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## Superintendent's Bulletin



Welcome to 2019. I hope everyone had a nice Christmas and Santa brought you that special gift; and it was railroad related. For me Christmas brings back memories of the train sets I received from my two grandfathers which began my life-long love of the railroad. Over the years there have been many trains under my Christmas tree. Some of those trains were bought for my two daughter's enjoyment although my wife maintains

they were bought for the kid that resides in their dad. Well, it's time to go find a new "Tree Train" for 2019.

I hope everyone who attended the Christmas Luncheon had a nice time. A big thank you to Sam and Trish Eisele for finding us a place to hold our luncheon at the last minute. The Little City Grill in Kent was very accommodating to our group with great service and delicious food. We should consider returning when we have our luncheon this coming December.

When you read this edition of the Peddler Freight we'll have just over 100 days till The Bullet 2019 MCR Convention that we are hosting. Your convention committee has been hard at work making sure every aspect of the upcoming convention will ensure a great experience for all who attend. And to help convention attendees get the best for lodging the hotel has lowered the room rate by \$5.00 a night with the new nightly rate being \$114.00. But we need volunteers to staff various areas of the convention. Please contact Luana Peters who is our Volunteer Coordinator if you have some spare time during the convention which is May 2-5, 2019.

This year is election year for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer positions. In February an Election Committee will be appointed by the Superintendent. In March the elections are to receive nominations from the membership. In April a short biography of each candidate shall be published in the Peddler Freight. Ballots will be inserted in the May Peddler Freight and those ballots may be sent to a designated Election Committee member or brought to the May meeting by the voting member. No proxy ballots will be accepted. Steve Zapytowski and myself have both served in our respective positions of Assistant Superintendent and Superintendent for two terms and due to the term limit provision of our bylaws cannot be

re-elected to those positions for a third term.

This months Event will be held at Kent Free Library in Kent, Ohio. You are welcome to bring snacks and drinks to share with the other members. The contest is Transfer or Work Caboose. See you in Kent on January 20, 2019.

All Aboard!!

Jim DiPaola, Superintendent  
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

### Layout Tours

#### Next Event - The Bullet Regional 2019

Special attention to Thursday, May 2 operating layout owners and Sunday, May 5 self-guided tour layout owners - Only 115 days before the train leaves for Boardman! All aboard! Still plenty of time to add more scenery to your layout or add another assignment or two to your op session.

Farmer Ball is happy because he finally got his mailbox installed and thanks to Randy, there is now a Bakery Coal delivery! (see page 6) While having fun, be sure to contact me with any questions or concerns.

- Operating Layouts - Thursday, May 2
- Self-guided tour - Sunday, May 5

Need more information, contact

Jim Peters  
Layout Chair

### 2018 - 2019 Division 1 Events

January 20 - Kent Free Library, 2nd Floor Mtg. Room  
February 17 - Kent Free Library, 2nd Floor Mtg. Room  
March 17 - Jim/Luana Peters, Sagamore Hills  
April 28 - TBA  
May 2019 - MCR Convention - No Event  
June 9 - Bob Ashley, Jr., Green

Interested in hosting a meeting?  
Contact any Division 1 officer.

AC&Y Bullet 2019 MCR Convention  
November 4, 2018, Ravenna Township Offices, Ohio

Attendance: Jim Williams, Steve Zapytowski, Jim DiPaola, Sam Eisele, Bob Ashley Jr., Bob Ashley Sr., Michael Bradley, Rich Ramskugler

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 1:34 pm.
- 2) Minutes: there was one correction to the last meeting minutes in that "Athern" in item 9 should be spelled "Athearn"; a motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed
- 3) Treasurer's Report: Michael Brantley said that they had had a scam e-mail instructing Jim DiPaola to pay \$600. There is \$2,253.52 in the convention account.
- 4) Registration: no report
- 5) Volunteers: now have 10
- 6) Vendors: Gary Kohler had reported to Steve that we have 3.
- 7) Tours: each tour requires a waiver to be signed; Rich Ramskugler has a waiver form that he had sent to the NMRA and which was used at the national convention in Cleveland.
- 8) Operating Sessions: have been confirmed by Jim Peters. David Hazlett is currently in the hospital. His layout is supposed to be on the tour.
- 9) Banquet Menu discussion was led by Sam. We decided on a plated dinner and not a buffet. Vegetarian options are offered by the hotel. A plated meal runs from \$19.95 to \$ 21.95. It was decided to offer stuffed chicken breast, grilled salmon and beef tips. The hotel charge would be \$20.95 plus 21% tip and 7% tax for a total of \$26.82. We will charge \$35. A cash bar will cost us a \$200 setup fee.
- 10) Bus costs: Jim DiPaola will get them this week.
- 11) Train rides at the Mahoning Valley RR Heritage Assoc – only 5 people can ride at once and it is just back and forth. Therefore, we won't offer train rides, but the train will run.
- 12) No December meetings.
- 13) Reviewed the room available for module setup.
- 14) Convention car: have heard nothing from Accurail – Jim DiPaola will follow-up.
- 15) Adjournment – 2:55pm

Respectively submitted,  
Jim Williams

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes  
November 18, 2018  
Kent Free Library, Kent, Ohio

- 1) Welcome: The business meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm by Superintendent Jim DiPaola.
  - a) Guests: Steve May who is a new member, Jeff Hartung
  - b) Contest: 40' or less wooden box cars
  - c) Clinic: Jeff Hartung on modeling the Ringling Brothers Circus Train
- 2) Bring-n-Brag:
  - a) nothing
- 3) Upcoming Events:
  - a) Division-1: Christmas Lunch – December 1<sup>st</sup>, Maize Valley Winery, 6193 Edison St. Hartville, OH, Noon, \$15 each, bring a door prize or two
  - b) MCR: Convention in Boardman, OH May 2-5, 2019
  - c) N-Trak: National Convention, Chicago, June 26-30, 2019
  - d) NMRA: National Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah July 7-13, 2019
- 4) Division Meetings:
  - a) Christmas Lunch Saturday December 16 – at Maize Valley Winery in Hartville, OH
  - b) January 20 – Kent Free Library
  - c) February 17 – Kent Free Library
  - d) March 17 – Jim and Luana Peters, Sagamore Hills, OH
  - e) April 28 – TBA
  - f) May – convention, no meeting
  - g) June 9 – Bob Ashley, Jr
- 5) BULLET 2019 MCR Convention Update:
  - a) December 1 is the deadline for the Kingpin submission
  - b) We have 13 volunteers
  - c) Registration: 16 registered - 12 full and 4 families
  - d) Bus Transportation: we will use Larry Jamison's company, BRT, and Jim DiPaola will send him an agenda to get the cost
  - e) Four vendors have signed up so far
  - f) Jim Peters submitted the layout tours and op sessions
  - g) Fourteen clinics currently planned
  - h) Convention car: Accurail will have no problem producing the cars, the cost will be \$16.99 each
  - i) Mike Bradley gave the treasure's report
  - j) Banquet: the 3 choices will be grilled salmon, stuffed chicken breast, & beef tips; checking on vegetarian and vegan and gluten-free options; we will probably charge \$35 a meal; bar – if \$250 in sales then no charge for bar tender, otherwise, the bar tender will cost us \$150
  - k) Doubled the size of the contest room to accommodate the modules
- 6) Business Meeting
  - a) Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes for the October 2018 meeting as recorded in the Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded and passed.
  - b) Treasurer's Report: The report was given by Treasurer Mike Bradley. A motion was made and seconded to accept the October 2018 Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion passed.
  - c) Committee Reports:
    - i) Clinics – a list will be published in December
    - ii) Peddler Freight – no Peddler Freight in December.
    - iii) Membership - Joe Urbanski – 100 counting Steve May.
    - iv) Modules – Bob Ashley Sr. reported that the next show for the HO modules will be in Salem on January 12, 2019 and setup will start at 12:30 on Friday the 11<sup>th</sup>, the next shows are Mt. Hope on 3/22/19 and Salem on 4/14/19.
    - v) T-Trak: Don Bonk gave a presentation with visuals on what T-Trak is.
- 7) Old Business: none
- 8) New Business:
  - a) Kurt Sanders thanked everyone for the thoughts and prayers during his recent illness.
  - b) Good of the Order: 50/50 drawing

22 people attended.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The business meeting adjourned at 3:18 pm.

Respectively submitted,  
Jim Williams, Clerk

# Module Group

Welcome to 2019. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and has a Happy New Year. For those of you, who may go to the boat show at the I-X Center, January 17 through 21; please look for my yellow Chris-Craft Ski Boat at the booth with the Antique and Classic boats. Yes, there is more to do than trains.

Our rack for displaying our Division 1 Tri-fold brochure is missing. Please help us find it or if you have one you can donate, please call Joe Urbanski, Membership Chairman, 330-283-0516.

The Mid-Central Region "Bullet" Convention planning is into full swing. Please sign-up for a volunteer position a.s.a.p. There will be Module Group planning for this May, 2019 event, also. More information will be in the upcoming issues about the Module involvement. However, we have three more shows to set up and operate, in the meantime.

The next scheduled event will be the Youngstown Model Railroad Association Flea Market at Salem, OH, Sunday, January 13, 2019, at the CenterPlex Community Center, 1098 North Ellsworth Ave. This event will repeat on April 14, 2019. As before, we will set up at 1:00 pm, on Saturday, January 12. Please try to be there by 12:30 to help unload the trailer and vans. Everyone should help operate the modules regardless of the scale you model. Please mark your calendars and be sure to come help us setup and operate the modules.

We will return to Mt. Hope Train and Toy Show on Friday, March 22, 2019 and Saturday, March 23, 2019. We will be relying on our retirees to do most of the work. We will be operating the HO modules, only. Everyone should help operate the modules regardless of the scale you model. Please mark your calendars and be sure to come help us setup and operate the modules. Plan to eat here, also, because it will be catered by "Mrs Yoder's Kitchen," the famous Amish restaurant.

Everyone is a member of the Module Group. We are educating the public about the enjoyment of model trains. We let them operate the trains and show them how our throttles work. This is what qualifies us to have a 501 (c)3 non-profit status. Please, do your part and help.

Module Group members who have added scenery to their modules should apply for the "Golden Spike" Award. The scenery is the last thing we do to finish a module.

Those of you who want a module; you need to contact me so I can order electrical components and more lumber. See my email and phone numbers below. We will schedule a date to build the module(s). The final price will be around \$110.00 for the kit. Those who build a 4' x 2' module with scenery, which is eight square feet minimum, can apply for the "Golden Spike" and other AP awards.

We are always looking for venues where we can display and operate our modules. We can be an added attraction for many events, i.e., Railroad Days, shows at event centers, library historical programs, student events, etc. Please call me or any Module Group member if you think you have a lead and make sure the event coordinator is aware of your concern

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. Many of our new members joined at the shows.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com HO, N & Z scales  
Jim Williams, Asst. Module Chairman, 330-966-5477 or jamestwilliams46@yahoo.com HO & N scales  
Don Bonk, NTRAK, 330-418-6860 or donaldbonk@gmail.com N scale

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## Division 1 membership as of December: 99

### Welcome to new member: Stephen May - Munroe Falls

# N-SCALE REPORT

**Hope Santa brought you the** DCC/Sound N – Scale locomotive that was on your Christmas list. More Manufacturers are bringing out engines with DCC/DC/Sound allowing us to operate our equipment on more layouts or adopt DCC at our leisure. The problem as usual is that each technical improvement comes at an increase in unit price. The DCC/DC/Sound Locos may allow NTRAK layouts to operate on DC and run older equipment along with these dual power engines if DCC circuit breakers and other accessories are replaced or disabled. This could be an interesting experiment.

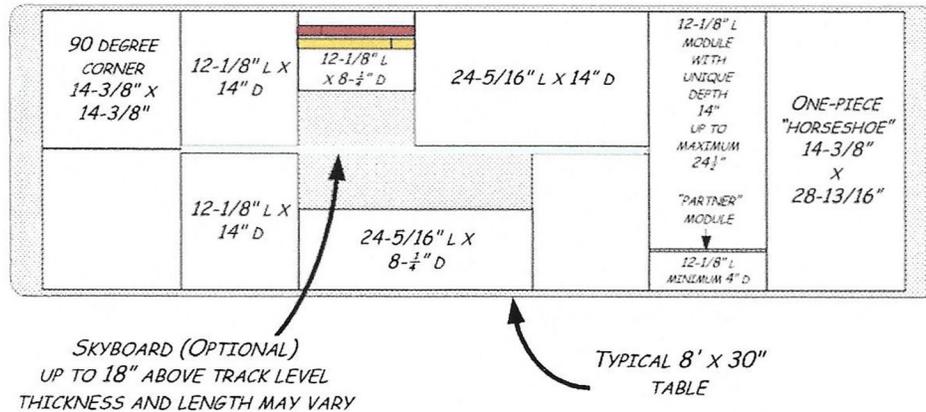
When you **renew your N-Scale Enthusiast** membership you will receive the exclusive membership car shown below.



As the Bullet Regional approaches we will attempt **to have T-TRAK “N” module kits available** at reasonable prices to support the Division’s foray into the T-TRAK movement. Those of you who wish to participate in this form of diorama model railroading can select a module from those available. With any luck there will be Single Modules, Double Modules, 12” Corner Modules, End Cap Corner (Horseshoe) Modules at the Division 1 January meeting.

## EXAMPLE LAYOUT

Shows the use of various module sizes and both standard 90 degree corners and a 180 degree horseshoe corner.



## The Bullet

### 2019 MCR Convention Quick News

The 2019 Bullet Convention Committee has been hard at work. The website is <https://www.div-1-mcr-nmra.org/the-acy-bullet-2019>. The trifold (click left) has been printed. Pens and notepads were distributed at the MCR convention in Cincinnati. Shirts have been spotted on Div. 1 members. Layouts are being lined up for self-guided tours and operating sessions. Historical and prototype tours are falling in place. Volunteers are still needed. The next planning meeting is January 20, 2019 at the Division 1 meeting. (see page 9)



# The Bullet Convention Layouts

Home layouts open for the self-guided tour, Sunday May 5, 2018

## Jim Peter's The Little Scioto & Mingo Jct.

The Little Scioto & Mingo Jct. is a fictitious bridge RR that connects west via DT&I and east via WM Interchanges in SE Ohio, following some of the abandon B&O lines running along the Ohio River. The LS&MJ has purchased B&O, Chessie, and Clinchfield motive power and even one DT&I loco. The HO layout, circa late 60s and early 70s, DCC with NCE radio control, has a yard and interchanges in a 10' by 12' room with a hole in the wall leading to the main layout room, which occupies a 24' by 36' area with five foot-wide aisles. The layout has been designed for point-to-point operation, by five operators and a dispatcher, and for continuous operations for open houses. Scenery ranges from 99% in the smaller room to very little scenery in some areas. What makes my layout perhaps unique is it has no control panels, all hand-throws for switches except for one, two levels without shelves and a remote office for the dispatcher to track train movements on a set of magnetic white boards and communicate with all engineers. I hope to see you in March at our monthly event!



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# DIVISION 1 CONTEST - 40' or under wood boxcars - November Category

## STANDINGS

2018 - 19

### STANDARD KIT

Frank Williamson - 5 pts  
Sam Eisele - 2 pts

### KIT - BASHED

Sam Eisele - 6 pts  
Bob Ashley, Jr. - 5 pts  
Steve Zapytowski - 4 pts  
Matt Woods - 3 pts  
Jim Peters - 2 pts

### CRAFTSMAN KIT

Sam Eisele - 5 pts  
Matt Woods - 4 pts

### SCRATCH BUILT

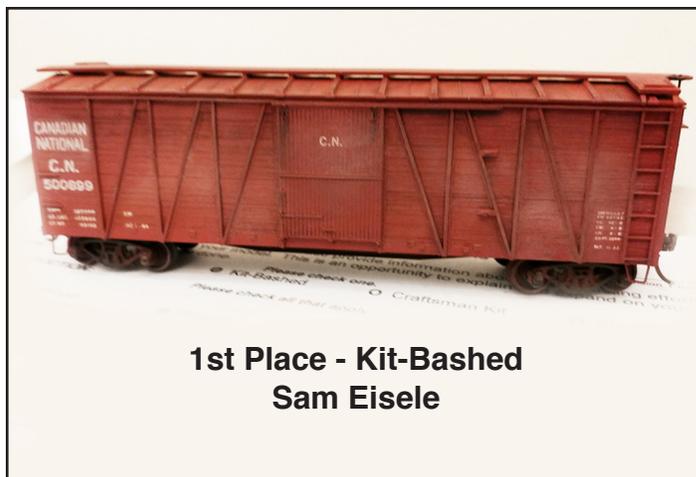
Sam Eisele - 8 pts  
Matt Woods - 5 pts.  
Frank Williamson - 3 pts  
Steve Zapytowski - 3 pts



**1st Place - Craftsman Kit  
Sam Eisele**



**1st Place - Standard Kit  
Frank Williamson**



**1st Place - Kit-Bashed  
Sam Eisele**

## CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2018 - 19

JANUARY - Transfer or work caboose

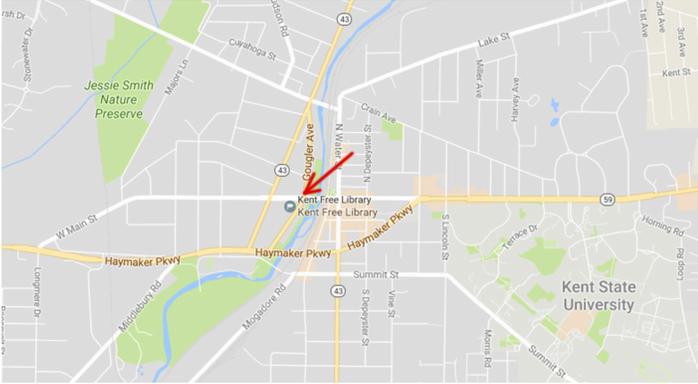
FEBRUARY - upgraded or re-worked flea market find

MARCH - Prototype photos (categories will be modern, excursions, structures, vintage)

APRIL - Baggage cars, R.P.O.'s or combines

MAY - One square foot diorama of offline scene (industrial, residential, school, church, etc.- limited to 12" x 12" square)

JUNE - no contest



**THIS MONTH'S MEETING**  
**Sunday, January 20, 2019**  
**Kent Free Library**  
**312 West Main St.**  
**Kent, OH 44255**  
**2 PM**

**A sale table will be available.**

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## Achievement Program

I would like to encourage everyone to work toward their Golden Spike Award. If you already have your Golden Spike, please look at the various categories in the NMRA Achievement Program. Please feel free to talk to me at any of the Division 1 events or give me a call at (330) 465-7402. Thank you,

Lloyd Horst  
AP Chair

## THE BULLET - 2019 MCR Convention News

Going forward each issue of the Peddler Freight will contain information about *The Bullet*. This is the name of the 2019 MCR Regional Convention, sponsored by our division. This will take place May 2 - 5, 2019 at the Boardman Holiday Inn.

According to *Akron, Canton & Youngstown and Akron & Barberton Belt* book, "the Delphos Bullet" was a mixed train that "symbolized welcomed events for the rural Ohio communities from Delphos to Akron. Organizational meetings have begun and all are welcomed to attend. **Volunteers are needed.** Let's all pitch in to make "The Bullet" a great convention.

The minutes from the November 4th meeting are on page 2.  
The convention planning schedule is:

January 20, 2018, 2:00 PM  
Division 1 meeting at Kent Free Library



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Bullet webpage

## Train Shows and Open Houses

### Model Train Show & Swap Meet - January 20

Norwalk & Western RR - Eastern Division  
German's Villa, 3330 Liberty Ave., Vermilion, OH 44089  
Admission \$5.00, Under 11 free 10 PM - 3 PM

### Toy & Train Show - March 2

Independence High School Field House (Google Map)  
6001 Selig Dr., Independence, OH 44131  
Admission \$6.00, Children under 12 free 10 AM - 3 PM

### Train Collectors Assoc. Train Meets - January 26

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44130  
Admission \$6.00, Family \$8.00 10 PM - 3 PM

### Railfest 2019 - March 16 & 17

Lakeland Community Center  
7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, OH 44094  
Admission \$7.00, Children under 12 free 10 AM - 3 PM

### Medina Model Railroad & Toy Show - February 3

Medina County Community Center (Median Fairgrounds)  
735 Lafayette Rd., Medina, OH 44256  
Admission \$6.00, Children under 12 free 9 AM - 3 PM

### Train Collectors Assoc. Springtime Train Meet - March 30

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd, Parma, OH 44130  
Admission \$6.00, Children under 18 Free 10 AM - 3 PM

### Mansfield Train Show - February 10

Richland County Fairgrounds - Fairhaven Hall  
750 Home Rd., Mansfield, OH 44906  
Admission \$5.00, Children under 12 free 10 AM - 3 PM

### Model Railroad & Toy Train Flea Market - April 14

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



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