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Asst. Superintendent's Bulletin



Let me start off with an apology. October was my month to write the comments for the Superintendent's column. I was also responsible for the minutes of the September meeting since I was filling in for the vacationing clerk. Since the "Lifting of Covid" in late spring, I have been back to work, busier than ever - so much for retirement. The end result was I woke up on October 10 and

realized, Oh Crap, I forgot to send Bruce my Peddler Freight stuff. His answer was, you're too late, October's meeting is next week! Where did the time go?! Enough lame excuses - I flat out blew it. Sorry, I'll try to do better (no promises).

Now for the real sermon. I want to talk about meetings and YOUR division. I got involved with model railroading because it has so much to offer and I get to choose what I want to do. There's something for everybody regardless of "skills," modeling, operations, collecting, research, the options are endless. The best part is I only have to do what I like. Not every model has to be of "national prize level" - reality is almost all are not. None of mine are, nor will they likely be (unless there are some drastic judging changes!), and that's OK. Not everyone has the same skill level - fact of life! Remember this is a hobby not a job. Enjoy it. One key is to set attainable goals - once you've attained them then you can challenge yourself to "up your game," or NOT. It's your choice.

Let's talk about division meetings. Our participation has dropped about 50% since Covid. Its effects on in-person meetings will be felt for a long time. People's feelings about getting together based upon safety and illness risk are very valid and I greatly respect each and everyone's choice. My concerns go back pre-Covid - can anyone remember that far back (yesterday is a stretch for me)! Meetings can get routine, committee reports... We need to come up with ways to keep in touch and engaged with one another. Until we get beyond Covid and can comfortably get together, this is going to be a real challenge. It's going to take everyone's help and that is what I'm asking

for. Come to the meetings or phone your ideas. We need to know what you want to make the meetings meaningful. Be a member, get involved.

Thanks for the opportunity - more next time.

Sam Eisele, Asst. Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

Christmas Luncheon

The Annual Christmas luncheon will be held December 11 at the El Tren Mexican Restaurant, just east of Tallmadge Circle at 70 East Avenue, Tallmadge, OH 44278. We will be eating in the dining car which sits on the former Erie Railroad right-of-way. We will meet at 1 PM.

The menu will be determined at the November meeting. Please RSVP to Bob Ashley, Jr. at (330) 905-8860 or Rinkerman250@gmail.com by November 28. You can also RSVP in person at the November meeting.

Membership Report

Hi Everyone. I picked up the reins from Kurt Sanders. Thanks Kurt for all the work you did for the division. Membership stands at 81 as of September 2021. Matt and Sondra Woods have rerailed! We appreciate that. Also, let's welcome our newest member Timothy Fox.

Jim Peters
Membership Chair

2021 - 2022 Division 1 Events

November 21- Youngstown Model Railroad Club
December 11 - Christmas Dinner (see above)

All remaining Events to be determined.
Interested in hosting a meeting?
Contact any Division 1 officer.

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
September 19, 2021

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order at 1400 hrs. by Superintendent Bob Ashley, Jr.
- ~ Participants: 14 participants
- ~ Location: Home of Superintendent Bob Ashley, Jr.

2. Acting Clerk: Sam Eisele

- ~ June minutes published in Peddler Freight.
- ~ Motion to approve minutes by Lloyd Horst, seconded by Jim DiPaola and approved by membership in attendance.

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley

- ~ Checking account balance \$5,739.97.
- ~ Module Fund balance \$1,913.37.
- ~ CD balance \$3,180.17.
- ~ Money Market balance \$10,018.02.
- ~ Total assets \$18,936.16.
- ~ Motion to approve , subject to audit by Don Bonk and approved by membership in attendance.

4. Presentation by Dave Neff - MCR Region President.

- ~ Gave details on next year's "Indy Junction '22," the three region convention in Indianapolis May, 2022.
- ~ October meeting to be at Jim & Luana Peters
- ~ Checking on Sebring or Youngstown for November's meeting location.

5. Peddler Freight: No report.

6. Membership Committee: No chair at present

- ~ Membership stands at 78, one new member - Scott Walton, not present.
- ~ Need new membership chair as Kurt Sanders has resigned.

7. Clinic Committee: Jim Dipaola: No report.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst: No report.

9. Module Committee: Bob Ashley, Jr.

- ~ Next module setups, Mt. Hope Show - November 6.

10. Old Business: Facebook Committee: Jim DiPaola:

- ~ Having difficulty contacting Josh.

11. New Business

- ~ Checking Tallmadge dining car as possible site for upcoming Christmas luncheon.
- ~ Contact with "Age of Steam" about once again setting up modules during the holidays.

13. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Lloyd Yoder spoke about *Tsunami* repair.
- ~ Bob Ashley, Jr. showed *Broadway Limited* address changer.

14. Good of the Order/Announcements:

- ~ Jerry Kruse won \$25.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

15. Adjournment:

- ~ Motion to adjourn Jerry Kruse, seconded by Lloyd Yoder, membership present approved.
- ~ Time: 1506 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Eisele, Assistant Superintendent, for Clerk Jeff Stone who was on vacation.
Division 1

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
October 17, 2021

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order at 1400 hrs. by Superintendent Bob Ashley, Jr.
- ~ Location: Jim and Luana Peters, thank you for being great hosts.

2. Acting Clerk: Sam Eisele

- ~ September minutes were read aloud by Acting Clerk, Sam Eisele. Jim Dipaola motioned the minutes be accepted as read, seconded by Bob Ashley, Sr., carried by membership present.
- ~ September minutes will be printed in the November Peddler Freight.

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley

- ~ Checking account balance \$5,752.97.
- ~ Module Fund balance \$1,988.37.
- ~ CD balance \$3,180.17.
- ~ Money Market balance \$10,028.02.
- ~ Total assets \$18,961.16
- ~ Reimbursements - Michael Bradley moved \$10.00 from the checking account to Money Market account to avoid an inactivity fee at Portage Community Bank. Movement of funds was not an expenditure.
- ~ Motion to approve treasurer's report, subject to audit, mad by Jim Peters, seconded by Luana Peters and approved by membership in attendance.

4. Superintendent: Bob Ashley, Jr.

- ~ Announced that Jim Peters has agreed to take over the duties of membership chair from Kurt Sanders.
- ~ Checking on Sebring or Youngstown for November's meeting location.

5. Peddler Freight: No report.

- ~ Please see deadline dates on the Division 1 website.

6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters is the new chair.

- ~ Membership stands at 81

7. Clinic Committee: Jim Dipaola: No report.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst: No report.

9. Module Committee: Bob Ashley, Jr.

- ~ HO modules will be set up at both Mt. Hope shows, the first of which is Saturday, November 6.
- ~ HO modules will be set up at the "Age of Steam" the first three weekends (Thurs., Fri., and Saturdays) of December. Hours and schedule for volunteers to operate modules will be completed in November.

10. Old Business: Facebook Committee: Jim DiPaola:

- ~ Jim reports that he has left a message with Josh regarding the Division Facebook page and awaiting a return call

11. New Business

- ~ Announcement of Christmas Luncheon at *El Tren Mexican Grill* in Tallmadge in the old dining car. Motion by Jim DiPaola to make reservation for December meeting at *El Tren*, seconded by Luana Peters. Carried by membership present. The restaurant will be contacted for separate check availability and waiver of "room fee."
- ~ John Spinks made a motion, seconded by Bob Anelli for the Division to sponsor for one year an educational NMRA membership fee, subject to annual review. This is designed for potential members who may not be able to afford a membership. In exchange, recipients will perform six hours of assistance for the Division.

12. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Jim DiPaola showed an example scale trains kit - generally priced \$14.99 - \$17.99, good detail and quality.
- ~ Bob Ashley, Sr. spoke of his recent locomotive purchases.

14. Good of the Order/Announcements:

- ~ John Spinks won \$25.00 in the 50/50 raffle.

15. Adjournment:

- ~ Motion to adjourn Jim DiPaola, seconded by Rich Ramskugler, carried by membership present.
- ~ Time 1506 hours.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Eisele, Assistant Superintendent, for Clerk Jeff Stone.
Division 1

The Killbuck Valley Railroad - Part 1 of 3

by Matt Woods

Deep in the heart of central Ohio lies the Killbuck Valley. This imposing geographical feature runs from Lodi in the north to Millersburg in the south, with the Killbuck Creek flowing through its entirety. The valley has long been an agricultural stronghold, despite the creek's propensity to flooding, along with small-scale coal mining and logging. Although sparsely populated, the valley is highly productive and economically successful.

At one time, there was a railroad in the valley and it created a vital link to the outside world for the valley's inhabitants. The B&O had a branch-line that ran from Lodi to Millersburg, crossing the Erie and Wheeling and Lake Erie near Burbank and the Pennsylvania Railroad at Wooster and Millersburg.

In my "what if," proto-freelanced world, the Killbuck Valley Railroad was a narrow gauge predecessor to the B&O's standard gauge line. This bare bones, cobbled

together shortline operated on a shoestring budget and was always at the mercy of the creek's flooding. Although the fictitious line interchanged with the aforementioned standard gauge lines, it was largely independent and self-supporting.

The following pictorial is a trip down the Killbuck Valley in the fall of 1920 and captures the essence of what narrow gauge railroading was like in rural Ohio in the early 1900's. The Killbuck Valley Line takes its inspiration from the Ohio River & Western and the Conotton Valley Railroad, along with some artistic license.

The actual modeled features are built on wall shelves that are roughly 8"x24" and 3" thick.

The shelves could be secured to the wall with screws or simply displayed on a flat table. The advantage of these small shelves is that you can complete a distinct section before moving on to the next one. You can focus on the track work and scenery for each section without having to look beyond that immediate project. The satisfaction of connecting the finished sections is very motivating and rewarding.

Through the next few months, I will explain some of the techniques used in building these shelf dioramas and how to create a purpose and story behind your modeling. Although the modular sections are non-operational, they provide excellent photographic opportunities and a canvas for practicing modeling techniques. Each section can be



The ramshackled Overton Depot has seen better days as it awaits the next mixed train on a fall day.



The Killbuck Valley's lone Porter passes the abandoned siding where one of the Valley's coal mines once existed.

easily stored in a plastic container and taken to various outside locations for photographing.

An objective of this small-scale modeling is to encourage modelers to complete a project on a very high standard and look at model railroading as an artistic endeavor. The shelves, available at Hobby Lobby, come unstained and can be decorated to your liking. In theory, they can be wall-mounted as scenicked display shelves or 3-D art in your basement or office. The idea is that model railroading can be an exercise in creativity, without requiring a lot of space or ongoing commitment to a singular project, i.e. layout. The shelves would be particularly useful in N scale, and are similar to T-TRAK modules. The potential localities or subjects that could be modeled are limitless and may provide a good diversion from your main layout. Personally, I was interested in pursuing a small project dedicated to a freelanced Ohio narrow gauge railroad, and this format fit the bill. Next month, we will look at the preparation of the shelves and the initial scenery base.



A turkey makes an appearance along the Killbuck Valley right-of-way on a bright fall day.

2021 Model Railroad Tour Open House

Sunday, November 7 **10 AM - 4 PM**
Larry Poage **N Scale**
17731 1st Street, Beloit, OH 44609
Norfolk Southern Mahoning Division

Sunday, November 14 **2 PM - 5 PM**
Tom Baughman **HO Scale**
8511 Whitmaer Ave, NE, Canton, OH 44721
(Look for LV Caboose on his property)

Sunday, November 21 **10 AM - 4 PM**
Greg Oyster **N Scale**
9515 Moulin Ave., Alliance OH 44601
Chesapeake and Coal Creek Railroad

Saturday, November 27 **12 PM - 4 PM**
Wade Hutt **HO Scale**
3320 Fairmont Blvd. NE, Canton, OH 44705
1 NEW SURPRISE !!!

Saturday, December 4 **9 AM - 4 PM**
Chip Syme **HO Scale**
16367 Meadowville St., Minerva, OH 44657
The Circus Train will be back!

Saturday, December 4 **9 AM - 4 PM**
Norm Aguredakes **O Scale**
9036 Leopard Rd. NW
Malvern, OH 44644

Sunday, December 5 **9 AM - 4 PM**
John Conklin **HO Scale**
4585 Bliss Dr. Norton, OH 44203
D & H railroad modeled in the 1980's. A large point to point layout, about 80% completed.

Sunday, December 5 **9 AM - 4 PM**
Ethan Williams **HO Scale**
104 Meadowvale Ave. Rittman, OH 44270
The Silver Creek & Southern. A small switching railroad 85% complete.

Important Note: Masks may or may not be required by home owners.
Please respect the layout owner's request on this matter.
Be prepared to wear a mask if needed.



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Indy Junction 2022

Back in August of 2019, you remember when things were normal, and we began discussing a three region convention to take place in 2022, it seemed like a long way off and there was plenty of time to put together a great convention. Now Indy Junction 2022 is scheduled for May 18 - 22 in Indianapolis and the clock is ticking.

The original idea for several regions to get together and put on a convention was because the NMRA National Convention was to be held in Birmingham, England in 2022 and it was reasoned that many would opt to attend a convention in the middle of the USA. What's more, instead of a week abroad, it would be 4 full days in Circle City (Indianapolis) at The Crossroads of America. As we all know now, Birmingham didn't work out but Indy Junction is going to take place and we'll be packing our bags to attend in just a few months from now.

The Midwest Region, North Central Region, and the Mid Central Region have joined together to make it happen. And Indy Junction will be a suburban convention not a downtown convention. The Indianapolis Marriott East is easily accessible from I-465/I-70 with reasonable room

rates and FREE parking. And the convention will take place in the spring - the most beautiful time of the year out on the edge of the prairie.

Layout tours will be during the day and they're ALL self-driving so you can spend as much time as YOU want at each stop. We are planning a two-day train show for Saturday and Sunday. But it won't be a flea market/buy/trade/sell event. You will not see the big name manufacturers who only bring displays to the show. Instead, we're looking at having smaller but well-known manufacturers who will sell direct to you as an attendee.

And of course there will be all the rest of the usual things - contests, non-rail, prototype tours, and other activities.

If you're going to go to just one convention in 2022, THIS is the ONE! Visit the Indy Junction 2022 website <https://www.indyjunction2022.org/> or follow us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/indyjunction2022> to stay up to date on the latest info for INDY JUNCTION 2022.

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING
Sunday, November 21, 2021
Youngstown Model Railroad Club
751 N. Four Mile Road, Austintown, OH 44515
2 PM

Directions from the Akron area: East on I-76 as it becomes I-80 (Do not use OH Turnpike)
 Exit on I-680 South. Exit I-680 at North Meridian Road.
 Right on N. Meridian (south) to Crum Rd. (about 1/2 mile)
 Right on Crum Rd. (west) to Four Mile Run Rd. (about 1 mile)
 Right on Four Mile Run Rd. to club on right (about 1/10 mile)
 The club is on the northeast corner of the intersection. The building is a former church.

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Train Shows and Open Houses

2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet - November 6

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, OH 44130
365 S. Belle-Vista Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44509
Admission - \$7.00, 9 AM - 2 PM

Penn - Ohio Model RR's Train/Toy Show - November 28

St. Michaels Byzantine Catholic Church
2230 Highland Rd., Hermitage, PA 16148
Admission - \$5.00 9:30 AM - 3 PM

Mt. Hope Train & Toy Show - November 6

Mt. Hope Event Center, 8076 St. Rt. 241
Mt. Hope 44666 (for GPS use Millersburg, Oh 44654)
Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 4 PM

Div. 1 HO Modules will be running!

Medina Train & Toy Show - December 5

Medina Fairgrounds
Medina, OH 44256
Admission - \$6.00 9 AM - 3 PM

Massillon Train & Toy Show - December 12

K of C Hall
988 Cherry Rd. NW, Massillon, OH 44647
Admission - \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Model Training Day! - November 7

NMRA MCR Div. 4
Black River Landing & Transportation Center
421 Black River Lane, Lorain, Ohio 44509
Admission - **FREE** 11 AM - 4 PM

Mansfield Train Show - January 2, 2022

Fairhaven Hall, Richland County Fair Grounds
750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Admission - \$7.00 10 AM - 3 PM

NETS Model Train Show - November 13

Highland Heights Community Center
5827 Highland Road, Highland Heights, 44143
Admission - \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Snow Dogs Train Show - January 8, 2022

Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association
UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, OH 44130
Admission - \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Akron Train & Toy Show - November 14

Akron North High School
985 Gorge Blvd., Akron, Ohio
Admission - \$2.50 9 AM - 3 PM

Mansfield Train Show - November 21

Fairhaven Hall, Richland County Fair Grounds
750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Admission - \$7.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Train Collectors Association - November 27

Thanksgiving Show

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, OH 44130
Admission - \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Youngstown Model Railroad Association Toy & Train Flea Market - January 9, 2022

Salem Center Plex
1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, Ohio 44460
Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 3:30 PM

Div. 1 HO Modules will be running!

Train Collectors Association - January 29, 2022

Winter Train Meet

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, OH 44130
Admission - \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM

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