

The Editor's Notes

It was great seeing everyone at the January meeting. However, as I write this, I am in southwestern Pennsylvania. This former coal mining area has numerous railroads. Near the motel, the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad runs over the hill to join CSX in Connellsville, PA. The first weekend I was here, 24 plus inches of snow fell and I was confined to the motel the entire weekend. This weekend, I did get out on Saturday and did some sightseeing. I took some photographs of railroad stations in Washington County. I also went over to Connellsville and saw some action along the CSX (nee Baltimore and Ohio) line from Cumberland, MD into Pittsburgh, PA. I've included some of those pictures in this newsletter.

This month's meeting will be preparation for the Lawrence Model Railroad Club Train Show and Swap Meet. There remain lots of volunteer opportunities for club members to

participate in the show. Also, we will be determining whether to set up both the HO- and N-scale layouts. If we set up both, here's your chance to run some trains. We will need members to work the admissions area out front, keep track of the model contest and silent auction, set up, take down, clean up and put away. I'm sure that there are other items that need our attention. Several items will be up for discussion at the meeting:

- Will we set up the switching layout?
- What layouts will be in the show and how large?
- How many tables will we need? Do we need to rent additional tables?
- When do we load, move, and set up the layout(s)?
- We need to establish a schedule for the upcoming show.

Finally and most important: Jon Ardahl needs your current NMRA membership number and expiration date. Remember, we need to be a 100% NMRA member club to get the national to cover event insurance. This saves the club lots of money on insurance.

Next Meeting: February 9, 7:30 P.M. at Steve's Place, 1388 N 1293 Rd., Lawrence, Kansas. Entrance is on 31st Street.

Please attend this important meeting and be on hand to help out at the show.

Gregory Ohlmacher
Newsletter Editor

Structures From Three Railroads

Baltimore and Ohio Railroad in Washington, PA:

The first of the three structures is the Baltimore and Ohio Passenger Station in Washington, PA. This is a gorgeous hammer dressed sandstone block structure built in 1888. The station cost \$9,794 when it was built. The upper floor exterior is wooden and the roof has slate tiles. The tracks in front of the station used to go to Wheeling, but were removed near the Pennsylvania – West Virginia state line. The building has been fixed up and is currently being used as the Washington County Tourism Promotion Agency.





Pennsylvania Railroad in Washington, PA

The second structure is a Pennsylvania Railroad freight house, and is also located in Washington, PA. This structure was built in 1884. The tracks have been removed. The building is in use for businesses and is on the national historic register.



Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railway in Avella, PA

The third structure is a wooden passenger station in Avella, PA. The station was built by the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railway in 1904. It's interesting that the ends of the building have the name Avella, but the sign over the station master's office reads Pryor. The Pittsburgh and West Virginia went from Connellsville, PA to Pittsburgh to Weirton, WV and on into Ohio. In Connellsville it interchanged with the Western Maryland Railway. In Ohio, it interchanged with the Wheeling and Lake Erie. The tracks were leased to the Norfolk and Western and are currently part of the Wheeling and Lake Erie Railroad.



Although not a structure, there was an old Baltimore and Ohio wide vision caboose on display at the Avella Station.





February 20 (9am-4pm) & 21 (9am-3pm)

Admission: Adults \$6.00 donation & Children 12 and under free with paid adult

Bring canned food donations and receive \$1 admission discount per person

Lawrence Model Railroad Club supports L.I.N.K. Inc. Food Pantry

**Douglas County Fair Grounds, Building 21
2120 Harper Street, Lawrence, KS (2 blocks north of K-10)**

More information at www.lawrencemodelrailroadclub.org

Features: Layouts (HO scale and N scale), Model contest, vendor tables, silent auction, door prizes, concessions and more

Model Contest Categories Include: Diesel Locomotive, Steam Locomotive, Rolling Stock, and Structures. More info and entry forms can be found on the LMRC website and accepted the first day of the show

Program and Map

The February meeting is to cover all remaining items related to the 2016 Lawrence Model Railroad Club Train Show and Swap Meet. It is our last chance to put the finishing touches on the show.

Items include:

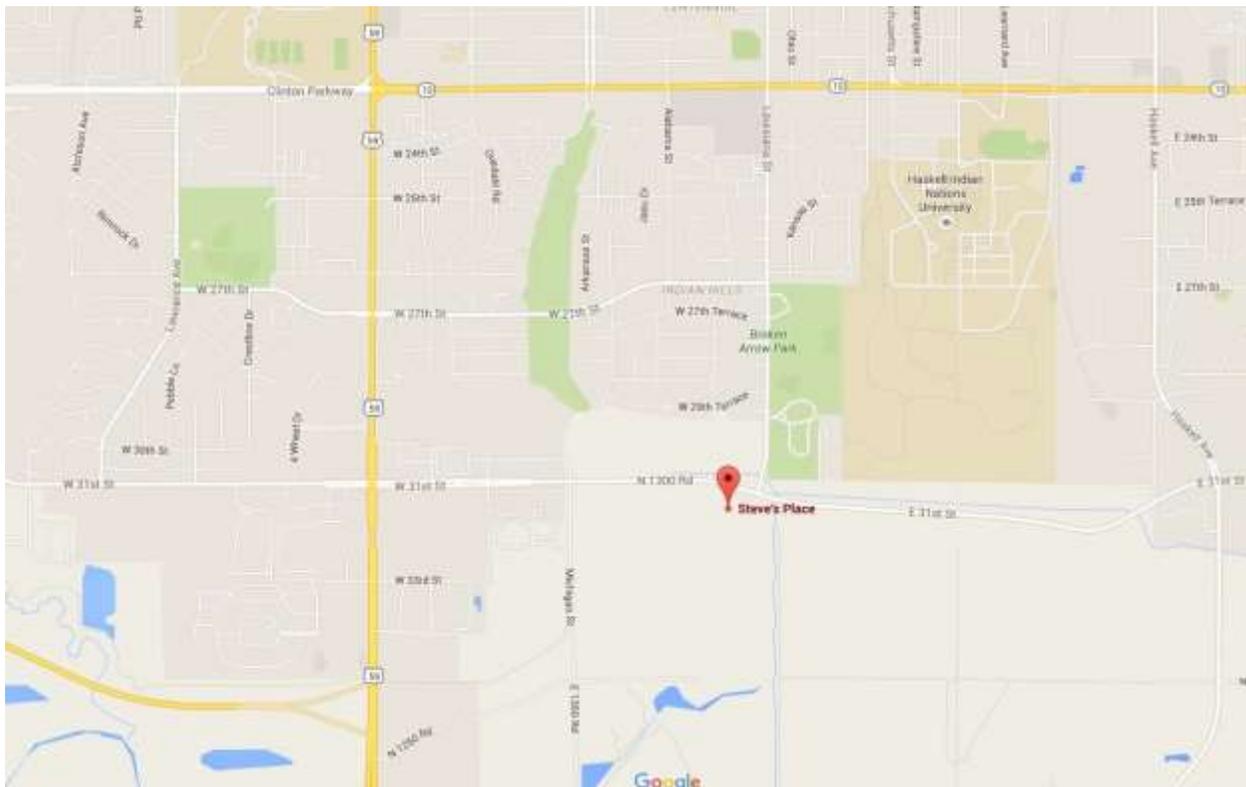
Volunteers to work:

- the front desk
- the model contest and silent auction tables
- the concession stand
- operate trains
- set up, take down, clean up, and store

The following decisions need to be made:

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This photograph is of a gorgeous 1888 Baltimore and Ohio (B&O) Passenger Station in Washington, Pennsylvania. The station is along the original mainline that went from Cumberland, Maryland to Wheeling, West Virginia. The tracks still exist in front of the station, because CSX still operates the line from Pittsburgh to Washington. However, the line has been abandoned between Washington and Wheeling. More pictures of the station and two other structures can be found in the newsletter. This photograph was taken by Newsletter Editor Gregory Ohlmacher.

Meetings are at 7:30 P.M. on the 2nd Tuesday of the month.

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