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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The Hudson depot is gone. It is unfortunate that the preservation group couldn't save it. Just like sand slowly slipping through our fingers, the depot was demolished on August 30. Also this summer, we lost the Erie freight station in Akron. How many more structures and railroad icons have disappeared this year? We can't save them all.



On the other hand, we can preserve them. Not necessarily physically, but we can take pictures, video and make drawings of these items. Have you ever passed a structure or location that has always been there and think, I need to take a picture of this before it is gone. Next time, it could be gone for good. So my advice, take those pictures, videos and make those drawings. Tomorrow is not as forgiving as yesterday.

The 2014 National Convention in Cleveland will be here before you know it. Have you registered yet? Please register soon.

This month we are meeting at Don Bonk's in Louisville. See you there.

Randy Dettmer
Superintendent
Div 1 - MCR - NMRA

CONVENTION 2014

Deadlines for the convention are looming on the horizon. That being said, it is not too late to join in. If you have a layout you would like to share, just get in contact with me. Also, on behalf of the committee, we are very pleased at the response from the members in Division 1, 4 & 5 and beyond! We have already started organizing the structure on tours, but the overall structure is still in its infancy. Read: I need to update several data files to move forward. Thanks again for a great response.

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CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2013-2014

SEPTEMBER - HOUSE	OCTOBER - 40 ' BOX CAR or REEFER
NOVEMBER - WORK TRAIN	DECEMBER - NO CONTEST
JANUARY - ENGINE HOUSE	FEBRUARY - FLAT CAR W/LOAD
MARCH - 34' TO 42' COVERED HOPPER	
APRIL - INDUSTRIAL BUILDING (a photograph is allowed if the building cannot be transported)	
MAY - TANK CAR	JUNE - AWARDS CEREMONY

Clinic Report

I had invited a clinician for September's meeting, but he had to unfortunately decline. That being said, I will be sure to provide a clinic or clinician, still to be determined, for September. Additionally, I will be hard at work finding informative and entertaining clinicians for the remainder of our year. See you at the meeting and happy modeling.

Jim Peters, Clinician Chair

2013-2014 MEETINGS

September 15, 2013 Don Bonk
October 20, 2013 Zion Lutheran Church, Wooster
November 17, 2013 Whistle Stop Hobby Shop
December 7, 2013 Holiday Party - Puffer Belly
January 19, 2014 Bob Ashley, Jr. - Yacht Club
February 16, 2014 Youngstown Model RR Club
March 23, 2014 Sebring Model RR Club
April 27, 2014 Rob's Trains - Alliance
May 18, 2014 Mike Bradley - Ravenna
June 15, 2014 Jim DiPaola

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

At the June meeting a "Conflict of Interest Policy" was introduced. This policy will be voted on at the September meeting.

Article I – Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an office or director of the organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

This is only the first article of the proposed policy. The complete proposed policy is too large to be printed in the Peddler Freight. It can be found on our website.

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Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes
June 9, 2013
Hosts: Rich & Marilyn Ramskugler, Columbiana, Ohio

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:15 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Rich and Marilyn for hosting the meeting.
2. A motion to accept the May Minutes as printed in the Peddler Freight was made and seconded. The motion passed.
3. Chuck Boyer will give the Treasurer's report for May at the September meeting.
4. Membership: Larry Brown was not in attendance so there was no membership report.
5. Committee Reports:
 - a. Contest Awards for the 2012-2013 year:
 - Kit-bashed: Glen Yoder
 - Scratch-built: Jim Williams
 - Craftsman Kits: Don Deakins and Jim Williams
 - Standard Kit: Jim DiPaola
 - b. AP Chair: no report
 - c. Peddler Freight – David Hazlett reported that for the 2012-2013 year the total cost of publishing the Peddler Freight was \$880.87. Subscriptions, donations, and coupons covered \$665 of this cost; which left \$215.87 that the division had to pay for. It cost approximately \$113 to publish each issue. David had subscription forms for the 2013-2014 year and stated that if a member currently was signed-up for e-mail delivery, he or she would continue to receive it in this fashion. He estimated that we would spend about \$1,000 on publishing for the next year's issues.
 - d. Scale Update – It was reported that Testors is considering eliminating the Poly Scale and Floquil brands and would only be offering their Model Master line of paints. This would do away with specific railroad colors.
 - e. NMRA 2014 Cleveland Convention – no report
 - f. Modules – Bob Ashley, Sr. reported that the Supply Chain Manufacturers Association paid us \$200 for setting up our modules for two days at their May show in Akron. There still has been no joint meeting with divisions 4 and 5 on the setup for the 2014 convention. Bob reported that Bruce Hukill purchased the last N-scale module. Bob and Don Bonk want to setup and test out the N-scale modules before setting them up for the September meeting.
 - g. Apparel – Jim Williams reported that the Alliance EmbroidMe was sold by Wendy Blackburn to Paul Brestelli. Wendy will continue to do the artwork for the store.
6. Meetings:
 - a. July 27 – Division-4 picnic at the NEOLS railroad in Lester, Ohio
 - b. Volunteers stepped forward and now most of the meetings for next year have a host.
7. Old Business:
 - a. Division 501c3 tax exempt status: at the May meeting Randy read an amendment to the "Purpose for which corporation is formed" to our articles of incorporation. This amendment emphasized the group's education and charitable purposes. The amendment was voted on and passed. The division's federal tax exempt status has been approved and now we must apply to the State of Ohio for tax exemption. David Hazlett is the division's liaison for both federal and state communications. He then passes on the information to the current superintendent.
 - b. Web master: Jim DiPaola and Larry Brown still need to meet with Jeffery Jansen to determine what would be involved in taking over the site. Go-Daddy hosts our site and provides the development software.
8. New Business:
 - a. Randy had a three page conflict of interest statement to read. A motion was made to not read it. The motion was seconded and passed. The conflict of interest statement will be voted on at the September meeting.
 - b. Randy read the election by acclamation amendment for the first time. This amendment allowed for the election of an officer by acclamation if there was only one person running for the position. The amendment will be voted on in September.
 - c. It was suggested by Bob Ashley, Jr. that new officers at the June meeting before the year they take office transition with the old officers when we reach the new business part of the meeting. This was not voted on, but the group thought it was a good idea.

The meeting adjourned at 3:03 pm.
Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Williams, Clerk

MODULE GROUP

Welcome back to the world of model trains. I enjoyed the summer fun and break from the routine, however, module planning did not take a rest. Bruce Hukill and I built the last module from miscellaneous parts which were over runs. He intends to use it for NTRAK and hook up with Don Bonk's, Kurt Sanders', Bob Vensel's and my NTRAK modules at the September meeting at Don Bonk's home. The setup date is Saturday, 9-14-2013, at 9:30 AM. We will be operating using the Digitrax DCC system with the ability to use the Simplex and the Duplex radio versions. The Simplex uses the UR-91 receiver and the Duplex uses the UR-92 receiver. Both can be used at the same time. Non-radio versions can be used, also. Hopefully, we will not have any compatibility problems.

Divisions 1, 4 and 5 have had two joint meetings, for the NMRA 2014 Convention and National Train Show, to discuss making commitments to be able to join all our HO modules together and be able to run trains over the entire layout. The National Train Show is separate from the NMRA 2014 Convention. Those of you who want to operate the modules at the NTS will not have to pay to the NMRA 2014 Convention, any fees. It is a separate entity and not controlled by the NMRA. Operators will be allowed in free. Parking is the only charge, as far as I know. This info is subject to change and is the latest from Larry Madson. Divisions 1 and 4 have compatible modules, although, Division 5 is going to stick with their own design and use a transition module to connect with Divisions 1 and 4. Division 5 has no DCC capability, but, will have throttles and have some locomotives with decoders.

We have committed to show the modules at the Greater Wayne County Train & Toy Show on Sunday, November 10, 2013 and Sunday, March 23, 2014. The setups will be on Saturday, the day before the show. The time will be announced by email and in the "Peddler Freight". These shows will include the NTRAK and HO modules. We will setup and operate the HO modules in January at the regular division meeting. The setup will be announced later and this will be a one day event.

Patrick Wamsley, my grandson, is now a Student Member of Division 1 with full membership. He will finish the first "Ron Shoemaker" HO module. Lloyd Horst has the second module and will be adding scenery. We will use them at the upcoming displays. Please make an attempt to complete the scenery on all modules. Those of us who do not have completed modules "will" be allowed to participate at the NTS 2014 show.

Jim Williams still needs help building kits for buildings. This is a large job and should have a team effort. Contact me or Jim Williams if you are willing to help. Thanks to the efforts of Ed Tringhese, Jim DiPaola and Dave Maddon, we have a very large train station and hotel on the elevated level above the passenger yard and a scratch built icing facility. We received many compliments at the Dalton Show.

I am still looking for anyone interested in making a Z scale module, to go with mine, per Z Bend Track standards. Our module kits are suitable for this. Only the wiring is different. I hope be ready for the November Dalton train show. The show promoter has promised space.

I have purchased a Digitrax UR-92 receiver and a DT402D throttle. We tested it at the CV&T, below The Whistle Stop, and it works great. It eliminates having to plug in to select a locomotive or consist. The use of cell phone boosters, inside the Dalton Buckeye Event Center, totally wiped out our Digitrax UR91 simplex radio receivers. We had to use tethered throttles. After talking to Dave at Digitrax Technical department, we will be using the new UR92 duplex radio receivers and the new UT4D and DT402D throttles. They are not affected by cell phones or any other DCC system. They use 2.4 gigahertz technology which seeks out an unused frequency. This is similar to cordless phones. He claims it is bulletproof at the shows where they have tested extensively. Users of the DT400R throttles can have their throttles converted, at Digitrax, for \$65.00 and the UT4R throttles for \$50.00. We will still use the UR91 simplex receiver at shows that do not have interference and it will be daisy chained with the UR92 receiver so the new throttles will also work. We had two "wide open" runaway trains at the John S. Knight center. Digitrax has had this problem if a "certain" button sticks on the duplex throttle. We will be watching for this in the future.

We still we need more UTP's on the front of the modules. When we use Digitrax, don't forget to use your batteries to power your throttle. We can not rely on the power from the UTP. Never use a NCE coiled cable with the Digitrax due to NCE using four wires, only. Digitrax uses six wires. Look at the wires in the connectors to see the number of wires.

The "Module Group" logo is available through Jim Williams for \$6.00 and can be added to your shirts. Please have this done before the upcoming displays. Thanks to all who have already done this.

The Division portion of the 50-50 raffle is placed in the module fund. THANK YOU!! Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. We also receive \$100.00 for our display at the Dalton shows. Your help in funding the Module Group is appreciated. We hope to add a DCC system with this money.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com

Train Shows and Open Houses – September thru October

Fostoria Rail Festival – September 28, 2013 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Fostoria Middle School, 1202 HL Ford Dr, Fostoria, OH Admission \$3, children Under 12 free

Firelands Extravaganza – September 29 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Erie County Fair Grounds, 3110 Columbus Ave, Sandusky, OH Admission \$5, children 18 & under free

Carnival of Model Trains – October 5 & 6 – 10 AM – 5 PM

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, 164 Eastland Road, Berea, OH Admission \$7.50, under 16 free with adult

Model Train Show – October 20 – 10 AM – 3 PM

German's Villa, 3330 Liberty Ave, Vermilion, OH Admission \$4, children 9 and under free

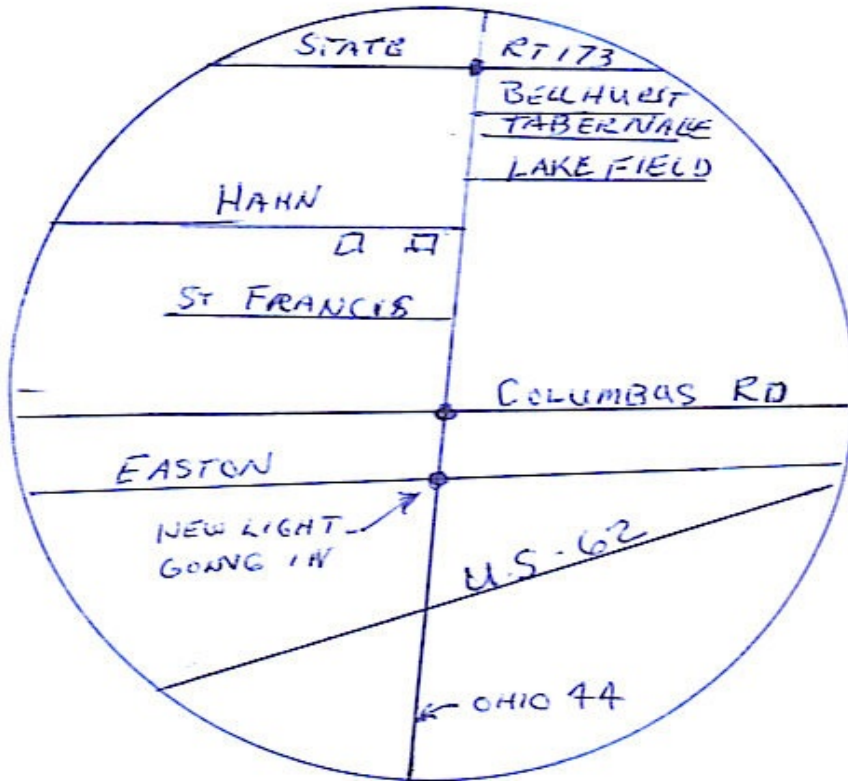
Old Eli's Train & Toy Show – October 26 – 10 AM – 4 PM

2772 Simons Dr NW, Sugarcreek, OH Admission \$3, children under 12 free

Medina Model Railroad & Toy Show – October 27 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Medina County Community Center, Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, OH Admission \$6, children under 12 free

THIS MONTH'S MEETING is on Sunday, September 15 at Don Bonk's in Louisville



Don & Carol Bonk will host our September 15 meeting at 7354 Hahn Street Louisville, OH 44641.

They will provide food & drink. Extra chairs would be appreciated.

The meeting will start at 2 pm.

FROM THE PEDDLER FREIGHT EDITOR

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N-SCALE NEWS

1973 to 2013, N-TRAK Celebrates 40 Years of Modeling. Because of N-TRAK standards, modules build in 1973 can be operated with modules build in 2013 with the only addition being an electrical plug adaptor.

Originally Known as OOO scale in England, what is now referred to N Scale (160/1, 9mm gauge) really made it internationally with the Postage Stamp trains build by Rapido Arnold and marketed by Revell about 1964. Marklin Z Scale showed up in 1972 and Nn3 (6.4mm gauge) was born in California. By 1973 the N-Scale modular railroading concept which included Nn3 was to be showcased at NMRA's 1974 National Convention in July. The cover of the February NMRA Bulletin featured a photo of a module that could be seen at the San Diego convention. At the San Diego convention the first complete N-TRAK layout comprised of 25 modules and covered a space 12'x 72'. Fifteen modules were by supplied by clubs in California, Arizona and Illinois with the remaining modules provided by individuals from as far away as Maryland and Vancouver, Canada.

N-TRAK came east at the NMRA's "Rails Alive 75" in Dayton, Ohio. A large layout was setup that included some European modules and a scratch build diesel locomotive named the "Cotton Brute" moved 200+ cars around the layout.

To date the largest N-TRAK layout was assembled at the "Derby City Express" in 2008 at Louisville, KY. Seven hundred and two United States and Canadian modules covered a 200'x 250' area which allowed 93 trains to operate over a 116 scale mile main line.

In November at the Dalton show Division 1 will become part of N-TRAK history with its first layout. Checkout of N-TRAK modules will be at the Division 1 September meeting.

A very detailed history with pictures of N-TRAK is contained in its July Newsletter.

Don Bonk

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