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## November is National Model Railroad Month

Besides several model railroad clubs in the area having Open Houses such as Sebring Model Railroad Club and the Youngstown Model Railroad Club, Division 1 is returning to the Whistle Stop Hobby Shop for the monthly meeting to celebrate this auspicious yearly occasion. Flyers for each of the Clubs mentioned above are included in this issue.

Don't miss this opportunity to visit and ask questions, Both have been in operation for some time. As mentioned in the Youngstown flyer they have been around for 50 years. Now that's a long time to be married, not to mention being a model railroad Club.

You don't want to miss our **November 18<sup>th</sup> meeting at the Whistle Stop in Cuyahoga Falls**. I met with Kevin recently who is eager to have us again. Last year we had 35 folks attend, each of which enjoyed the home made Chili, Sloppy Jo's, snacks, beverages and a few special treats brought in by some friends which made it a Sunday FEAST of FUN to remember. Bob Vensel from Wooster will also present a slide show on "Riding the New River Train" in West Virginia with side slides of interest in the area.

Additionally, everyone had an opportunity to look at all the model train displays in the store and go downstairs and see the model railroad layout currently under construction. The Cuyahoga Valley Terminal Railroad is the creation of several who work diligently on this railroad empire. I am confident they have made significant progress since we were there last year.

We will be doing it all again with our friends at the Whistle Stop Hobby Shop on Sunday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007 at 2 PM. If any one would like to bring a special treat for folks to enjoy - Great.

See you there.

Ron Wigal, Asst. Super. Division 1

## Christmas Gathering at the BARN in Smithville

At the past several meetings there has been a discussion about getting together for an annual Christmas Dinner. Ron Wigal, Asst. Super. has taken on the task of locating a festive venue for this occasion. Family and friends are to be included in this gathering, since that is the spirit of the Season.

**The location is the BARN in Smithville on Route 585. The date is DECEMBER 6<sup>th</sup> at 6 PM.** We will simply order from the menu thereby making our gathering as inexpensive as you like. While everyone is welcome, you **MUST** contact me to let me know if you are interested in attending. Please reach me by calling 330-592-1800 or contact me by email at [rwigal@ner.rr.com](mailto:rwigal@ner.rr.com). Contact me by NOVEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>. First floor accommodations are available. But of course I NEED A HEAD COUNT.

..... Thanks Ron Wigal, Super. Asst.

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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you know that there are over 150 NMRA Divisions? There are 18 Regions. We are, of course, Division 1 of the Mid-Central Region. We are also one of the two Regions that do not charge dues. The other one is the Rocky Mountain Region.

The purpose of the NMRA is to promote the hobby of model railroading and to help set standards within the industry. This is all done by VOLUNTEERS. Headquarter staff are paid employees, but from the President of the NMRA down, no individual is paid. I think this is a great organization considering that almost everything is done by VOLUNTEERS.

I've heard comments made by Z scale hobbyists that the NMRA is not for them because the NMRA isn't doing anything for them. I can't speak to that as I don't know much about Z scale. If there are different manufacturers in Z and all of the manufacturers equipment works with each other, that is probably the work of the NMRA. If there are not articles in the Scale Rails about Z, that is probably because no member has volunteered to write one. Our own Peddler Freight has no Z scale news. Why not? Same reason.

There is an NMRA certificate that can be earned by authors. You need to be published in Division and Regional newsletters. Also, perhaps, in the Scale Rails. The Division is easy and the Regional isn't too hard. We need to look into that. However, as Superintendent, it isn't my job

to do everything for the Division, and thankfully I don't have to do that because of VOLUNTEERS. I do need more VOLUNTEERS. I need a Z scale author, a program chair, an Achievement Program chair . . . .

VOLUNTEERS are what makes the NMRA - National, Region and Division work! Be thinking about volunteering. Bill Smith cannot run for the job of Treasurer in May, due to term limits. I can run for another term, but that should not stop anyone from also running for Superintendent. Ron Wigal can run again for Assistant Superintendent. Although elected, these officers are VOLUNTEERS. Will you VOLUNTEER in what is a VOLUNTEER organization?

Since this is the last Peddler Freight until January, HAPPY HOLIDAYS.

See you at the meeting or trackside,

*David*

Visit our web site at: [www.trainweb.org/division-1-mcr-nmra/index.html](http://www.trainweb.org/division-1-mcr-nmra/index.html)

**THE CONTEST**  
(REPLACES BRING & BRAG)

Each month the contest will have three categories for the type of model. The categories will be SCRATCH-BUILT, KIT-BASHED AND KIT-BUILT. The idea behind this is that this should allow anyone to enter anything they are proud of and at ANY skill level.

Judging will be by popular vote at the meetings. However, anyone wishing to have a model judged by NMRA rules for the Achievement Program (AP), we will attempt to make the arrangements (since Division 1 currently has no active AP person). In all cases we will keep track of points scored as the months go by and at the end of the year (May or June meeting) the total point winner(s) will receive special recognition.

- NOVEMBER - BOXCARS
- JANUARY - INTERMODAL EQUIPMENT
- FEBRUARY - BRIDGES
- MARCH - DIESEL POWER
- APRIL - GONDOLAS
- MAY - ELECTRIC POWER (INCLUDING INTERURBANS)
- JUNE - AWARDS CEREMONY

CONTEST STANDING:

Scratch	Kit	Kit
<u>Built</u>	<u>Bashed</u>	<u>Built</u>
	David Hazlett - 2	David Hazlett - 1
No Entires	Chuck Boyer - 1	
Yet	Don Deakins - 1	

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2007-2008 Meeting Schedule

December, 2007	No Meeting
January 20, 2008	Sebring Club
February 17, 2008	Youngstown Club
March 23*, 2008	Don Bonk, Louisville

April 20, 2008	Dan Williams, MMR - Sagamore Hills
May 18, 2008	Bob Ashley, Sr., Akron
June 8**, 2008	Bill Bigler, North Canton

\* Moved due to Kirtland Show.  
\*\*2nd Sunday due to Father's Day

If circumstances have changed your ability to host a meeting, please contact the Superintendent.

**REPORT ON THE REGIONAL BOD MEETING**

The Regional BOD meeting was held in Columbus on October 21<sup>st</sup>. The meeting began at 1:10 pm and ended at 4:10 pm. Reports were given by all Divisions present.

Two years ago the Region started work on a building to be sold by the Region and Divisions. That project was terminated due to manufacturing problems. No money was lost by the Region. The Region now has another building project started. This new building is laser-cut from wood. It will be available in O, S, HO and N. Price for the HO is under \$25. If the Divisions wish to sell these kits, they will earn \$3 per HO kit and slightly less for the N kits (which sell for less). Target date for the kits is January.

Many other small business items were discussed and passed. The Regional Convention, hosted by Division 4, will have a train show connected with it. This show is put on by the New York Central Historical Society, whose convention is at the same time as the Regional Convention.

*David*

## N-Scale News and Views

This month, my column isn't directed specifically to N-Scale, but rather to a couple of events that are happening in the area of the division in which I live, the Youngstown-Warren area. As most of you know, the Youngstown Model Railroad Association will be holding its annual open house on November 3, 4, 10 and 11 from 12:00 – 6:00. If you have never seen their layout before, it is definitely something to see. The club is located in an old church and they have layouts both upstairs and downstairs. My favorite is downstairs where they have a nice steel mill scene that they have been working on for several years. I'm interested to see how much progress they have made since I last visited in 2005. They have a small circus area in the downstairs layout that has a very short N-Scale train.

If you come to the area for this show, I also would suggest that you take some time to visit another display that is at the National Packard Museum in Warren. This modular layout is the work of the Western Reserve Modular Railroad Club, is O-gauge and measures 20x36 foot. It too has a small carnival scene with a short N-Scale train running. Another part of this exhibit is some interesting memorabilia about railroading in the Ohio/Pennsylvania area.

Of special interest to me were some pictures that they had of the P&LE and the gone but not forgotten Youngstown Steel Mills. The trains run Saturdays from 12-5 and Sundays from 1-5. There is a \$5.00 admission charge to the museum, where you also can view some vintage vehicles and much memorabilia from the Packard family and Packard Electric. For more information you can visit [www.packardmuseum.org](http://www.packardmuseum.org).

These are a couple of opportunities for you to see some different layouts in different scales and to enjoy Model Railroad Month while exploring a part of Division 1 that you might not often visit!

Kurt Sanders

COME TO AN OPERATING SESSION.

MONDAY NOVEMBER 19<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME  
(NO CHILDREN PLEASE)

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If that doesn't grab your attention  
nothing will!!! *Kevin is a creative guy! Ed.*

## COMMON RAILROAD RADIO TERMS

(Part 2 of 3 Ed.)

Many of us are attending operating sessions. We use Walkie-Talkies to communicate with the dispatcher or the engineer of a train. On the real railroads, we use Two-way Radios, and hand signals when possible, to communicate with the dispatcher, conductor, engineer, brakeman and trainman.

Because there are many ways to say something, it is helpful if we use the same terms, in order to minimize the chance of a misunderstood order. Here is a list of some of those terms commonly used in prototype railroad communications. Have fun.

### DIRECTIONAL TERMS.

(Note: Each locomotive has a letter 'F' stenciled on the side of the frame near that end and indicates the normal end in forward movements, i.e., 'short hood' forward or 'long hood' forward during switching movements. This does not apply to a 'consist' when instructing movement.)

**AHEAD** Pronounced A-Head, you are instructing the Engineer to move forward.

**OK BACK** You are instructing the Engineer to move backwards.

### STOPPING TERMS.

**THAT WILL DO** Often pronounced 'THAT'LL DO', means 'stop the movement.

**THAT'LL DO WHEN** Stop the movement at your convenience.

**YOU GET 'EM STOPPED**

**STOP, STOP, STOP** Used in emergency situations, only, means, stop the movement, now, i.e., dump the air.

### SLOWING TERMS.

**STEADY UP OR** Decrease your speed.

**PINCH 'EM DOWN**

### MOVEMENT TERMS

**SLACK** Used with 'SLACK BACK' or 'SLACK AHEAD' to release the tension on the couplers in order to release the knuckle when cutting cars.

**HOLD WHAT** Do not move the train until you hear from me and  
**YOU'VE GOT** me only.

**STRETCH 'EM OUT** Pull on the couplers to test for poor ties. (Test the coupler locking pin engagement)

BOB ASHLEY, SR.  
CVSR BRAKEMAN