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Superintendents Message

There is as evidenced by an article of request from Larry Brown an effort to engage in the "Big Push" affecting each one of us to enlist one new member A.S.A.P. for reasons you already know. Please PUSH for this gain as we all will benefit. Mine is ready to sign. I want to thank the efforts of David Athman in securing the membership of Milz Sunberg, owner of Robs Trains in Alliance as a new member of the NMRA and Milz wants to get involved with Division 1. More next month.

M. O. W. Gone . . . Say it isn't so, Casey.

For many of our family and friends, exposure to railroads and railcars is often limited to those times when a train momentarily blocks our path. We probably don't even think about how vital to our everyday living the contents of these railcars are to our life on a daily basis. Tank cars, freight cars, locomotives, passenger cars and flat cars all play a major role in the delivery of goods we buy daily. The ultimate goal of our trains is to move commodities and passengers in the safest possible manner.

The most stringently regulated railcars today are Rules governing the construction and maintenance of the tank cars is in no large part to the commodities they carry for our consumption. Orange juice, milk, vegetable oil, benzene, acids and chlorine are just a few that come to mind. Safe transport and the prevention of leaks is the objective. Safety rules.

Another area which has received much attention to safety recently has been the connection of rail joints which must be joined permanently and smoothly as possible to facilitate this effort. Gone, or soon to be, are the monstrous M.O.W. machines which require high maintenance and often for too much manpower to operate.

These large monsters generating power to run welders and such have given way to a very cost effective way of joining rails to aide in the effort to provide a safer and smoother ride. If tracks are not in the proper condition, derailments, containment damage subsequent loss of lading are very real possibilities,

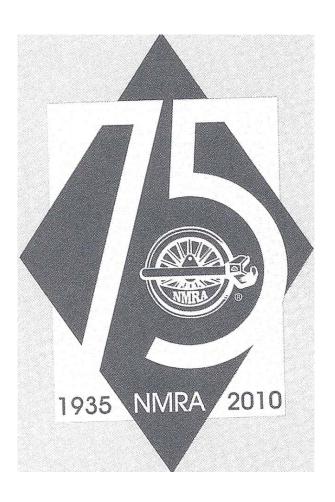
One relatively new process is "Thermite Welding". One can only imagine the stress of a 34,000 gallon tank car traveling at 50 MPH over a questionable joint in the rail. Thermite welding is widely used today for joining rail joints. Thermite is a mixture of finely divided aluminum and iron oxide.

The extreme heat generated by the chemical reaction of these two chemicals melts and joins the rail ends as a mold is the primary device needed to contain the chemical reaction and the liquid metal. Again, safety rules.

Since thermite welding is based on a chemical reaction which does not require the generation of an electric arc, this process is very portable and ideally suited for rail welding in the field. The device mold to contain the chemicals for this process is approximately 10 times the size of your wallet and may not weigh much more.

Times, they are changing, Think about it.

Ron



The Big Push

What a great time of the year. Fall weather always brings an over whelming urge to get back to that project that has waited since spring. The fall shows and swap meets show the public interest in railroading is very strong. Talk to your friends relatives and co-workers about the events coming up next month, there are many places displaying modular layouts and open house tours. Just pass the word around and invite someone to join you. I would like to remind all members interested in donating an item or items to benefit the membership drive to bring if to the next meeting. The Items will be sold at the November Market and help fund gifts for new members. I will have Railpass forms and pamphlets available at the October meeting. Bring a guest to see Don's layout. See you there Larry Brown

Membership Report 10/4/2010 **Active Members:** Division 1 stands at 96

NEW MEMBERS: None showing at this time (3 or more currently pending)

RENEWALS: Kenneth Baldwin, Robert Farkas, Gary Motts, Kurt / Karen Sanders, David Wood Thank You!

2010-2011 MEETING DATES

October 17 - Don Bonk - Louisville

November 7 - FLEA MARKET

November 21 - THE WHISTLE STOP

December 18 - Holiday Dinner at Erie Station

January 16 - Sebring Model Railroad Club February 20 - Larry Brown, Ravenna

March 20 - Bob Ashley, Jr. - Akron (Date may change)

April 17 (Palm Sunday) - Frank Williamson - Hudson

May 15 - Bill Hewitt - Copley

June 12 - Randy Dettmer, Hudson



MODULE REPORT

At the June meeting, the membership approved a \$600.00 estimated fund in order to proceed with the construction of the end modules and approaches. Most of the wood and hardware has been purchased. At this time, we have used \$490.54 and we have to order the wiring and electrical components. The cost of track, roadbed and paint has not been determined. I expect we will need additional money or donations to complete the layout. Please, anyone who can donate nickel silver code 100 or code 83 track, switches, crossings, roadbed or other related items which we could use to finish the modules, we need your help. If you will call me, I will pick up your donation or bring it to the next meeting.

We have cut all the material and are assembling the modules. Some minor fitting is necessary for final assembly. We realized that we had enough material scrap left over to design and build a two piece corner module. This allows us to have a smaller room to operate. We have constructed six of the eight units. Once we finish the construction, we will move the modules from my garage to Bob Ashley, Jr.'s garage, which is much larger. After that, we can start wiring and laying roadbed and track. Anyone can help with the finishing of these modules.

Five standard modules have been wired to the latest Module Standard. Some modules are wired to pass through the DCC Cat 5 cable from module to module. Other modules are wired to a NCE UTP Cab Bus Fascia Panel so we can plug in our throttles. Most of the modules are going to be the pass through type. With this arrangement, we can power the modules with Digitrax, NCE or straight DC. The NCE UTP cabs will work with Digitrax or NCE.

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The wiring to the track from the terminal strip on each module will be the last connection. How the modules are detailed is the choice of the owner. Unless the owner wants to have two or more modules which are part of a larger scene, they can be connected together in any order.

The NCE system, which has been returned from the factory, is my personal property. This is not the division's property. I just wanted to clear up the ownership to clarify my last Report. We are waiting for a completed module to test the Power Pro command unit.

Those of you who have made the standard module, at my home, you owe me \$67.00 each for the materials and \$33.00 each for the wiring kit. This does not include the mandatory NCE UTP Facia Panel Socket for plugging in your throttle which is available for \$17.00 at The Whistle Stop. This works with Digitrax or NCE. Those of you who have not paid me, please call me. I need to know whether you are going to continue to be part of the module group or not. If you do not want to be in the module group, please return the modules to me or pay me for the cost of the materials mentioned. The money for the standard modules came out of my pocket. We are also looking for new module members. Please call me for information.

Larry Madson, from Division 4, advised me that the Lodi Outlet Mall has offered to let us use their

facility to set up our modules for group gatherings with all NMRA Divisions. We are hoping to do that. Also, we are going to have a large combined module display with many divisions at the 2014 National Train Show in Cleveland. There will be details, later.

I want to thank the division for investing in the module program. If we have the same success that Divisions 4 and 5 have had, this will provide a lot of entertainment for the members and the communities. It will also provide a way for each member to earn the AP awards. Bob Ashley, Jr. has requested that the modules be ready for the Division 1 meeting, at his home, next March. That is our goal at this time.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman

MEETING MINUTES of DIVISION 1, MCR, NMRA, INC. September 19, 2010 at Dalton, Ohio

Superintendent Ron Wigal called the meeting to order at 2:03 pm. He thanked Glenn Yoder for hosting the meeting. He also thanked the membership for attending.

The minutes of the June 13, 2010 meeting were corrected and accepted as corrected. Correction on Page 3 under Achievement Program: *There are 11 certification areas and 9 are required for the MMR*, should read -*There are 11 certification areas and 7 are required for the MMR*.

David Hazlett read the Treasurer's Report from Bob Ashley, Jr. It was accepted pending audit.

The audit of the finances for the past 4 years was read. The audit was performed by Bill Smith. It was accepted.

Old Business: Ron Wigal stated that he does not have an email account. Please call him between 6 and 8 pm any day at 330-592-1800. You may also text him or leave a voice message. Ron explained that his style of business for the Division is different than it has been in the past. He would like the membership to call the people in charge of particular areas of business before or instead of calling him. The people in charge of different areas are listed in the Peddler

Freight in the information box. This way you will get the person in charge and be more likely to get a better answer than if you called the Superintendent first.

There was little to report on the 2014 Convention. No additional meetings have been held. It is hoped that Chuck Klein will be at the next meeting (October 17 at Don Bonk's in Louisville) with the presentation that was given to the NMRA Board. Layouts are needed for operating and for show (as a layout tour) for the 2014 Convention. Now is the time to start getting your layout ready.

Assistant Superintendent Randy Dettmer reported on up-coming shows. All of the shows he mentioned were in September (so will not be reported here). Randy reported that the Holiday Dinner is on Saturday, December 18, 2010 at the Erie Station in Tallmadge. The time is 1 PM. Please contact Randy if you plan to attend. The cost of your dinner (which is the same as last year) will be paid directly to the restaurant. We will be in the railroad dining car.

Chuck Boyer was appointed the HO Scale Chair. Jim Williams, with the help of Don Bonk, will serve as the N Scale Chairs. Don Avila is the Z Scale chair. Bob Ashley, Sr. reported that the Z Scale manufacturing plant in China has shut down. Retailers are regrouping to find a new manufacturer.

Jim Williams has stepped down as Clerk. We need someone to take over the job of Clerk. It entails taking minutes at the meetings, typing them up and sending them to the Peddler Freight editor.

Larry Brown, Membership Chair, reported that membership is at 98 with one new member - Paul Carrocce. Larry will have a table at the Flea Market to promote membership. He is seeking donations for the table to be sold with the money going to a "Welcome Package" for new members. Donations of items to be sold at the Flea Market may be given to Larry at the October meeting or brought to the Flea Market. Larry is working to make up a "Welcome Package" which will contain a welcome letter and possibly discount coupons from local hobby shops, an NMRA guage, etc.

Larry is also working on ideas for starting a teen model railroading group within our Division. All of this is still in the startup phase.

David Hazlett read and explained the reasons for the By-Laws Amendments. A vote will be taken at the October meeting. 75% of the attending members must agree with the amendments for them to take effect. Basically, the amendments are needed to bring the By-Laws up to date in light of our recent incorporation and our vote last year to not permit Rail-Pass members the right to vote.

Bob Ashley, Sr. reported that the end modules have been built. They do not yet have track, etc. So far \$490.54 of the \$600 allotted to the modules has been spent. More may be required. Donations of code 100 HO track would be helpful. Bob reported that several modules have been built by individuals at a cost of \$67 per module. He also reported that some still need to pay for those modules.

The AP report was short. Chuck Boyer stated that he is close to two additional certificates. David Hazlett is close to a second certificate. It was suggested that our members might consider applying for the Golden Spike Award as a way of getting started in the Achievement Program. Check the NMRA website for details on the Achievement Program.

New Business: David Hazlett (in the absence of Bob Ashley, Jr.) reported that the Flea Market is on Sunday, November 7. Twenty tables have been sold. Ten tables are available. Be sure not to miss getting your table.

David Hazlett reported that we will need professional help in filing a tax return for the first time in the new year. We are required to file a Sub-Chapter S form since we are now a non-profit corporation. No tax will be levied until our income exceeds \$23,000, but we do have to file.

The meeting ended at 3:19 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, David Hazlett, Acting Clerk Division 1 Officers

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Apparel -

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Chuck Boyer 330-882-3709
Don Deakins 330-494-9688
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TAMR - Larry Brown 330-221-6067
Clinics N. Gauge, Lim Williams 330, 996, 3477

 N Gauge- Jim Williams
 330-996-3477

 Z Gauge - Don Avila
 330-645-4223

 Roster - Randy Dettmer
 330-653-3537

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Christmas Dinner

Randy Dettmer 330-653-3537

Mid-Central Region President - Dick Briggs e-mail MCRPREZ@HQ.NMRA.ORG

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CONTEST FOR 2010-2011

Here are the first four month's models:

October - House (city, country or company; even a shack)

November - Coal Hoppers

January - I got it at a railroad flea market and this is what I did with it.

SEND YOUR IDEAS FOR FEBRUARY THROUGH MAY TO

David Hazlett at dhazlett1@neo.rr.com

APRIL 28 TO MAY 1, 2011

NMRA Mid Central Region Convention **Rails of Ages**

The Lodges & Convention Center at Geneva-on-the-Lake. Contact Matt Kross at matt.kross@mcr5.org Also see 2011 MCR Convention website at www.railsofages.org

THE 2010-2011 CONTEST

Contest winners for September 2010 and to date:

<u>Scratch-Built</u> <u>Kit-Built</u> <u>Kit-Bashed</u>
Larry Brown - 1 pt Don Deakins - 3 pts Don Deakin

Don Deakins - 3 pts
Larry Brown - 2 pts
Chuck Boyer - 1 pt

Bill Bigler - 1pt

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE BY-LAWS

The recent change in our public status, becoming a Non-Profit Corporation, and other changes have led to the need to amend our By-Laws. This will be discussed at the September meeting and a vote will be taken at the October meeting. The following are the changes:

SECTION 1: Name and Purpose

- 1.1 This organization was is formed to promote fellowship among members of the National Model Railroad Association in it's the Division 1 area, to promote the hobby of model railroading in it's the Division 1 area, and to provide a common meeting ground for social activities, and to engage in any and all activities which pertain to and will enhance the hobby of model railroading through educational opportunities at meetings, clinics, tours and fellowship. It shall be known as Division 1, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc. to be shortened to Division 1/MCR/NMRA.
- **1.2 The organization** shall be known as Division 1, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

SECTION 2: Membership

2.1 Any member of the NMRA (**exclusive of RailPass members**), living in the area comprising Division 1 as defined by the <u>Mid-Central Region By-Laws Article I - Boundaries by County.</u> shall be allowed to hold office in Division 1 and vote on Division 1 matters.

SECTION 5: Elections / Appointments

5.2 Officers of Division 1 shall also serve as Directors/Trustees of the non-profit corporation known as Division 1, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc. These Officers/Directors/Trustees will appoint the corporation's Statutory Agent with the agreement of a majority of the membership present at a regularly scheduled meeting.

Additional Changes:

Change current Section 5 numbers to reflect the addition of the new 5.2 - thus changing the current 5.2 to 5.3 and subsequent numbers accordingly. Rearrange the current Section 5 items to reflect a better grouping of the items WITHOUT changing any wording, except as indicated above.

October Station Stop

Don Bonk will host our October 17 meeting at 2 pm. Due to circumstances beyond his control, the meeting will **NOT** be held at Don's home. The meeting will be held at:

STARK COUNTY ASSOCIATION OF REALTORS

484 MUNSON ST, NW BELDEN VILLAGE, OH

Don and his wife will provide snacks and beverages. Don always has something up his sleeve, you never know. - You just have to be there!

See ya' on the 17th.

Directions: 1 - take I-77 south to the EVERHARD RD exit, EXIT 109

2 - Turn toward WHIPPLE AVE

3 - Turn RIGHT on EVERHARD RD

4 - Turn LEFT on MUNSON ST.

5 - 4848 Munson is on the right.

It is that time of year again for the fourth annual Holiday Dinner, December 18, 2010 at 1:00 PM. The location is the same as prior years so please reserve early!

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70 EAST AVENUE, COUNTY ROAD 18 OFF I-76		
TALLMADGE OHIO 44278		
WE WILL HAVE A BEAUTIFUL PRIVATE RAILROAD DINNING CAR, "THE ROSE", WHICH HAS		
BEEN REBUILT WITH VERY PLUSH PANELING, NEW CARPETING, LIGHTS, TABLES, LINENS,		
VIDEO ENTERTAINMENT SYSTEM AND YOUR ORDER WILL BE SERVED TO YOU AT YOUR		
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YOU WILL CHOOSE FROM:		
PARMESAN TILAPIA		
* 8 OZ. SIRLOIN STEAK		
* CHICKEN MARSALA		
OR		
* PASTA ALFREDO		
(* CHOOSE ONE)		
ALL DINNERS, EXCEPT PASTA, INCLUDE BAKED POTATO AND VEGETABLE. ALL INCLUDE		
\$16.49 PER PERSON		
PLEASE ADD 6.5% SALES TAX & 18% GRADITUITY (ABOUT \$20.75 TOTAL PER PERSON)		
MEMBERS, SPOUSES, FAMILY, GRANDKIDS, AND FRIENDS. BRING A GUEST.		
SIGN UP NOW - WHY WAIT?		
PLEASE CALL OR E-MAILTO ADVISE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING – Randy Dettmer,		

ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

The Golden Spike Award was mentioned at the last meeting. Here are the requirements.

QUALIFICATIONS CHECKLIST:

1. Rolling Stock (Motive Power & Cars):

Display six units of rolling stock either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or detailed commercial kits.

2. Model Railroad Setting (Structures & Scenery)

Construct a minimum of eight square feet of layout including scenery.

Construct five structures either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or detailed commercial kits. If a module has less than five structures, additional structures separate from the scene may be presented.

3. Engineering (Civil & Electrical)

Three types of trackage required (e.g. turnout, crossing, crossover, etc.). All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. Commercial trackage may be used.

All installed trackage must be properly wired so that two trains can be operated simultaneously (e.g. double track main, single track main with sidings, and block or command control). Provide one additional electrical feature such as power operated turnouts, signaling, turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.

If you think that you qualify, contact Chuck Boyer, Don Deakins or David Hazlett. Phone numbers for these men are in the information box in the Peddler Freight. More detailed information may be found on the NMRA website (available as a link from www.div1-mcr-nmra.org).

Train Shows and Open Houses – October thru November 2010

Trainorama – October 17, 2010 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Costick Community Center, 28600 11 Mile Rd, Farmington Hills, MI \$5 admission, children under 12 are free with adult

43rd Annual Model Railroad Show – NMRA Div 7 – October 23 – 24, 2010 – 12 PM – 5 PM

Lakota West High School, 8940 Union Centre Blvd, West Chester, OH \$7 admission, children under 12 free, Scouts in uniform free

Old Eli's Train & Toy Show – October 30, 2010 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Valley View Church, 2772 Simons Dr NW, Sugarcreek, OH \$3 admission, children under 12 are free

Cleveland 2-Rail "O" Scale Train Show – November 6, 2010 – 9 AM – 2 PM

Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Dr, Kirtland, OH \$7 admission, children under 13 are free

Dayton Train show – November 6 – 7, 2010 – 11 AM – 4 PM

Hara Arena, East Hall & Ballarena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd, Dayton, OH \$6 admission, children under 12 are free

Youngstown Model Railroad Assn Open House – November 6-7, 13-14 – 12 PM – 6 PM

Corner of Raccoon Rd & Four-Mile Run Rd, Austintown, OH \$3 donation per person, children under 12 are free with adult

Division 1 Model Railroad Flea Market - November 7, 2010 - 11 AM - 4PM

Akron Yacht Club, 3575 South Main St, Akron, OH \$3 admission, \$5 family

Erie PA Railroadiana and Model Train Show – November 7, 2010 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Rainbow Gardens, Waldameer Park, Erie, PA \$4 admission, \$3 senior citizens and students 12-18, children under 12 are free with adult

Gaithersburg Model Train Show – November 7, 2010 – 9 AM – 4 PM

Montgomery County Fairgrounds, Gaithersburg, MD \$7 admission, children under 12 are free

Sebring Model Railroad Club Open House - November 13-14, 20-21 - 10 AM - 6 PM

216 East Pennsylvania Ave, Sebring, OH

\$2 donation per person, children 11 and under are free

Greater Wayne County Train & Toy Show - November 14, 2010 - 10 AM - 4 PM

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

$\underline{Norwalk\ \&\ Western\ RR\ Train\ \&\ Toy\ Show\ -\ November\ 14,2010\ -\ 10\ AM\ -\ 3\ PM}$

Ehove Career Center, 316 West Mason Rd, Milan, OH \$3 admission, children 11 and under are free

Train & Collectible Toy Show - November 27, 2010 - 11 AM - 3 PM

Frecker Arena, 620 W Lincoln Hwy, New Haven, IN \$3 admission, children under 12 are free

Train Collectors Association Train Meet - November 27, 2010 - 10 AM - 3 PM

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd, Parma, OH \$5 admission, \$7 family

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