

# PEDDLER FREIGHT

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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back!!!

To summarize our changes since May 2010 new people have volunteered to work within Division1 in any one of numerous areas this year and next.

My thinking is that delegating responsibility to various individuals who have the time, commitment and interest we can grow more quickly, effectively and more efficiently.

These individuals are Chairmen who each have an areas of responsibility. They should be contacted first when questions arise. Use the Roster - that's why we have it.

Please refer to the box on the right → for the list of available NMRA members who have volunteered. You will find me always willing to assist whenever and wherever possible.

We are fortunate to have these people committed to aid in this new decade of growth for Division 1.

..... Ron



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**APRIL 28 TO MAY 1, 2011**

NMRA Mid Central Region Convention  
**Rails of Ages**

The Lodges & Convention Center at Geneva-on-the-Lake. Contact Matt Kross at [matt.kross@mcr5.org](mailto:matt.kross@mcr5.org)  
Also see 2011 MCR Convention website at [www.railsofages.org](http://www.railsofages.org)

## CONTEST FOR 2010-2011

September's Contest is **Tank Cars.**

October - House (city, country or company;  
even a shack, but NOT a business)

November - Coal Hoppers

January - I got it at a railroad flea market and  
this is what I did with it.

(Buy something at our flea market and give  
this a try.)

SEND YOUR IDEAS FOR FEBRUARY THROUGH  
MAY TO:

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David Hazlett at [dhazlett1@neo.rr.com](mailto:dhazlett1@neo.rr.com)

### ACHIEVEMENT CERTIFICATES IN DIVISION 1

Chuck Boyer            Structures  
                              Electrical  
                              Official  
                              Volunteer

David Hazlett           Official

Robert Hixenbaugh   Volunteer

Eli Rantanes            Official

William Smith Volunteer

### The following have earned the GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD:

William Bigler

Larry Olson

David Riggle

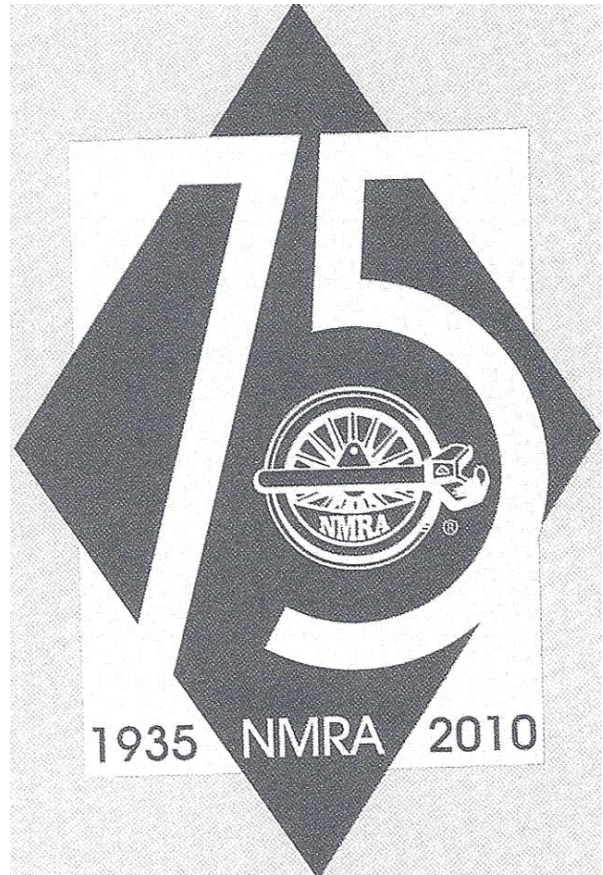
Over the years many others have earned AP  
Certificates, however, only those listed are currently  
active members.

David Hazlett, AP Committee

COME TO AN OPERATING SESSION.

THE NEXT  
OPERATING SESSION IS ON  
MONDAY OCTOBER 4<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM

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The 2014 NMRA National Convention  
to be in Cleveland

There have been no meetings of the Convention  
Committee since we were awarded the Convention.  
Don Deakins and I will keep you informed on the  
progress over the next two years.

David Hazlett

Division 1 Meeting Minutes  
June 20, 2010  
Host: Chuck Boyer, Clinton, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Superintendent Ron Wigal. Twenty-five people were in attendance.

Initial Business:

There was a moment of silence for our veterans and military personnel.

-A motion was made by Bill Smith to accept the minutes of the May meeting as published in the Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded by David Hazlett and passed.

-The Treasurer's Report was given by Bob Ashley, Jr. A motion was made by Bob Ashley, Sr. to accept the report pending audit. The motion was seconded by Don Bonk and passed.

- Bill Smith agreed to audit the Division books for the last year.

The Peddler Freight: the subscription to receive the newsletter by mail is \$15 and the money should be paid to David Hazlett. There is no charge to receive a PDF copy by e-mail.

The Assistant Superintendent's report was given by Randy Dettmer:

-Randy agreed to be the chairman of the clinics and guest speaker committee.

-Clinicians are needed for next year. We have only one volunteer so far.

-Division 4 has a trip scheduled to the Oil Creek and Titusville Railroad on September 25, 2010, leaving by bus from Brecksville. The cost is \$51 per person and reservations need to be made by August 1.

The 2014 National Convention planning was presented by David Hazlett:

-David and Don Deakins are our representatives. Division 4 and Division 5 are backing the convention. There has been one meeting already at the IX Center. Three areas are making presentations to host the convention: Cleveland, Memphis, and Calgary. Presentations are to be made to the national committee on July 10, 2010.

If the convention does not make money then the participating Divisions will not lose any money since national will make up the difference. However, if money is made then it will be split between the

participating Divisions based on volunteer hours for each Division. David Hazlett made a motion for us to send a letter to Division-4 stating that we will participate in the national convention in 2014. It was seconded by Elmer Johnson and passed.

AP Certification Committee:

Don Deakins, Chuck Boyer, and David Hazlett are on this committee. The AP program provides the stepping stones for the MMR(Master Model Railroader) certification. There are 11 certification areas and 9 are required for the MMR. Both Chuck Boyer and David Hazlett can act as judges and Bruce Battenau from Division-4 can assist.

Regional News:

Division-5 is hosting the 2011 regional convention April 28 – May 1 in Geneva. The registration cost is \$45 and the rooms at the Geneva Lodge run \$99 per night. They are looking for clinicians.

Division Committees:

Don Avila will chair the Z-scale Committee and Jim Williams will chair the N-scale committee. Each will make a 5 minute presentation at each meeting on anything new in the scale and then discussions can be held after the meeting if people are interested. Also, Larry Brown will be the Membership and Meeting Chairman.

Membership and Meeting Committees presented by

Larry Brown:

New members – 1, renewals – 4, active members – 98.

“PUSH” – is a local effort to get new members into the Division; hopefully, a new member for each active member. Larry passed out a postcard to each person in attendance which he asked be filled out with one idea to bring in new members in the 2010-2011 year and then mailed back to him. It was suggested that we become involved with the Boy Scouts and their railroading merit badge.

Flea Market: 17 out of 30 tables have been rented, we are limiting the number to 4 for a single individual or group, it was pointed out that we also need a membership table.

Business Items:

-David Hazlett stated that we need to register

Division-1 as a non-profit organization with the State of Ohio.

Respectfully,  
Jim Williams, Clerk

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We are the only Division in the Mid-Central Region that is not so registered. The filling fee is \$125 and would need to be renewed at a lesser cost every few years. Don Bonk made a motion to proceed with filing with the state to establish us as a non-profit organization. It was seconded by Elmer Johnson and passed.

-Ron Wigal made a motion to make David our statutory agent. This was seconded by Elmer Johnson and passed.

-A discussion was held on buying a projector for use by the Division, especially in the AP program. It was felt that it was not needed at the current time. The cost would use up most of our cash-on-hand. If we did decide we need one in the future, it was suggested by Kurt Sanders that we setup a special fund to buy one.

-A discussion was held on having HO end modules built which could be used with the other modules at next March's meeting at Bob Ashley, Jr's home. These end modules would be owned by the Division. Currently the modules are owned by individuals. A single module costs are \$64.24 for materials plus \$32.91 for electrical. Division-4 owns their end modules and decided that this is a better way to exhibit than setting up in a circle. We need to build end modules and not corner modules. End modules have 3 pieces each – a Y and then two others that form a balloon track. Don Bonk made a motion to table the decision on what to do about end modules until the September meeting. The motion was seconded by Jim Bacher. The motion was defeated: 9 yeas and 11 nays. Bob Asheley, Jr then made a motion that we spend up to \$600 to purchase the materials and construct two end modules. The motion was seconded by Bill Smith and passed.

2009-2010 Modeling Awards Presentation was made by David Hazlett:

Kit Bashed – Chuck Boyer

Kit Built - there was a tie among Don Deakins, Larry Brown, and Bob Ashley, Sr.

Scratch Built – Larry Brown

A motion was made by Bill Hewitt to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Bill Smith and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:45 pm.

## Review of Receipts and Expenses

August 6, 2010

Division 1 Officers -

Superintendent Ron Wigal  
Assistant Superintendent Randy Dittmer  
Treasurer Robert Ashley Jr.  
Division 1 Membership

I have reviewed of the receipts and expenses for the period beginning **June 1, 2008 through June 30, 2010.**

I have traced the bank deposit receipts to the monthly Treasurer's Reports. I have reviewed the supporting detail for all checks written to be accurate. I have read the minutes of the Division 1 meetings and traced the motions passed by the membership to authorize the Treasurer to make certain expenditures to be appropriate.

The monthly Treasurer Reports delivered to the Membership accurately reflect the activity recorded during each period.

The check book is neat and accurately reflects the timely deposits and checks written.

It was a pleasure to review the records of the Division 1 Treasurer.

Regards  
Bill Smith  
Division 1 - MCR - NMRA

## PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

The recent change in our public status, becoming a Non-Profit Corporation, and other changes have led to the need to amend our By-Laws. This will be discussed at the September meeting and a vote will be taken at the October meeting. The following are the changes:

### SECTION 1: Name and Purpose

1.1 This organization ~~was~~ **is** formed *to promote fellowship among members of the National Model Railroad Association in its the Division 1 area, to promote the hobby of model railroading in its the Division 1 area,* and to provide a common meeting ground for social activities, **and to engage in any and all activities which pertain to and will enhance the hobby of model railroading through educational opportunities at meetings, clinics, tours and fellowship.** It shall be known as ~~Division 1, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc.~~ to be shortened to **Division 1/MCR/NMRA.**

**1.2 The organization** shall be known as **Division 1, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc.**

### SECTION 2: Membership

2.1 Any member of the NMRA (**exclusive of RailPass members**), living in the area comprising Division 1 as defined by the Mid-Central Region By-Laws Article I - Boundaries by County, shall be allowed to hold office in Division 1 and vote on Division 1 matters.

### SECTION 5: Elections / Appointments

**5.2 Officers of Division 1 shall also serve as Directors/Trustees of the non-profit corporation known as Division 1, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc. These Officers/Directors/Trustees will appoint the corporation's Statutory Agent with the agreement of a majority of the membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting.**

### Additional Changes:

**Change current Section 5 numbers to reflect the addition of the new 5.2 - thus changing the current 5.2 to 5.3 and subsequent numbers accordingly. Rearrange the current Section 5 items to reflect a better grouping of the items WITHOUT changing any wording, except as indicated above.**

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### Scanning of the KML photos begins

*By Gerry Leone, MMR*

*NMRA Communications Director*

If you're a subscriber to *NMRA Magazine* (formerly *Scale Rails*) you've seen the "Timeframes" series of photographs printed on the magazine's last page. Those are all shots taken from the Kalmbach Memorial Library (KML) archives. The fact is, our NMRA Library has over 100,000 images, negatives, slides, plans and drawings, and only a handful have ever been seen by NMRA members because it would have entailed making a personal trip to Headquarters in Chattanooga, Tennessee, to flip through the files.

Soon that will all change, thanks to the NMRA's Diamond Club. The Diamond Club is a fundraiser specifically designed to support adding enhanced content to our website at [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org). The first item on the list of is scanning those 100,000 images and making them available for download.

The good news is that scanning of the photographs has begun! In August of 2010, Historical Archives Services (HAS), the firm the NMRA Board of Directors hired to do the scans and design the photo website, began receiving and cataloging shipments of photographs from KML. HAS estimates that the first batch of photographs will be available for viewing online sometime in the first quarter of 2011, after a short period of beta testing late this year.

Putting the entire library online will be a costly, time consuming task, since each photo's listing will also contain highly detailed, searchable metadata, which is being added by the railroad experts at HAS. This detailed metadata will make it easier and faster for users to find exactly the photograph they're looking for. Current plans are to make the low-resolution thumbnails of the photographs available to everyone via the website around the clock. Users will be able to download high-resolution files, and NMRA members will receive a substantial discount. Proceeds from the scans will help fund the remainder of the project and future Diamond Club web projects.

**As promising as this sounds, it's important to remember that the Diamond Club still hasn't reached its projected goal of \$75,000. If you haven't contributed to this worthy cause, please send your donation now to The Diamond Club, NMRA, 4121 Cromwell Road, Chattanooga, TN 376421, or do it online at [www.nmra.org/diamondclub](http://www.nmra.org/diamondclub).**

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## MODULE REPORT

At the last meeting, the membership approved a \$600.00 fund in order to proceed with the construction of the end modules and approaches. Prior to ordering the materials, I had a conversation with Division 4 Module Designer about altering the specs for a larger radius on the ends. He said it is up to us to design the ends as we see fit except where they interface with the standard 24 inch deep module that is standard everywhere. He also stated that many others have done the same thing. With that in mind, we changed the tight 22 inch radius on the ends to a 28 inch radius. This will allow us to operate many of the larger or newer locomotives that have large minimum radius requirements. The increased the size of the ends is 60" x 60" instead of 48" x 48". It was necessary to redesign the construction of all the end modules and approaches. I was able to do that in AutoCAD and make a bill of material. Most of the wood and hardware has been purchased.

We have cut all the material and are assembling the modules. Some minor fitting is necessary for final assembly. We realized that we had enough material scrap left over to design and build a two piece corner module. This allows us to have a smaller room to operate. Once we finish the construction, we will move the modules from my garage to Bob Ashley, Jr.'s garage, which is much larger. After that, we can start wiring and laying roadbed and track.

Five standard modules have been wired to the latest Module Standard. Some modules are wired to pass through the DCC Cat 5 cable from module to module. Other modules are wired to a NCE UTP Cab Bus Fascia Panel so we can plug in our throttles. Most of the modules are going to be the pass through type. With this arrangement, we can power the modules with Digitrax, NCE or straight DC. The NCE UTP cabs will work with Digitrax or NCE.

Track been laid on two modules. The wiring to the track from the terminal strip on each module will be the last connection. How the modules are detailed is the choice of the owner. Unless the owner wants to have two or more modules which are part of a larger scene, they can be connected together in any order.

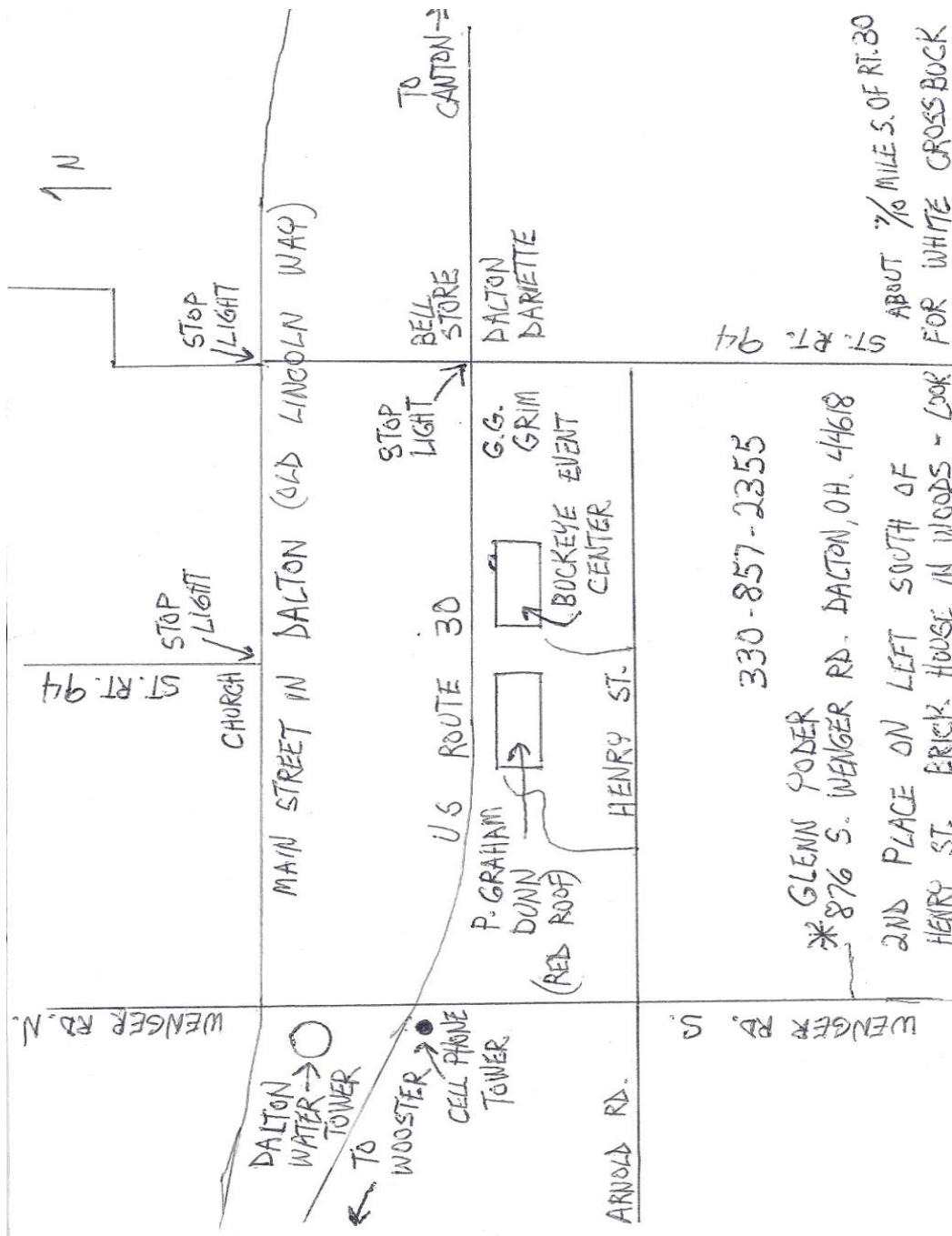
The NCE system has been returned from the factory. We are waiting for a completed module to test the Power Pro command unit.

Those of you who have made the standard module, at my home, you owe me \$67.00 each for the materials and \$33.00 each for the wiring kit. This does not include the mandatory NCE UTP Facia Panel Socket for plugging in your throttle which is available for \$16.00 at The Whistle Stop. This works with Digitrax or NCE.

I want to thank the division for investing in the module program. If we have the same success that Divisions 4 and 5 have had, this will provide a lot of entertainment for the members and the communities. It will also provide a way for each member to earn the AP awards. Bob Ashley, Jr. has requested that the modules be ready for the Division 1 meeting, at his home, next spring. That is our goal at this time.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman





NEXT STOP  
September 19, 2010  
is our first meeting  
of the season and  
our first visit to  
Glenn Yoders  
layout in Dalton,  
OH.

Meeting will begin  
at 2 PM.

Please bring snacks  
and beverages to  
share and a folding  
chair.

Glenn is at 876 S  
Wenger Rd. Dalton,  
OH 44618. Second  
place on the left  
south of Henry St.  
Brick home in the  
woods. Look for a  
white crossbuck  
about 7/10 mile  
south of Rte 30.

## The Big Push

2010 will be an exciting year for the division, with lots of changes and a focus on bringing in new members.

We have a lot to offer to new members and it's up to all of us to get this message across. I know how difficult it is to get people to commit to joining any club. They must see the advantages and believe that they will benefit from the relationship. You would think this would be easy with all the NMRA has to offer, but that's not enough; we must reach out at the division level to get them over the hump. If each of us would focus on getting just one new member, that would make a big difference. Our numbers would then be closer to Div 4's numbers. Bring a guest to a meeting; make them feel at home with us.

I am working on an incentive program for getting new members. I will have a table at the flea market and all the proceeds will go toward gifts for new members. Please make a donation to this table and purchase something

if possible. I would like to thank the members who returned the Idea cards passed out at the last meeting. They gave me great insight to the thoughts of the division.

Please feel free to contact me with any suggestions on gaining new members. Make an effort to strengthen the Division it will benefit all of us.

Larry Brown

## **NMRA MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

NMRA Membership in Division 1 stands at 98. This report covers through July 2010

**NEW MEMBERS:** Paul Carrocce Bordman

**RENEWALS:** Edward Tringhese, William Smith, Thomas Schueter, James Peters,  
William Hewitt, Thomas Gradijan, David Gould, Robert Ashley Jr.

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## **2010-2011 MEETING DATES**

September 19 - Glenn Yoder - Dalton

October 17 - Don Bonk - Louisville

November 7 - FLEA MARKET

November 21 - Kevin Hess - THE WHISTLE STOP

December 18 - Holiday Dinner at Erie Station, Tallmadge

January 16 - Sebring Model Railroad Club, Sebring

February 20 - Larry Brown, Ravenna

March 20 - Bob Ashley, Jr. - Akron (Date may need to change due to Kirtland Show.)

April 17 (Palm Sunday) - Frank Williamson - Hudson

May 15 - Bill Hewitt - Copley

June 12 - Randy Dettmer, Hudson

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## **Train Shows and Open Houses – September 2010 thru October 2010**

### **Lodi Railroad Museum Train & Toy Show – September 18 – 19, 2010 – 10 AM – 4 PM**

Lodi Station Outlet Mall Unit #500 Lodi, OH

### **Conrail Historical Society 2010 Annual Convention – September 24 – 26, 2010**

Clarion Inn, 240 E Hines Hill Rd, Hudson, OH. See web site for complete details and registration form:

<http://thecrhs.org>

### **Erie Lackawanna Historical Society 2010 Annual Convention – September 24 – 26, 2010**

Marion Union Station, 532 W Center St (SR 309), Marion, OH. See web site for complete details and registration form: <http://erielackhs.org>

### **NKP Historical & Technical Society 2010 Annual Convention – September 30 – October 3**

Mad River, 233 York St, Bellevue, OH. See web site for complete details and registration form:

[www.nkpts.org](http://www.nkpts.org)

### **Division 4 – Carnival 2010 – October 3 – 4, 2010**

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds Bagley Rd Berea, OH



## Railroad Tracks

### *A bit of history*

The US standard railroad gauge (distance between the rails) is 4 feet, 8.5 inches. That's an exceedingly odd number.

Why was that gauge used? Because that's the way they built them in England, and English expatriates designed the US railroads.

Why did the English build them like that? Because the first rail lines were built by the same people who built the pre-rail tramways, and that's the gauge they used.

Why did "they" use that gauge then? Because the people who built the tramways used the same jigs and tools that they had used for building wagons, which used that wheel spacing.

Why did the wagons have that particular odd wheel spacing? Well, if they tried to use any other spacing, the wagon wheels would break on some of the old long distance roads in England, because that's the spacing of the wheel ruts.

So who built those old rutted roads? Imperial Rome built the first long distance roads in Europe, including England, for their Legions. Those roads have been used ever since.

And the ruts in the roads? Roman chariots formed the initial ruts, which everyone had to match for fear of destroying their wagon wheels. Since the chariots were made in Rome, they were all alike in the matter of wheel spacing. Therefore, the US standard

railroad gauge of 4 feet, 8.5 inches was derived from the original specifications for an Imperial Roman chariot.

So the next time you are handed a specification/procedure/process and wonder - "What horses behind came up with this?", you may be exactly right. Imperial Roman army chariots were made just wide enough to accommodate two rear ends of two war horses.

*Now, the twist to the story:* When you see a Space Shuttle sitting on its launch pad, there are two big booster rockets attached to the sides of the main fuel tank. These are solid rocket boosters, or SRB's. The SRB's are made by a factory in Utah. The engineers who designed the SRB's would have preferred to make them a bit fatter, but the SRB's had

to be shipped by train to the launch site. The railroad line from the factory happens to run through a tunnel in the mountains, and the SRB's had to go through the tunnel. The tunnel is slightly wider than the railroad track, and the railroad track, as you know, is about as wide as two horses behinds.

So, a major Space Shuttle design feature of what is arguably the world's most advanced transportation system was determined over two thousand years ago by the width of two horses behinds.

..... *Tongue in cheek anyone???*

Eli writes... How about a DIVISION CAR???

For a money making project. In years past we had a McKinley car and made money. It could be an HO 40 foot box car in dark red with white lettering.. It could show the Division 1 logo on one side. It could be from a fallen flag, such as Barberton Belt Line or AC & Y or even a nonexistent road name.