

Last Reminder: Jamboree is April 18 at CCAC Monroeville (see p. 9)



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Rick Reichenbach brought this pair of Erie FTs. To these Stewart HO scale models, Rick added various detail parts, including lift rings, windshield wipers, firecracker antenna, and he used screen material from work and styrene strip to fabricate rooftop spark arrestors based on hard-to-source bird's eye views of the prototype. He repainted and decaled the B unit and close coupled them with a drawbar (following prototype practice).

Editor's Model of the Month

Meeting Schedule

March 15, 2026 - Division 2 Meeting, 1:30pm
Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society
5000 Greenbag Road, Unit D-13
Morgantown, WV 26501
Program: Train Show (10am to 4pm)
Mini-Clinic: Mike Hohn, "weathering gondolas"

Saturday, April 18, 2026 - Model RR Jamboree
CCAC Boyce Campus
595 Beatty Road
Monroeville, PA 15146

May 17, 2026 - Division 2 Meeting, 1:30pm
Ohio Valley Lines Model Railroad Club
1225 Merchant Street
Ambridge, PA 15003

Bring'n'Brag Categories

Jan 18 Anything Goes
Feb 15 Motive Power: Diesel / Electric / Traction
Mar 15 Motive Power: Steam
Apr 18 ** Jamboree ** | "Extra" Contests
May 17 Freight Cars
Jun 28 Non-Revenue Cars (incl. Cabooses)
July ** Picnic ** | Vehicles
Sep 20 Passenger Cars
Oct 18 Non-Railroad Structures
Nov 15 Photos: Model RR and Prototype

Submission Deadline for next Flyer:
March 22, 2026

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From the Super's Desk

The word “change” often strikes fear in most people. Thoughts of hardship or bad news are often the first thing we think change will mean and we worry how this change will affect us.

Or maybe, we like the way things are, and “change” is not needed and uncomfortable.

Sometimes, change is necessary.

As I wrote in my column last month, and thanks to the effort of many past Division Superintendents, we’ve made some changes to the way our monthly membership meetings are run. We’ve been running our monthly meetings the same way for longer than anyone can remember. The world around us has changed. The hobby has changed. Our members have changed. It was time to change our meeting structure.

The February meeting was our first meeting under the new “agenda,” and it seems like it was a complete success. Our members arrived early and toured the Toy Museum. They also gathered in the meeting room and talked with each other. Everybody had name tags, so there were no anonymous visitors. We had a mini-clinic that shared information. We kept the business meeting to just over 30 minutes and then had a full-length clinic.

We spent the time with each other!

I want to encourage all our members to find a way to attend AT LEAST 1 meeting this year and see what it’s all about. We move our meeting location around with the hope that we can be near all members at some point during the year. I encourage you to attend one of these new format meetings and see that we want all our members to have the chance to engage with other members!

Let’s do this again every month!

There’s another change coming! Based on the information we learned from the Member Questionnaires, we will be announcing the first “Mentor” program activity. This will be an opportunity for our members to meet with other members informally, between meetings and discover/learn/share new skills. Watch your inbox for this communication during March. It will hopefully be the first of several “Mentor” announcements.

... *Dennis Coglianese*

Layouts Wanted!

If you would like to open your layout for the Sunday after the Model Railroad Jamboree (April 19), please send the details on [page 4](#) to George Pandelios ASAP.

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T-Trak (N scale) Richie Jodon

S-Mod (S scale) Jim Whipple
Jim Braum

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February 15, 2025 Business Meeting

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Dennis Coglianesi with 39 members in attendance at 2:30pm at the Kruger Toy and Train Museum in Wheeling, WV. Pass the hat started around for the group.

Allen Miller, chairman of the Museum and host for this meeting, thanked everyone for attending. He talked about how 38 % of the displays are female related. The museum has the largest commercial puzzle with no missing parts. George Pandelios also thanked Larry Williming and Alden McBee for making arrangements with the museum to host the meeting.

We had 2 guests and members of the D.A.R.E. Club join us today, Vince Lilja and Charlie Beaumariage. They spoke about how being a member of a model railroad club is life changing. Welcome gentlemen to the division.

Dennis Vaccaro moved and Rick Montgomery seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the January meeting as published in the Keystone Flyer. The motion carried and the minutes were approved.

Committee Reports

Keystone Flyer: Patrick Altdorfer reported that the deadline for the March Flyer will be February 22nd.

Financial Report: Susan Werner reported for Jeff Gregg that the division is solvent and able to meet its financial obligations. Superintendent Dennis Coglianesi spoke for Andy Blenko and stated that the convention account was also solvent. Superintendent Coglianesi submitted a check for \$25 from member Robert Beabout. Robert was the winner of the incentive prize for completing the online Member Questionnaire. Robert stated he was glad to complete the questionnaire and requested that the prize be given to the Division.

Programs: Asst. Superintendent George Pandelios stated that the March 15th meeting will be in Morgantown at the Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society. They are hosting train show from 10am to 4pm in the center court of the Mall. The train show will serve in lieu of a program. The April 18th meeting will be held at CCAC Boyce Campus near Monroeville which is our annual Jamboree. The May 17th meeting will be held at Ohio Valley Lines in Ambridge. The June 21st meeting will be held at the Marshall Township Building. Please try to attend these events. If you would like to do a program, please contact George, as he will be willing to help you in your presentation. Pandelios asked for a show of hands about changing the picnic from August to July 19th so as not to interfere with the national convention and weather. This is dependent on the availability of picnic area in Leetsdale. The show of hands approved the idea of moving the picnic.

Company Store: Susan Werner announced that she has lots of free items, please stop and pick up what you would like. She also has hand car sheds and NYC Box Cars for sale. She is also taking orders for books, please stop and visit with her.

Membership: Ken Hanawalt said that we have 178 active members on the roster, which has been holding steady since the previous month.

Financial Oversight Committee: The budget has been approved, and if you have any questions talk with the Superintendent or the Treasurer.

Nominating Committee: Chair Tom Catalano announced that the following people have been nominated by his committee to run the division for the next term: George Pandelios as Superintendent, Dominic Martinelli as Assistant Superintendent, and Dennis Lippert as Chief Clerk. Tom then asked for nominations from the floor for each of the positions and none were advanced. Vagel Keller moved and Tom Frommeyer seconded that the nominations be closed for the position of Superintendent. Dave Martinelli moved and Ken Hanawalt seconded that the position of Assistant Superintendent be closed. Patrick Altdorfer moved and Jim Whipple seconded that the position of Chief Clerk be closed. Nominations for all three positions have now been closed and the election will be held at the March meeting.

Website: Tom Gaus was not present but Superintendent Dennis Coglianesi reported that Tom has done an amazing job always keeping the website up to date.

Social media: Jimmy Braum was absent, no report.

FreeMo: Rick Montgomery announced has no report.

T-Trak: Richie Jodon spoke about his group, they have 3 shows coming up this next Sunday at New Eagle, March 15th in Morgantown, and March 21st at Monaca.

Bring 'n' Brag: Dominic Martinelli announced that he had two entries for Motive Power: Diesels, Electric, and Traction. The winners were Richard Reichenbach in first place for his Erie F units A and B, which were modified Stewart Locomotives. Second place went to Rick Montgomery for his Alco PA. Excellent job and Dominic would like to see more entries.

Video Library: Bud Brock has no report.

T-Trak: Kevin Squire said that they are setting up at the Morgantown Train Show in March. The regional T-Trak group will be attending the Regional Convention in Dayton in June. They will be hosting several Operations opportunities for convention attendees.

Achievement Program: Dennis Vaccaro announced that Keith DeVault received 4 merit awards for structures with 3 of the 4 earning over 100 points.

Jamboree: Grier Kuehn and Neal Schorr reported that the event is on April 18th at CCAC Boyce Campus near Monroeville. The [Website](#) is up to date, [registration is now open](#), so please register to attend this event. Grier would like to see over 100 people attend the event this year. If you have any items to donate to the raffle, please give them to Rob Twigger, as this is a way to help pay for the event. Neal announced that the clinicians are on the website and some new ones from out of town will be speaking. The White Elephant tables will be operating again, so if you have items to sell, please bring them to the Jamboree. Please get online and fill out your form for the White Elephant. Grier announced the usual contests of Motive Power, Rolling Stock, and Structures would be joined by a new category of Model Photos of any Layout (NOT PROTOTYPE). Neal has lined up a luncheon speaker and a Banquet speaker. Please check the website for the write up of these two gentlemen.

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At the February meeting, the Bring'n'Brag category was **Motive Power: Diesel/Electric/Traction**. Although there were only two entries submitted (let's step it up, people!), the entries were nonetheless both very well-done.



Rick Reichenbach got the most votes and earned **first place** with his pair of detailed HO scale Erie FTs (photo on cover). He explained that these are Stewart models that he modified extensively and weathered to create the A-B set presented at the contest. His model, as well as particularly the rooftop spark arrestors he fabricated, are based on prototype photos like this one, as well as top-down views.

Second place went to **Rick Montgomery** for his HO scale Alco PA, an undecorated Proto 2k model he painted and decaled in a "what if" Norfolk and Western livery. He also aged it slightly with Monroe Weathering Powders.



Name	pts
Rick Montgomery	4
Rick Reichenbach	3
Neal Schorr	3
Jim Braum	1



The Bring'n'Brag contest this month is in the category **Motive Power: Steam**. All entries must be presented to the Bring'n'Brag chair no later than 2pm in order to be considered.

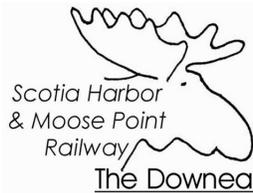
Jamboree Layout Tours

Division Members! The Jamboree is fast approaching. **Layout Tours will be on Sunday, April 19.** If you'd like to have your layout featured as part of the tour, please contact George Pandelios with the following information:

- Name of the layout
- Your name
- Street address
- Your phone number(s)
- Layout description (100 words or less)
- Hours you will be open
- Special instructions or limitations (steps to basement, ADA compliant, how many people can visit at once , etc.)
- Directions as to where to park or how to reach the layout
- Do you need a "Layout Tour" sign?

Thanks for your consideration.

George Pandelios, Asst. Superintendent



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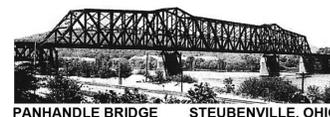
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Save the Picnic Date – July 19, 2026

Assistant Superintendent George Pandelios

As you may know, I have talking about moving the date of the picnic. That’s now final. The picnic will be held on Sunday, July 19, 2026 at our old location – Henle Park in Leetsdale. And the Boro of Leetsdale is once again extending a very special rate (too low to mention here) to us in return for taking good care of their facility.

We are not in conflict with the NMRA National Convention. The next two NMRA National Conventions are scheduled as follows:

July 27, 2026 – August 2, 2026 in Chattanooga, TN

August 10, 2027 – August 15, 2027 in Tacoma, WA

So please MARK YOUR CALENDARS for **Sunday, July 19**. I’m looking forward to the fun!

Minutes

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Old Business - None.

New Business - None.

For the Good of the Division:

It was announced that [Labelle Woodworking Company](#) is going out of business, but [Scalecoat Paints](#) will be coming back onto the market in the near future.

Train shows were announced on May 2 & 3 from 10am to 3pm at the Chippewa Social Hall in Beaver Falls, and on September 12 & 13 at the Elizabeth Township VFD.

The renewal program for the NMRA was discussed and you will need to set up an account to renew your membership.

Susan Werner announced that the [Mid-Mon Valley Model Railroad Club](#) Train Show that was scheduled for January was post-poned until Saturday, March 22nd due to the recent snowstorm. It will be held at New Eagle VFD Social Hall with over 120 tables with vendors (10am to 4pm).

Superintendent Coglianesi reminded everyone of the next meeting on March 15th, which will be in Morgantown with the meeting and a train show.

He also thanked Ken Hanawalt for his mini-clinic before the meeting on LEDs and for the program on “Scrap Building” to be held after the meeting.

Motion by Patrick Altdorfer and seconded by Neal Schorr to adjourn the meeting at 3:08 p.m.

Motion carried.



OFFICER ELECTIONS THIS MONTH

Superintendent Dennis Coglianesi

Elections for the next Keystone Division Officers will be held during the March 15 meeting. The candidates selected by the Nominating Committee are the following:

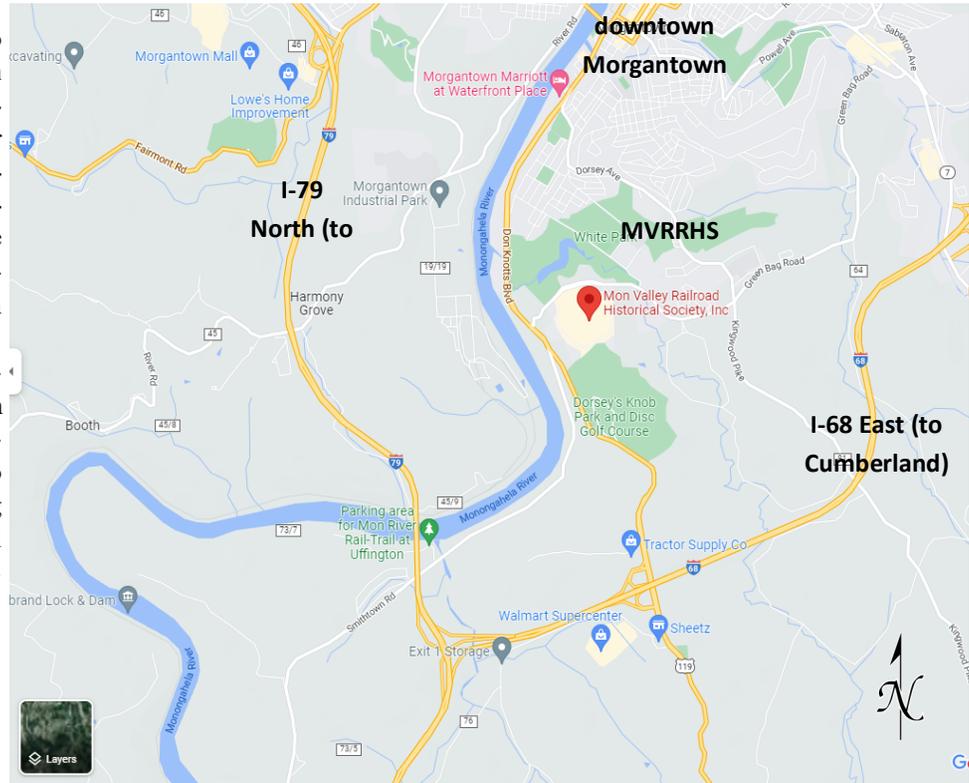
Superintendent:	George Pandelios
Assistant Superintendent:	Dominic Martinelli
Chief Clerk:	Dennis Lippert

You must be present to vote.

MEETING TIMETABLE

March 15: Morgantown, WV

Our March meeting returns to familiar territory, to the **Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society**, located in the former Mountaineer Mall (5000 Greenbag Road Unit D-13, Morgantown, WV 26501). Before the meeting during the Meet-n-Greet (1:30-2pm), Mike Hohn will present a Mini-clinic: “Rusting & Weathering Gondolas.” Also, simultaneously with the meeting, the Society is hosting a Train Show from 10am to 4pm, so come early and bring cash to get what you may still need for your layout or collection.



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

Saturday, April 18: Model Railroad Jamboree Monroeville, PA

In April we will hold an abbreviated business meeting during the **Model Railroad Jamboree**, which returns for the third year to the Boyce Campus of CCAC (595 Beatty Road, Monroeville, PA 15146). More details can be found on page 9 below and online on the [Keystone Division Jamboree website](#). Twelve informative clinics, model contests, a White Elephant marketplace, and Raffles of valuable model railroading items are the highlights the event; refreshments are provided in the morning (continental breakfast) and at lunch; an optional “extra fare” Banquet featuring a Guest Speaker rounds out the day’s events. If you have not yet registered, please do so right away to help to ensure that this event is a success!



From points east or west: Take US Route 22 to Monroeville, turn north onto Haymaker Road, continue onto Beatty Road;

From the south: Take I-76 West to the Pittsburgh/Monroeville exit, then take US 22 East to left onto Old William Penn Highway, and turn right onto Beatty Road;

From the north/northwest: Take I-76 East to the Pittsburgh/Monroeville exit, then take US 22 West to north onto Haymaker Road, continue onto Beatty Road.

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NEXT MEETING:
 Morgantown, WV: Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society, March 15

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 <p>Mon Valley Railroad Historical Society 5000 Greenbag Road, Unit D-13 Morgantown, WV 26501</p> <p>Meeting Thursdays at 7:00 PM</p> <p>www.MVRRHS.org Call Rich Henderson (304) 276-1046 for more info</p>	 <p>MID-MON VALLEY MODEL RAILROAD CLUB</p>  <p>159 Main Street, New Eagle, PA Meetings: Fridays 7:30 pm</p>
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Your Jamboree Checklist

- Register by mail or online at www.keystonedivision.org
- Invite non-member friends to join us
- Enter one or more of the popular vote contests
- Bring items to display
- Sell items at the White Elephant Sale
- Donate new items for the raffle (bring to the March Division Two meeting)
- Bring CASH for purchases and raffle tickets (no ATM on site)

Please note: Complete up-to-date information and instructions on everything listed above can be found on the Jamboree pages of the Division Two website.

Also on the Website

- Program of the day's activities
- Schedule and detailed descriptions of all 12 clinics
- Detailed descriptions of the lunch and dinner speakers' presentations
- White Elephant Sale instructions

Jamboree Raffle

As always, this year's raffle will consist of three parts and tickets will be sold all day:

- 50/50 raffle with the winning ticket to be drawn live at 5:30 PM
- Items valued over \$50. Winning tickets posted after 4:00 PM
- Items valued over \$100. Winning tickets posted after 4:00 PM

In addition, we are pleased to have three very special framed prints (pictured below) which will be won by the highest bidders. The first was donated anonymously by a former Division Two member. The second and third were donated by Robert Kaminski, NMRA Life Member. We thank both donors for their generosity.

- "East Meets West," the 1869 Golden Spike Ceremony
- "On Time," PRR calendar painting by Grif Teller
- "The Majesty of Steam," Pennsy K4 charcoal by Barton K. Davis

So as we always say... Bring CASH to take part in these raffles!



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On Operation, Part 4: Taking a Break

by Ken Hanawalt, MMR

This is one of a series of monthly columns about layout and operating system design. It is a mix of facts, opinions, and observations gathered during model railroad operation on my layout and many others. This column discusses how providing an opportunity for “Taking a Break” can be fit into the “Little or No Waiting” objective described in a previous column.

One objective on my Turtle Creek Railroad (TCR) layout is that operators can be busy running trains from the time they arrive until they leave with little or no waiting. But not everyone wants to be busy the whole time. After all, one of the primary objectives of model railroad operating sessions is getting together and socializing with other modelers -- it is a game, not a job, and it is a chance to exchange ideas and learn from each other. Taking a Break can reduce the intensity of an operating session and provide time for discussions, a cookie, or just watching a train go by.

When operation started on the TCR, all the trains were what we call “Peddlers” – local trains that switch nearly every town. Each train would switch about 100 different freight cars, one or two at a time and none of these trains could get the whole way around the layout in a three-hour session. And if any crew stopped for a break, a traffic jam was likely to result. But I learned lots of things from participating in operating sessions on other layouts. Not everyone wants maximum complexity in an operating session. The key is to find a way that some operators can take a break without stopping the whole session.

Generally, there is a mix of opportunities for roles on a layout, and usually the roles represent different levels of complexity. For example, the dispatcher and yardmaster are generally very busy throughout a full session. Tower operators and hostlers may get a break occasionally when no trains are arriving at their location. Train crew may have longer pauses between assignments, depending on the number of trains on the schedule and number of operators available.

From other layouts, I learned to offer a mix of train types, some of which are operated only by an engineer and some by an engineer and conductor crew. There might be through trains run only by an engineer that start on a staging track and essentially tour the layout, perhaps stopping only for signals or to meet or pass other trains, and then end at the same or a different staging track. These trains may take only a short time to operate, and then the crew can take a break or be assigned another train. Other trains may take a little longer. For example, a passenger train that stops only at stations, sets out diners or sleepers and perhaps adds a coach, or a materials or express train that picks up a string of cars at one location and delivers the whole string to another. We have a few trains that switch only trailing sidings. Our sweeper train serves only trailing-point interchange sidings. But our peddler and car ferry (local switching trains) usually have both an engineer and conductor, take all of a session, and have operators who are as busy as a yardmaster.

We have also found that changing assignments during a session can make it easier for a new operator to learn the layout, to try the available roles, and to interact with and get to know other operators. And it helps to accommodate operators who can't stay for a whole session, who prefer an easier (less intense) or specific train, or want to operate for a while and then rest before continuing.

Many layouts include a Crew Lounge, where operators can relax between train assignments. Some layout owners create a break for lunch, and sometimes even provide lunch. While I don't have space for a full crew lounge with a kitchen and couches, I do have room for a few chairs, a table for cookies, and a fridge under the layout to hold cold drinks.

If you have questions, or if you would like to try operation on the TCR, you may send a message to me by email at ken@keystoneflyer.com. We are beginner friendly. Operation is fun and not difficult. Get the most from your Keystone Division membership by giving it a try.



To Listen or Not to Listen: a Proposal for a Division Podcast

by Jim Braum

Social media has changed the way we should promote the hobby, as hobbyists have newer options to learn about model railroading. Between Facebook, Instagram, TikTok, and YouTube for example, those my age (under 35) are more likely to use these to experience the hobby than printed media alone. As your social media manager, I can personally agree with this observation. There is another outlet that isn't used as much as it should be – podcasting. There are A LOT of modelers under the age of 40, and quite a lot under the age of 30. The issue is convincing them to join the NMRA. I think it is worth trying to have a division-related podcast to make them aware we exist.

What is a podcast? A podcast is an audio “show” that can be produced by just about anyone on any topic. You don't even need to have a college degree in media production to do it either! There are multiple options to produce your own, as well using various free online services. Depending on the topic, they can be extremely popular as well. For example, some of these reach every country across the world. It all depends on how well the host/producer does and how interesting the show is.

Why am I bringing this up? I would like to see our division have a podcast that anyone can listen to. We are always talking about ways to attract new membership to the division, and I personally think this is worth trying for at least a year. There are also several model railroading/prototype podcasts in existence and they are pretty well received. One of my favorite podcasts is “Around The Layout.” It is an hourlong show, and it will have guests ranging from any model railroader who the podcast owner finds, all the way to model railroad industry experts. There is also a prototype podcast I enjoy – “The Roundhouse.” This podcast is produced once a month, and it features prototype guests being interviewed. For example, within the past two years, the show interviewed Chuck Baker, president of the “American Short Line and Railroad Association,” and Alan Harper, the owner of American Heritage railways.

What is my plan for the podcast? I would like to do something similar to what they do on “Around The Layout.” My general idea would be to start it with any division events worth being publicly mentioned (local train shows, the upcoming division meeting schedule, and similar events), and then move into an interview with a Division Two member. It would also be possible to have a railroad topic for the show and bring in a local guest. For example, I would be willing and able to talk about one of my East Broad Top trips as a podcast. This would allow me to go into more detail than I could at a meeting or in an article. This would also be open for anyone in the division who has an interesting trip as well (international trip with trains for example).

What would the modeler interviews be? It would be a regular interview, with questions such as: when did you get into the hobby and how? How did you choose your model railroad and scale? What advice would you give to anyone coming into the hobby for the first time? This interview could be held with anyone in the division, regardless of time or achievement in the hobby. It is all about “getting to know the member.”

I would also like to do a “mini season” with interviews talking to the Master Model Railroaders (MMR) in our division. Personally, I think these interviews would potentially inspire any modelers coming in to start working on the Achievement Program (AP). I haven't seen or heard many interviews outside of the NMRA magazine with MMR members sharing their advice, which in my opinion could be corrected with a podcast featuring this content.

What would be needed to start this division project? That is the best part: barely anything is needed! The software and podcast hosting services are free and readily available online! All that is needed is a strong internet connection and a good headset with microphone – if the interview is being done over the internet. The recording can also be done in person – potentially a quick interview could even be done at a division meeting before the business portion. Beyond that, the only things I would need are: guests, topics, and a name for the podcast. As of this writing, I am still working on a title, so if you have any suggestions, PLEASE forward them to me.

In closing, I personally think a podcast would benefit the division membership and potentially make those in my age range (30s) aware that we exist and potentially join. Please let me know your thoughts about this, and if you'd like to be interviewed.