

# Guest Editor for This issue: Dennis Lippert (Woo Hoo?)



## Editor's Model of the Month (sort of...)

Due to a technical glitch, the Editor of the Month did not receive a full set of photos of the September Bring-n-Brag entries. My personal favorite was Steve Ross's Delaware & Hudson "I Love NY" boxcar... which was a slightly upgraded Kadee model (there's not much you can DO to a Kadee car!). Steve got 3rd-place honors in the vote. [I've added a photo of my own new-from-box, un-upgraded Kadee car!]

## Meeting Schedule

**October 20, 2024** - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm  
Rochester Area Museum & Heritage Society  
350 Adams Street  
Rochester, PA 15074  
Program: George Pzndelios, 'Using Brickyard 3D to create brick and stone paper veneers'

**November 17, 2024** - Division 2 Meeting, 2:30pm  
New Eagle VFD Social Hall  
156 Chess Street  
New Eagle, PA 15067  
Program: Richie Jodon, "Electrical Safety"

**December 2024** - NO Meeting  
HAPPY HOLIDAYS !

## Bring'n'Brag

Jan	Anything Goes
Feb	Motive Power: Diesel / Steam / Electric / Traction
Mar	Railroad Structures / Commercial Structures
Apr	*** Model Railroad Jamboree ***
May	Bridges and Trestles
Jun	Photos (Prototype and Model)
Aug	Vehicles (at the Picnic)
Sep	Freight Cars
Oct	Non-Revenue (incl. cabooses)
Nov	Passenger Cars

**Submission Deadline for next Flyer:**  
**October 27, 2024**

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## From the Super's Desk

I've written often in this space about the benefit of engagement with other modelers. For me, the more I've met with and engaged with others, the more fun I have and the better my modeling gets.

As most of you know, the National Narrow-Gauge Convention was held here in Pittsburgh September 11 through 14. Over 800 Narrow Gauge fans descended on the Steel City to share their passion for trains with less than 4 feet 8.5 inches between the rails!

One of the biggest draws was the opportunity to visit the East Broad Top, the only narrow-gauge railroad east of the Mississippi which is currently undergoing a serious rejuvenation. There were also tours of other area railroad-oriented sites.

While this wasn't an NMRA event, several of our members (Susan Werner and Dennis Vaccaro) had leadership roles in organizing and running the convention. They are to be congratulated for a well-run event!

It was also great to see the number of Division 2 members that volunteered to help. Additionally, the layouts of four Division 2 members were open for tours, one of which had over 150 guests!

I'm certainly not your typical narrow-gauge modeler. My interest is more in mainline, Class 1 railroading. However, when I visited the vendor room, I was amazed with the variety and quality of the available narrow-gauge offerings! I viewed some of the display layouts and was impressed with the workmanship.

I attended several clinics and found many that provided excellent information that was useful to any modeler, not just members of the narrow-gauge crowd. I had the good fortune to attend the Martin Welberg scenery clinic and got a wealth of information that will help me create much better scenery.

Certainly, the mid-week timing of the convention made it difficult to attend if time off from work wasn't available.

I will continue to say that any time I can gather with other modelers is a good investment. My advice to all is take advantage of any opportunity that comes your way. You won't regret it!

... *Dennis Coglianese*

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# Minutes

**Keith DeVault**

Minutes: NMRA MCR Keystone Division September 25,2024 meeting

The meeting was called to order by Asst Superintendent George Pandelios at 2:30pm sharp.

Pass-the-hat was initiated.

No new members were in attendance, but we had two invited guests: Jim Hill and Rick Jones of the Associated Model Railroad Engineers of Coshocton (OH), who were the presenters of today's program.

The minutes of the August business meeting were approved on a motion by Ken Hanawalt, seconded by JW Snyder.

Dennis Lippert spoke on behalf of Patrick Altdorfer as Flyer editor. Dennis is filling-in this month for the October issue. Submission deadline is September 22.

Jeff Gregg gave the treasurer's report. All is well.

George Pandelios reported on upcoming meetings: October is at the Rochester Heritage Museum. The program was still TBD [No longer true – see elsewhere in the *Flyer* - Ed]. November is New Eagle with Richie Jodon giving a program on electrical safety around the layout.

Susan Werner spoke for the company store. She's uncovered a few more items, including a few of the long-discontinued City Classics porch swings. Also, you are reminded that you can always order books.

Ken Hanawalt reported that we've received two new members in the past month: John Kenny and Dan Simanek. Welcome aboard! We hope to see you at a meeting soon!

Domenic Martinelli announced the bring-n-brag winners. See elsewhere in the *Flyer*.

Dennis Vaccaro reported on current doings of the Achievement Program. No new awards to present this month.

Jeff Gregg noted that the T-Trak group is awaiting yea-or-nay confirmation from Greenberg Shows for November and January. Dennis Lippert added that the same status applied for Free-mo.

No one spoke for the Website, or Video library committees.

Neal Schorr reported that the Jamboree committee is actively involved in pinning down a date for next year's event.

OLD BUSINESS – none reported

NEW BUSINESS – none reported

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## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dennis Vaccaro thanked all of the Division members who either attended or volunteered at the recently-completed National Narrow Gauge Convention in Greentree. Attendance was “north of 850”, with attendees coming from eight countries! Also many thanks to the members who opened their doors for the well-attended home layout-tours.

Richard Richenbach announced that he had a bunch of foam sheet scraps available for the taking.

Whats-on-your-workbench reports were given by Rick Montgomery, Arley Mitchell, Ken Hanawalt, Susan Werner, George Pandelios, and Bruce Lightcap. Ken’s was especially noteworthy, as his current project was begun in 1961 – which may be some sort of record!

What’s-your-problem was represented by Dennis Lippert, pointing out a yet-unexplored issue with bad coupler height on a number of brand-new Rapido GP38 diesel models in his shop.

Motion for adjournment was made by Dennis Vaccaro, seconded by Neal Schorr. The meeting adjourned at 2:50pm.

Respectfully Submitted  
Dennis Lippert  
Fill-in Clerk

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At the October meeting, George Pandelios will present a short clinic on the creation and use of brick and stone paper using the Evan Designs’ program BrickYard3. This easy to use, inexpensive, downloadable program can produce 20 different types of masonry paper in scales from 1:160 to 1:12. The paper can then be glued to styrene and weathered to achieve a realistic look on structures and buildings.

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## CLINICIANS SOUGHT

Division members, I’ve always thought that you know more than you are letting on. If that’s the case, please consider giving a 20-30 minute clinic after a Division business meeting.

I am always on the lookout for meeting clinics, and I am always available to help you create, review, or polish your clinic.

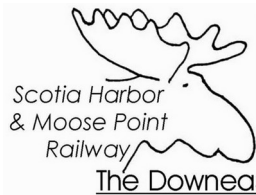
My phone and e-mail are in the **Flyer** masthead, so please contact me if you have a topic you would like to present at a Division Two meeting.

Currently we have an opening for the October meeting, as well as for most of next year’s meetings.

- George Pandelios, Assistant Supervisor







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NEW MEMBERS WELCOME

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First Place was won by Grier Kuehn, with a quartet of the “Lifecycle of Railbox boxcars”, weathered to various degrees (above). The second place finish was had by Rick Montgomery’s Union Pacific 60’ Intermountain boxcar, nicely weathered, but not pictured here. Third place was Steve Ross’s D&H “I (heart) NY” Kadee boxcar, simulated on the front page.

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Bob DiBenedetto entered this trio of “too modern” plastic-pellet hoppers at right...



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And J.W. Snyder entered the classic Conrail two-bay cement hopper at left...

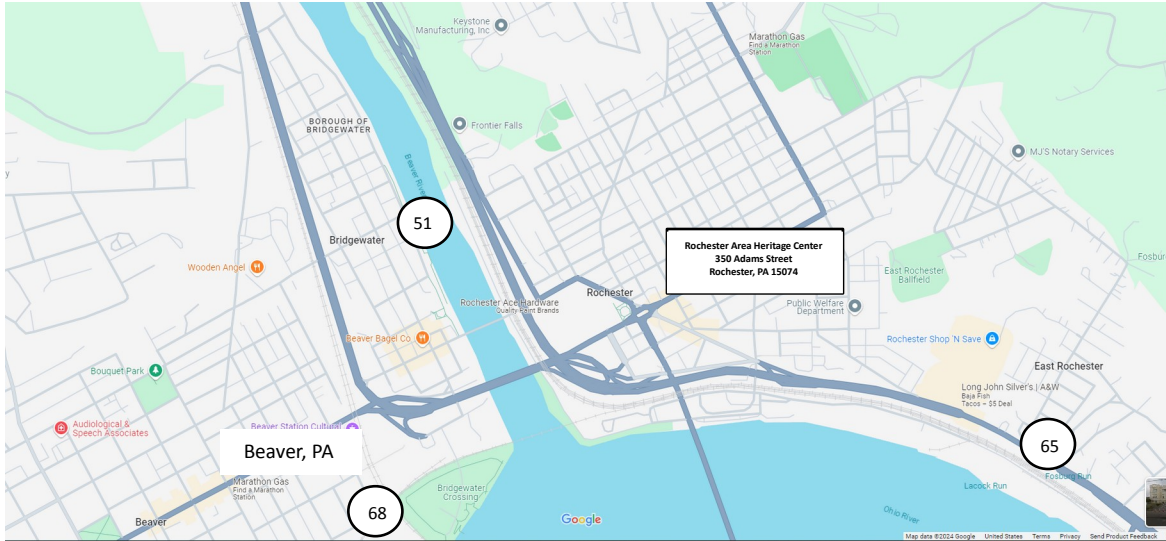


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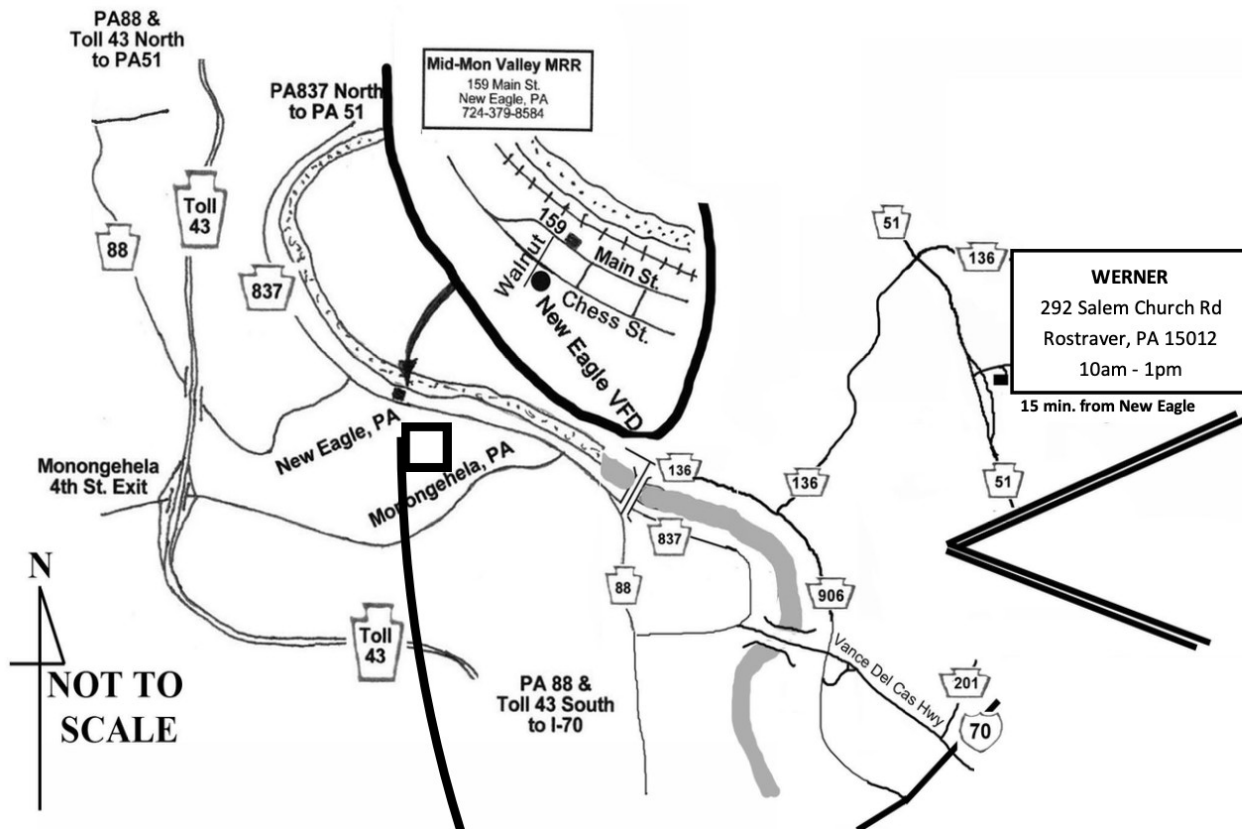
## Rochester Area Museum & Heritage Center, Rochester, PA

Our October meeting returns to the Rochester Area Heritage Museum, Model Railroad and Fry Glass (**350 Adams Street, Rochester, PA 15074**), about 27 miles north of downtown Pittsburgh via PA-Rt 65 (Ohio River Boulevard). The museum presents model railroad layouts and displays in various scales, as well as artifacts related to the community's social and economic history, with particular emphasis on the Fry Glass Company.



## November 17: New Eagle VFD Social Hall

*The maps provided are for general orientation; as always, **please use a real map (or GPS) to plan your trip.***



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NEXT MEETING:  
 Rochester Area Heritage Society, October 20



**Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society**  
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## **New Members**

The following members joined Division 2 this year. We'd like them to see the milestones achieved by our members and look forward to celebrating them as they renew their membership and achieve those milestones.

Ensminger, Rob	Brodland, Bane T
Franco, Stephanie	Rodenbaugh, Brian
Hreha, David	Trader, David
Karl, Donald	Businger, Deedra K
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Ranker, Kristen	Mehalko, Scott
Runco, Colton	Pescatore, Mary
Shaw, Amanda	Kenny, John Timothy
Brodland, Daniel D	Simanek, Dan

### **A note about membership dates.**

The NMRA will be celebrating the 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary of its formation next year. Membership records over time have changed from manual lists to computerized lists over this time. Unfortunately, as these records were moved and transcribed between different systems (manual and computerized), errors have been made. We receive a monthly listing of all members once a month from the Mid-Central Region membership chairman. For this list, we use the "Joined" date as provided by this list.

We are aware that this may not be correct in some cases, but only the National team can make changes to this information.

If you believe that you should have been listed under one of the 5-year milestones in the current year, send an e-mail to . We will review the data and make a manual correction in the Divisions records.

Regretfully, we are unable to have the master database corrected, but we want all our members to receive the proper recognition for their years of membership

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## Additional Notices

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The Great Berea (OH) Train Show is October 5-6

NMRA MCR Division 6 Train Show in Cambridge OH is October 27

Greenberg's Train Show in Monroeville is November 2-3

Support as many of the local clubs as you can during the upcoming Holiday Show / Open House season!

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## Challenge to Division 2 Members

by Susan Werner, MMR

I am challenging all members of Division 2 to volunteer to perform at least one task for the benefit of Division 2. This can easily be accomplished by responding to requests for volunteers for the picnic (contact George Pandelios), for the Jamboree (contact Grier Kuehn or Neal Schorr), or other activities (contact any of the committee members listed on the masthead of the Keystone Flyer). I challenge you to find the best in yourselves and make your membership in this organization a more engaging experience.

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### ***ICYMI last month: MRH FEATURES DIVISION TWO LAYOUTS***

The *Model Railroad Hobbyist* — the free model railroading magazine published monthly online — devoted considerable space over several issues this year to highlight some detailed and great-running layouts around Division Two. The owner and publisher of the magazine, Joe Fugate, came to Pittsburgh for a week this spring, and he visited and wrote up five local layouts, which have been the featured articles in the magazine since March. He saw the two club layouts (HO and N scale) at the Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge, plus three home layouts: Neal Schorr's O scale PRR Middle Division in Wexford, Bob Prehoda's HO scale Huntingdon Northern Railway out east, and Ken Hanawalt's Turtle Creek Railroad in South Hills. If you missed the series, see Mike DeSensi's page of links to the articles (overleaf), and come to the National Narrow Gauge Convention in September, which also features all of these layouts on the layout tour. Many of our members enjoy working on and/or operating these layouts, and it is a treat that MRC brought the fantastic work being done here to the broader attention of the model railroading community. Congratulations to those who were featured this time, and also to the dozens of others in Division Two who have dared to challenge our region's wet basement issue to build such pikes!



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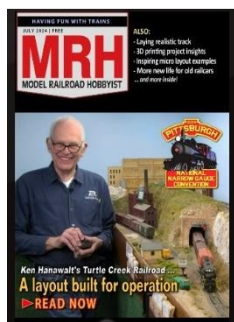
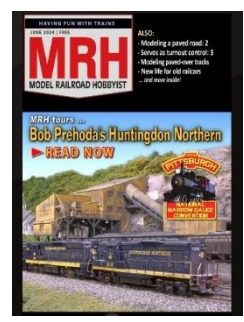
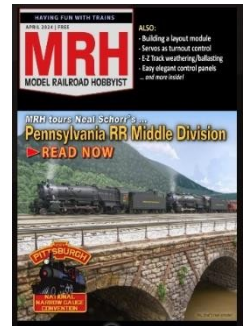
# MRH features Division Two layouts

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by Mike DeSensi

Model Railroad Hobbyist is a FREE, monthly magazine, published online. Recently, publisher Joe Fugate spent a week in Pittsburgh and visited 4 local layouts. Here are links to the issues. All of these layouts will be open for layout tours during the National Narrow Gauge Convention, September 11-14, 2024.



## **2024 Incentive Rewards for Recruiting New Members by Dennis Coglianese, Superintendent**

For the entire year of 2024, we would like to encourage current members to seek out potential new members at train shows, hobby shops, clubs, or anywhere such candidates might be found.

Division Two will reward members for any new members they recruit.

This is how the reward program will work:

The current member tells the new member about the NMRA's RailPass program and that the division will pay for that RailPass if the following takes place:

The new member will complete an application on the NMRA website and purchase a RailPass membership (the new member must save his/her receipt).

The new member comes to a Division 2 meeting in one of the next 3 months that meetings are held.

The new member is issued a check for the RailPass membership (\$19.99) when their membership is confirmed on the Division's Membership list provided by the Mid-Central Region on the first of each month and they have fulfilled the requirement to attend a Division 2 meeting. Note that if the new member enrolls in any other membership level, we will refund the cost of a RailPass membership.

The recruiting member is issued a check for \$10.00 when the new member fulfills the requirement to attend a Division 2 meeting.

Since this Incentive Program will run for the full year, we are going to add 2 more incentives for our members.

At the end of 2024, any member who has recruited 3 or more new members who met the above requirements will receive a \$25 bonus.

At the end of 2024, any member who has recruited 5 or more new members who met the above requirements will receive a \$50 bonus.

Note, the bonuses cannot be stacked. Any member who is awarded the 5 recruits bonus will not (also) receive the 3 recruit bonus.