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Division Meeting Schedule

Saturday, April 12, 2008 - Div. 2 Jamboree at the Robert Morris University Sewell Center. Registration opens at 8:00 AM.

May, 2008 - Executive Committee Meeting at location & time TBD during the MCR Regional Convention, Independence, OH

June 8, 2008 - Scenic Express, Belmont, PA.

July 2008 - No Meeting

Bring'n'Brag Categories for 2008

Jan	Anything Goes
Feb	Switchers
Mar	Open Hopper Bottom Cars
Apr	Meat Packing Industry
May	No Contest
Jun	Built Laser Kit
Aug	On-Line Structures
Sep	Diesel Power
Oct	MOW Equipment
Nov	Industrial Structures



Fallen Flags of the Keystone Division

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From the Super's Desk

The election results have been tallied and you, the members of Division 2, have met my challenge which was to have at least 70 votes (about 25% of the membership) in the ballot box. I thank Carl for the excellent slate of candidates and Jack Pscherer for being the Teller.

I congratulate Susan Werner and Michael Hohn on being elected Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent, respectively. I also thank John Gallagher and Dennis Vaccaro for volunteering as candidates for the Assistant Super's position. The two year term for the new officers begins on May 1st.

Our Jamboree is approaching quickly. If you did not register, you can do so at the door on April 12th. The registration form and directions to the Sewell Center on the campus of Robert Morris University are presented elsewhere in this issue. I hope to see you there. Bring a friend.

This is my last opportunity to address the membership of Division 2 as your Superintendent. I have truly enjoyed these past four years. I learned a lot about the NMRA and the Achievement Program and I have been enriched by the experience. I want to thank Susan, Carl, Steve and all those who continued to serve as Chairpersons. And, I want to thank all the members of Division 2 for the support, help and encouragement you have given me over my term. I will be finishing the work on our new Regulations with the goal of having them in place for the picnic in August. I am also looking forward to constructing a FreeMo module with my grandson, Austin.

Thank you.

... Jerry Kyslinger

Download the registration form from the Division 2 Website.

Visit us on the World Wide Web at
<http://www.keystonedivision.org>

Minutes From Last Meeting

JACK PSCHERER & STEVE ROSS

The March meeting was called to order by Superintendent Jerry Kysliger at 2:32 PM at the Ohio Valley Lines club in Ambridge, PA. A large number of members were present, most walking around the spacious layout, so it was difficult to get an accurate head count.

John Gallagher welcomed the members to the club's facilities. John also mentioned that the basement is being remodeled, and when it is finished the space will be used for an N Gauge layout. Further, the second floor is also undergoing some changes, and future meetings will be held upstairs. Rich Kuroski, a long time NMRA member but new to the Division introduced himself.

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

Tom Gaus and Jack Pscherer counted the ballots for the 2008 election of officers. Seventy ballots were received; Susan Werner succeeds Jerry Kysliger as Superintendent and Mike Hohn becomes the new Assistant Superintendent.

The Treasurer's report was given by Jerry in Carl Volkwein's absence, income was \$772 and expenses were \$372 for a net profit of \$400.

Dick Flock gave the Company Store update. Several new books are available; PRR Tracksides with John Dziobko, Jr., 1951-1961; Pennsylvania Lines West; and several new Kalmbach Publishing Co. books in their how-to series. Dick also mentioned his trip to the War Memorials in Washington D.C. is scheduled for April 16. The cost is \$65 per person, open to everyone, and includes lunch and dinner.

Tom Gaus, Membership Chair and Webmaster, reported the Division stands at 263 members. The website is very active with 16,000+ hits, 981 sessions, and the links page was the most viewed.

Bob Meier gave the FreeMo modular layout update. In addition to participating at the Greenberg Great Train and Toy Expo, July 12-13, at the Pittsburgh Expo Mart by Monroeville Mall, he is developing plans for a meeting this October. Details need to be finalized with the new administration.

Thanks to Jack Pscherer for writing the first part of the minutes since I was late arriving to the meeting.

Paul Gallick announced that the original May

knew of an attorney familiar with PA non-profit regulations. There were several suggestions, including the Pittsburgh chapter of SCORE and possibly Volunteer Lawyers for the Arts.

Susan Werner started the 2008 Jamboree report with a reminder that the date is April 12 and the location is the Sewell Center of Robert Morris University in Moon. The jamboree will basically follow last year's format. Two rooms of clinics will run from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM. A continental breakfast and lunch is included with the ticket price. The evening banquet is an extra fare. If you purchased the PRR Conemaugh Division book, bring it for our banquet speaker to sign. The contest categories were mentioned above, so please bring some models to be judged by popular vote and maybe win a cash prize. Also bring some kits to sell at the White Elephant table run by the Free-Mo module group. Speaking of modules, we are hoping to have three scales displayed. Bob Twigger noted that he has had great participation from stores and manufacturers with items available in G, O, HO, and N scale for the raffles. Remember to bring a friend. Registrar Tom Gaus reported 55 have registered to date. The price goes up \$5 after March 31.

Susan continued with an update on our petition for the National convention in 2013. The national convention manager, Henry Jordan, and two other gentlemen from National spent the day in Pittsburgh collecting Convention Center and hotel information, then met with our convention committee the evening of March 10th at the Westin William Penn Hotel. They explained to us what National would do and what Div.2 would have to do in order to host a National Convention. Briefly, National will take financial responsibility, handle registration, and help with inside clinics (AV, signs, etc.). We get first pick of clinic topics and clinicians, but National will step in to fill out the program if need be. We are also responsible for all outside tours;

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Bring'n'Brag category of Meat Packing Industry will now be judged in April at the Jamboree as a B'n'B contest separate from the regular Jamboree contests of Motive Power, Rolling Stock, and Structures/Displays.

Jerry noted that the revised and updated Div. 2 regulations are typed and still are being proofread. He then asked, "Is there a lawyer in the house?" Actually the request was if anyone

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annual, or non-member, yearly subscriptions are available for \$5.00. 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 \$15.00 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

April 12, 2008: **Div 2 Jamboree**, Robert Morris University Sewell Center, Moon Township, PA

April 20, 2008: **Beaver-Lawrence Railway Historical Society Spring Fling**, Beaver Falls, PA. Contact: (724) 775-4607. Website: <http://www.beavervalleyjunction.org>

April 27, 2008: **Massillon Train & Toy Show**; K of C Hall, 988 Cherry Rd NW, Massillon, OH; 10 - 3; Admission: \$4.00; Ph. (330) 262-7488

May 15 - 18, 2008: **MCR "Port City Meet," Annual Convention**, Independence, OH Holiday Inn May 17 - 18, 2008; 10:00 AM - 6:00 PM; **National Pike Steam, Gas & Horse Association Spring Show**, 4 miles west of Brownsville, PA on US 40

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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Events of Interest

July 12 - 13, 2008: 10:00 AM - 4:00 PM

Greenberg's Great Train & Toy Expo

Location: Pittsburgh Expo Mart, Monroeville, PA

The Keystone Division

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layouts, prototype/industrial, and non-rail. Most importantly, we will need to supply local volunteers to help with tours, auctions, clinic AV, etc. The estimated number is 100, but this is spread out over the entire week so no one would have to work all the days. Our division could share in up to 20% of the profit, but if we don't come up with adequate volunteers, our share could be forfeited.

Vagel mentioned benefits of volunteering, such as free tour tickets, but Susan pointed out that the current National convention policy is that everyone pays for all events. However, the host Division is permitted to determine a volunteer compensation policy. [So much for that. vk]

We will be given time for a 10 minute presentation to the Board of Directors at the Anaheim convention in order to sell our Division and city as a desirable convention site. This will be followed by questions from the Board. We are now only competing against Atlanta, Washington D.C. and Albany, NY have bowed out. Once a winner is picked, Henry Jordan will present the financial package his committee has prepared for that city. E-mail Susan or Dennis Vaccaro if you have any digital photos or video clips (those to Dennis only at: vaccarodj@yahoo.com) that would showcase our area for the presentation. These can be layouts, events, or prototype railroading. Once the presentation is put together, it will be rehearsed for the best delivery.

Also think about preparing an article on a layout or modeling a local prototype for submission to *ScaleRails* or *RMC*. It is not too early to start, given the magazine

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printing lead-times. As a plus you will earn author points for the Achievement Program.

Henry Jordan will let Susan know by March 30 if the financial package is feasible. The convention dates will also be selected then, July or August. It was suggested we could plug Zambelli fireworks for a Fourth of July date.

Next, Susan ran down the upcoming meetings. The April meeting will be the Jamboree. May's meeting will be an executive committee meeting with all members welcome at 10:00 AM Sunday May 18 at the MCR Convention in Cleveland. Note that June's meeting date has been changed

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Bring 'n' Brag

PAUL GALLICK

March's contest was held at the Ohio Valley Lines club in Ambridge, PA. There were 12 entries consisting of 34 models in this month's contest where the subject was "Open Hopper cars."

First place was won by Jim Kubanick for his three HO scale hopper cars. The first model was of a USRA 70 ton design built from a Westerfield flat resin kit of a modernized car which eliminated the center clamshell hopper and retrofitted with AB brakes. Jim's second entry was an Illinois Central car based on the AAR 1935 standard. This car was built from a Sunshine resin kit. His third model was of a rebuilt Lehigh Valley hopper car built from an old Hobbyline kit. All three cars were expertly painted and lettered by Jim.

Second place went to Keith Devault for his set of four HO scale Chessie System hopper cars. All were built from plastic kits and were weathered with a mixture of paint and chalks.

Third place was won by Allan Cybak for his collection of five 34' HO scale hopper cars painted and lettered for the Erie railroad. Allan renumbered all the cars, added Kadee couplers and metal wheels, and custom made loads from real coal.

Other entries for this month's contest included:

Mike Hohn entered two HO scale cars lettered for the

Lehigh Valley kitbashed from Athearn kits. One car had new sides laminated over it to simulate a fishbelly design car while the second car had external braces added to an offset side car to match the prototype.

Dick Flock entered an HO scale 55 ton hopper car built from the Tichy kit, detailed, painted and lettered for the PRR.

Steve Raque entered an HO scale 70 ton hopper car built from a Stewart kit and lettered for the P&LE using decals from Shenango Shops, Champ, and Microscale.

Eric Hansmann entered a set of 5 HO scale hopper cars built for Bowser, Stewart and Accurail kits and lettered for an assortment. Eric added prototypically correct details and replaced molded on grabirons and handholds with wire replacements.

Jim Dodds entered two HO scale hopper cars with custom built coke loads.

Susan Werner entered an HO scale USRA hopper car lettered for the P&W, which she lightly weathered with chalks.

Andy Lorince entered three S scale hopper cars, which he modified with prototypical details for scale.

Jim Whipple entered several S scale offset side twin hopper cars rebuilt and detailed from American Flyer shells.

Steve Ross entered two HO scale USRA hopper cars built from Accurail kits.



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Thanks to everyone who brought in models and voted. There will be no contest in May due to the Regional convention. However we will have a Bring 'n' Brag contest table at the Jamboree in April instead, based on the May category of "Meat Packing Industry."

Standings are as follows:



<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Points</u>
Steve Raque	9	Robert Hickman	2
Mike Hohn	8	Vagel Keller	2
Bill DeFoe	6	Andy Lorince	2
Jim Kubanick	6	John Weinhold	2
Dave Wilson	5	Hans Werner	2
Jim Dodds	4	Jim Whipple	2
Steve Ross	4		
Albert Zimmerman	4		
Patrick Altdorfer	2		
Dick Flock	2		

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to June 8 at Scenic Express in Delmont, PA. Andy Lorince mentioned that an S Gauge meeting there constructed scenery as a clinic.

For the Achievement Program Dennis Vacarro reminded everyone that a one hour clinic with a printed handout also will earn six author points towards the 42 needed for a Certificate.


There were a number of announcements for upcoming events given under New Business. See the Public Timetable. Stefania Perri had contacted Jerry about appraising a train collection for her grandfather's estate. The collection is HO. See Jerry if you would like to volunteer. Andy Lorince noted that Mildred Mares, long time Division 2 member and historian had passed away. A memorial, as noted in our bylaws, was discussed.

Dick Flock mentioned that the recently reinstated (2003) Division 9 in southern WV was struggling financially and moved that we send them \$200 in seed money. Michael Hohn seconded the motion and pointed out that this is a group of excellent modelers and was originally a part of Division 2. Ned Kluth mentioned that the Dennison Depot Museum in Ohio is having a membership drive. This town was a WWII troop train canteen and PRR division point with a lot of history.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:22 PM. John Gallagher presented a program on restoration of an old model of a basic oxygen furnace and strip mill.

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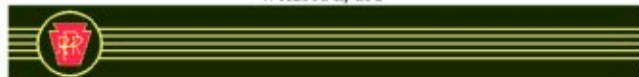
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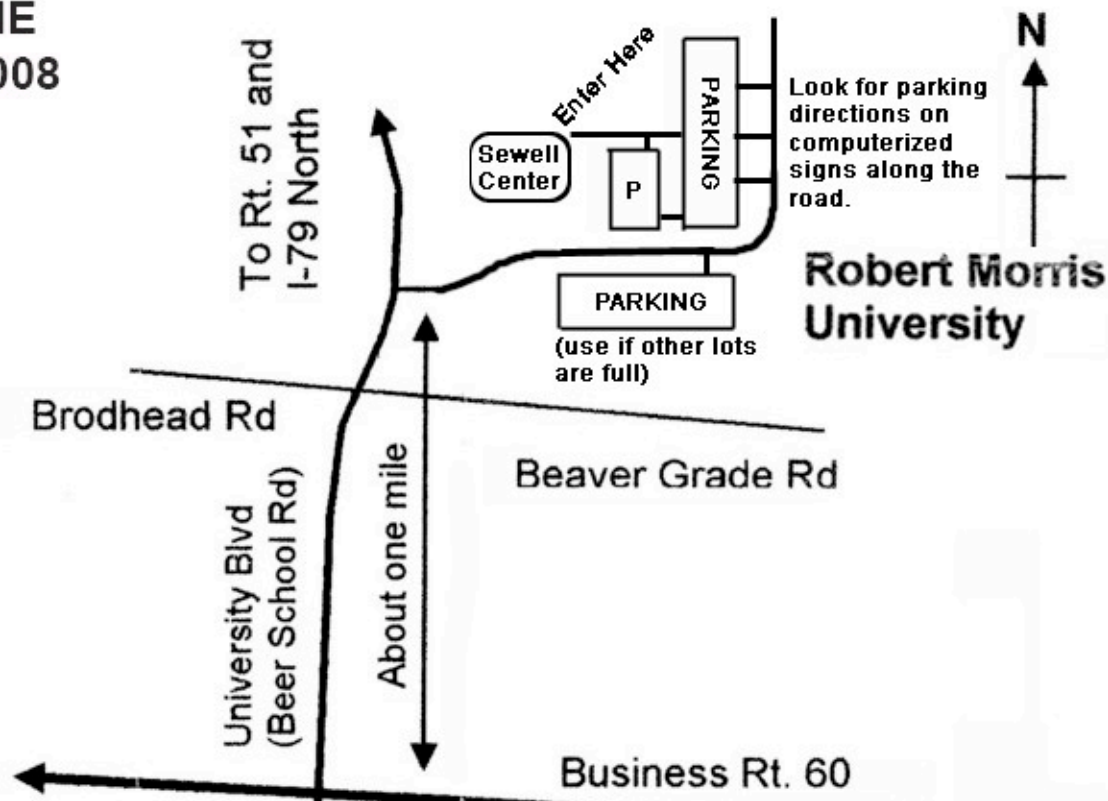
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MAP TO THE APRIL 12, 2008 MEETING





The business meeting for May 2008 will be held by the Executive Committee at the MCR Regional Convention.

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Frank Bongiovanni – Gordon Varney: The Man and His Contributions to the Hobby

Bram Bailey – Brass Diesels: They're not all Coffee Grinders

George Pandelios – Making Useful Drawings for Model Railroading

Bill DeFoe – How John Allen Influenced Me as a Model Railroader

Andy Blenko - Streetscapes

David Wilson – Modeling URR Steam Locomotives

Gary Deavers – A Tale of Two Towers

Scenery Cooperative - Easy Hardshell Scenery

Vagel Keller – Planning a Layout for Narrow & Standard

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NO banquet reservations taken after April 5th!

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 April 12th.
 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 31st	\$22.00 x _____ = _____
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Add \$5 after March 31st (all)	\$5.00 x _____ = _____
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