

Division Meeting Schedule

April 22, 2007 - Ohio Valley Lines, Ambridge, PA

Layout Open: 1:30 PM

Meeting: 2:30 PM

Program: "I Remember the PRR," by David Hamley

May 20, 2007 - Western PA Model RR Museum, Gibsonia, PA

Layout Open: 1:30 PM

Meeting: 2:30 PM

Program: "Intro to Operations," by Dick Flock

June 24, 2007 - Fayette Central RR, Uniontown, PA

Meeting: 5:00 PM

Bring'n'Brag Categories for 2007

Jan - Cancelled

Feb - Intermodal Equipment

Mar - "Anything Goes"

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)



Fallen Flags of the Keystone Division

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From the Super's Desk

Although Mother Nature sent a blast of winter weather our way, the Division 2 Jamboree was held as scheduled at the Sewell Center of Robert Morris University on Saturday, March 17th. A crew went to work at 6:00 PM the evening before, setting up the modular displays and making sure everything else was in place. As the Company Store, the Raffle and the White Elephant Table were being set up, the registrants began to arrive also. I thought the registration went better this year since the line moved more quickly than in other years. By the time the second set of clinics started, about 85% of the registrants were in attendance. Tony Koester was scheduled to be the lunch speaker, but he had to cancel because it was certain that his area was going to get hit hard by the storm. Mitch Dakelman filled in for Tony with three very appropriate and amusing short films. About 6:00 PM, the shortest (4 minutes) meeting that I have ever lead began. It consisted of the presentation of the awards by Paul Gallick followed by a motion to adjourn. The raffle of over 90 items was started immediately thereafter with young Steven Schorr very carefully pulling out each ticket. Surprisingly, the raffle concluded right on schedule and the banquet began at 7:00 PM. Bob Pisani of Atlas Model Railroad Company showed us how the manufacturing of their products was done in China. We were quite surprised to see that the work force was quite young (about 20 years old) and consisted mostly of females. Although the work areas were very clean, there was an absence of OSHA safety appliances that are common in the USA.

"Great Job!," "The clinics and food were excellent!," "This is a great place for this type of event!," and, "I am going to tell my friends about this!" were some of the comments I received. Speaking for all the folks that attended the event, I want to thank Neal Schorr and Jim Sacco for all their hard work in making this event a success. And, a special thanks is extended to Rob Twigger for his work as Raffle Chairperson and in getting the manufacturers identified in the program to donate the 90 some items for the raffle and Chinese auction.

Registration for the Jamboree totaled 146, with eighty-six also attending the banquet. After discounting the no-shows, the net attendance was 141 for the Jamboree and eighty-four for the banquet. These numbers surpass those for the two previous Jamborees by about 23%.

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

Below are various summaries for the event. Take note of how many large scale [S, Sn3, O and G] modelers and how many new members and non-members were in attendance.

Registration Type	Number
NMRA Members	93
New Members	8
Non-members	31
Clinicians	11
Clinician Spouses	2
Banquet Speaker	1
Total	146

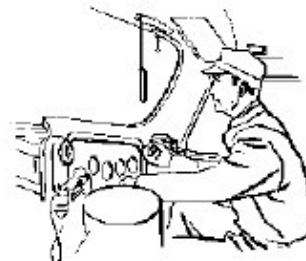
In other news, the membership elected the following as their Mid-Central Region officers for the next biennium:

- President – Jerry Ashley
- Vice President – Dick Briggs
- Secretary – Tom Atherton
- Treasurer – Gary Sole

The next meeting of the MCR Board of Directors (BOD) will be held at the "South Wind" MCR Convention in Louisville, Kentucky on April 12th through the 15th. I hope to see you there. If you have a questions that you feel should be brought to the attention of the BOD, please contact me.

... Jerry Kyslinger

Registration Type	Jamboree	Banquet
Pre-registrations	117	71
Walk-in	16	5
Clinicians	11	9
Exhibitor	1	0
Speaker	1	1
Total	146	86
No Show	5	2
Net Total	141	84



Scale	Count
HO/HOn3	84
O	29
N	5
S/Sn3	2
G	5
Unidentified	21
Total	146

State	Count
PA	112
OH	12
WV	14
Other	8
Total	146

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: pghtrailfannet@hotmail.com.

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

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PUBLIC TIMETABLE

Apr 22, 2007, 10:00 AM - 3:00 PM, *Beaver County Model Train Show & Sale*, Center Stage Banquet Hall, 1495 Old Broadhead Rd, Monaca, PA. Admission \$3.00.

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*. 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: <http://www.prrths.com>

May 19, 2007, 9:00 - 3:00 PM: Keystone Division FreeMo Set-up and Operating Session at St. Mary's Lower Lyceum, Lawrenceville in Pittsburgh. Open to all Div. 2 members. Email SD45Bob@aol.com

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Events of Interest

July 14 - 15, 2007: Greenberg's Great Train Expo, Monroeville, PA Expo Mart. Admission \$7.00 adult, Childre 11 and under free.

July 22 - 28, 2007: NMRA National Convention, *The Great Lakes Express*, Detroit, MI. Registration information in the February *Scale Rails*.

August 10-12, 2007: Dennison Railroad Depot Museum's First Annual American Soldiers 2007 Homecoming Festival, Dennison, OH, (740) 922-6776. Email: depot@tusco.net








September 13-16, 2007: Steel Mill Modelers Meet, Robert Morris University Sewell Center, Moon Twp, PA

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



Branchline "Yardmaster" Caveate Emptor ...

Last month I praised the prototypical accuracy of this manufacturer's HO-scale boxcar kits in the easy-to-build "Yardmaster" series. Since then I have learned that this is not absolutely true. The kits *ARE* accurate models of the "standard" 40-ft. boxcar design approved by the Association of American Railroads (AAR) in 1937. But many of the railroads who purchased these cars (and whose roadnames are applied to the "Yardmaster" kits) modified the design to suit their particular needs. What I would call major differences include metal roof walks instead of the standard wood planks and doors that were wider or

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Bring 'n' Brag

PAUL GALLICK

March's contest was held in conjunction with the Jamboree Model Contest at the Sewell Center of Robert Morris University in Moon Township, PA. The March Bring 'n' Brag contest was a replacement for the cancelled January Contest, and the theme was "Anything Goes." Twenty-one entries representing a huge range of modeling subjects were received.

First place went to Mel Dithrich for his HO Scale Baseball field diorama. He built this scene to be a drop in module in his layout. It includes a huge number of figures, lights, and bleachers.

Second place was won by Hans Werner for his HO scale DEMAG 30 yard shovel, including a photograph of the prototype at Round Mountain Goldmine in Nevada.

Al Zamorski won third place for his O Scale Union Station diorama. His entry was a completely scratch-built structure designed to be part of a modular layout.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Dick Flock's HO scale station.

Fred Abrew's scratch-built Waynesburg and Washington On3 engine house.

Kevin Kuzman's HO_{N3} Rio Grande Southern excursion train with scratch-built gondola cars for the passengers and S-scale scratch-built western bathhouse.

The standings are as follows:



<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Mel Dethrich	6
Hans Werner	5
Al Zamorski	4
Fred Abrew	2
Pat Altdorfer	2
Dean Codvington	2
Bill DeFoe	2
Charlie Fink	2
Dick Flock	2
Brad Hillgartner	2
Mike Hohn	2
Scooter Hovanec	2
Joe Keyser	2
Larry Kline	2
Kevin Kuzman	2
Dave Neumann	2
Don Reed	2
Steve Ross	2
Albert Zimmerman	2

- Dean Codvington's N Scale grain elevator.
- Brad Hillgartner's O scale freight house.
- Albert Zimmerman's HO scale scratch-built brewery complex.
- Bill DeFoe entered a HO scale MP 2-8-2 steam engine.
- Charlie Fink's HO scale P&WV 2-8-2.
- Scooter Hovanec's HO scale SD40 lettered for CSX.
- Joe Keyser's patriotic themed modular layout.
- Pat Altdorfer's Div 2 FreeMo module with a Micro-brewery
- Don Reed's Div. 2 FreeMo module, "Skinner's Row"
- Dave Neumann's On30 modular layout.
- Steve Ross's HO scale PFE reefer built from an Inter-mountain kit.
- Mike Hohn's scratch-built HO scale 30' boxcar.
- Larry Kline's two O scale boxcars.

Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. (If I've misspelled anyone's name, I apologize, and please forward any corrections.) Next month's modeling contest theme will be "Signals and Signs."



Photo by Don Reed

One of Pennsy's few USRA 0-6-0 shifters works an industrial siding on Don Reed's Skinner's Row module, part of the Div. 2 FreeMo layout.



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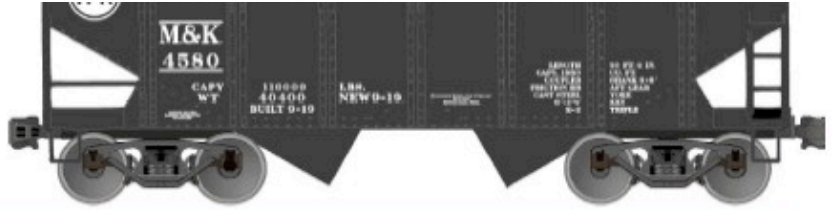
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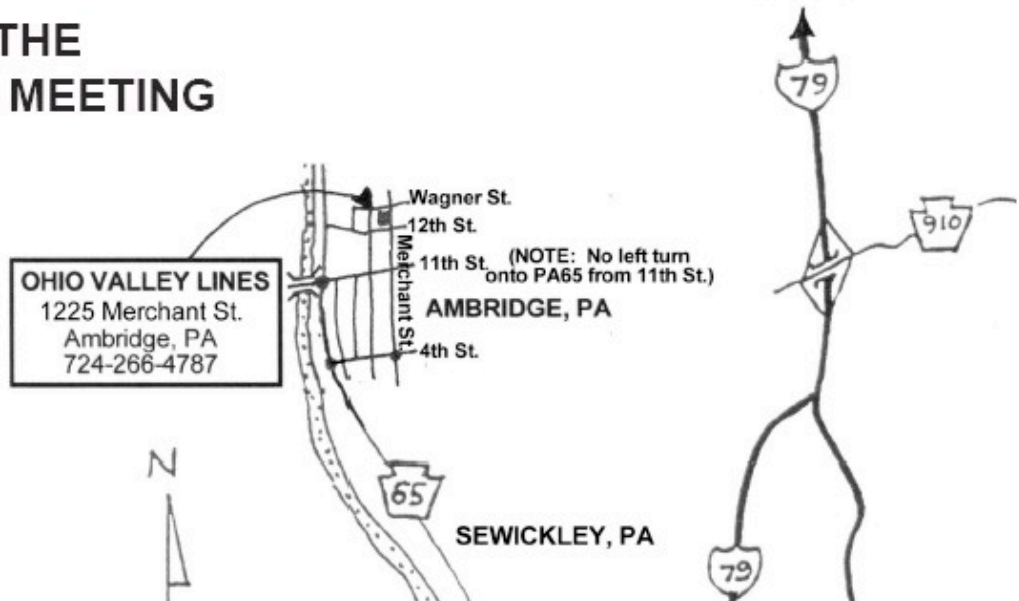
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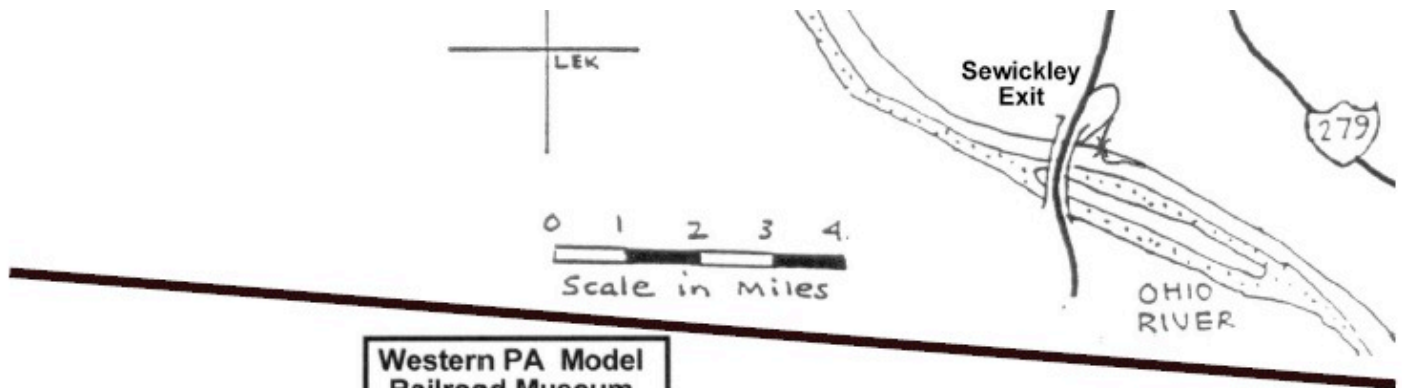


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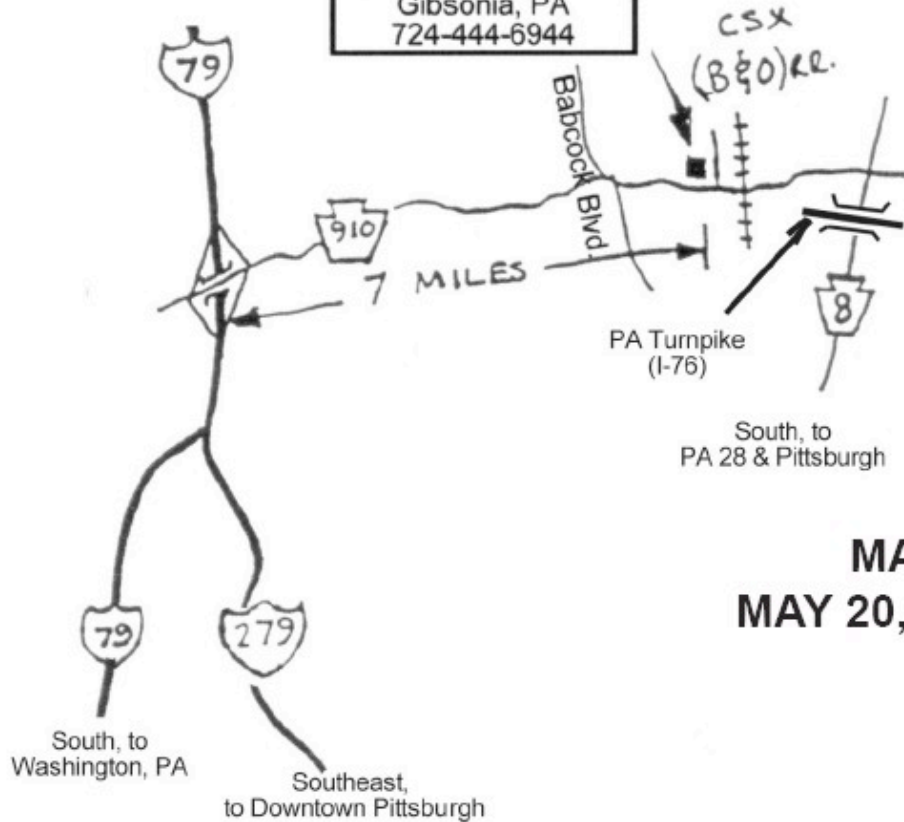
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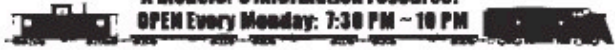
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