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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



This month is going to be busy. Our meeting this month is at Rob's Trains in Alliance. This is the first time we have had a meeting at this venue. As our membership grows and our meeting attendance rises, we are arriving at a turning point. The typical meetings at our member's homes may become more of a rarity. Meetings at clubs and hobby shops look like a trend. In addition, we could also visit museums or other sites of interest in our division such as Warthers Carving Museum in Dover, OH; Mahoning Valley Railroad Heritage Association in Youngstown, OH; Youngstown Historical Center of Industry & Labor in Youngstown, OH. Can you think of any other venue that would be good? I would love to hear your suggestions.

It is getting close to the election of officers for the 2012-2014 term. We have our election committee set; Larry Brown, Jim DiPaola and Lloyd Horst. We have three elected offices that will need filled; Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer. Jim Peters and I will be running for our respective offices but we will need to replace Bob Ashley, Jr as Treasure because he has reached term limits. Anyone interested to run for any of these offices will need to notify the election committee.

Again, if you are interested in any of the books from the Dave Riggle collection, let me know.

See you March 11 at Rob's Trains in Alliance, OH.

Randy Dettmer
Superintendent
NMRA MCR Div 1

JULY 13-20, 2014



Meeting Dates & Locations for 2011-2012

- March 11 - Rob's Trains - Alliance
- April 15 - David Hazlett - Akron
- May 20 - Jim DiPaola - Ravenna
- June 10 - Bill Hewitt - Copley

Division 1 Meeting Minutes

February 19, 2012

Host: Larry Brown at the Portage Model Railroad, Ravenna, Ohio



The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm by Superintendent Randy Dettmer. Thirty-two people were in attendance. Randy thanked everyone for coming and thanked Larry for hosting the meeting.

1. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the January meeting as published in the Peddler Freight. One correction was submitted changing “our own corner module” in the module report to “an additional corner module” since we already have one corner module. The amended motion was seconded and passed.
2. The Treasurer’s report was given by Bob Ashley, Jr. A motion was made to accept the report pending audit. The motion was seconded and passed.
3. The membership report was presented by Larry Brown. Membership is currently 98 after four renewals.
4. Committee reports:
 - A. Clinics – Jim Williams will give a talk on the development of differences between English and American railroads.
 - B. Apparel – Jim Williams brought the inventory the division currently has and sold one hat. Bob Ashley, Sr. stated that he was working with EmbroidMe on a pocket insert that could be used to display a division patch when wearing a sport or suit coat. Kurt Sanders also asked if it might be possible to have the module patch setup so that it could be worn with the different shirts we now offer. Jim will see what can be done.
 - C. Achievement Program (David Hazlett, Chuck Boyer and Don Deakins are on the committee): Nothing to report. The contest today was test scale cars. Larry Brown had on display copies of the NMRA Magazine that showed what each program involved.
 - D. Reports on different scales – Bob Ashley, Sr. reported that he had problems with a BLI QSI sound decoder which had gone silent. He found that the speaker had a warped cone. He reminded us to keep the OHM’s the same when replacing speakers. Jim Williams wanted to know if anyone else had heard that KATO was no longer going to manufacture HO locomotives. Don Bonk said that he had heard of this also.
 - E. NMRA-2014 Convention: No report – no meeting yet this month.
 - F. Modules - Bob Ashley, Sr.: The NCE controller failed again and after being returned to the company a second time it was determined to have a warped power board. The company said that this has been a problem with this model. It was fixed and is now operating. The next module setup will be for the Dalton show on March 25th. We will setup on Saturday, March 24th with Division 4. Division 4 is going to setup their modules for the iHobby EXPO at the I-X Center in October. Bob will bring or participation at this event before the module group once he knows more particulars such as parking charges and dates.
 - G. Next shows: Kirtland, Saturday and Sunday March 17-18; and Dalton, Sunday, March 25. The Kirtland show will not be in the gym this year due to baseball practice taking out a fire extinguisher head as happened several years ago. The module groups that usually set up will not be there this year due to lack of space.
5. Old Business
 - A. The election committee for 2012 was completed with the volunteering of Lloyd Horst, Larry Brown, and Jim DiPaola.
 - B. Public Relations: Randy asked if there were any new venue suggestions but no one had any.
6. New Business
 - A. The web site host and domain need to be renewed. The total cost is \$251.74. GoDaddy provides both for us. A motion to pay these fees was made, seconded and passed. Discussion ensued about getting someone other than Ivan Baugh to be the web master. Jeffrey Jansen said that he would consider it.
 - B. Bob Ashley, Sr. stated that unless he heard some opposition he would be making up tags for our modules with the names of the members who had worked on each. The group felt this was a good idea. Bob also said that we needed to decide on what to do with the modules that Ron Shoemaker’s wife donated back to the Division. They are currently bare bones – no track.
 - C. Kurt Sanders had raffle tickets for an HO Ohio Central steam engine valued at a \$1,000 donated by Jerry Jacobson to support the Mahoning Valley Railroad Heritage Association. This organization is restoring steel company railroad equipment once used in the Mahoning Valley steel mills.
7. At 2:55 pm a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Williams



Clinic Report

I think all of us would agree that Jim Williams provided an educational and entertaining clinic on British and American Railroad Development. We thank you, Jim.

For March, Larry Olsen will present his clinic on C&O Mines. As always, let me know if you wish to present a clinic or are interested in seeing a particular clinic.

Thanks to all the volunteers that are making my job easy.
Clinic Chair, Jim Peters



Why not open your layout for review?

Contact: Jim Peters
jpeters711@yahoo.com

Membership Report

Due to the early deadline for the Peddler Freight, no new report is available.

Welcome to all the new members!

I will have printed copies of the voluntary roster available at the meeting.

Larry

Voluntary Roster Participation Form

Name: _____	Phone: _____
City: _____	
eMail: _____	Scale(s): _____
Roadname(s): _____	Comments: _____

You can mail this to me or send me your info via e-mail: gemstonemine@yahoo.com .
Or fill out the Roster form that will be passed around at the next meeting



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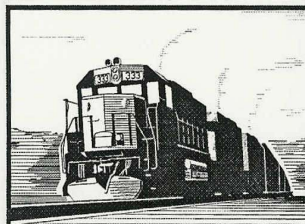
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will be on Sunday, March 11 at
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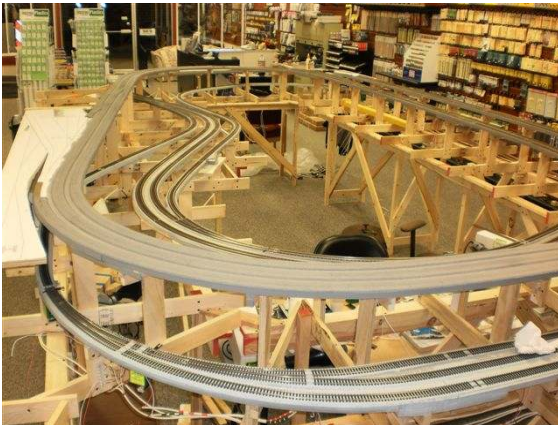
Our meeting will be hosted by Rob and Nils. The meeting will begin at 2 PM. Come early and view the layout. Rob and Nils are providing snacks and beverages. If you haven't seen the shop since last year's fire you are in for a treat. If you are in need of detail parts or building materials, this is the shop.(Ed.)

If you can't find a parking spot on the street, there is parking behind the shop. You may enter the shop (a light tan brick building) using the left door. There are stairs to the shop level. You can also walk through the alley to the left of the building to the front entrance to avoid the stairs.

Directions: From the West you can travel, I-76 to SR14 East to SR 183 South to Alliance. You can travel SR 224 or SR 619 both of which intersect SR183. When you get to SR 183 you go South. When you get into Alliance, you will go under a blue RR bridge with red, yellow and orange stripes on it. You go to the light at the top of the hill and then turn LEFT. You are now on Main Street. The shop is in the block between the first and second traffic signals. It is on the right side of the street. As stated, there is parking in a lot behind the building.

You can also travel via SR 62. Do not get off SR 62 until it ends at SR 225. Turn RIGHT. You will come to the blue RR bridge mentioned above. Then follow those directions.

From the East you can make your way to SR 183 via roads of your choice (I don't know the best route from the East. Ed.). You can also follow the signs toward the AMTRAK Station which is about two blocks East of Rob's Trains.



Two views of
the layout
in the
hobby shop.



Z SCALE NEWS

Here is something new. Battery powered DCC control. No track wiring at all, no connection to Ohio Edison. Will even run on your plywood.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6w0niUqA6l&feature=mfu_in_order&list=UL

(Editor's note: When I tried this website on my computer, it locked up the computer.)

N-Scale News

The latest N-TRAX Newsletter contains a great article of interest to all modeler titled “Nn3 Rapid Prototyping”. The article covers using 3D printers to convert 3D computer models into actual solid products. At <http://www.shapeways.com/shops/rtrains> you can view items created by the author Tom Knapps. Check www.ntrak.org for purchase possible reprints.

At the February Division meeting someone stated that he had seen only N-TRAX Module displays with DC operation. Many N-TRAK clubs run only DCC. At the NMRA Sacramento Convention the 3 separate N-TRAK CLUB displays were DCC. I operated my Fox Valley Hiawatha with Digitrax sound decoder on one of them.

NCE has what appears to be a reasonably priced SNAP-IT accessory decoder for use with Atlas Twin Coil switch machines. I have used one on my layout. The SNAP-IT works on Atlas turnouts well, but cannot handle the PECO turnouts with their heavier latching mechanism. Have yet to try them on turnouts by other manufactures. Rather than use the Atlas twin electrical coils in my installation I used some more robust coils from the junk box with a larger capacitor as described in the installation instructions. The SNAP-IT is programmable by DCC “ops mode” only. Based on the excellent operation in N-Scale, assume HO usage is equally good since NEC makes no distinction.

Don Bonk

FEBRUARY RESULTS

SCALE CAR

Standard Kit

Jim DiPaola - 1 pt

Scratch-Built

Jim Williams - 1 pt

DIVISION 1 CONTEST

MODEL CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2011-2012

March - Station
April - Line Side Structure
May - Steam Locomotive

CURRENT STANDINGS

Standard Kit

Jim DiPaola - 7 pts
Jim Williams - 3 pts
Frank Williamson - 2 pts
Don Bonk - 1 pt
Bill Hewitt - 1 pt

Kit-Bashed

Jim Williams - 5 pts
Bill Hewitt - 2 pts
Glenn Yoder - 1 pt

Scratch-Built

Jim Williams - 1 pt



Jim DiPaola

Jim Williams



MODULE GROUP

Ron Shoemaker's widow and family have donated his modules back to the Division. We intend to place a tag on each module reading "In Memory Of Ron Shoemaker". We discussed this at the February meeting. The modules are available for use. If you have an interest in laying the roadbed, track and adding scenery to these modules, please contact me. We have not decided on the ownership of these modules, yet.

Our next scheduled module display will be a joint meet with Divisions 1 and 4 and is Sunday, March 25, 2012, from 10:00AM to 5:00 PM, at the Buckeye Event Center Train Show in Dalton Ohio. We will be using the NCE Power Pro. David Hazlett and I have offered the use of our NCE throttles, again, for this event. I intend to bring the Digitrax DCS200 as a backup, so, bring your Digitrax throttles, just in case. So far, since the repairs were made, the NCE Power Pro has been working flawlessly.

We will setup Saturday, March 24, 2012, from 5:00 pm to 9:00pm. This is one hour later than the last event setup due to another event that afternoon. Please come to help us with the setup and operations. The floor space is going to be much larger this time using a "U" shape (pending) layout with room for about fifteen regular modules, combining the Division 1 modules and Division 4's modules. We will also have a table for NMRA promotions and some space for the sales of railroad merchandise. Bring something you wish to sell. However, this is only one table. Module Group participants will have free admission.

We need more volunteers to start the scenery on the passenger and intermodal/coal yard end modules and build kits for buildings. We will have two weeks to work on the details before the next showing and two months after the show before we would need them again. This is a large job and should have a team effort. Contact me if you are willing to help.

Scott Benson, Div 4, module coordinator, has had some early correspondence with the CVSR about the "Day Out with Thomas" event, the last two weekends of May. They have indicated that they would like to have our module display back, again. We should know more next month.

I have five modules, at my home, ready to assemble. The price per module is \$67.00 each for the materials and \$33.00 each for the wiring kit and the mandatory NCE UTP Fascia Panel Socket for plugging in your throttle is available for \$17.00 from me or at The Whistle Stop. "Come on. You know you want one". I am also looking for anyone interested in making an N gauge module to go with Kurt Sanders, Don Bonk and mine, per NTRAK standards or Z gauge module to go with mine, per Z Bend Track standards. We are hoping to have them ready for next November, perhaps at the Buckeye Event Center along with the HO modules.

The "Module Group" logo is available through Jim Williams 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.

If anyone wants to participate, under the Division 1 banner, with Division 4, at the NMRA National Train Show in Grand Rapids, MI, let me know ASAP.

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

Train Shows and Open Houses – March thru April

Toy Train & Model RR Flea Market – March 11

10AM – 3PM

**McMenamy's Banquet Hall, 325 Youngstown-Warren Rd,
Niles OH \$5 admission**

Railfest 2012 – March 17 & 18 – 10AM – 4PM

**Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH \$7 admission,
\$12 two day pass, Family \$12**

Train & Toy Show – March 25 – 10 AM – 4 PM

**Buckeye Event Center, 624 Henry St, Dalton, OH \$5
admission, children 12 and under free**

Medina Model RR & Toy Show – April 1 – 10AM-4PM

**Medina County Community Center, Medina Fairgrounds,
Medina, OH \$6 adults, under 12 free**

Bucyrus Model Railroad Assoc Train Show & Swap Meet

April 14 – 10AM-4PM

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

Mid-Central Regional Convention

High Line to Pittsburgh – April 26-29

**Pittsburgh Doubletree Hotel & Convention Center, 101 Radisson
Dr, Pittsburgh, PA**

Firelands Model Train & Toy Show

April 29 – 10AM-4PM

**Erie County Fair Grounds, 3110 Columbus Ave, Sandusky, OH
\$5 adults, 18 and under free**

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