

Division Meeting Schedule

February 18, 2007 - Bombardier Transportation

Meeting: at 2:30p.m.

Program: Tour of the facility and test track following the meeting.

March 17, 2007 (Saturday) - Division 2 Jamboree, Robert Morris University Sewell Center, Moon Township, PA. SEE Information in this issue of the *Flyer*.

Bring'n'Brag Categories for 2006

Jan - "Anything Goes" - Cancelled

Feb - Intermodal Equipment

Mar - No Contest (Jamboree)

Apr - Signals & Signs

May - Steam Power

Jun - Cabooses

Jul - No Contest (No meeting)

Aug - On-line Structures

Sep - Bridges

Oct - Covered Hopper Cars

Nov - Boxcars

Dec - No Context (No meeting)

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From the Super's Desk

Did you make it to the World's Greatest Hobby (WGH) show on January 20th and 21st? Per Don Reed, "The official attendance number for Saturday was 18,000 - which I guess qualifies as a real success. I don't know if that's paid admissions or if they counted all the rug rats and curtain climbers.

Sunday was a bit lighter but it was still very crowded." I estimate that I may have rubbed elbows with 5,000 of them in passing through the aisles. As you walked along, you had watch that you didn't trip over the kids or their strollers. Keith Baton had an encounter with a "Hugo stroller" - a double-wide built for two kids. I also saw several "stretch" versions where the kids sit one behind the other. But then, it was a show for the whole family.

What drew all these people to attend this show? Some said they heard about it on the television or radio. Others said they saw the notices in the newspaper. In other words, the promoters used the media to promote the show. Imagine how many might attend our March 17th Jamboree if someone volunteered to be our Publicity Chair.

If I counted correctly, there were about 20 FreeMo modules arranged in an "F" shape covering 28.5 x 36.0 feet. Jerry Krueger from the NE Ohio FreeMo group brought two modules. According to Don "he was fun to have with us and also a great help with technical problems. He worked on everyone's modules, installing ground throws, finding and fixing track problems, trouble-shooting the auto-reverser, etc." The modules generated a lot of discussion with the attendees. The display boards and pass-out materials on the membership table helped to recruit 3 one year memberships and 9 Rail Pass memberships. We usually get 2 or 3 at a Greenberg or Great Train Expo show. The new Rail Pass members are David Bodnar, John Evanko, Ron Reiss, Robert Mereider, Ed Skandera, Richard Hulsey, Greg Berry, Joe Schultz and Walt Cose. Keith Baggus, Lawrence Marcinio and Wayne Sigmund subscribed as full members for one year. Welcome aboard, guys! I am looking forward to meeting each of you at our next meeting.

See *Super's Desk*, Page 3 ...

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Minutes From Last Meeting

The January meeting was called to order at about 2:50 PM by Superintendent Jerry Kyslinger. The location was the Monroeville ExpoMart during the World's Greatest Hobby Show. The meeting was announced over the PA system and about a dozen members stopped by the FreeMo modules and Division 2 membership booth in addition to the Executive Committee. Other members continued operating the layout and talking with guests. It was a little hard to hear with background noise from the large crowd looking at the many displays and vendors in the hall.

The November meeting minutes were approved as published in the *Flyer*.

Jerry gave the Treasurer's report and some financial information about the Land estate sale.

Susan Werner covered the upcoming meetings. The February meeting will be at Bombardier. There was some discussion about where to enter the facility so check the map in the *Flyer* for information. We will meet in the cafeteria. Our tour guide is a very knowledgeable 30 year employee. No cameras are permitted on the tour.

STEVE ROSS

Jerry continued with some upcoming event announcements including the Greenberg Great Train Expo in the ExpoMart February 10/11, Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club and New Eagle VFD Train Show at the New Eagle VFD February 25, our own Jamboree at Robert Morris University March 17, and the Pittsburgh Area Railroad Prototype Modeler's Meet at the Sheraton Four Points in Greensburg, PA March 30/April 1.

Several full NMRA memberships were received at the booth and about 20 signed up for the Jamboree.

The FreeMo group would like some helpers for set up and tear down at the Greenberg show.

There will be new Mid Central Region officers elected in August. Jerry Kyslinger is running for Region VP.

Neal Schorr gave the Jamboree update. Needed is a volunteer to help with the raffle. He also urged everyone to invite your non-NMRA friends.

Jerry thanked everyone who helped with the membership booth and FreeMo layout. The meeting was adjourned at 3:06 PM and the group dispersed to take in the rest of the show.



NMRA Mid Central Region Convention "The South Wind", Apr. 12-15, 2007, Clarion Hotel & Conference Center, 9700 Bluegrass Parkway, Louisville, KY 40299. Registration: \$64 postmarked on/or before Nov. 30, 2006, \$ 69 postmarked December 1, 2006 or after, includes admission to all clinics, contest room, silent auction, home layout tours. Info: Ivan W. Baugh, P.O. Box 99041, Louisville, KY 40269-0041, or web sites: www.midcentral-region-nmra.org or www.trainweb.org/mcrdiv8, then click on Convention.



Moving within Div. 2?

Please let the Membership Coordinator know your new mailing address to prevent an interruption in your Keystone *Flyer* delivery.

Railfan HAM's On The Air

from Joe Birsa

Every Thursday at 9:30pm amateur radio operators (hams) in the Pittsburgh area who are also railfans

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have an on-the-air chat on 146.88 Mhz. Anyone with a scanner is welcome to listen in. (However you have to have a ham license to talk!). You can send questions and comments to: pghrailfannet@hotmail.com.

Also see the accompanying blog <http://pghrailfan>.

Make checks payable to: Division Two, NMRA-MCR and send with name, address, and phone number to Vagel Keller, Editor, P. O. Box 5130, Pittsburgh, PA 15206.

Pike ads are available to publicize your home or club model rail empires for a \$10.00 yearly fee. You may supply artwork or have it produced by the editor for a nominal fee. Pike ads are also posted on the Division's website: <http://www.keystonedivision.org>

PUBLIC TIMETABLE

Feb 25, 2007, Mid-Mon Valley Model RR Club & New Eagle VFD Train Show, New Eagle VFD Social Hall. This is a Div 2 FreeMo Layout event.

Mar 17, 2007, NMRA Keystone Division "Jamboree." See special feature in this issue of the *Flyer* for details.

Mar 30 - Apr 1, 2007, Railroad Prototype Modelers Meet, Sheraton Four Points, Greensburg, PA. Contact Dick Flock, jlerr337@verizon.net, or Larry Kline, lnkline@verizon.net, for registration information.

Events of Interest

Apr 28, 2007, 9:30 AM - 4:30 PM, Old Economy Village, Ambridge, PA Model RR Grand Opening. HO Scale layout, built by volunteers from Ohio Valley Lines, depicts the P&LE in the early 1900s and complements the museum's railroad exhibit, *Tracks, Trestles & Trustees*. Opening day includes lectures and family programs related to regional railroad history. Phone: (724) 266-4500. Website: www.oldeconomyvillage.org

May 3 - 6, 2007, PRRT&HS Annual Meeting, Sheraton Four Points, Greensburg, PA. Vendors area open to meeting registrants only, includes both prototype and model railroad items of special interest to PRR modelers. Website: www.prrths.com

Submissions welcome! Contact the Editor with announcements, including dates, times, location name and address, and sponsor's name and contact information.



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THE KEYSTONE DIVISION

... *Super's Desk* (Cont'd from Page 1)

I want to thank all the members that helped out at the show. I will not try naming them because I am sure that I would forget someone. It was also nice to see the many members that came to the show and stopped by our display to say "hi".

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Our mission is to educate the public about model railroading. The FreeMo display accomplishes this objective.

The date [March 17th] for our Jamboree is fast approaching. As of this writing [February 2nd], 27 have registered. The 2003 and 2005 Jamborees saw 117 attendees. The Jamboree Committee would like to exceed that number this year. Invite your neighbor or a friend. Bring your registrations to the February 18th meeting at Bombardier or mail them to the Registrar [me]. Volunteers are still needed to make the Jamboree a success. If a committee member asks for your help, please accept the invitation if circumstances permit.

... Jerry Kyslinger

Painting For Cheapskates

by Don Reed

Floquil or Poly-Scale costs \$4 for 1 ounce. Craft acrylics like Delta Ceramcoat cost \$1 for 2 ounces. And the tops of craft paints don't weld themselves in place. And they don't dry up (ever, pretty much).

There are some applications where the model railroad paints are worth the extra money.

- If you need a precise color match, and you don't want to mix it yourself.

- If you really, truly need the very finely ground pigments; I don't think I'd spray a brass locomotive with craft paints.

- If you really need solvent-based finishes - for example, as a first coat on wood or card stock, to keep them from warping.

But in most cases, I find I get perfectly satisfactory results - especially on wood, card, and plaster - with Delta and the other craft store/art store brands. And since I learned this method from some really excellent modelers, I'm pretty confident in it.

Craft paints are thick straight out of the bottle and there's some controversy about what to use as a thinner. A lot of people, including me, use blue windshield washer fluid - the buck-a-gallon stuff they sell in gas stations. I use it for brushing and other people report good results using it as a thinner for airbrushing.

Here are two lists of equivalent colors, from different sources. Give it a try - I think you'll like the results.

Plaid/Apple Barrel Chiffon = Depot Buff
Plaid/Apple Barrel Wedgwood = Green PS Green
Folk Art Linen = Aged concrete
Plaid/Apple Barrel Misty White = Reefer white
Autumn brown = Rust
Brown iron oxide = Box car/rolling stock reds
Red iron oxide = Box car/rolling stock red; also looks like zinc oxide primer.
Charcoal = Grimy black
Candy bar brown = Close to Tuscan; more like weathered Tuscan.
American Georgia Clay + Charcoal Grey, mixed = Brick colors


Here's a list from John Dalton and Chris Thayer:


Midnight blue 02114 = C&O enchantment blue
Brown iron oxide 02023 = Milwaukee Road maroon
Quaker grey 02057 = D&H grey
Antique gold 02002 = CP yellow
Dark jungle green 02420 = MEC pine green
Gamal green 02120 = CNW Green
Fjord blue 02104 = B&O Royal Blue
Hammered iron 02094 = Pullman green
Payne's grey 02512 = Grimy black (Not sure I agree with this one. DR)
Mudstone 02488 = More grey than "earth", more brown than "concrete"
Western Sunset Yellow 02454 = Like "Sand" but more yellow
Black green 02116 = "Nada, zip - but a great color"
Avocado 02006 = Same comment as above.



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Black 02506 = Engine black

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And others!

Plus: Bring 'n Brag, Model Contests, White Elephant Tables, Modular Layout, Raffle, Door Prizes and more!

REGISTER EARLY AND SAVE!

MORE INFORMATION ON BACK

General information and questions: 412-276-1312 or e-mail: ctyclsscs@aol.com. Registration questions should be directed to registrar shown below.

Register early to guarantee meal availability
 Very limited space is available at the door.
NO banquet reservations taken after March 10th!

Registration information will be distributed upon arrival March 17th.
 No confirmations will be mailed.

Program/Banquet speaker subject to change without notice.

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Jamboree Fee Per Person – Includes lunch & continental breakfast	
NMRA Members Before Mar 1st	\$20.00 x ____ = ____
Non-NMRA members Before Mar 1st	\$30.00 x ____ = ____
Add \$5 after March 1st (all)	\$5.00 x ____ = ____
Banquet (not included w/registrations above)	\$20.00 x ____ = ____
TOTAL	_____

What is the Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree?

It's a one day gathering of model railroaders where modelers can share their hobby with others, learn more about the hobby and have fun in the process!

What goes on at one of these events?

There are a variety of activities. Some of the most popular features are the instructional seminars or clinics presented by many well-known model railroaders from around the country.

There are also model contests, space to display models you've built, a dinner banquet and after dinner program.

timetable will be available the day of the event.

The clinic program starts at 9:00 a.m. and continues until the banquet. There are breaks between clinics and for lunch.

What model contests do you have?

We have three separate categories for entries in the model contest – Motive Power, Rolling Stock and Structures/Displays

Anyone may bring models to enter the contests. Judging will be by popular vote of those in attendance. The winner in each category will be awarded a cash prize. Bring your latest modeling projects to enter the contests and

activities. Dinner is followed by a brief awards presentation and after-dinner program. Atlas Model Railroad Co. will provide a representative who will speak on the subject of manufacturing model trains in China. Banquet tickets may be purchased separately for family members not attending the other events.

We invite all model railroaders in the area to attend the 2007 Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree for a day of trains, fun and fellowship! It's a chance to meet others with the same interests and make new friends. Plan now to attend and stay for the banquet too!

For any additional information,

Do I have to be a member of the NMRA to attend?

No. The Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree is open to everyone, however, our members do pay a reduced fee. NMRA members also get to enjoy activities that take place throughout the year in the Pittsburgh area and nationally. Ask us about the benefits of becoming a member of the National Model Railroad Association!

What are these "clinics" like that you mentioned?

Each one runs an hour and there are about 14 different topics to choose from. They may include slide presentations, actual demonstrations and open discussion on a variety of model railroad and prototype subjects. We have tried to bring in many modelers that are well known for their expertise in different areas of the hobby. The clinics are informal in setting and open to everyone registered at the event. A final

share your work with others!

There will also be space to display models and items of interest that are not entered in the contests. Bring yours!

What other activities do you have?

A "white elephant table" will be available where everyone can bring items to sell. There will also be a modular layout in operation throughout the day. In addition, there will be space where attendees can gather, relax and meet others in attendance with similar interests!

What about meals?

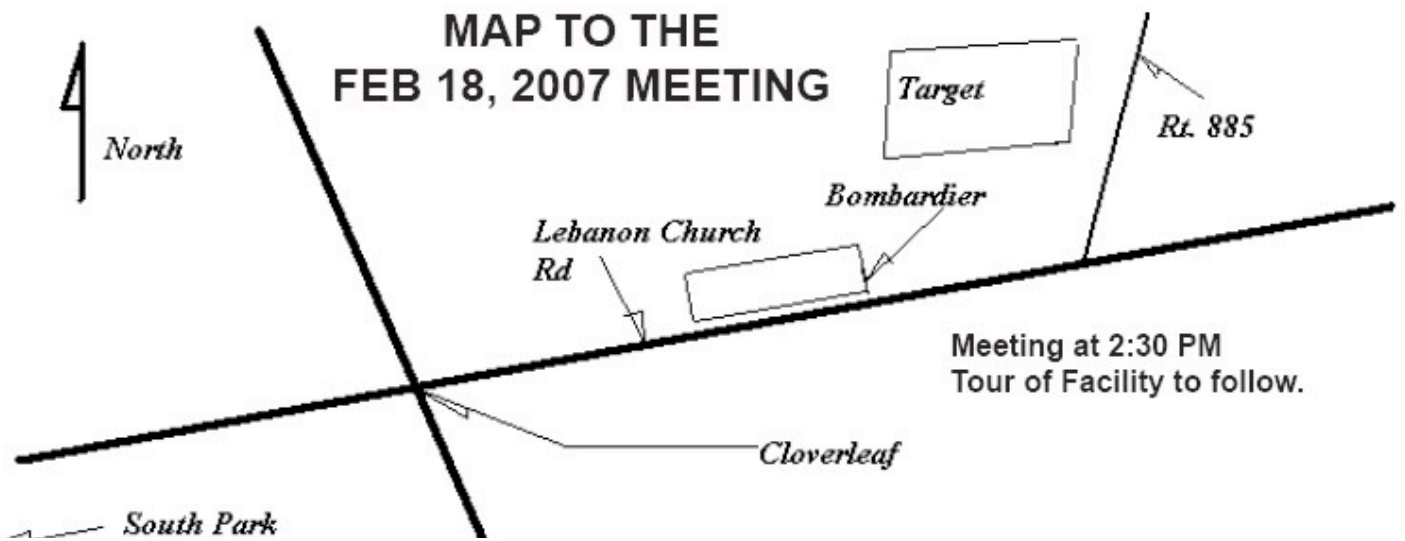
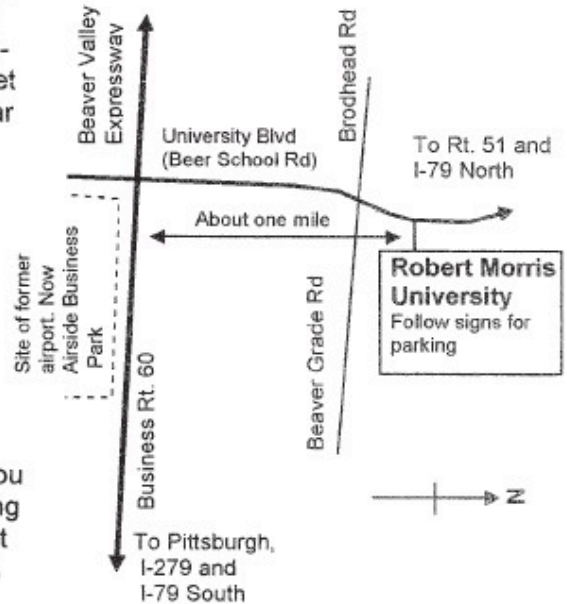
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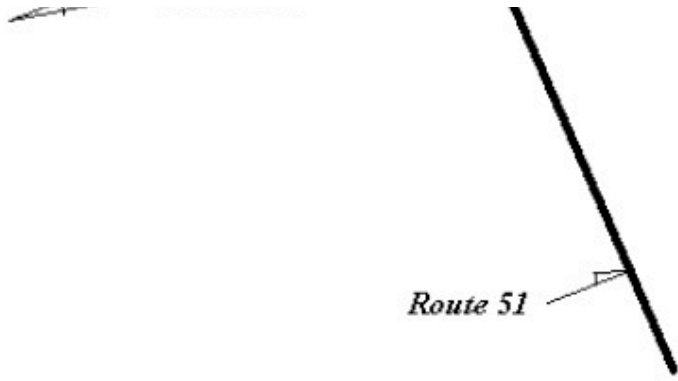
How formal is the banquet?

It's not a formal "banquet" so you don't have to worry about getting dressed up! It's actually a buffet dinner that concludes the day's







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