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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



The days are getting shorter. The leaves have fallen. The ceremonial last grass cutting has taken place. The snow blower is now in the garage. It must be National Model Railroad Month!

How do you celebrate the month of our hobby? Do you open your layout for others to see? Do you attend train shows or flea markets? If you didn't make it to our annual flea market, you missed a good show. (Despite the good weather we had a decent turnout. We will discuss the numbers at the next meeting.)

I know I will be working more inside now and adding to the Oil City Branch. My intent is to continue the benchwork from Oil City to Meadville and staging by the holidays. (I have a book case project for my wife I must complete first though!)

Don't forget, our annual holiday dinner at The Erie Station Grille will be coming up on December 17 at 1 PM. We have twenty-two people signed up so far. Are you on the list? If not, let me know I will get you signed up.

Again, if you are interested in any of the books from the Dave Riggle collection, let me know.

See you this month at the Whistle Stop in Cuyahoga Falls, OH.

Randy Dettmer

JULY 13-20, 2014



HOLIDAY DINNER

DECEMBER 17

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Meeting Dates & Locations for 2011-2012

- November 20 - The Whistle Stop - Cuyahoga Falls
- December 17 - Holiday Dinner - Erie Station Grille - Tallmadge
- January 15 - Bob Ashley Jr - Akron
- February 19 - Larry Brown - Ravenna
- March 11 - Jim Williams - North Canton
- April 15 - David Hazlett - Akron
- May 20 - Jim DiPola - Ravenna
- June 10 - Bill Hewitt - Copley

MEETING: November 20th at THE WHISTLE STOP

See page 7 for information.

Division 1 Meeting Minutes
October 16, 2011
Host: Don Bonk, Louisville, Ohio



The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Superintendent Randy Dettmer. Twenty people were in attendance. Randy thanked everyone for coming and thanked the Bonks for hosting the meeting.

1. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the September meeting as published in the Peddler Freight. The motion passed.
2. The Treasurer's report was given by Bob Ashley, Jr. A motion was made to accept the report pending audit. The motion was seconded and passed.
3. The membership report was presented by Jim Peters. Larry Brown was stuck in Buffalo and could not attend. A new member, Lloyd Horst, has joined but was not present.
4. The membership focus was given by Bob Ashley, Sr.
5. Committee reports:
 - A. Achievement Program (David Hazlett, Chuck Boyer and Don Deakins are on the committee): No report.
 - B. Modules - Bob Ashley, Sr.: The track plan has been revised to allow the operation of two trains at a time in opposite directions and the elimination of two curved crossovers. The group is now meeting twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at Bob Jr.'s house from 5 to 9 PM. Larry Brown will do the scenery on the corner module. The next three displays will be at our Flea Market on November 6th and the Dalton show on 11/14 and at the 11/15th meeting. Setup times will be 11/5 from 2 PM for the Flea Market and 4-8 PM on Saturday, 11/12 for the Dalton Show. We will be using Digitrax DDC for operations. Bob has 8 module kits that are ready to assemble. The module logo costs \$6 to have it added to a shirt.
 - C. O, HO, N and Z Scales: Jim Williams recommended Richmond Controls for car lighting. Randy Dettmer reported that Bachman was taking pre-orders for a 380 ton Schnabel car. Don Avila stated that he had a Z-scale GP-35 with operating ditch lights. He also said that Jim Hinds of Richmond Controls had a large selection of lights for sale at the Houston train show. Don said that while in Houston he was able to see Barry Bogs' 1:22 G-Scale railroad which occupied the second story of his house and has a 16 foot trestle over the front foyer. His website is <http://www.frolin.net/Sn3-2010/layouts/BarryB.html>.
 - D. Apparel - Jim Williams: three weights of sweatshirts are available. Jim will process and pick-up orders for division apparel from one meeting to the next or members can deal directly with Embroidme in Alliance.
 - E. Clinics - Jim Peters: Is still looking for participants. A sign-up sheet was passed around. Don Bonk is putting on a clinic after today's meeting. Jim stated that we still need to consider buying a digital projector for our presentations.
 - F. NMRA-2014 Convention: nothing to report. The 2012 convention in Grand Rapids, Michigan would be good to attend to see what is involved. David Hazlett plans on attending.
 - G. Flea Market: Bob Ashley, Jr. reported that there are still 5 tables available. He also asked the Superintendent for permission to spend \$100 for the food for the snack bar and another \$100 to make change for the entrance fee. Randy gave him the go-ahead on both expenditures.
 - H. Larry Olson stated that the November Route 30 Express will start in Massillon and end in Ashland and will take place on November 19th. People can go to their website to get a map: <http://www.route30express.org/Rte30Announcements.htm>.
 - I. The Youngstown open house will be 11/5 and 12/3&4.
6. Old Business
 - A. The election committee for 2012 needs to consist of 3 people and should be assembled by February, 2012. No one volunteered. If no one steps forward, Randy will appoint a committee.
 - B. The books, lanterns and other items donated by Dave Riggle will be priced and for sale at the Flea Market.
 - C. Bob Ashley, Sr. suggested that the apparel selection be moved to the left-hand section on the homepage of the website. David Hazlett said that there is currently no one to maintain the website and do this sort of maintenance. David is still looking for a web master for our site.
7. New Business
 - A. Randy said that Division 6 is doing a survey of all of their members via phone to see why members do not attend meetings. We can borrow their survey and do the same. Jim Peters suggested we divide up the list among several members.
 - B. Randy also stated that Division 3 has a Facebook page and wondered if we were interested in doing the same. There was no interest and the matter was dropped.
8. At 3:17 pm a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Jim Williams

Members Report September 2011

Rerails

Lloyd Horst

Renewals

Kurt Sanders
Karen Sanders
Glenn Yoder
Robert Anelli
Robert Ashley
Robert Hixenbaugh
Sanford Jacobs
John Lane
John Miller
Gary Motts
James Pope
Cheryl Welch

You can mail this to me or send me your info via e-mail: gemstonemine@yahoo.com.
Or fill out the Roster form that will be passed around at the next meeting.

Welcome to all the new members!

I look forward to meeting you on the 20th 2:00 at the Whistle Stop in Cuyahoga Falls. **The membership now stands at 98.** Special Thanks to all those who have renewed and to those who have re-railed.

I will have printed copies of the voluntary roster available at the next meeting. Larry Brown

Voluntary Roster Participation Form

Name: _____
_____ Phone: _____
_____ City: _____
_____ email: _____
Scale(s): _____ Roadname(s): _____
Comments: _____

N-SCALE NEWS

The November/December issue of N-Scale Magazine has a article on page 32 that covers the addition of a decoder to the Atlas N-Scale Track Cleaning Car (gray car below). I found out at the NMRA national convention this year that a decoder is not necessary to operate this cleaning car on DCC. I just hook it up to a loco and clean track or vacuum it. One thing that you will find is that the vacuum sweeps up any loose ballast; in fact you will find that your ballast is not glued down as well as you thought as shown by the pile of ballast in front of the car.

The box car shown (Burlington) uses a rotating disk to clean track and is DCC compatible (DC unit is available). I recently purchased this car and it does a good job of removing grime with the supplied dry pad. The unit is marketed by MNP of Newport News, VA and is also available in HO scale. DCC cost is around \$150. Again a separate DCC loco is needed to push the box car around your track. The loco must be setup to move slowly at high voltage setting since cleaning pad does not rotate until approximately 85% power is applied.

Don Bonk





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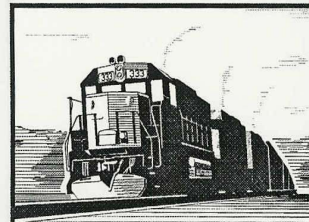
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You, too, can have a Pike Ad like the two above. The price is \$5 per year. Contact the Editor.



Clinic Report

I want to thank Don Bonk for his clinic on George's Gorge. Are you ready to hide a face or symbol in your cliff work? I know I am. Looking forward, we are set from now thru February for clinics. In November we will be enjoying the layout in the basement of the Whistle Stop.

Finally, a clinic on DCC has been requested. Any takers? April, May and June are still open. Help me finish up the year by volunteering to share something you enjoy doing with model railroading.

Jim Peters

CONTEST RESULTS

OCTOBER WINNERS: BUSINESS CAR

Standard Kit

Don Bonk - 1 pt

Kit-Bashed

Jim Williams - 1 pt

MODEL CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2011-2012

November - Work Train
 January - Covered Hopper
 February - Scale Car
 March - Station
 April - Line Side Structure
 May - Steam Locomotive

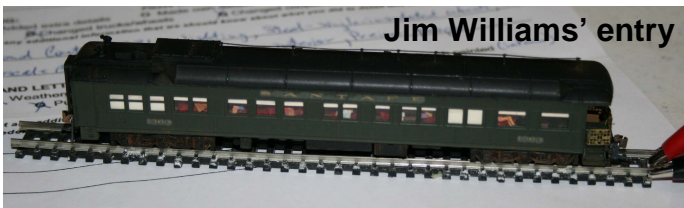
CURRENT STANDINGS

Standard Kit

Jim Williams - 3 pts
 Jim DiPaola - 2 pts
 Don Bonk - 1 pt

Kit-Bashed

Bill Hewitt - 1 pt
 Jim Williams - 1 pt



HOLIDAY DINNER

ERIE STATION GRILLE - 70 EAST AVE (County Road 18 from I-76), TALLMADGE
 WE WILL BE SEATED IN THE PRIVATE DINNING CAR - T H E R O S E

CHOICES ARE: PARMESAN TILAPIA, 8 OZ. SIRLOIN STEAK, CHICK MARSALA,
 CHICKEN ALFREDO, OR SHRIMP ALFREDO

All dinners, except pasta, include baked potato and vegetable.

All include salad, bread, butter, soft drink, iced tea, hot tea or hot coffee.

PRICE: \$21 per person (includes tax and gratuity)

MEMBERS, SPOUSES, FAMILY, GRANDKIDS, FRIENDS & GUESTS ARE WELCOME.
 SIGN UP TODAY! CALL OR EMAIL RANDY DETTMER FOR YOUR RESERVATION.

Train Shows and Open Houses November thru January 2011

Sebring Model Railroad Club Open House November 12, 13, 19 & 20 10AM – 5PM

Sebring Station, 216 E Pennsylvania Ave, Sebring, OH
\$3 donation, children 12 and under free

Youngstown Model Railroad Assn Open House November 12, 13 – 12PM – 6PM

Corner of Raccoon Rd and Four-Mile Run Rd,
Austintown, OH
\$3 donation, children 12 and under free

Train And Toy Show – November 13 10 AM – 3 PM

Ehove Career Center, 316 W Mason Rd, Milan, OH
\$4 admission, children 9 and under free

Train And Toy Show – November 13 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Buckeye Event Center, 624 Henry St, Dalton, OH
\$5 admission, children 12 and under free

Route 30 Express – November 19 – 10 AM – 5 PM

Check web site: www.Route30Express.org

MVRHA 2011 Whistle Blow November 26 – 10AM – 2PM

B&O Station, 530 Mahoning Ave, Youngstown, OH
Check web site: www.MVRHA.org

Marion Union Station Assn Show December 3, 11AM – 4PM

Coliseum at Marion County Fairgrounds, Marion, OH
\$5 admission, \$12 family admission, children 8 and under
free

Youngstown Model Railroad Assn Open House – December 3, 4 – 12PM – 6PM

Corner of Raccoon Rd and Four-Mile Run Rd,
Austintown, OH
\$3 donation, children 12 and under free

Springfield Model Train Show December 4 – 11AM – 4PM

Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH
\$5 admission, children 12 and under free

Buckeye Model Trains & RR Artifacts Show – December 10 – 9AM – 4PM

Ohio Expo Center, Lausche Building, Columbus, OH
See web site for more info: www.gserr.com

Massillon Train & Toy Show December 11 – 10AM – 3PM

Massillon Knights of Columbus Hall,
988 Cherry Rd NW, Massillon, OH
\$5 admission, children 12 and under are free

Christmas Train & Antique Toy Show

December 11 – 10AM – 3PM

Lakeland Community College, Main Gym, 7700
Clocktower Dr, Kirtland, OH
\$6 admission, \$12 family

Train Town Train Show

December 17 – 10AM – 3PM

Allen County Fairgrounds, St Rt 309 East, Lima OH
\$5 admission, children 12 and under free

Toy Train & Model RR Flea Market

January 8 – 10AM – 3PM

McMenamy's Banquet Hall, 325 Youngstown-Warren Rd,
Niles OH
\$5 admission

Model Train Show – January 22 – 10AM – 3PM

German's Villa, 3330 Liberty Ave, Vermilion, OH
\$4 admission, web site: www.norwalkandwesternrr.com

DAVID'S DCC CORNER

Last month I mentioned addresses for NCE throttles (cabs). NCE throttle addresses help the system know to which throttle information must be sent.

The Pro-Cab Throttle (radio or tethered) works best with an address of 3 - 17. However, addresses 4, 7, 8 & 17 present limited to poor function when used with the Pro-Cab Radio Throttle. I believe that the Power-Cab Throttle is addressed at 2 and can be used as a tethered throttle on the standard NCE systems (Power-Pro, etc.).

Radio Cabs (the 04r, 05r and 06r series) are to be assigned addresses 19 - 49. However, address 49 (especially with the 06r) can cause the system to lock up.

Tethered Cabs (the 04, 05, 06) are to be assigned addresses 19 - 63.

This information comes from Tony's Trains and NCE manuals.

David Hazlett

Guest authors welcomed. Contact David Hazlett.

THANKS
to all who helped with the
FLEA MARKET !

Bob & David



**This Month's Meeting
will be at
The Whistle Stop Hobby Shop
on Sunday, November 20.**

Host, Kevin Hess, will have the shop open for our meeting. Kevin plans on providing sandwiches, snacks and drinks. Dessert items and some extra snacks would be appreciated. Arrive early for the 2 PM meeting and visit the many displays of ready-to-run, kits and scratch building materials.

The CVT Club will have the layout in operation for our viewing. The Contest for this month is Work Trains. Be sure to bring your entry.

The Whistle Stop Hobby Shop is located at 2146 Front Street (the street has been turned into a walking mall) in Cuyahoga Falls. It is one block west of the Route 8 expressway and is between Portage Trail and Broad Blvd. 330-928-8984

MODULE REPORT

The module display at the Division 1 Flea Market was a marginal success. It took two hours to find the electrical problem which may have been caused by the DT400 throttle. Since we could not confirm this, the problem is not solved. Anyhow, our two youngest helpers, Patrick Wansley, 10, and Caleb Palagyi, 11, ran the trains for the remainder of the time with little problem.

Our next scheduled module display is Sunday, November 13, 2011, from 10:00 AM to 5:00 PM, at the Buckeye Event Center Train Show in Dalton, Ohio. We will set up Saturday, 11-12-2011, between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Please come to help us with the setup and operations. The floor space is 24' x 48' using a 'L' shaped layout with room for about six regular modules and the Division 1 modules. We will also have a table for NMRA promotions and some space for sales of railroad merchandise. Bring something you wish to sell; however, this is only one table. Module Group participants will have free admission. You must identify yourself with the "Division 1 Module Group" at the door. We are located at the back, right corner of the building. Parking for setup is behind the building, opposite the main entrance, where we will unload using the back door. Please bring a cover to secure your module for over night.

The new track plan is working fine and it offers a serious challenge for a module operating session. If it wasn't for those double slip switches . . .; they are a challenge all by themselves. We have a sign for display above the modules.

Larry Brown has started the scenery on the corner modules and it is looking great. He has added a double spur off the local main and made a small town with lots of buildings. We need more volunteers to start the scenery on the end modules and build kits for buildings. We will have two months before the January 15, 2012 meeting held at The Akron Yacht Club with our hosts Bob and Twyla Ashley, Jr., which is the next module event and will be an operating session.

I have eight modules, at my home, ready to assemble. If you wish to purchase a module, please advise me. Call me if you wish to help any day or evening. The price per module is \$67.00 for the materials and \$33.00 each for the wiring kit. This is subject to change based on current cost. Also, it does not include the mandatory NCE UTP Fascia Panel Socket, for plugging in your throttle, which is available for \$17.00 from me or at The Whistle Stop. This works with Digitrax or NCE. You must pay for your module prior to taking it with you. "Come on. You know you want one."

I am also looking for anyone who will make a N gauge module to go with Kurt Sanders' or mine or a Z gauge module to go with mine. I hope to have my Z gauge module in the next Buckeye Center Train Show, March 25, 2012.

The "Module Group" logo is available through Jim Williams for \$6.00 and can be added to your shirts. Please have this done before the upcoming displays. Thanks to all who have already done this.

If anyone wants to participate, under the Division 1 banner, with Division 4, at the NMRA National Train Show in Grand Rapids, MI, let me know ASAP.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com

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