buy a pass to the Manager’s Reception. Note that due to this arrangement we do not feel it will be cost effective to hire a bartender so there will not be one in the banquet hall.

Our featured speaker for the evening will be Thomas W. Dixon Jr. Tom is the cofounder and long time president of The Chesapeake and Ohio Historical

Society. He will speak to us on the topic “The Modeler as a Historian”. He will discuss the state of railway history and preservation in America today. This will be followed by looking at the concept that modelers can be outstanding historians and preservationists through their modeling. As he has stated, “When many examples of the prototype have fallen into decay and ruin, the only

three-dimensional examples will be the models you have created”.

Raffle

We will be soliciting about 100 manufacturers and sellers of model railroad items for donations of merchandise to our raffle. This is an opportunity to take the chance of winning a great item for a small cost. Jerry Ashley, MMR will be in charge of

raffle ticket sales. Those of you who know Jerry know that his sales pitch is extremely hard to resist. Buy tickets early and buy them often. Check the convention web site for a continuously updated list of items received for the raffle.

Silent Auction

Do you have any model railroading items that you no longer need? Here's the chance to sell them to the highest bidder. The silent auction is a bit like eBay. You enter written bids. All bidding can be seen during the bidding period. Bidding will end sometime Saturday afternoon so the bids can be tallied and the results posted. Note that the convention take a 10% charge on any item sold. If an item does not sell, there is no charge.

Company Store

The convention will also host a Company Store. This store will be available to MCR and its divisions for the sale of any of their fund raising items. Note that all sales of this sort are to be done through the Company Store and that Division 9 takes 10% of all sales.

Contest

As you may have read in the previous issue of *The Kingpin*, the MCR Board of

Model Contest Categories

- Steam Locomotives
- Diesel Locomotives
- Freight Cars
- Non-revenue Equipment
- Cabooses
- Passenger Cars
- Traction
- On-line Structures
- Off-line Structures
- On-line Displays
- Off-line Displays

Photo contest categories

- Black and White Model
- Black and White Prototype
- Color Model
- Color Prototype
- Color Slide Model
- Color Slide Prototype

Arts and Crafts Categories:

- General
- Railroadiana
- Needlework

Directors has made improvements to the convention contest. Entrants will be asked if they want their model formally judged, entered for People's Choice voting, or both. The winner in the judged contest as well as the People's Choice contest will receive a plaque. Second and third place finishers will receive ribbons. Additionally models scoring 87.5 points or above will receive Merit Award ribbons and AP certificates. To accommodate these changes, we have prepared a special MCR entry form. We encourage the use

of the MCR form but will accept the National form. We will still use the National scoring sheet.

2010 MCR Contest Forms can be found at:

<http://www.coaldivision.org/contest.html>

**Layouts
Information supplied by
John Harris**

Division 9, *The Coal Division*, is only 60 members strong and we're spread over 40,000 square miles so we don't have quite as many layouts as we have come to expect in the larger cities. The positive side of these numbers is that you won't have to fret about missing large numbers of layouts. We are working on several more layout owners but this is the list at Kingpin press time. Please check for updates between now and the convention.

***Alleghany and New River Road -
John Harris, Charleston***

This HO scale layout features C&O steam and diesel in the transition era. The railroad represents operations along the New River in WV from Sewell, through Thurmond, to Hinton then ascends to White Sulphur Springs and then Alleghany VA before descending the Alleghany grade to Clifton Forge. Coal traffic is predominant however freight and passenger service is represented. Scenery is 90% complete and layout is nearly 100% operational. Control is NCE DCC. The layout occupies a 14' x 25' area in John's basement.

This layout will be open for operations Thursday evening.



John Harris' Alleghany & New River Road

Larger image at: [2010 Convention, Harris](#)

Photo by John Harris

Check for Layout updates at:
http://www.coaldivision.org/coalfield_express

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The Coalfield Express
Hosted by Division 9, Mid Central Region, NMRA
Thursday May 13 to Sunday May 16 2010
Primary Registration Form

Registrant's Name	Last	First
NMRA Membership Number	NMRA No.	
Address	Street	
	City	State
	Zip	
Immediate Family Name(s)	Telephone	Email
	Spouse	Minor Child

Item	QTY	COST	TOTAL
Early Bird Registration, must be received by February 28, 2010		\$60	
Normal Registration after February 28, 2010		\$70	
Single Day (1 day limit)		\$25	
Family Members, per person		\$20	
NMRA membership (non members)			
6 month trial membership for those who have not		\$9.95	
been members for at least two years			
Normal membership		\$58	
Extra fare items from page 2			
Registration Total			

Make check payable to: Division 9, Mid Central Region, NMRA

Make hotel reservations directly with the Embassy Suites, 300 Court Street, Charleston, WV 25301, 304-347-8700 or at www.embassysuitescharlestonwv.com Room rate is \$139 per night single or double. Rate includes outstanding breakfast buffet and evening cocktail reception. Please reserve your room using group/convention code "NMR". Hotel registration deadline is 4/20/2010

Please mail completed registration forms to
Coalfield Express Registrar
 c/o Bob Weinheimer
 398 Mount View Drive
 Charleston, WV 25314

The Coalfield Express

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Thursday May 13 to Sunday May 16 2010

Extra Fare Registration Form

Registrant's Name (only if previously registered)	Last	First
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Item	QTY	COST	TOTAL
Friday AM Walker Machinery/Four Mile Surface Mine Tour		\$30	
Friday PM John Amos Power Plant Tour		\$30	
Friday PM Beckley Tamarack Tour		\$30	
Friday PM Beckley Exhibition Coal Mine Tour		\$45	
Saturday New River Gorge Tour		\$50	
Saturday Evening Banquet		\$40	
Thursday Evening Operating Session - Select One			
	Grafton and Greenbrier	\$0	
	Alleghany and New River	\$0	
	Pennsylvania Southern	\$0	
Total Extra Fare Items (transfer to page 1 unless previously registered)			

Make check payable to: Division 9, Mid Central Region, NMRA

Please mail completed registration forms to

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398 Mount View Drive
Charleston, WV 25314

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Crusty Mountain and Wiloby Springs - Mark Maynard, Portsmouth, OH

A freelanced layout set on the modern diesel era, this layout features plenty of switching and train movements. The railroad occupies a 20' x 36' loft above a barn with a cantilevered 4' x 20' staging yard monitored by closed circuit TV. N&W, Norfolk Southern, and Conrail locomotives are predominant but other roads are present. Control is NCE DCC, turnout control is innovative. Scenery is 10% complete while layout is 90% operational.

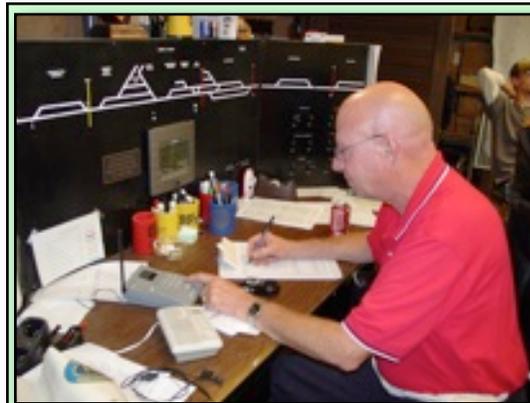
Grafton and Greenbrier - Lin Young, Gallipolis OH

The G&G is a freelanced HO scale railroad set in the mountains of central WV during the early diesel era. Coal mines and coal trains abound on this fully operational railroad that runs south out of Grafton to south central WV. Passenger service is provided by Amtrak. Operations are managed by train orders and track warrants. Car cards and waybills are used for car forwarding. The layout occupies two large rooms connected by tunnels with portions of layout double decked and even triple decked. A recent addition is expected to be operational but not fully scened. Scenery on remaining section of layout is 98% complete. Control is NCE DCC. This layout will be open for operations Thursday evening.

Hinton Division of the C&O - Gary Burdette, Pt Pleasant, WV

As the name implies, this railroad captures the spirit of the C&O railroad through its Hinton division in the 1950's steam to diesel transition. Featured towns along the New River include Thurmond, Prince, Quinimont, and of course, Hinton. Also included are the towns of Alderson and Alleghany to the east and the town of Cass and the Mower

lumber operations. The layout includes over 150 structures scratch built or kitbashed over 30 years of modeling. Locomotives and rolling stock are scratch built or kitbashed to C&O standards using vintage models. The layout occupies a 24' x 36' room and scenery is 10% complete. Control is DC. Also of interest is a replica of a 60's era hobby shop in a separate building that includes "1960s items at 1960s prices. The only catch is nothing is for sale!"



*Lin Young's
Grafton & Greenbrier*
Larger image at:
[2010 Convention, Young](#)
Photo by Jerry Doyle

Kanawha Valley Model Railroad Club - Charleston, WV

This HO scale Club layout loosely models coal operations along the New River and through city of Charleston. Railroad features C&O, Chessie System, and CSX although N&W and B&O are also likely to be represented as this is a Club layout that allows members to operate their own equipment. Era is not specific so steam and modern diesels tend to operate simultaneously. The layout occupies a 24' x 50' dedicated building at the entrance of Coonskin Park. Scenery is nearly 90% complete and features a large double span steel bridge crossing of the New River at Hawks Nest, the town of Thurmond, and an impressive

depiction of Charleston in the 1950s. Control is NCE DCC

Mid Ohio Valley Railroad – Dave Stout, Parkersburg, WV

The Mid Ohio Valley Railroad is a freelanced 24' x 28' triple decked HO layout featuring a steel mill, coal mines, and other local industry around New Martinsville and the small town of Steelton, WV along the Ohio River. MOV RR was almost completely merged into the CSX system so expect to see modern diesel locomotive power on point with MOV RR still serving Steelton. Layout uses wireless MRC DCC and is 99% complete.

Pennsylvania Southern - Bob Weinheimer, MMR, Charleston

The Pennsylvania Southern is a freelance HO 1980 era line that connects Pittsburgh with the deep south. The modeled portion is from Pittsburgh to the West Virginia state line. Pittsburgh and its large yard occupy an 11' by 22' foot room with the rest of the visible layout is in an adjacent 15' by 35' room. The layout features heavy industry at its northern end but shifts to more rural scenery and industry as one gets farther from Pittsburgh. Operation features lots of industry switching, lots of unit coal trains, and lots of those Railbox and Incentive Per Diem boxcars common in 1980. All trains still have cabooses. The railroad interchanges with the Norfolk and Western, Pittsburgh and Lake Erie, Chessie System, Conrail, and Montour. The PS uses switch lists for car routing. The train order and dispatching system is very much like that on the G&G. Scenery is 85% complete. Control is Lenz DCC. This layout will be open for operations Thursday evening.

Pittsburgh and Western Railroad -
Paul Lapointe, Parkersburg, WV

The Pittsburgh and Western RR is a 25 x 28 ft HO freelanced layout set in the modern era in Western Pennsylvania. It primarily serves the steel and coke industries, their suppliers, and customers and was inspired by the P&LE and Union Railroads. Most structures are kitbashed or scratchbuilt. A branch line extends into the coal regions and a large urban area where street trackage is planned. Construction is steel studs and foam roadbed and sub-roadbed. It has a walk around design with DCC and most locomotives are sound equipped. Scenery is 5% complete.

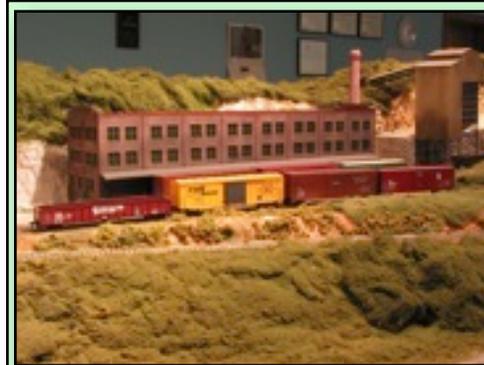
St. Albans C&O Modelers -
St. Albans, WV

This O scale club layout occupies a portion of the partially restored C&O station in St. Albans. C&O steam and diesel locomotives feature sound. Operation is not prototypical and scenery is limited. The building features photos and C&O memorabilia. The club also maintains an HO modular layout that features the city of St. Albans, Ashland, Kentucky and the Armco Steel mill at Ashland, Kentucky which may or may not be available during the convention.



Kodiak & Brandywine Railroad -
Dwight Sherman, Charleston

The Kodiak & Brandywine Railroad is a freelanced, HO scale, mostly modern era based on an eclectic locale. It is bi-level with a yet-to-be-enclosed helix. Overall main area is



*Bob Weinheimer's
Pennsylvania Southern*
Larger image at:
[2010 Convention, Weinheimer](#)
Photo by Bob Weinheimer, MMR

12' X 26' with a 5' X 18' "L" on the upper level. Focus has been to develop practical operation, rather than a fully scenic railroad. Scenery is 5-10% complete. Operation is essentially point to point from Kodiak, located in the "L," south to Brandywine and on to Northwood. The layout includes a number of large industries and some smaller outlets. Some freight cars are housed in the yards and represent large offsite industry concerns. Control is DCC powered using an NEC system.

Non Rail Events

As noted in the tour section, those without an interest in the trains may find the tour to Tamarack as well as the New River Gorge tour to be entertaining. We have also scheduled two clinics that may be of interest, we are working on adding more.

Bev Young:
Pocket Placemats, etc.

Bev takes her love of quilting into many areas. She will demonstrate how to make pocket placemats which have a place to hold your napkin. There will be kits available afterward

for the ladies to experiment with. A number of other projects will be on display to stimulate ideas on enhancing one's home décor.

Janie Burdette:
Collecting Old Books...and More!

Janie has always loved to read and enjoys antiques. The two interests merge with a visit to an antique or used book store or a library sale. She will discuss the old book clubs, authors, inscriptions, and numerous other aspects of searching out and obtaining old books (and sometimes new ones) along with pamphlets, storage, cataloging, and related subjects.

Questions

Please direct any questions about Convention Registration or about the entire Convention to Bob Weinheimer, MMR.

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MCR Calendar

13 – 16 May 2010

[Coalfield Express](#), MCR 2010 Convention – Charleston, West Virginia

15 May 2010

Mid-Central Region BOD Meeting – Charleston, West Virginia

29 May 2010

Deadline for *The Summer Kingpin*

11 – 18 July 2010

[75th Anniversary Convention](#), NMRA National Convention – Milwaukee, WI

28 April – 1 May 2011

[Rails of Ages](#), MCR 2011 Convention – Geneva-on-the-Lake, Ohio

3 – 9 July 2011

[Extra 2011 West](#), NMRA National Convention – Sacramento, CA

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