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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

It is the height of the train show season. I love it when I find a great deal, don't you? Sometimes I get too greedy and buy several cars with the same numbers. If you are not operating, this isn't an issue but, if you operate, this can be. I had three Hooker Chemical Athearn 40 foot chemical tank cars with the same number: 56656. If you have one of these cars, you know that they are orange with black lettering. Now what to do? I didn't want to go and get new decals or scrape off a number. I wanted the cars to look like they are in the same group. I searched and discovered that I had a black ultra fine point Sharpie pen. With the original number of 56656, I did a little scraping and redrew the last number on the first car. It seems that the number 6 can be easily modified into an 8; 8 into 3; 3 into 8; 9 into 8 and even 6 into 0. When I was done, I had three cars with three different numbers, the original 56656, 56650 and 56658. From a distance they look pretty good.

I had four Erie Lackawanna Athearn 50 foot gondolas with the same number, 15487. The problem with these is that the numbers are in white. I am not going to paint these with a OOO brush and white paint! At Jo-Ann Fabric I discovered they sell white paint fine point Sharpie pen. So I gave it a try. Interesting enough, it works! I was able to modify the numbers on three of the cars and ended up with cars with four different numbers: 15487, 15481, 15437 and 15497. I hope this gives you some ideas for your fleet.

This month we will be at the Sebring Model Railroad Club in Sebring, OH. See you there.

Randy Dettmer, Superintendent
Division 1, MCR, NMRA



CLINIC REPORT

Thank you Jim Pope and all the guys out at the YMRRA for hosting last month's meeting. Speaking on behalf of all the Division 1 attendees, we really enjoyed your hospitality and both layouts and are looking forward to your participation in Convention 2014! This month we will once again be guests of the Sebring club, just featured in March's MR. Our clinicians will be Jim Smas, the author of the article, Ryan Smas, the photographer and Bob Beatty, who provided the layout drawing. They plan to discuss the highs and lows of publishing in a national magazine.

Remaining Clinics will be:

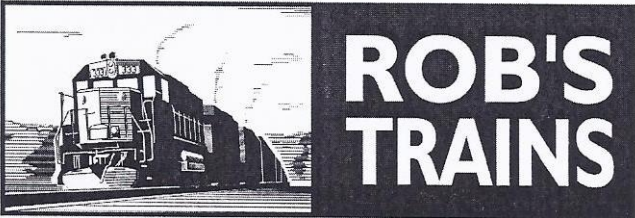
April 27 – Glen Yoder at Rob's Trains, discussing "Fitting Buildings on Backdrop."

May 18 – Matt Woods at Mike Bradley's, Modeling Buildings.

June 15 – TBA at Jim DiPaola

Anyone ready to submit their paperwork for the scenery certificate to be presented at the convention? This is a great opportunity.

Jim Peters, Clinician Chair



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STANDARD KIT

- Jim DiPaola - 14 pts
- Don Bonk - 9 pts
- Jim Williams - 5 pts
- Bob Anelli - 4 pts
- Ray Lora - 3 pts
- Frank Williamson - 3 pts
- Mike Bradley - 2 pts
- Bruce Hukill - 2 pts
- Glenn Yoder - 1 pt

CRAFTSMAN KIT

- Don Avila - 6 pts
- Jim Williams - 5 pts
- Don Bonk - 2 pts
- Bob Weston - 2 pts

KIT-BASHED

- Mike Bradley - 16 pts
- Matt Woods - 6 pts
- Jim DiPaola - 4 pts
- Ray Lora - 4 pts
- Jim Williams - 3 pts
- Frank Williamson - 3 pts
- Don Bonk - 2 pts

SCRATCH-BUILT

- Matt Woods - 6 pts
- Roy Lora - 2 pts

**DIVISION 1
CONTEST**

CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2013-2014

- MARCH - 34' TO 42' COVERED HOPPER
- APRIL - INDUSTRIAL BUILDING (a photograph is allowed if the building cannot be transported)
- MAY - TANK CAR
- JUNE - AWARDS CEREMONY

STANDARD KIT

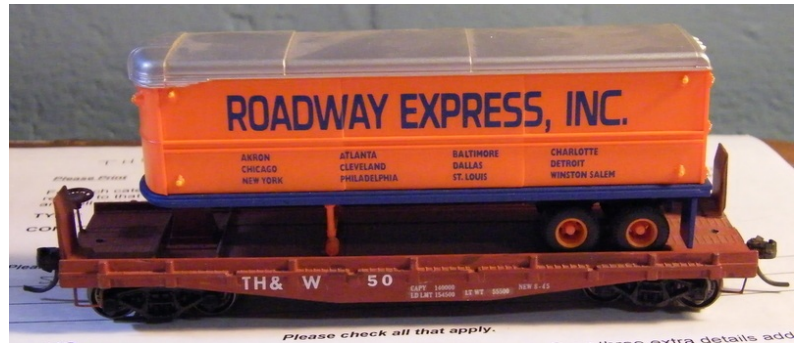
1ST Place

Ray Lora



2ND Place

Mike Bradley



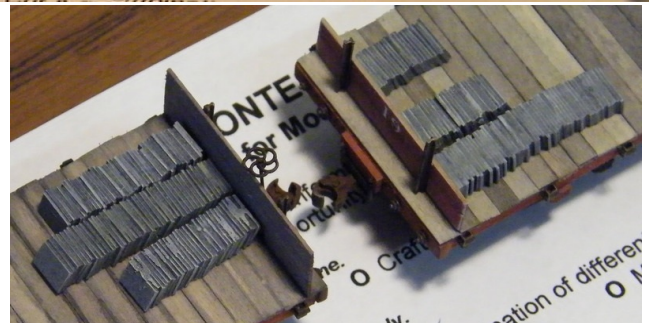
SCRATCH BUILT



1ST Place

Matt Woods

Detail photo of loads.



CONTEST
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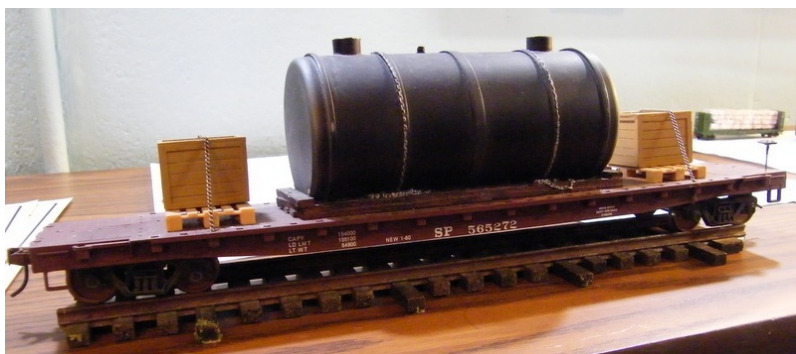
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Mike Bradley



2nd Place

Frank Williamson



3rd Place

Jim Williams



CRAFTSMAN KIT

1st Place

Don Bonk



All contest photos by Randy Dettmer.

N SCALE NEWS

Don Bonk

Last month, we tested a Bachmann EM-1 (2-8-8-4) N-Scale DCC model without sound belonging to Bruce Hukill on the Bonk Railroad. Performance was great. 50% power provided approximately 50 SMPH. At the prototype's normal working speed of 20 SMPH, operation was extremely smooth. Operation at 2 SMPH was good with very little jerking. Operating at 1 SMPH was possible, but jerking was noticeable. The forgoing operation was done with a train attached. While we did not get into rivet counting, the appearance was very good. A Bachmann EM-1 in N-scale can be found on the internet costing from about \$199 to \$350. Bachmann HO EM-1s with or without sound can be found for \$269.95 (Micro-Mark) to \$475.

About the same time last month, I found some old Peddler Freights, and the first Division 1 meeting at the Bonk RR was in May of 1978. My mentors, Howard Marsh and Floyd James, attended along with many of our other departed modelers, like Mary Lou Rice who won the 50/50 as she did most of the time.

Convention 2014 Layout Committee Report

Don't wait! Everything from tours to hotel rooms is selling out fast! Click on the convention link now or visit the site for the mail option.

<http://www.2014cleveland.org/> Don't miss out. A National so close by could be a once in a life time opportunity!

Jim Peters

Convention 2014

Layout Committee Co-Chair



JULY 13-20

Members Report March 2014

The membership now stands at 119

New Member: Richard Semko - Hudson Welcome, Richard!

Renewals

Rerails

Janice Brown	Tim Lissan	Robert Gurdak - Cortland Bruce Hukill - N Canton
Larry Brown	Ray Lora	
Charles Burroughs	David Madden	
Joyce Hewitt	Norman Robinson	

Special Thanks to all those for renewing.

Larry Brown, Membership Chair

THIS MONTH'S MEETING
Sunday, March 30
at the Sebring Model Railroad Club

We will begin the meeting at 2 PM.

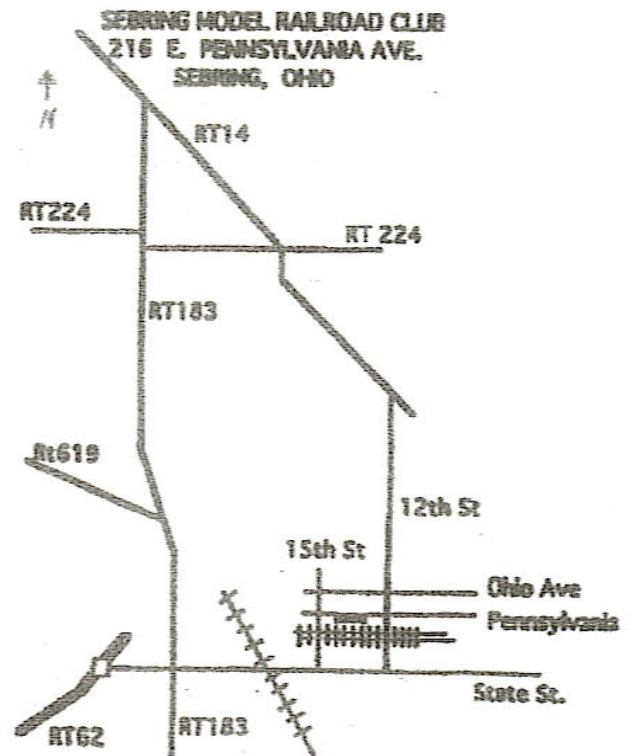
Arrive early and view the great club layout which always has improvements being made by the members.

Bring snacks and beverages to share with our hosts and for ourselves.

THE FLEA MARKET WILL BE HELD AT THIS MEETING.

The contest is 38' to 42' covered hopper cars.

Our clinic will feature Jim Smas, the author of the recent article just published in the March issue of Model Railroader, Ryan Smas the photographer and Bob Beatty, who provided the layout drawing. They plan to discuss the highs and lows of publishing in a national magazine.



TRAIN SHOWS & OPEN HOUSES - MARCH & APRIL

22nd Midwest Narrow Gauge Show 2014

March 20 – 22

Greenford Space Center Rt 165 Greenford, OH
Registration \$12, one day; \$18, two day
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Bucyrus Model Railroad Association Train Show

April 12 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Crawford County Fairgrounds, Whetstone St,
Bucyrus, OH
Admission \$4 adults, children 12 and under free

**CJ Trains Spring Greater Wayne County
Train & Toy Show- March 23 – 10 AM – 4 PM**

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

Wolverine Railroad Club Toy Train Show

April 13 – 10 AM – 2 PM

United Food & Commercial Workers Hall
876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights, MI
Admission \$3 adults, children under 12 free

Medina Model Railroad & Toy Show

April 6 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Medina County Community Center
(Medina Fairgrounds) Medina, OH
Admission \$6 adults, children under 12 free

Beaver County Spring Model Train Show

April 13

Center Stage, 1495 Old Brodhead Rd
Monaca, PA
Admission \$5 adults, children under 12 free
www.bcmrr.railfan.net

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes

February 16, 2014

Host: Youngstown Model Railroad Club

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Youngstown Model Railroad Club for hosting the meeting. On behalf of Youngstown Model Railroad Club, Jim Pope welcomed all attending and gave a brief overview of the two layouts.
- b. Minutes: A motion and a second to accept the amended January 2014 Minutes from what was printed in the Peddler Freight. The motion passed.
- c. Treasurer: No report.
- d. Membership: Larry Brown gave the Membership report for February 2014. Division 1 currently has 118 members. There are five (5) new members and nine (9) renewals/rerails.
- e. Committee Reports:
 - a. **Clinics** – Jim Peters announced that we are continuing with the scenery theme. After the meeting we will be looking at the two layouts.
 - b. **AP** – Nothing to report at this time.
 - c. **Peddler Freight** – David Hazlett was unable to attend and submitted a written report. The cost for the February Peddler Freight was \$ 103.02. Average cost for printing and mail an issue is \$124.84.
 - d. **Scale Update** – Randy Dettmer still has a few 2014 Convention Cars for sale at \$21.60 per car.
 - e. **NMRA 2014 Cleveland Convention** – Randy has forms for the OP-Sig participation and urged members to register for the convention. The forms for the convention have been published in the February NMRA Magazine. Some tours have sold out and the Marriot hotel is full. Register ASAP.
 - f. **Modules** – Bob Ashley, Sr. reported the Module Group will participate at the Dalton Show on March 23, 2014.

Modules are at Bob Ashley Jr's and ready for switches to be installed. Digitrax DCC items have been ordered. Jim Williams still has three (3) modules for sale.
 - g. Apparel – Jim Williams reported that he still has several items of clothing in stock for sale or items can be ordered. No price increase anticipated in 2014.
- f. **Meetings:**
 - a. March 23 – Sebring
 - b. April 27 – Rob's Trains
 - c. May 18 – Mike Bradley's
 - d. June 15 – Jim DiPaola's
- g. **Old Business:**
 - a. Our 501c3 status remains in suspension. Jerry Krueger can find no reason why it's being held up.
 - b. Flea market committee no report on new location to hold the flea market. Division 1 will have a flea market in November 2014 at the Akron Yacht Club.
- h. **New Business**

An Election Committee was formed. Kurt Sanders, Mike Bradley and Jim DiPaola. The committee will have a recommendation at the March 2014 Division meeting.

Motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:40 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim DiPaola, Clerk

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MODULE GROUP

We will operate the Division HO and NTRAK modules at Dalton's Buckeye Event Center, March 23, 2014. We will setup on Saturday, March 22, 2014, between 5:00 PM and 9:00 PM.

The National Train Show in Cleveland, in July, will have 92 straight modules. We are committing 8 straight modules and the industrial end modules. I will have 5 straight modules, Bob, Jr. will have 2 and Lloyd Horst will have 1. Larry Madson could not find a way to use the passenger end modules due to space considerations.

I am concerned that several module members have lost interest or cannot make the events. We need more members to join in with more modules. I am adding two more modules to my coal mine and concrete/cement scenes. Those, of you, who have modules that you cannot use, please offer to sell them to someone who wants to join us. Jim Williams has three constructed and wired modules for sale. Dave Madden is considering making a yard with at least three modules for staging. He has not made his plans for this, yet.

I have partially ordered the Digitrax electronics for a new command station panel from The Whistle Stop. They are having trouble finding a distributor who has stock. We will not have this ready for the next Dalton show. It will be mounted on the backside of the modules instead of underneath, where it is difficult to troubleshoot. We are using 2 American Flyer 250 watt, 16 amp, transformers for power, since; we can not find a suitable replacement for the (4) Magna Force, 5 amp, transformers at a decent price. We need more than 20 amps.

Digitrax has provided a banner to display when we are operating with Digitrax. They also made a new Division banner, for us, at no charge.

I have sent three throttles to Digitrax for conversion to the Duplex update and have received them in time to us them at the Dalton show. The Duplex will operate without interference with the cell phone repeaters and is not limited to one frequency, like the Digitrax Simplex and NCE or Lenz systems.

To stop a runaway train with the throttle, press "Pwr" then "N" to kill the track power. The locomotive will run normally after restoring the track power. Digitrax recommends disabling the DC mode in the decoder to prevent a runaway.

The "Module Group" logo is available through Jim Williams or Nils Sunberg 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.

The Division portion of the 50-50 raffle is placed in the module fund. Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. We also receive \$100.00, or more, for our display at the Dalton shows. Your help in funding the Module Group is appreciated. We are buying a DCC system with this money to replace my personal DCC system.

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

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