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WELCOME BACK! It's been a long summer. I hope you took advantage of the Midwest Rail Society's trip to Medina. I did and it was a most interesting trip through Akron. I have lived in Akron for over 40 years and I was unable to orient myself a couple of times. We flashed across West Market Street near Frank Boulevard so quickly that it took me by surprise. Riding the Wheeling tracks through Akron was a real treat and something I have wanted to do for a long time. Now if I could have ridden the A&BB line before it was removed . . .

The October meeting is set for the second Sunday (October 14) at the Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers west of Medina in Lester. This is a shorter trip than going to Coshocton and not too hard to find. A map will be in the October Peddler Freight and I will be discussing the details at the September meeting. Just to let you know, the Regional BOD meeting is set for October 21, our usual meeting day AND the Live Steamers are having their 3-day Halloween run on the October 21 weekend. So, it just seemed a good idea to move our meeting up a week. We are in luck, since September has five Sundays, we won't be too soon after the September meeting.

I've added a new area to my layout this summer. I'm still working on wiring it, so I don't plan on having "open" operating sessions until October or later. I will let you know by using the free ad all subscribers are permitted in each issue of the Peddler Freight. Got something to sell? Put in an ad. By the way, are you a subscriber?

I have several ideas for the Division. Would you like to hold a "train flea/bargain/trade market"? We might be able to do this at a meeting. It has been a long time since we had a "patch" for the Division. I found a place that will make us a cloisonne/silk-screen 3/4 inch (or larger) pin for a reasonable price. We could do this to raise a little money and to show our pride in Division 1 to the rest of the NMRA. Just some ideas to think and talk about.

In May we hold elections for new officers. Something else to think about. We will need people to handle the election, as per our By-Laws.

See you at the meeting or trackside,

David

Subscription Time Again!!

I want to remind all of you that your subscription to the Peddler Freight is currently DUE. Send \$15.00 to Bill Smith, Treasurer at 2786 Mansard Lane, Akron, OH 44312-5393. Your check should be payable TO Division 1 - MCR - NMRA

How About a PIKE ad??

See David's pike ad →. It costs \$5.00 for the whole year from September to May, any extra issues of the Peddler Freight are FREE!

Commercial Ads!

We have had a few requests for Commercial ads. So we have established the following ad rates for next year. Based on 8 issues, additional issues free.

1/8 Page (Business card size)	\$5.00/issue
1/4 Page	\$7.00/issue
1/2 Page	\$12.50/issue
Full Page	\$15.00/issue

All Ads must be copy ready.

Subscriber Ads

Got something to sell? Model railroading stuff of course. Send me the information and I'll put it in the Peddler Freight. One ad each month is free. \$2.00 for the second ad until you sell it or want the ad stopped.

Such a deal!!!

N SCALE NEWS AND VIEWS

In July, I attended my first NMRA national convention. There were plenty of long hours and a lot of clinics to attend. Although I had planned to attend many more than I did, sometimes you have to make choices as to what you want to do.

I took one tour, and it was very good. It was a tour of N-Scale layouts. This tour, much to my surprise, was sold out and we filled up the bus. I was pleasantly surprised that so many people were interested in N-Scale. The layouts that we toured were unbelievable! The details were outstanding. For example, on one layout there was a helix that was inside of a mountain



frame and about 1/2 way up the helix there was an opening that looked like a covered bridge. Inside of the covered bridge there were lights that illuminated the trains. The bridge was made out of wood and you could see through it. This was one of five N-Scale layouts that we saw, all of which were fabulous and very well put together. Perhaps in another column I'll describe another one or two of them.

The national convention definitely was worthwhile, not only for the N-Scale opportunities (of which there were many) but for the opportunity to meet and talk to some of the better known people in model railroading such as Dean Freytag, Tony Koester, Loy Spurlock, Andy Sperandeo and many others. We probably won't be going next year since it's in Anaheim, CA but are probably going to make the trip to Hartford CT the following year and I'd encourage any of you who might be interested to attend one sometime.

Kurt Sanders

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Railroadin' In Jersey

Along with Frank Williamson's subscription to the Peddler Freight, he included a copy of the "Down Jersey" magazine for August 2007.

The feature article was about the South Jersey Railroad Museum which included pictures and a four page spread. While the article was about the history of the museum and the development of the current model railroads in various scales, somehow Frank was in one of the pictures, all smiles. Way to go Frank!

It seems that Frank and his family spend their summers in South Jersey close to the shore, so he has time to volunteer two days a week at the museum.

Thanks Frank for keeping the hobby alive - even in the summer!

Editor

Board of Directors Meeting

Mid-Central Region of the NMRA will hold it's Fall meeting on October 21 near Columbus. Division 1 Superintendent David Hazlett will be in attendance. If you have concerns or questions about NMRA, or the Mid-Central Region please communicate them to David prior to the October 21st meeting.

"100% NMRA Club"

The 100% NMRA Club web pages on the NMRA website have been completely revised and updated by the programs new coordinator, Chuck Diljak.

The new pages now contain a listing of the benefits clubs receive by having everyone as an NMRA member. In addition, the website contains a listing of the qualifications clubs need in order to be eligible, and some frequently asked questions about 100% clubs.

If your members are in clubs that could use the insurance benefits (and other benefits) of being a 100% NMRA Club, be sure to let them know about the updated web pages.

Gerry Leone, MMR, Deputy Chair
NMRA Memb. Svcs. & Promo Dept.

THE CONTEST (REPLACES BRING & BRAG)

Each month the contest will have three categories for the type of model. The categories will be SCRATCH-BUILT, KIT-BASHED AND KIT-BUILT. The idea behind this is that this should allow anyone to enter anything they are proud of and at ANY skill level.

Judging will be by popular vote at the meetings. However, anyone wishing to have a model judged by NMRA rules for the Achievement Program (AP), we will attempt to make the arrangements (since Division 1 currently has no active AP person). In all cases we will keep track of points scored as the months go by and at the end of the year (May or June meeting) the total point winner(s) will receive special recognition.

SEPTEMBER -	COVERED HOPPERS
OCTOBER -	CABOOSES
NOVEMBER -	BOXCARS
JANUARY -	INTERMODAL EQUIPMENT
FEBRUARY -	BRIDGES
MARCH -	DIESEL POWER
APRIL -	GONDOLAS
MAY -	ELECTRIC POWER (INCLUDING INTERURBANS)
June -	AWARDS CEREMONY

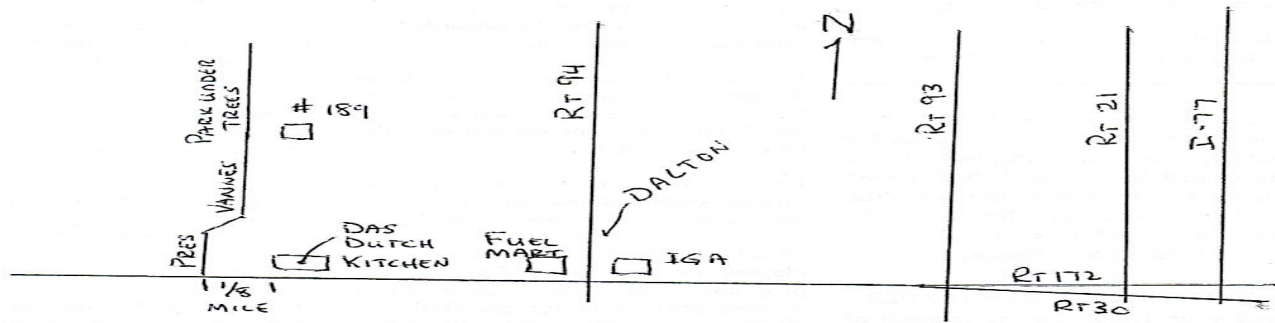
HELP OUT
GET
IN FREE

Division 4 is accepting offers from Division 1 members to work at the Berea Show. If you work one of the times, you get into the show for free.

Contact David at 330-434-4565 or dhazlett1@neo.rr.com and he will take care of making contract for you.

The show is October 6 & 7 and some workers are needed for Friday October 5.

Everybody's going to DALTON - Sunday September 16, 2 PM - Larry and Becky Olsen, Hosts



Bring Lawn chairs for the meeting - Becky will again delight our palates with snacks and beverages.

Larry has hosted our September meeting before the weather gets bad, as we hold the meeting in the back yard. It's always nice, but incase of rain we will meet in the garage. So all the bases are covered. David Hazlett will present a clinic on **"Decoder Record Keeping"** in which he will also have sample handouts of pre-printed file cards currently used by David. **See ya' there!!**

2007-2008 Meeting Schedule

September 16, 2007 Larry Olsen- Dalton
 October 14*, 2007 Live Steam-Lester, OH
 November 18, 2007 Whistle Stop - Falls
 December, 2007 No Meeting
 January 20, 2008 Sebring Club
 February 17, 2008 Youngstown MRRC
 March 23**, 2008 Don Bonk, Louisville
 April 20, 2008 Dan Williams, MMR -
 Sagamore Hills
 May 18, 2008 Bob Ashley, Sr., Akron
 June 8***, 2008 Bill Bigler, North Canton

* moved for MCR BOD Meeting

** Moved due to Kirtland Show.

***2nd Sunday due to Father's Day

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership stands at 100. Information from NMRA is usually 30 days behind, that is, the Division receives May info in June, June in July, etc. So if you don't see your name, it may be due to this.

RENEWALS:

May	June
Bob Ashely	Carl Boltz
Jim DiPaola	Eugene Clayton
Dan Williams	David Gould
	Samuel Itzoe
	Rick Muir

July

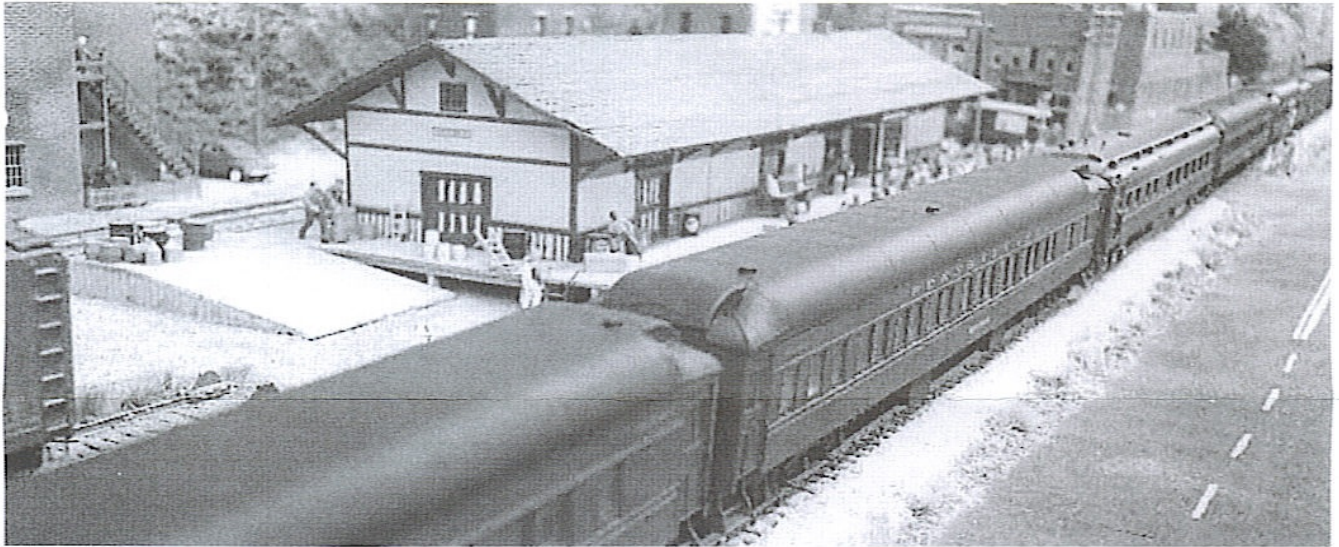
David Athman
 Michael Bradley
 Lewis Mines
 Ed Reagan
 Brett Reed
 Thomas Schlueter

NO new members were reported during these months.
We appreciate your support of the hobby.

C P L & G

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OPEN HOUSE 2007

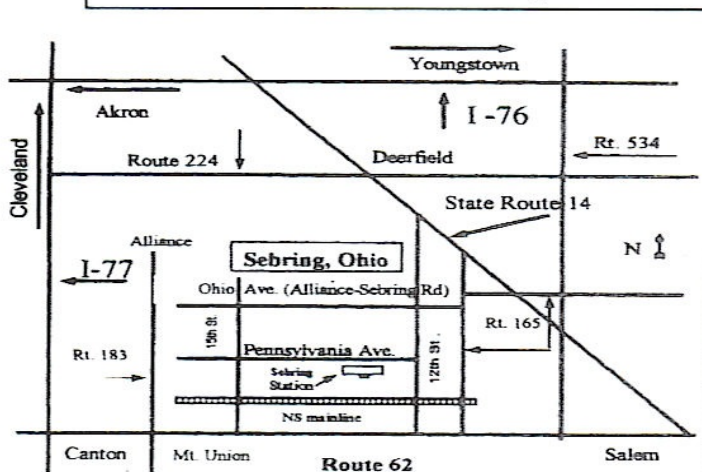
Donation is \$2.00 per adult. Children under 12 are admitted free.

As always, the last two weekends before Thanksgiving.

The 2007 dates are **November 10, 11, 17 & 18**

The 2007 hours are **10AM to 6PM** all four days.

Hope to see you here!



November is National Model Railroad Month. Come spend some quality time with us at our house in Sebring, Ohio. You will want to see what changes and additions have been made to our model railroad. See the mainline Railroad prototype action trackside while staying at a safe distance. Hear our model railroad locomotives equipped with sound so realistic that it is difficult to distinguish between ours and the real ones going by outside. We have snacks and drinks available for your pleasure and convenience.

Sebring Model Railroad Club ; Sebring Station ; 216 East Pennsylvania Ave. ; Sebring, OH 44672
For additional information call 330-506-1956. Visit us on the internet at www.sebringmodelrailroadclub.org

Division 1 Meeting Minutes
June 19, 2007
The home of JimDiPaola, Revenna, OH

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Superintendent David Hazlett. 12 members and guests were present. The minutes of May's meeting as printed in the *Peddler Freight* were approved. The Snyder collection so far has resulted in the division realizing \$308 from it's sale. Randy Dettmer is selling what remains on E-Bay for us. We have broken even this year with the subscriptions taken for the *Peddler Freight* and it's budgeted cost of \$735. The treasurers report was presented and accepted.

The Superintendent's Report is as follows:

Assistant Superintendent Ron Wigal was absent due to work. Division1 currently has 101 members. Regina Ashley, Bob's wife passed away on May 22nd. The Division passed on their condolences to Bob. Tom Babcox is a returning member. There are 29 members on our roster which is for internal use and is not published on-line. It is sent to the Secretary of the Region and the Kalmbach Memorial Library as are all NMRA publications. Column authors and presenters are always needed - see David if you would like to contribute. All nine (9) meeting dates for next year are filled. The last open meeting was in February and we will now be meeting in Youngstown.

Advertising rates for the *Peddler Freight* are:

Pike ads \$5.00 per year.
Business card size ads \$40 per year
Quarter page ads \$60 per year
Half page ads \$100 per year
Full page ads \$120 per year

The trip to Erie to see the GE Locomotive plant was put off until the year sfter next since there is no time to plan to do this for next October's meeting.

It was moved that Bob Ashley present a t September's meeting options for riding the CVSR for next May's meeting. After discussion it was seconded and passed.

On Saturday, July 14 Roundhouse Days will take place in Meadville, PA.

There will be an election in May, 2008 for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer. Each is limited to two consecutive terms two year terms. Bill Smith has to be replaced as Treasurer since he is currently in his second term. David will run again. He took over part of a term when Barney Gaskill passed away while in office. David said that he would run again for the office of Superintendent but needs help with meeting places and programs. It was suggested that we need a program chairman.

It was reported that Chuck Boyer OK after being in the hospital several times. He was not in attendance due to a family outing.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM.

After the meeting, the DiPaola's served refreshments and people viewd Jim's railroad.

Respectfully Submitted, Jim Williams, Chief Clerk

COMMON RAILROAD RADIO TERMS

Many of us are attending operating sessions. We use Walkie-Talkies to communicate with the dispatcher or the engineer of a train. On the real railroads, we use Two-way Radios, and hand signals when possible, to communicate with the dispatcher, conductor, engineer, brakeman and trainman. Because there are many ways to say something, it is helpful if we use the same terms, in order to minimize the chance of a misunderstood order. Here is a list of some of those terms commonly used in prototype railroad communications. Have fun.

GENERAL TERMS FOR GOOD RADIO ETIQUETTE.

ROGER Reply indication you understand and will comply with the last transmission.

OVER Said at the end of your transmission and means you expect a response. This is not used during continuous switching movements since it will slow you down.

OUT Said at the end of your transmission and means you have completed your transmission and do not expect a response.

Note: never use OVER and OUT together. OVER means “answer me” and OUT means “don’t answer me”.

CORRECTION Said after you make a mistake in a transmission.

REPEAT or SAY AGAIN Said when you do not understand the transmission.

HIGHBALL Conductors term to tell the Engineer to proceed to the next destination per the orders.

POINT The rear of the train. It must be protected by a Conductor or a Brakeman during a backup movement, whether on the train or standing in a safe position on the ground.

CONSIST The Locomotive(s), Cars and Caboose (when required) that make up a train.

TIE Coupling cars and locomotives together, i.e., “good tie 3016 (locomotive number)” after stretching the coupler to test the coupling.

CUT Uncoupling the cars or locomotive, i.e., “good cut 3016 (locomotive number)” after the cars have separated when uncoupling.

SAFETY Stopping the train short of coupling cars so adjustments can be made to align the couplers and check air hoses. Usually, this distance is a minimum of ten to fifty feet depending on the railroad.

‘B’ END The end of the car where the hand brake is located.

‘A’ END The end of the car where the hand brake (Ain’t) is not.

Bob Ashley, Sr.
CVSR Brakeman

(More to follow in later issues. Ed.)