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In a recent magazine, I can't remember which, a writer was lamenting that he just doesn't have time to work on his layout. I can relate to that. It just seems that the world doesn't like it when we have some free time!

The Editor of the magazine suggested that if you spent just two hours per week on your layout that, in a year's time, you will have spent almost 2 ½ weeks working on your layout. What can you do in 2 ½ weeks? I'm lucky in that I can usually spend eight hours per week on my layout. Of course, I'm doing laundry some of that time, but it only takes a few minutes to start the laundry and the waiting time is railroad time. Not a bad deal. If you need more time for your layout, try offering to do the laundry. Your wife will thank you, after she regains consciousness. (I said laundry, not ironing!)

Food for thought. At the National Train Show, I talked with a dealer who does colored metal pins. He gave me a rough (very rough) estimate of the cost of doing our patch as a 3/4 inch round pin. I will be bring up this subject at the meeting in Lester. The cost for each pin would be between \$3 and \$5. (I said it was a rough estimate.) I think we could break even on the deal or maybe even earn a few dollars for our treasury. The picture below (in black & white, we don't do color in the PF) is approximately 3/4 inch in diameter to give you a rough idea of size.



I like the idea of a pin. I'm running out of room on my "shooting vest" for patches, but I do have room for a few

more pins. Lately I have only been able to get pins and not patches on some of the railroads I've ridden. Think about it.

Looks like I've been assuming too much on the membership list. The list said "add chg", but the person is new to our Division. If I have missed you because I didn't check to see if you had just moved into the Division, I apologize. I shall be checking in the future.

See you at the meeting or trackside,

David

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

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership stands at 103. Information from NMRA is usually 30 days behind, that is, the Division receives May info in June, June in July, etc. So if you don't see your name, it may be due to this.

RENEWALS:

<u>August</u>	<u>September</u>
Ron Wigal	Thomas Gradijan Gary Motts

NEW MEMBERS:

James Bacher Joseph Kelkotta Charles Nitsшке	John Brumley
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Welcome to the new members and thank you to the members who have renewed.
We appreciate your support of the hobby.

OPERATING SESSIONS EVERY THIRD
MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

OCTOBER 15TH

NCE Radio Equipped DCC

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Division 1 Meeting Minutes
September 16, 2007

Larry and Becky Olson's in Dalton, Ohio

Superintendent David Hazlett called the meeting to order at 2:05 PM. 24 people were in attendance. The meeting minutes of the June meeting, as printed in the Peddler Freight, were approved.

Bill Smith presented the Treasurer's report and it was approved. Bill was accepting payments of \$15 for this year's subscriptions to the Peddler Freight. Bill sold 50/50 raffle tickets on items donated by Larry Olson - the proceeds going to the division treasury.

Ron Wigal, Assistant Superintendent, asked for updates to the roster that was started last year. He was missing mainly the scale(s) different people model in.

The Superintendent's report is as follows:

---Our membership is at 103 with new members James Bacher, Joseph Kleotta, and Charles Nitsшке.

The October meeting will be on 10/14 in Lester in Medina County. A vote was taken and passed to meet in Medina which is Division 4 area. Our meeting will be conducted at 2 PM. The live steam train will be running approximately 3-3:30PM. Bring picnic style food to share.

Division 4 still needs help with their Berea Show at the Cuyahoga fair grounds, 10/5-10/7, and is offering free entrance for anyone willing to put in at least 2 hours. Friday night is setup, and help is always needed Sunday for tear down.

The regional convention will be in Cleveland in May of next year. Division 4 is the host. Dave Hazlett's layout will be open Thursday night of that week for operation.---

Ron Wigal told that in previous years members of the division and their spouses would get together the first week of December for a holiday dinner at a restaurant ordering off the menu. He asked for a show of hands to see if people might be interested in getting together for the holidays this year. 15 of the 24 present showed an interest. Ron volunteered to setup the arrangements. It was agreed that it should be held on a Saturday around 6 PM. Several restaurants were suggested: the Barn in Smithville, the Pufferbelly in Kent, and the Erie Station Grill in Tallmadge. People can contact him with ideas at rwigal@neo.rr.com.

Bob Ashely reviewed the up-coming steam runs on the CVSR, September 18-20 and 22. They will use the Ohio Central CN engine and cars. There will also be a total track tour on September 29 using CVSR power. This tour will be from Rockside to Canton and back with a 2 hour layover in Canton. Bob also related about his experience of operating Tom Beadler's railroad in Sandusky. It is a 10x10, U-shaped pike with push-pull operation that will accommodate 5 operators. He remarked that you did not need to have a lot of room to have a lot of fun.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM

Respectfully submitted,
Jim Williams, Chief Clerk

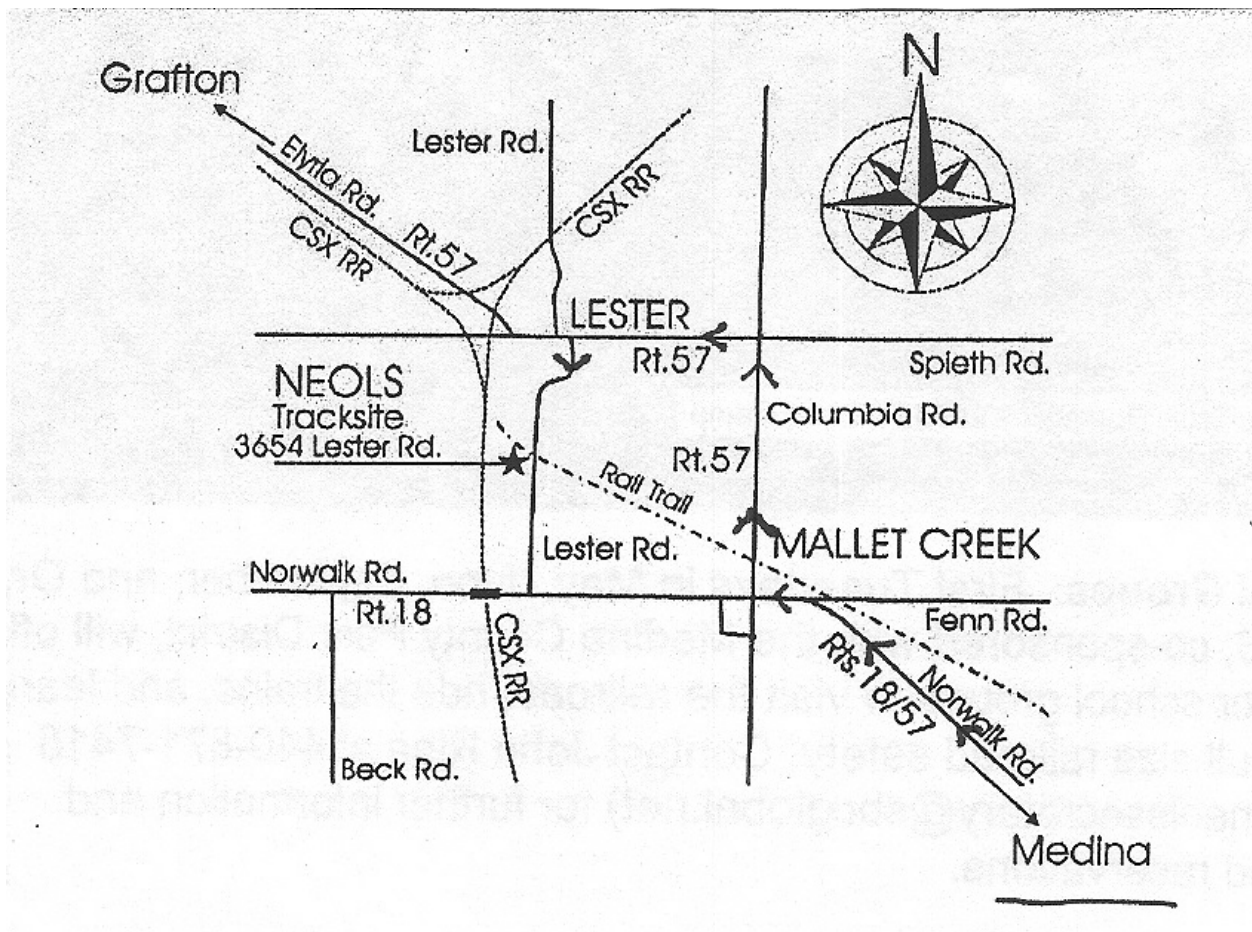
Directions To The Meeting Sunday, October 14 at 2 PM

I traveled from my home in Akron to the Northeast Ohio Live Steamers track in Lester. It was 29 miles and took 45 minutes. You can get to the city of Medina via SR 18, SR 57 or from I76 to I71 and get off at SR 18. However you go you will find road construction. I traveled via SR 18 from its intersection with I77.

Once you are on SR 18 in the city of Media, you follow it West for about 4 miles to a traffic signal in the little town of Mallet Creek. There you turn right and follow SR 57. In about a mile SR 57 takes a left turn onto SPLETH RD, make the left. Less than a mile down Spleth Rd., you will make a left turn onto Lester Rd. It is a small road. Go about 3/4 of a mile and you will see the walking path and then the entrance to the Live Steamers on the right. Just after entering the area you will make a left turn toward the "Train Ride."

For those of you who have a very good sense of direction you can go another way. Get to the light in Mallet Creek, but go straight. The next road on the right is Lester Rd. Turn right and the facility is on the left. **Please bring lawn chairs, a snack to share and your beverage.**

David



Why Volunteer?

The Tangible and Intangible Rewards of Serving Our Hobby

The concept of volunteerism involves doing something for others without the expectation of compensation. That means using one's own precious, very limited, time to do some form of work for nothing, right? In the military, the prevailing wisdom is that one should never volunteer for anything because it will probably turn out to be unpleasant. Those two concepts lead one to the inevitable conclusion – you must be crazy to volunteer! I think that is why people are hesitant to volunteer for elected or appointed positions in the NMRA, even within our own division.

Let's examine each of these notions. Volunteer work in the model railroad organization is not likely to be unpleasant, since it involves doing something for our favorite hobby. Unlike in the military, you will not be put on KP, nor will you be assigned to clean latrines. I do not believe there are any garbage cans to scrub or 50 mile hikes with full packs to march. Spending time doing work for an organization does not cost any money, so it is a good way for those with limited financial resources to give back to the organization. Precious time is used in volunteer work, but the payoff is a greater understanding of the organization. Better yet, it brings the opportunity to become acquainted with more members than is possible just occupying a seat during a monthly meeting or staying home and meeting no one at all. It is during the volunteer efforts that one begins to feel truly a part of the organization.

It is then that one feels that dues are monies really well spent. The friendships, camaraderie and exchange of ideas are compensation that the government cannot tax. Remember, you get out of an organization what you put into it.

Then there is the bonus. Time spent volunteering within the NMRA regions and divisions can earn one the Association Volunteer Certificate in the Achievement Program. That is one down and only six to go. What a wonderful bonus and a great way to get started on the way toward the coveted MMR.

Having said all this, I would like to remind everyone that new officers are to be elected in the spring. Your current officers cannot continue in their positions due to the term limitations required by our bylaws. This is a good time to start thinking about running for an office or volunteering for an appointed position. Don't always leave it to the other guy. You have much to offer and much more to gain. If you don't know the expectations of a particular position, ask someone who does know. Outgoing officers are more than willing to help those new to the position.

I urge each of you to stop sitting on your hands and volunteer for something! (Cue the brass band and the fireworks!)

... *Susan Werner*

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"parking in the rear" open 7 days

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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.

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

CONTEST STANDING:

SCRATCH-BUILT	KIT-BASHED	KIT-BUILT
	Don Deakins (1)	David Hazlett (1)

2007-2008 Meeting Schedule

October 14, 2007	Northeast Ohio Live Steamers
November 18, 2007	Whistle Stop
December, 2007	Possible Christmas Dinner
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
July, 2008	No Meeting
August, 2008	No Meeting

* Moved due to Kirtland Show.

**2nd Sunday due to Father's Day

What's In The Name?

What's your name? Is it listed below as a subscriber to the Division 1 newsletter? I hope so, if not, then WHY NOT???

I know, it's hard to part with \$15.00 when you get it for free. But free isn't forever. As long as the Division has funds we will send it to all NMRA members in the Division. Like I said, free can't last forever.

We could use **your** support, just like those listed below:- - - -

Robert Ashley Akron
 David Athman, Sr. North Canton
 Donald Avila Akron
 James Bacher Clinton
 Carl Boltz Akron
 Donald Bonk Louisville
 Chuck Boyer Clinton
 Charles Burroughs Canton
 Eugene Clayton Akron
 Donald "Doc" Deakins Canton
 Jim Dipaola Ravenna
 Randy Fleet Akron
 Jim Gnagy North Canton
 David Gould Akron
 David Hazlett Akron
 Willaim Hewitt Copley
 Robert Hixenbaugh Cuyahoga Falls
 Samuel Itzoe Uniontown
 Al Klamert Akron
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 Kurt Saunders Vienna
 Frederick Shape Warren
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 Brunell Stalnaker Akron
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 Edwin Welch Cuyahoga Falls
 Ronald Wigal Akron
 James Williams Canton
 Frank Williamson Hudson
 Whistle Stop Hobby Cuyahoga Falls

If your mailing label has an "*" before your name - - **THANKS.**

If not, how about your check for \$15.00 made payable to "Division 1 - MCR - NMRA". Mail your check to Peddler Freight, 2786 Mansard Lane, Akron OH 44312-5393

. Bill Smith, Editor

C P L & G

As many of you know, and some have suspected the "Copley - Portage Lakes & Green" does not currently exist except in my mind. But it has daily interchange service with the Akron - Canton - Youngstown RR.

It may be real some day. It's a point-to-point short line that is designed with operations in my mind. I say a short line because how big can it be in a 10' x 14' room with windows at one end and a closet at the other. (Both requiring access).

David has been helpful in suggesting table configurations so now I have to think about a track plan. I have been scrutinizing track plans and I see parts of plans that are intriguing or focused on operations.

I remember a switching contest from years ago that was really neat. But I can't recollect how it went. If you remember, can you help me???

Bill Smith

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 with direct interchange to
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