

## MODULE GROUP

The Module Group is searching 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 next show for the HO and NTRAK Modules is a Division 1 cosponsored event with the Midwest Narrow Gauge Show. We will setup and operate Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 16, 17 and 18, 2017 at the old school building, Greenford Space Center, 7600 W. South Range Road, Salem, OH 44460, which is the same location as the Portland Locomotive Works, where we had our October meeting. We will setup the HO modules, at about noon Thursday. The NTRAK modules are covered elsewhere in this issue. **Please confirm to me that you will be there to help setup. We need extra help due to the limited time to setup. Carpooling might be an option.** Please stop by the layout, grab a throttle and help operate the layout.

The Module Group will set up and operate the HO modules, only, at the Toy Train and Model Railroad Flea Market, presented by the Youngstown Model Railroad Association, at the Salem Center Plex, 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH 44460 on Sunday, April 9, 2017. **We will setup the modules Saturday, April 8, 2017 at 1:00 PM.** There is a large side door at the end of the building where we will be located and will use a 8' X 100' space.

**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.

We are hoping that we can build a T-module and Outside curves to allow the operation of an unused loop, or, add a yard when connected to another group. *Hopefully, we will have more places to show next year. We are always looking for more venues and opportunities to show the modules. Please contact anyone of us below if you have a lead.*

We welcome everyone to use our throttles, engines and rolling stock, anytime we are operating. 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 looking for new ideas. 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.

NCE users must be aware that the newer CAB06 throttle, with dual knobs and display, will not work with older command stations that have not been upgraded. There is a new chip that replaces the original chip and is available for \$15.00 from NCE. This chip was supplied with the throttles when they were introduced for a limited time. It can be replaced in the field.

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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