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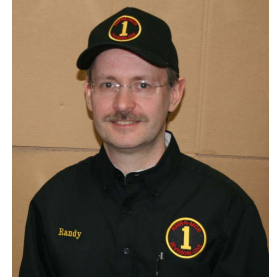
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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Did you make a resolution for the New Year? Was your resolution to get more involved with the division? Well, this year you will get your chance. I will be reaching out to you, the membership, for folks to participate in an election committee. Eventually, we will be seeking out candidates to run for office. Remember, this is your division. The more you participate, the more you will get out of the NMRA.



This is the time of year that flea markets and shows are at their zenith. I try to list as many shows that I pick-up fliers or get emails about. If you do not see a regular show that you attend on the list, please share with the group at the next meeting or send me an email. Or if you attend a show that has flyers for other shows, pick up an extra copy to share with the group at the next meeting.

Our annual holiday lunch at The Pufferbelly in Kent was a great success. We had 30 attendees. Jim Peters handed out several achievement awards. Sorry if you couldn't make it.

See you this month at Frank Smith's in Akron, OH.

Randy Dettmer, Superintendent  
Division 1, MCR, NMR

## Clinic Report

Thank you, Bob Sr., for the clinic on modules. There is a part two to this presentation which focuses on N-Scale to be presented in January. I will check if we have access to a projector.

In January...that sounds so cold...we will be getting an update on the Bacher North RR by Frank Smith. Wow...two clinics. We will need to keep the business meeting short!

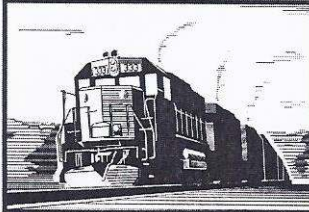
February – 3-D Printing at Portland Locomotive Works  
April – Bench work by Steve Zapytowski  
June – Touch Screen Control Panel by Steve Zapytowski

James (Jim) Peters  
Clinician Chair

March – Ethanol Clinic by Ron Morgan  
May – MOW Trucks by Mike Bradley



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# DIVISION 1 CONTEST

## CURRENT STANDINGS

### STANDARD KIT

Mike Bradley - 13 pts  
 Jim Peters - 5 pts  
 Glenn Yoder - 5 pts  
 Don Bonk - 2 pts

### CRAFTSMAN KIT

Matt Woods - 5 pts  
 Don Avila - 4 pts  
 Bruce Hukill - 2 pts

### KIT-BASHED

Mike Bradley - 9 pts  
 Matt Woods - 7 pts  
 Josh Cohen - 3 pts  
 Ray Lora - 3 pts  
 Bob Ashley, Jr - 2 pts  
 Bruce Hukill - 1 pt

### SCRATCH-BUILT

Steve Zapytowski - 2 pts

## January Contest - STEAM LOCOMOTIVE (any era)



## TOPICS FOR THE 2015-2016 SEASON CONTEST

**January** - Steam Loco (any era)

**February** - City or Downtown Building (shop, restaurant, business office, etc.)

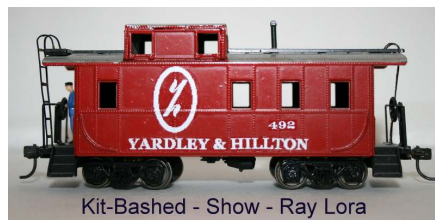
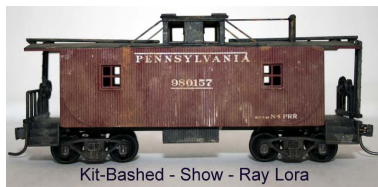
**March** - Water Tanks (Not tank cars, but any era water tank for steam locos, cities, industries, etc.)

**April** - Billboard Box Car or Reefer (any size or era, industrial brands, food products, etc.)

**May** - Critters (weird little locos such as GE45T, Plymouth, shop-built, etc.)

Pictures of your models are acceptable, if the model cannot be removed from your layout.

Complete Contest Rules are found on the website  
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At the November meeting the following motion was passed:

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**Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes**  
**November 15, 2015**  
**Host: Jim Peters – Sagamore Hills**

- I. **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Jim Peters for hosting. Today's contest subject was a caboose. January's contest is steam engines – any era.
- II. **Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the October 2015 minutes as printed in the Peddler Freight. The motion passed.
- III. **Treasurer:** Report given by Treasurer Mike Bradley. As of today's meeting, the balance in the checking account is \$11,897.46. Expenses were \$72.18 for the Peddler Freight and \$132.00 for purchase of apparel. Income was \$67.00. A motion was made and seconded to accept Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion passed.
- IV. **Membership:** The membership stands at 108.
- V. **Committee Reports:**
- A. **Clinics** – Today's clinic is on modules, presented by Bob Ashley, Sr. Next month's clinic will be "*Updates on the Bacher North RR*", by Frank Smith.
  - B. **AP** – Jim Peters presented a short PowerPoint program which covered the requirements for the *Golden Spike* award.
  - C. **Layout Tours** - Jim Peters reported he is still compiling information and looking for additional layouts to be on the Division 1 tour set for March 12, 2016 from 10 AM to 5 PM.
  - D. **Peddler Freight** – The cost for October's 14 page Peddler Freight was \$72.18 after applying coupons and discounts. The deadline for submissions to the January edition is December 30.
  - E. **Modules** – Report by Bob Ashley, Sr. The HO and N scale modules were set up at the Dalton Flea Market on November 8. A \$150.00 donation was made to the Division for displaying the modules.
  - E. **Web Site** – No report
  - F. **Apparel** – Jim Williams reported some new articles of apparel are available for inspection.
- VI. **Meetings & Conventions 2015:**  
November 21, 2015 – "Rt. 30" Layout Tour, 10 AM – 5 PM, flyers were distributed  
November 22, 2015 – Mike Bradley's layout will be open from 10AM – 4 PM  
December 5, 2015 – Pufferbelly – Kent, OH (can donate an item for door prizes)  
January 17, 2016 – Frank Smith – Akron, OH  
February 21 – Portland Loco Works – Greenford, OH  
March 13 – Karl Emler – Wooster, OH  
April 17 – Rob's Trains – Alliance, OH  
April 28 – May 1, Dublin, OH MCR Region Convention (Columbus)  
May 15 – Mike Bradley – Rootstown, OH  
June 19 – Larry Brown – Ravenna, OH  
July 3-10 – NMRA National Convention – Indianapolis, IN
- VII. **Old Business:**
- A. **Taxes** – Sales taxes can be collected, still waiting on state to figure how we forward the taxes.
  - B. **Jaite Building Project** – N scale kits are packaged. HO kits are done and need packaged. Thanks were made to Matt Woods for all his effort on the kits.
  - C. **Flea Market** – The Division 1 Flea Market was held on November 1, 2015 at the Akron Yacht Club. Net profit was \$588.45. Bob and Twyla Ashley donated all the food. All who attended agreed Twyla is one great cook.
  - D. **N Scale Box Car Fundraiser** – Don Bonk received word from Micro-Trains that final payment will be due February 15, 2016, at which time the cars will ship. They should be ready for sale at the Dalton Train Show in March. Don has been busy sending emails to NTrak Clubs and NMRA divisions announcing the cars.
- VII. **New Business:**
- A. **Peddler Freight** – David Hazlett provided information on the Peddler Freight distribution by US Mail and email, cost of distribution, members who receive mailed copies and do not subscribe, etc. He then read the following proposed amendment to the bylaws regarding the Peddler Freight:
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    8. **This motion shall be enacted with the February 2016 Peddler Freight.**Motion passed.
  - B. **Membership tri-fold flyers** – Mike Bradley stated he will take care of getting them printed after they are updated.

- C. **Flea Market report** - A motion was made to hold the Div. 1 Flea Market on Sunday, Nov. 6, 2016 at the Akron Yacht Club at a cost of \$150.00 for rental. Bob Ashley, Jr. has volunteered to chair the event; he and Twyla will donate and prepare the food.

David Hazlett announced he might be stepping down as the Peddler Freight editor and contest chairman in May 2016.

The 50/50 drawing was held; \$37.00 was collected, with \$17.00 going to Bob Anelli who donated \$5.00 back to module group.

21 persons attended the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting at 3:05 PM. Motion passed. The Peters' provided food and Bob Ashley Sr. conducted a clinic on modules.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Hukill, substituting for Clerk Jim DiPaola



### 2015 - 2016 DIVISION 1 MEETINGS

#### 2016

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 February 21 - Portland Locomotive Works - Salem  
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## Layout Tours

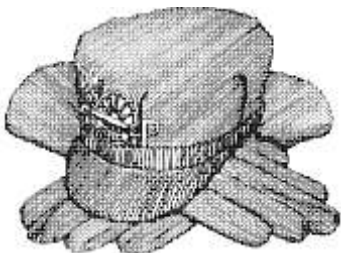
Whenever possible, I like to sit down and prepare my reports as soon as possible after our monthly event. It seems impossible, but I am wondering when I will get outside to finish raking the leaves and cleaning the gutters while knowing this report will first appear in frosty January.

Back to business. I just sent an email to get an agreeable consensus on the time to all hosts. I would like it to be consistent, but exceptions will be noted in the guide. Talking about the guide, I have requested the last of the information from the layout hosts for our Spring Tour on Saturday, March 12. I will use this and more to create a Layout Tour Guide. We could post the electronic version on our website or email it to our members, whichever one the hosts agree to. I also hope to make the guide available to adjoining divisions to increase the number of potential visitors.

One last word. We are trying hard to reach out to members who cannot attend our monthly Sunday event. I have yet to receive one offer to host from our membership beyond those who attend regularly. I am saying this to encourage you not to just belong to the NMRA, but to also participate. It is what makes our organization great.

James (Jim) Peters, Layout Chair

## Achievement Program



We missed Steve Zapytowski in November. I will have your certificate in January to present to you!

If you were at our monthly event in November, I helped you get started in the AP program by literally putting the Golden Spike Award form in your hands. If you are like me, once you get started you will be motivated to do more. I have learned in the meantime two members have submitted their paperwork to Frank Koch. I hope to be passing out many Golden Spike Awards in a couple of months!

James (Jim) Peters, AP Chair

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING  
IS ON SUNDAY, January 17.  
IT IS HOSTED BY FRANK SMITH.**

The meeting will be held in a small house adjacent to the Bacher Funeral Home, which is at 3326 Manchester Rd. Akron, OH 44319. Manchester Rd. is State Route 93. Park in the SOUTHWEST corner of the parking lot.

The layout is in the home adjacent to the southwest corner. There is an Erie-Lackawana sign on the side porch. Enter the door on the side porch, the layout is directly down the stairs.

**NOTE: The stairs are steep, be very careful.**

Our meeting will start at 2 PM. Contact Frank Smith by cell 330-245-6329 if you have questions.

Bring food and drinks to share.

**Stay up to date on the Indy convention!**

Open your calendar, advance to next year, and mark these dates: July 3rd through July 10th, 2016. The location will be Indianapolis, Indiana, and the activity will be the *Highball to Indy, 2016* NMRA National Convention and 2016 National Train Show. The convention and train show will be held in downtown Indianapolis where quite a few attractions, sports arenas, museums, shopping, and restaurants are within walking distance of the convention hotel. Let your family members know these opportunities exist -- they may wish to join you at the convention. Check out the *Highball to Indy, 2016* website for further information at [www.nmra2016.org/](http://www.nmra2016.org/)

We have recently added information about housing to the [NMRA2016.org](http://NMRA2016.org) website. Folks have been asking whether there will be a special room rate at the Westin Hotel and we are pleased to note the convention rate will be \$119 for a single/double room. As noted on the website, the reservation process has not opened yet. Please watch for details to be posted closer to the end of calendar year 2015 for directions on reserving space in the beautiful Westin Hotel, Indianapolis. Continue to check back often to keep up-to-date with additions to the 2016 website.

Registration for *Highball to Indy, 2016* continues to be open. Instructions detailing the registration processes are available on the nmra2016 home page. Choose a method and click on the appropriate link printed below REGISTER TODAY!

Firm up your plans so you, too, can **Highball to Indy!**

## N-Scale News

Division One's *N-Trak layout at the Dalton Show* last November went very well. The layout was set up and operational in record time. Any problems with operation were human errors at this show. Bob Vensel's "Viagra Concrete" module was damaged when dropped after a previous show. Apparently it was not rigid enough, and we had to replace it with a simple 4' bridge module that was available. One loco with 25 car train ran on DCC (Bachmann DD40 Ax) for over 5 hours straight without incident for the second show in a row. Also at least two separate DC trains were operated over the "Blue Line" during the show. Two "N-Trak Module Manuals" were sold, with profit going to the Division. In addition, over a dozen ACY Car sale flyers were picked up by visitors to the show, including those taken by "Burning River N-Trak" members.

*Narrow gauge Nn3* operation can be part of your layout or N-Trak modules. Standards for radius, etc., as well as info on individual Nn3 modules, are outlined in the N-Trak manuals. Nn3 uses Z gauge 6mm track components. At the Bedford N-Scale weekend last August, "Neal's "N" Gauging Trains" was and is marketing the "Rokuhon" track system which is a 6mm version of "Kato Unitrack". The "Rokuhon" system has turnouts and those wonderful expansion track sections identical to those of "Kato", which will make connection between modules quick and easy. Neal can be contacted at 603-674-9031.

Don Bonk

# Tales of a Shay: From Wreck to Reincarnation

## Part 10: The Smoke Box and a Wagon Top Boiler

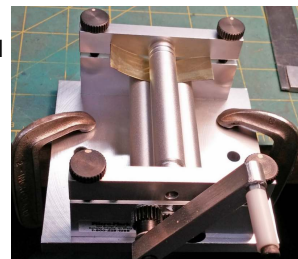
Steve Zapytowski

Shay # 6 has a wagon top boiler, and this is more difficult to make than a simple cylinder style of boiler. The dimensions used for this phase of construction were taken from the old Shay #6, and they produced an identical boiler with the exception that I made the rear section of the new boiler longer to allow for in-cab detail. I started with the smoke box which measured 0.6250 inches from front to back, with a diameter of 0.6420 inches. In all cases my calculations were rounded to the nearest thousandth of an inch. Using the formula for the circumference of a circle I came up with a length of 2.017 inches for the flat piece that became the smokebox. I used one of my calipers with its jaws locked at each required dimension to mark my brass stock prior to cutting the parts out on my shear. (Figure 87) Once cut out, the part was rolled to the correct diameter using a small bending machine (Micro-Mark #81356). The piece was spread slightly to remove from the rollers, but was easily formed back to its required shape by hand. (Figure 88) The seam was then soldered, completing the smoke box.



Figure 87: A sheet of 0.010 inch brass was scribed 0.6420 inches from one end and then marked for the length of the smokebox circumference. This was calculated by using  $D = C$ , thus  $0.6420" \times 3.1416 = 2.017"$  inches.

Figure 88: The strip of brass cut to size for the smokebox was rolled until the two ends of the piece met. Note: the dots of paint on the bending machine's thumb screws allow for a visual reference that aids in symmetrically tightening those screws.



A wagon top boiler has a sloped section that joins the rear part of the boiler to the smoke box. (Figure 89) This is actually a segment of a shape called an oblique cone. To connect the smoke box to the rear boiler section, the sloped portion expands in diameter from front to back while keeping its bottom edge parallel to the locomotive's frame, as do the rear boiler section and the smoke box. (Figure 90) To better show what this looks like, I made a 3D rendering of the oblique cone from which the sloped boiler section was derived. (Figure 91) The process of creating a pattern for this starts with dividing the circles representing the diameter required for the front and rear sections of the cone segment. (Figure 92)

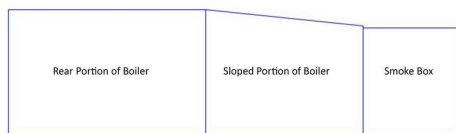


Figure 89: A simple side view drawing of Shay #6's wagon top boiler. Note: the sloped portion overlaps the smoke box.

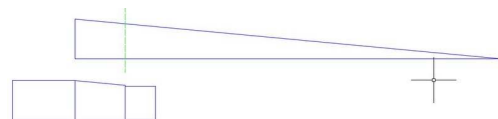


Figure 90: The sloped section of a wagon top boiler is actually a small segment of an oblique cone.

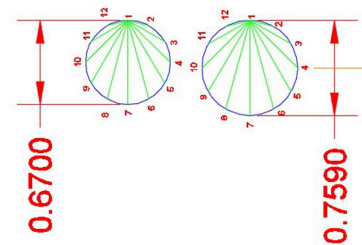


Figure 92: Here circles with the actual diameter of both sloped boiler ends were divided into 12 equal parts. This is the first step in the process of making a pattern for the boiler. Finding the length of each green line is essential to the process. The diameters of each circle were obtained by measuring the old Shay #6.



Figure 91: The blue portion of this simple rendering is the section of this oblique cone which will eventually become part of the wagon top boiler for Shay #6.

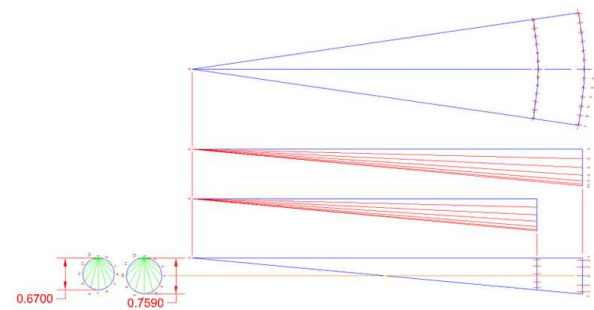


Figure 93: The drawing that was used to develop the flat pattern needed to make the sloped part of the wagon top boiler for Shay #6.

Creating a development, meaning a flat pattern, for a segment of an oblique cone is fairly complex. The procedure shown in Figure 93 was adapted from technique found in Engineering Drawing and Design by C. H. Jensen on page 529 of that book's first edition. The process is not to be undertaken lightly. As drafting is not the subject of this article, I will not delve into the procedure, which would take a few pages of text unto itself. Suffice it to say that the resulting flat pattern (Figure 94) was printed on card stock and then traced onto a sheet of 0.010 inch this brass. The fit with the



smoke box was perfect. I used "T" pins and a shim to hold the smoke box in the proper orientation to the sloped part of the boiler. (Figure 95) These two sections were soldered around the outside of the parts as it proved too difficult to solder the inside of that joint.

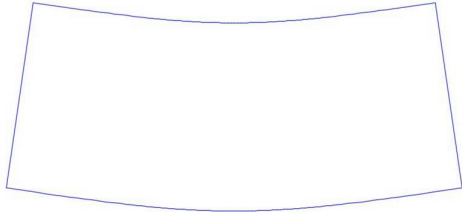


Figure 94: The finished development, or flat pattern, used for the sloped boiler portion. This was printed at actual size onto a piece of card stock and then traced onto a piece of 0.010 inch brass. This part was then rolled to the proper diameter.



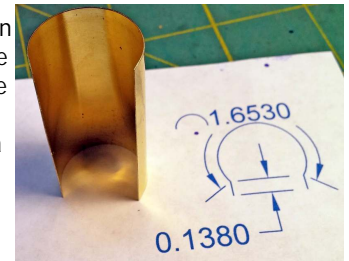
Figure 95: The seams for both the smoke box and the sloped boiler section are on the bottom. Those seams were soldered on the inside of the tubes, which is a preferable technique whenever feasible.

By coincidence, the inside dimension of the smoke box fit neatly over a length 5/8" diameter brass tube, which gave me a convenient handle for holding the boiler. The excess solder was cleaned up using a fiberglass mini brush. (Figure 96) Wear disposable gloves while scrubbing brass with a fiberglass brush and work over a paper towel. When finished pull the gloves off your hands, turning them inside out in the process. Drop them on the paper towel, fold everything up towards the towel's center and then dispose of this package.



Figure 96: A fiberglass mini brush (Micro-Mark #14259) is a good tool for cleaning excess solder from a joint.

Figure 97: While rolling the rear section of the boiler, I compared it to a full size drawing of the part to gauge how close it was coming to its finished diameter. That drawing was later used to make a full sized pattern for the boiler head.



The rear section of the boiler was cut out and rolled to a diameter of 0.7590 inches. (Figure 97) I added a strip of brass around the interior edge of the rear boiler section to aid in soldering it to the sloped section. (Figure 98) Later, I added two curved pieces to the underside of the rear boiler section to close off its bottom at the forward end. The rear portion was left open to accept the gear tower that is mounted on the locomotive frame. (Figure 99) The boiler head was added, and then the entire assembly was cleaned of excess solder and polished smooth using an 800 grit wet/dry sand paper. (Figure 100)



Figure 98: Here the last boiler section waits to be soldered into place. This last seam was soldered from the inside of the boiler.



Figure 99: The completed boiler and smoke box assembly. The boiler head seen at the right will be notched to accept the drive shaft running from the motor to the gear tower.



Figure 100: The finished boiler and smoke box after cleaning and polishing.

Next month begins the detailing of the assembly created for this installment. While this month's work turned out to be easier than I anticipated, what is coming next may be the most difficult work to date for the new Shay #6.

To be continued...

## **Train Shows and Open Houses – January thru February**

### **Toy Train & Model RR Flea Market – January 10, 2016 – 10AM – 3 PM**

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

### **Model Train Show & Swap Meet – January 17 – 10AM – 3PM**

German's Villa, 3330 Liberty Ave, Vermilion, OH  
Admission \$4, under 10 free

### **Ann Arbor Model Railroad Annual Train Show & Sale – February 13 & 14 – 10AM- 3PM**

Saline Middle School, 7190 N Maple Rd, Saline, MI  
Admission \$6, under 10 free

### **Fremont Model Train Show & Swap Meet – February 28 – 10AM-3PM**

Fremont Community Recreation Complex, 600 St Joseph St, Fremont, OH  
Admission \$4, under 10 free

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## Members Report December 2015

The Membership now stands at 108.

### Renewals & Re-Rails

Randy Dettmer	William Feth
Steve Kornuc	David Madden
David McMillion	Karen McMillion
Sanford Sexton	

Thanks to all who have renewed.

## **VOLUNTEER POSITIONS OPENING UP AT THE END OF THIS SEASON.**

At the end of the June meeting, David Hazlett will be retiring as the Chairman of the Contest and as the Peddler Freight Editor.

The Contest Chairman is responsible for setting up the contest topics, running the contest at the meetings, photographing the models and working with the Superintendent to present the awards.

The Peddler Freight Editor is responsible for securing articles, setup, printing and emailing of the Peddler Freight in a timely manner, and maintaining the "hard copy" and electronic files of past issues. The Editor is NOT responsible for maintaining the website.

These two positions allow the Contest Chair and Peddler Freight Editor to earn points toward the Achievement Program Volunteer Certificate.

If you are interested, please contact Superintendent Randy Dettmer.

## MODULE GROUP

We held a module clinic at the November meeting. If anyone has questions or suggestions, please bring them to our attention. We want everyone to be active in the Module Group. This activity is one of the few things we can participate in as a division. And, if you want to participate, be sure to order proper NMRA Division 1 attire. Jim Williams has everything you need. A hat and shirt is the recommended minimum.

The Module Group, which includes HO and NTRAK, is preparing our modules for the next show at the Buckeye Event Center in Dalton Ohio on Sunday, 3/20/ 2016. Setup will be on Saturday, 3/19/ 2016, starting at 5:00 PM. The November, 2016 show is not going to be at the Buckeye Event Center, due to the changes with the management. Hopefully, Jon Ulbright, CJ Trains promoter, will find another venue where we can participate.

The next scheduled event could be at the April Regional Convention in Columbus. Bob Ashley, Jr. is trying to make arrangements.

We welcome everyone to use our throttles, engines and rolling stock. If you have equipment that you want to run, bring it. It must be DCC ready, and we can help program a new locomotive to get you started. If we can get you to do that, we hope to convince you to join us regularly. We are also looking for new ideas and those who build a 4' x 2' module, eight square feet minimum, and add scenery, can apply for the "Golden Spike" and other AP awards.

Please advise me if you have made any changes to your wiring, track layout or have a new module. We must not hook up any wiring to the layout until it has been tested for shorts. I have a meter that will test the CAT-5 wiring harness, and we can setup the power control box with your module(s) to test for shorts in the track. All new modules must be tested before use. We have lost many hours at previous shows trying to find a problem. It is time to get smart and find the problem before the show. **Do not test any DCC equipment by powering the track using 12 volts DC.** Reversing units and command stations can be seriously damaged.

The Division portion of the 50-50 raffle is placed in the module fund. This fund is shared with the HO and Ntrak groups as needed for division owned equipment. Privately owned modules and equipment are the responsibility of the owner. All request for funds are to be presented to the Module Chairman.

Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six 50-50 raffle tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. Your generosity in funding the Division 1 Module Group is appreciated.

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