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Superintendent's Bulletin



On February 9, 2024, the model railroad community lost another great and pioneering model railroader as Jim Hediger passed away at age 81. He worked 43 years for Model Railroader magazine and retired as Senior Editor in 2015. While at Model Railroader magazine Jim authored more than 750 columns, stories and reviews. He was a guest speaker at conventions and was always willing to share his knowledge to help fellow

model railroaders improve their skills and really enjoy the hobby. He was a great ambassador for the hobby.

Jim was a pioneer of the real-life double deck model railroad which started as a concept by layout design guru John Armstrong. John's comments on seeing Jim's double deck Ohio Southern was "By golly, it does work!" Jim's freelanced Ohio Southern was a double-deck layout that was featured in numerous articles in Model Railroader magazine. The layout featured Jim's freelanced steel mill, Huron Steel which interchanged products with Dean Freytag's Davies Steel.



Jim Hediger

Like other model railroad greats, Hediger was a friend to everyone he met and freely shared his model railroading knowledge. At the Milwaukee NMRA National Convention, I had the privilege to have lunch with Jim and Dean. Lots of discussion was had on the finer points of model railroading and these two gentlemen graciously included me in the discussion. This lunch lasted two hours and I was happy to miss the clinic I wanted to see just to hang out with these two great guys. Hediger remembered I had an interest in steel mills and was happy I had inherited part of Dean's model railroad empire after Dean passed away in 2010. From time to time up to Jim's passing, I would receive notes, articles and models that he and Dean had shared. I've preserved those notes and articles which I look at on a regular basis for inspiration. The models operate on my model railroad. Passing things on to others is a great way to keep this wonderful hobby of model railroad alive and thriving.

Thank you Jim Hediger, Dean Freytag, Allen McClelland, John Allen, John Armstrong and a cast of thousands.

All Aboard!!
Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

T-TRAK Module News

The Module Group **will not** set up at the Akron Train & Toy Show on March 3 due to not being able to make contact with the promoter. This gives everyone more time to work on their modules for the next show.

The Mid-Continent Regional Convention in May is looking for N Scale T-TRAK modules. Go their website and click on the "Hotel Layouts" button to register your module. I have asked them if we could have our HO T-TRAK layout there, but have not received confirmation that we can. So, keep that in mind if I get approval.

Lloyd Horst
Module Chair

2023 - 24 Division 1 Events

March 17 - Ravenna Township Meeting Hall
April 21 - TBD
May 19 - TBD
June - Date and location TBD

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
February 18, 2024

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order: 2:00 PM.
- ~ By: Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
- ~ Participants: 22 members including 4 guests: Bert Wisbar, Rob DiBauda, Ed and Suzanne Enyedy, and two members from Division 4: Jerry Krueger, MCR Convention Chair and Ron Morgan, Division 4 Superintendent.
- ~ Location: Youngstown Model RR Club.

2. Clerk: Jeff Stone:

- ~ Previous meeting minutes published in Peddler freight.
- ~ Motion to approve minutes, (Steve Zapytowski/Bob Anelli) carried.

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley:

- ~ Report presented by treasurer. Available on request.
- ~ Income: \$75 (Old module sold.), January 50/50 \$26.
- ~ Expenses: Lloyd Horst \$155.92 (modules), Insurance \$610.00, Chuck Altwies \$40 (modules)
- ~ Motion to approve treasurer report, (Bob Gurdak/Steve Zapytowski) carried.

4. Superintendent: Jim DiPaola:

- ~ MCR Convention in Cleveland, please register.
- ~ MCR Convention in Columbus in 2025.

5. Peddler Freight Committee: Bruce Hukill: Deadline February 25.

6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters:

- ~ 72 members. Most Divisions have similar decreases in membership.

7. Clinic Committee: Jim DiPaola: Ed Enyedy will present clinics at March meeting.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst: Not present.

9. Module Committee: Bruce Hukill for Lloyd Horst:

- ~ Please work on modules. We need to have more modules with scenery and finished to have a good display.
- ~ HO T-TRAK to Emidios March 3, setup may be March 2. (Update: cancelled)

10. Facebook Committee: Jim DiPaola: No report.

11. Website Committee: Steve Zapytowski: No report.

12. Old Business: None.

13. New Business: Elections committee, Steve Zapytowski, Chuck Altwies, and Jeff Stone were selected to form the committee.

14. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Ed Enyedy brought several buildings from his Leopard Architectural Models line and fielded questions about his Leopard Architectural Models.
- ~ Steve Zapytowski brought several 3D prints from his Boring Iron and Timber project.

15. Good of the Order/Announcements:

- ~ Gary Kohler asked for people interested in being volunteers at the National Narrow Gauge Convention in Pittsburg September 11-14, 2024.
- ~ Jerry Krueger from Division 4 talked about the upcoming Mid-Central Region Convention in Cleveland. Layout tours and clinics are set, along with operating sessions, and tours of the Age of Steam and Midwestern Rail Preservation Society in Cleveland. Only enough cars will be run to cover orders with limited extra, so order now with registration!
- ~ Chuck Altwies won 50/50. Bob Ashley, Jr. and Sam Eisele won prizes.

16. Adjournment:

- ~ Motion to adjourn carried (Steve Zapytowski/Chuck Altwies).
- ~ Meeting adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone, Clerk, Division 1.

February Meeting at Youngstown Model RR Club



Chuck Altwies (above) views the Youngstown Model Railroad Club's HO scale layout. Steve Zapytowski displayed (right) a dump bit for his Boring Iron and Timber project. The conveyors lift iron ore, charcoal and limestone into bins on the second floor where men with wheelbarrows dump it into an iron furnace. Rich Ramskugler and Steve Zapytowski (far right) admire the Youngstown HO layout.

February Bring-N-Brag Leads to March Clinic



Ed Enyedy (below right) brought samples of his *Leopard Architectural Models* HO structures. A Baltimore and Ohio tower (left) and the B & O station located in the Cleveland Flats (below left) were displayed.

At the February Div. 1 meeting Ed Enyedy displayed three structures he 3D printed in resin. The structures and others are available in multiple scales at Leopard Architectural Models.

Ed will be presenting the clinic at the March meeting. He will demonstrate how he paints, details and weathers his structures. The use of paint sticks will be part of the clinic.



**Please print the form below and complete for each of your T-TRAK modules.
Return the form at any Division 1 function.**

T-TRAK — Module Information Sheet

Module Name or ID Code _____ Scale _____

Owner _____

Module Description _____

Module Design (place an "X" in the appropriate spaces):

Single		Double		Triple		Quad	
Corner		Inside Corner		Junction		180 Degree Corner	
Crossover		Siding		Skyboard			
Other							

Depth (required for all single to quad-sized modules): _____

Track Spacing: _____

Electrical Information:

Kato/Tamiya Power Connectors	Y / N	Accessory Power Required	Y / N
Specify required volts/amps		UTP	Y / N
DCC Accessory Decoder	Y / N	Specify Type	
Date Constructed		Date of Certification	
Date of Major Alteration or Rehab		Date of Re-certification	

Module Condition (Place an "X" in the appropriate spaces):

	Excellent — scenery complete; no issues with scenery, wiring, track, etc.
	Good — scenery not complete; no issues with scenery, wiring, track, etc
	Fair — Under construction, nothing that prevents running trains.
	Unserviceable — major issues that are fixable; add estimated date for repairs.
	Other comment and Background re Module Configuration

Please attach front photograph, top-down photograph and track plan if available

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The Mid-Central
Regional Convention
May 16-19 2024
Cleveland, Ohio



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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Sunday, March 17, 2024
 Ravenna Township Meeting Hall
 6145 Spring Street
 Ravenna, OH 44266

Bring your T-TRAK module if you want to check it to the standards,
 share your craft or tips, or just have questions.
 Bring a snack to share and a drink of your own.

Sale table and FREE items.

Clinic: Ed Enyedy of [Leopold Architectural Models](#) will demonstrate painting and weather techniques of structures. (See page 3)

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Northwestern Oregon Circa 1912 — HO and HO_n3

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Train Shows and Open Houses

Akron Train & Toy Show - March 3

Emidio's & Sons Expo Center
48 East Bath Road at State Road
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223
Admission \$5.00

9 AM - 3 PM

Train Collectors Association - March 23 Spring Train Meet

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
Admission \$6.00

10 AM - 3 PM

Erie Model Train Show - March 3

Rainbow Gardens - Waldameer Park, PA
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223
Admission \$5.00

10 AM - 4 PM

World's Greatest Hobby on Tour - March 23 - 24

I-X Center, Cleveland, OH 44135
Admission \$15.00, 15 and under free

10 AM - 4 PM

Div. 5 Railfest - Model RR Show - March 16 - 17

Lakeland Community College
7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, Ohio 44094
Admission \$9.00

10 AM - 4 PM

Medina Train and Toy Show - April 7

Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256
Admission \$6.00

9 AM - 3 PM

Wooster Train and Toy Show - March 16

Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, Ohio
Admission \$7.00

10 AM - 3 PM

Youngstown Model RR Assoc. - April 7

Toy - Train Flea Market

Parish Center, 4490 Norquest, Austintown 44151
Admission \$7.00

10 AM - 3:30 PM

30th Annual Midwest Narrow Gauge Show March 21 - 23

7600 W. South Range Road (State Rt. 165)
Salem, Ohio 44460

Admission \$20.00 includes entire weekend

Information at www.portlandlocomotiveworks.com

Model Train Day & Flea Market - May 18

Painesville Railroad Museum
(aka NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission \$5.00

10 AM - 3 PM

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