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Fantastic! Is the only way I can describe the attendance at our meetings this year. It was obvious at February's meeting that a group of 33 was not expected; we didn't have enough chairs. But all of the attendees took it in stride and we had a good time. As we finish the year, we may be faced with space problems, but we will endure. When signing up to host for the '07-'08 season, please keep in mind the very possible need to have room for 20+ people. Be assured that Bill, Ron and I are looking into holding meetings at places with adequate space. However, at the same time, we don't want to completely curtail the enjoyable visit to personal layouts.

A few places leap into mind when we begin looking for space - The Whistle Stop, the Youngstown Club and the Sebring Club. Can any of the other hobby shops in the Division offer us a meeting place? Anybody know of possible meeting places in Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Portage, Tuscarawas, or Wayne counties? I would love to see us meet in each of our ten counties. Let's put on our "thinking caps"(am I showing my age remembering "Tom Terrific"?) And come up with some ideas of possible meeting places.

We also need activities for our meetings. Therefore, the Bring and Brag will become a contest of sorts where we will vote on the best of most useful item presented and give points to the winner as well as a prize such as a certificate to be used at The Whistle Stop. Further, the program will be changed to include previously built items as well as

those newly built.

We are also looking for clinics to enhance our meetings. I know some of the members have presented small clinics. Those would be welcome again, since our attendance is growing. Most of us have tried things on out layouts that worked well. All of us have tried things that DIDN'T work! Wouldn't it be great to have a failed idea clinic where a few of us share these bright (and failed) ideas? Think of the possibilities! Come to think of it. I have a number of failed projects. I'll bet you do, too!

This is a great time to be part of our Division and hobby! The Division is the roots of the "grass roots" organization known as the NMRA. It is time for us to energize these roots! If you haven't been to a meeting recently, Come! You might be surprised at what you discover.

David

CLINICS NEEDED

Meeting called to order at 2 PM by Super. Hazlett. Thirty three (33) people in attendance. A vote to accept the minutes of our January meeting as printed in the Peddler Freight was unanimously passed. Treasurer's Report was accepted pending audit.

Roster updates by Asst. Super. Ron Wigal - after January meeting we have 14 people willing to provide contact information among like hobbyists about themselves. The list continues to grow at each meeting. (See elsewhere in this issue for a current list).

Our next meeting will be at Bill Heylock's in Hudson on Sunday, March 18 at 2 PM.

Our June 2007 meeting has been moved to June 10th due to Father's Day.

Super. Hazlett reported our Division 1 membership is now at 97 with special thanks to renewals and new members - Robert s Ashley, Charles W Evans and Kevin Hess. Has anyone seen David McNeil?

Super. Hazlett reminded us of the Kirkland show on March 17th and 18th at Lakeland Community College.

Bring and Brag for March 2007 is tank cars. Time is offered for open categories and discussions.

Meeting adjourned due to motion at 2:15 PM.

Asst. Super. Ron Wigal

There is a web site that offers a variety of pictures of old gas stations or if you really remember "fillin' stations". Any of you modelers who a looking to put a "fillin' station" on your layout will be pleased to look at these old picture for ideas. The web site is [Harley Tech Talk](#).

Visit our web site at: www.trainweb.org/division-1-mcr-nmra/index.html

Have an idea for a clinic?

Want to give a clinic?

Want to be one of several in a particular clinic?

Know someone who would give a clinic?

EVER BEEN TO A CLINIC (NON-MEDICAL)?

Send information to David, Ron or Bill.
(Email address & phone numbers on front page.)

DIVISION 1 NEEDS A CLERK

THE ONLY REQUIRED DUTY IS TO TAKE MEETING MINUTES AND EMAIL THEM, IN USEABLE FORM, TO THE PEDDLER FREIGHT EDITOR.

IT IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO RUN A MEETING AND TAKE MINUTES.

HELP, PLEASE!

CONTACT BILL, RON OR DAVID.

BRING & BRAG

March	Tank cars - scratch, modified, odd or private road name
April	Country-side/small town structures
May	Open Hoppers - scratch, modified, odd or private road name
June	Wrecked or damaged cars

The idea of B & B is for you to try building something new. However, we will not turn away previously built items. It is always good to see something to strive toward and previously built items do just that! Got some ideas on B & B for next season? Let BRD (Bill, Ron or David) know.

HO CARS FOR SALE

Over 100 cars from 5 to 30 years old -
from steam to modern era - most with KD's

For a PDF listing email me at
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DAVID H. HAZLETT

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership as of March 2, 2007 is at 98 for
Division 1. I want to thank the following for their
membership RENEWALS:

January

Charles Burroughs
Thomas Diacin
Jack Ellet
Martin Evoy, III
William Heylock
James Williams

February

Robert Keller
Richard Keupper
Adam Leff
Richard Melvin
Frank Williamson

Welcome to our NEW MEMBERS:

January

Robert S. Ashley
Charles W. Evans
Kevin Hess

February

Mike Shelley

LOST MEMBERS - If you know any of these men,
give them a call to see if they just missed the
renewal.

January

David McNeil

"parking in the rear" open 7 days

The Whistle Stop Hobby Shop
Trains Plastic Models Remote Control

Kevin M. Hess
Owner

whistlestopobbies@sbcglobal.net

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N-SCALE NEWS & VIEWS

As a new feature for Peddler Freight, I've been asked to write about what's happening in N-Scale. This month there are some new products that are being released. Atlas has some new turnouts to add to their line of track. The code 80 wye turnouts include: remote wye #2708, standard wye #2709, and custom line #2754. For Code 55 users, Atlas has some new degree crossings on the way. They include the 30 degree #2042 and the 60 degree #2044. It's always good news to hear of new things coming down the track for N-Scalers.

I would like to ask fellow N-Scalers in the division what you might be interested in reading about in future issues. We could talk about new products, wiring, DC, DCC, or basically whatever is of interest to you. If you have any suggestions for future columns and/or would like to share your interests, please send an email to KSand0906@aol.com.

I also thought that it would be interesting for everybody, regardless of the scale that you model to respond to a question of the month. This month's question is, **"Rolling stock: to weather or not to weather?"** Just send an e-mail to me with your response to this question. Looking forward to hearing from all of you.

Have a great day. Kurt Sanders

What can we do for you?

O K, so not everyone is an N-scaler. Want some equal time? You got it!

One of the many facets of model railroading is that there are a number of requirements for space. Many of you are in to model railroading and have selected a "scale" that fits your requirements.

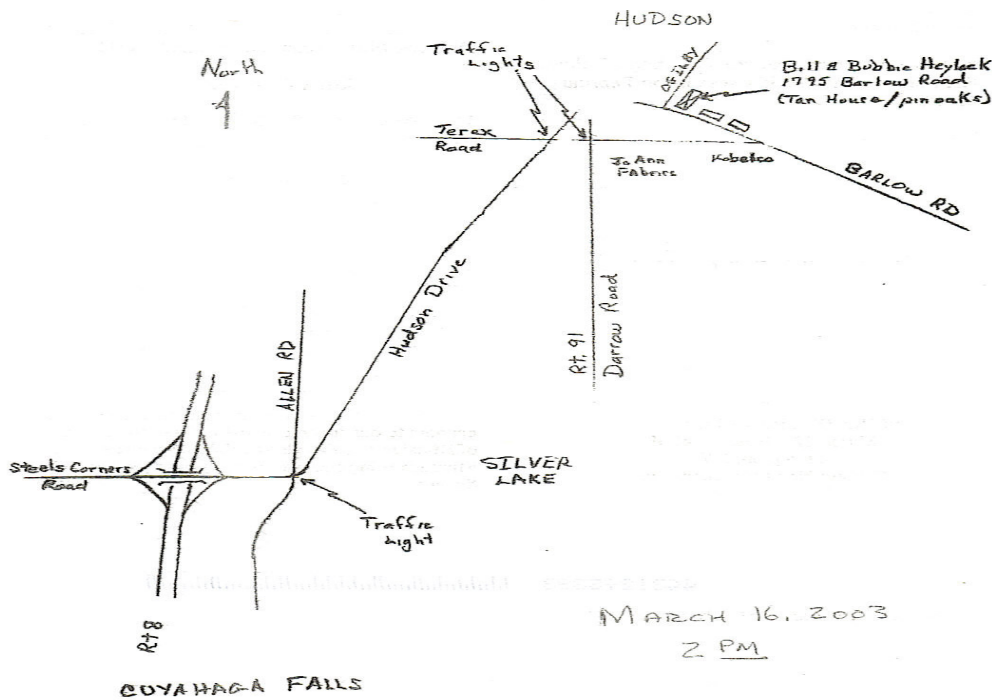
We will be glad to publish an article such as Kurt's for your "scale" if you want to write it. Have a question you want answered. Ask the question in the Peddler Freight and I'm confident you'll get answers.
Ed.

March Destinations

Bobby and Bill Heylock live at 1795 Barlow Road up in Hudson. If you need to contact Bill call him at 330-655-2353.

Since the adjacent map was drawn there are a couple of new traffic lights. There is a new light just after Hudson Drive in front of the fire station and a new traffic light between Commerce Rd and Terex Rd where Norton Rd. crosses Hudson Dr.

Bobby and Bill will supply snacks and beverages.



MY OTHER LIFE

My Model Railroading hobby started when I was still in grade school. I probably was a railfan since I can remember. Since I was also into boating, since 1946, it became my main interest, as soon as I could afford to buy a boat.

In 1956, I met Regina, graduated from high school, found employment in a machine shop making cutting tools and joined the Naval Reserve. I married Regina while on active duty serving on a submarine tender. We were fortunate to have a ship that stayed in port. Our son, Bob, was born while in Charleston, SC.

After my discharge, we came back to Akron, settled down and immediately got back into boating. Once we bought our home, it was time to start a train layout. I had a start with Varney HO scale while still in school, so, my 0-4-0 dockside switcher became my main power. My son and I had a lot of learning to do over the next 20 or so years and had fun doing it. However, after retirement, in 2003, we went to the IX Center in Cleveland.

The boat show was on the main floor and the train show was in the basement. We headed to the train show first. As I was going through the turnstile, my wife was already way ahead of me and zeroed in on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad booth. She obtained a volunteer form and walked up to me and said "sign this, 24/7 sucks". She wanted me out of the house. Well, I headed for the booth, grabbed a form and said to her, "if you sign this, so will I". We were now volunteers on the **CVSR**.

The **CVSR** turned out to be a great way to turn my railfanning into a chance to see what goes on in real life. Over the last four years, I have met many interesting people, including, Doyle McCormack, who operates the 4449 GS-4 Daylight steam locomotive of Southern Pacific fame. Doyle was the Chief Engineer on the Bicentennial Freedom Train. We rode together on **CVSR** locomotives for five hours and exchanged stories before he headed back to Cleveland to the NKP conference he was attending with Tony Koester.

The **CVSR's** next big event is "Day out with Thomas the Tank Engine", May 19 & 20 and May 25, 26 & 27. This is a great time to take your kids and grand kids to a free event where they will see several large tents set up at Boston Mills parking lot. The tents are full of displays, with a train layout, entertainment, interactive things to do, a field full of Step 2 riding toys, food and **Sir Topham Hatt**. **Thomas**, a real live coal burning 0-6-0t steam engine will be pulling the **CVSR** coaches. Rides are \$16.00. Look us up at www.cvsr.com or call 1-800-468-4070. Feel like volunteering? Call me at 330-644-4778 or the **CVSR**

Bob Ashley, Sr., NMRA 136207