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NOTES FROM THE SUPER

WELCOME! It's been a long three months. I hope you are looking forward to this year's meetings as much as I am. While we don't have meetings during the summer months, my Advisory Committee and I have been busy. Together we have completed the three major things our late Superintendent, Barney Gaskill, wanted to have done; the By-Laws are updated, posters are in hobby shops and we have a web site.

The By-Laws have been updated. You will find an article about that in this issue, with a request for your vote.

Some hobby shops have had posters installed, but your help is needed to reach more shops in our Division. Anyone who knows of and/or uses a hobby shop fairly near his/her home is requested to pick up a poster at the meetings and ask the owner of the shop to post it. Along with the poster we have included, for the shop owner, an offer to advertise in the *Peddler Freight*. Hopefully, this will help underwrite the cost of the *Peddler Freight*. By the way, as a subscriber, you will have the right to advertise in the *Peddler Freight*.

Our website is "up and running." It can be found at www.trainweb.org/division-1-mcr-nmra/index.html. Another way to get to the site is to go to www.nmra.org then click on "Regions and Divisions," go to MCR and then to Division 1. (It really is faster on-line than it is to type or read how to do it.) The web site is due to the skill of Ivan Baugh. Ivan is MCR Secretary and the MCR web master. Our Division owes him a huge debt for his work in getting the site functional. The site will be constantly monitored and will have items added as needed. Hopefully, we will be able to post directions

to meetings on the site, as well as a copy of the monthly *Peddler Freight*.

As you noticed, post cards were sent out to all Division members requesting *Peddler Freight* subscriptions. If you have not subscribed, please do so. On those cards was a copy of the Division 1 patch from years ago. I don't know the history of this patch, so if you do, please let me know.

So, what is up for the coming year? What wondrous (groan) things do I, as Superintendent, have planned for this Division? Well... MCR is going to be selling kits and I'd like Division 1 to sell these kits, by taking MCR up on the offer to earn some money for selling them. I'd like to see a modest "store" selling Division 1 items - starting with the patch; maybe update the patch. I'd like to see our Division get back into the Achievement Program. Howard Smith, the President of MCR, has offered instruction for whomever desires to judge or head this area for Division 1. Each of these things is achievable. (Notice I did not say "easily".)

See you at the September meeting,

David

Division One
Meeting Minutes - May 17, 2005
At the home of Dianne and Jim Bates

Meeting was called to order by Super. David Hazlett. Fourteen people were in attendance. Minutes and Treasurers report were approved.

A general discussion ensued about the Division 1 poster that will go in hobby shops. A general form and format for the poster was discussed.

David gave a lengthy report regarding the MCR Board of Directors meeting he attended and his conversation with Ivan Baugh regarding the web site.

One of the items voted on at the BOD meeting was the assignment of Wayne County to Division 1 except that the City of Wooster, Zip code 44691, will remain in Div 6.

The MCR is going to be selling kits for \$19.98, and David will purchase 10 kits to start. If Division 1 wants to sell the kits we can make \$5.00 per kit for our treasury. What the kits are is the question.

Increasing the subscription of the Peddler Freight to \$15.00 a year was discussed, voted on and approved by those in attendance. This is the first increase since 1994 to cover expenses of printing and mailing.

Due to work related commitments Dianne Bates resigned as Clerk.

Meeting adjourned.
Dianne Bates, Clerk.

Chuck Boyer gave a great presentation that involved all those present. Chuck had three very basic buildings. The idea was to come up with what to use to detail the building to bring them alive. It was a nice way to get everyone thinking and involved in the project. Then we all viewed Jim Bates layout and consumed Dianne and Dee's assortment of goodies.

The following is a tentative meeting list:
September 25 - (Date Change) Steve Leslie - Wooster
October 16 - Coshocton MRRC & Dick McCloy
November 20 - McKinley Museum
January 15 - Sebring MRRC
February 19 - David Hazlett - Akron
March 19 - Rick Muir - Richfield
April 23 - (Date Change) Frank Williamson - Hudson
May 21 - Donald Bonk - Louisville

VOTE ON THE BYLAWS

The Bylaws have been modified in accordance with NMRA & MCR directives. You need to vote on the new Bylaws. Due to the cost of mailing, the new By-Laws have been posted on the website at www.trainweb.org/division-1-mcr-nmra/index.html.

The changes in the Bylaws include:

- 1 - Division One changed to Division 1
- 2- eliminated the requirement that you be a Peddler Freight Subscriber before you could vote or hold office.
- 3 - eliminated the restriction of not allowing anyone deriving over 50% of livelihood from model railroading from holding office.

Please vote by circling FOR or AGAINST on the enclosed, self-addressed post card, putting a 23 cent stamp on it and mailing it.

Thank you.

The Need to Advertise

In order to meet the requirements of the NMRA and MCR related to the distribution of the Peddler Freight to all NMRA members in Division 1 and to assist in defraying the cost of that distribution, the Ad Hoc Committee has developed the following *proposed* advertising rates. The rates will be part of the discussion at the September meeting on Sunday the 25.

Pike Ads - Business card size - \$5.00 for 8 issues.

Subscribers to the Peddler Freight may place one ***non-commercial*** ad per month at no cost. Additional ads will cost \$2.00 per issue. Ads are limited to 1/8 page.

Commercial advertising is \$5.00 per issue, or \$40.00 per year. Standard size is 1/8 page. Ad copy must be in final form. Payment must accompany ad copy. Checks are payable to Division 1 - MCR - NMRA. Payment and ad copy to be sent to Bill Smith, Treasurer, 2786 Mansard Lane, Akron OH 44312-5393.

NMRA Achievement Program

If you have a method of getting to the NMRA website at headquarters there is all the information you need to get started in AP. (www.NMRA.com) Page down the [Home Page](#) on the left hand side to the Education Department and click on Achievement Program.

As the introduction indicates . . . In simple terms, the AP is a travel guide, to help you on your journey through the world of model railroading.

The AP requirements are a set of standards, but they can also serve as a set of guideposts for those who are new, near-new and not-so-new to the hobby.

Achievement Program

Basic to each Achievement Program category are specific requirements pertinent to the category, these requirements are described in detail.

But, for the purpose of this brief newsletter here are the major categories. Any member must complete seven (7) of the eleven (11) categories to be a **Master Model Railroader**.

Categories:

Model Railroad Equipment:

Master Builder - Motive power

Master Builder - Cars

Settings

Master Builder - Structures

Master Builder - Scenery

Master Builder - Prototype Models

Engineering and Operations:

Model Railroad Engineer - Civil

Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical

Chief Dispatcher

Service to the Hobby:

Association Official

Association Volunteer

Model Railroad Author

Each category has specific requirements.

Route 30 Express

Check out this web site for pictures of the model railroaders who live along the Route 30 Corridor.

Route30express.org
Golden Spike Award

Some people may be reluctant to participate in the AP, because the rules seem difficult to understand. If you are new to the AP you may want to take a look at the Golden Spike Award, although **NOT** an actual AP category its requirements are structured along the same lines.

Briefly, here is a list of the requirements:

1. **Rolling Stock (Motive Power & Cars):**

Display six (6) units of rolling stock (Scratch built, craftsman or detailed commercial kits.

2. **Model Railroad Setting:** Construct a minimum of eight (8) square feet layout.

3. **Construct five (5) structures:** (scratch built, craftsman or detailed commercial kits.

4. **Engineering (Civil & Electrical):** Three (3) types of trackage are required (turnout, crossing, etc.). All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. Commercial trackage may be used.

5. **All installed trackage must be properly wired so that two trains can be operated simultaneously** (double track main, single track main with sidings, block or command control).

6. **Provide one additional electrical feature** such as powered turnouts, signaling, turnout indication, lighted buildings, etc.

There is a lot more information on the web site on the Golden Spike Award, with application forms.

Chuck Boyer has qualified in several AP Categories. He has also attended classes in judging various aspects of the Achievement Program.

Call Chuck, I'm confident he would be helpful in assisting your efforts to qualify.

Subscription Renewal Time

It's time to renew your subscription to the Peddler Freight. Send your \$15.00 to our Treasurer, Bill Smith, 2786 Mansard Lane, Akron OH 44312-5393. Make your checks payable to Division 1 - MCR - NMRA

September Destinations

Please note change in destination and meeting date.

Sunday **September 25**, Larry Olsen has made arrangements for us to meet at 2 PM at the home of **Steve Leslie at 3315 Bayberry Cove, Wooster, OH 44691**. Steve's railroad is around the wall double deck with a helix. It's HO, 1950's era. Great Northern from Wenatchee WA to the East Portal of the Cascade Tunnel. Steam and diesel all sound equipped digitrak control. Much of the scenery on the upper deck is done. We had to move the meeting ***one week later*** because of Olsen family commitments.

Please Note - Request that everyone, other than those with access problems, park in the plaza at the corner of Cleveland Road (Rt 3) and Milltown Rd. Van transportation will be provided to and from Steve's home from that point due to extreme limited parking in the allotment. Chairs will be provided for the meeting.

Directions - From Akron allow 45 minutes to one hour drive. I-77 to Route 30 in Canton. Route 30 West to Route 3 North (in Wooster). Follow Route 3 North to Milltown Road. Park at the plaza. OR- Route 21 South to Route 585. Route 585 to Wooster - Follow Route 3 North to Milltown Road. Park at plaza.

Larry indicates he has the following items For Sale - Proto center cupola caboos for \$10.00; Athern Trainmaster Dummy, new \$5.00; Atlas RS-11 Pennsy for \$50.00 and a Spectrum USRA light mountain UP for \$80.00. You can see Larry at the meeting or contact him at lbolsen@zoominterner.net.

Hydrocal

How About a Hand?

No I don't mean applause. I mean a helping hand. Division 1 is in need of an Assistant Superintendent and a Clerk. Earlier this year our Super. passed away and the Asst. Super moved up to Super. Our Clerk, due to business commitments, resigned in May. So we are in need of NMRA members that reside in our Division to come forward and volunteer to fill the vacancies.

How about giving Division 1 a hand?

Just a reminder that as a FALL SPECIAL Division 1 is selling Hydrocal to the subscribers of the "*Peddler Freight*" for the sum of \$1.00 per pound with fifty cents going to Division 1.

This is pure Hydrocal, not the stuff which sells for \$4.00 a pound. It produces a more dense rock casting and provides a better surface base for scenery.

Contact Bill Smith our Treasurer and he will fill your individual orders. (using his scale, of course Ha, Ha)

WANT TO BUY

BELL & HOWELL SLIDE CUBE LIBRARY

Also sold as **Kalt & Omega**.

Partial libraries or single cubes acceptable.

Contact: David H. Hazlett

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INTERESTED IN OPERATING?

TRYING TO DECIDE?

Sessions held 7:30 PM 2nd & 4th Mondays.

BEGINNERS WELCOME!

Must limit number of participants.

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HUNTING SHORTLINES

Part of my railroading hobby is photographing railroads. My wife and I have traveled all over the US (the lower 48) pursuing shortlines. This June we traveled 9000 miles to the Pacific Northwest for just this reason. Being our second trip to this area, we went to “hunt down” those shortlines that were just too remote for our first trip.

We photographed BNSF and UP as well as locomotives operated by grain elevators. The Iowa Chicago & Eastern (ICE) in Mason City, IA was a surprise for us because it wasn't on our list, but the Iowa Northeastern, State Line Co-op and the Dakota & Iowa (DAIR) were. We found a deadline of Dakota Minnesota & Eastern (DME) units in Huron, SD (containing units we had shot in Rapid City, SD some 10 years ago) and shot the Sisseton & Millbank in Sisseton, SD.

We traveled the shortest distance between railroad towns which got us on a gravel road (better call it a dust road) to Fordville, ND to shoot the Northern Plains Railroad. This was definitely one of the remote lines. We traveled from Geraldine, MT, one end of Central Montana Rail to Denton, MT, the engine house and office. When we got ready to leave Denton, we retraced our route as it was the only paved road in or out of Denton.

We photographed the Kettle Falls International RR in Kettle Falls, WA, two days before they were to get their first loco lettered for their own railroad; they are owned by OmniTrax. This town is in northeastern Washington about 20 miles from Canada. The next day we shot the Grand Forks RR in Grand Forks, BC. Did you know that our border guards now wear sidearms?

Our travels took us to the middle of Oregon to the City of Prineville RR in Prineville and to the “Oregon Outback” (at least that is what the road signs called the SE section of Oregon) where we shot the Lake County RR and the Oregon Eastern. On the way home we shot the Utah Railway, the Sidney & Lowe, the Nebkota RR, I & M Railink and the Omaha Lincoln & Beatrice.

We did take time to ride some of the many trains available. We rode the Mt. Rainier Scenic, the Mt. Hood Railroad and the Heber Valley RR. In all we

photographed some 45 different railroads, some we have shot before, but many were new. We were never told ‘NO’ at any place we asked permission. In most places we didn't have to ask permission, as locos were in plain sight. In one case, an engineer was getting ready to start his working day when we asked to photograph the locos. He came to where I was standing and said, “Where do you want them?” They were remote controlled units and he moved them to where we could photograph them.

Was the trip worth the money, the time (it took two months to plan) and the effort? YES!

David

A couple had been debating buying a vehicle for weeks. He wanted a truck and she wanted a fast little sports car. He would have settled on any beat up old truck, but everything she seemed to like was way out of their price range. “Look,” she said, “I want something that goes from 0 to 200 in just a few seconds. My birthday is coming up so surprise me.” He did just that.

For her birthday he bought her a brand new bathroom scale. Nobody has seen or heard from him since.

Interesting Concept

A campaign encouraging people to enter an emergency contact number in the mobile phone's memory under the heading ICE (in case of emergency) has rapidly spread throughout the world since the recent terrorist attacks in London. The idea is that you store the word “ICE” in your mobile phone address book, and against it enter the number of the person you would want to be contacted “In Case of Emergency.”

This would allow firefighters, paramedics or police to be able to contact a designated relative in an emergency. For more that one contact use ICE1, ICE2, ICE3, etc.

Spring Elections

In May 2006, we will be voting on new officers. The jobs of Super., Asst. Super. and Treasurer will be up for election. The April Peddler Freight which will be sent to all NMRA members in Division 1, will contain a short resume of each candidate. The May peddler Freight, sent to all NMRA members in Division 1, will contain a ballot.

If you are interested in running for one of the positions, please express your interest by mail or email to the Super. until the Clerk's position is filled.