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## Superintendents Message

Another Memorial Day has passed. If you have served, thank you. This also means that there is one more meeting before our summer break. Have you been considering having a meeting at your house? If you are interested, we have meeting dates open for 2011-2012. Please contact me.

Day out with Thomas was fun. I was able to be there for half of Saturday on the first day and the whole day on Friday on the second weekend. It is encouraging to see so many interested and excited children. There were several children that didn't want to leave. Some day, these may be fellow NMRA members. We did pass out membership information to several candidates. We will see what develops.

Finally, I must announce that this will be Bill Smith's last Peddler Freight. He has been our Editor since May 2002. I would like to thank Bill for his dependable service over the past several years. We also have a volunteer to replace Bill. David Hazlett will pick up the Editor's visor and begin his work as Editor starting with our September issue.

If I don't get to see you at our next meeting, have a great summer.

Randy Dettmer  
Superintendent  
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## June Meeting

June 12 - Randy Dettmer - Hudson

## MODULE REPORT

JUNE 2011

The Module Group has its first show under its belt and the CVSR **Day out with Thomas** event was a great place to start. We met with Divisions 4 and 5 at Boston Mills Ski Resort and immediately went to work setting up the Division 1 left end modules, Bob Ashley, Jr.'s two modules and my module

We used the short legs supplied by Larry Madson, Div. 4 and used 6" x 6" x 3/4" plywood shims under the legs. The parking lot slopes about 12" and Div. 4 had to use the long legs near their end. We hooked the wiring together and had trains running in four hours. Div. 4 supplied the NCE DCC power. The layout measured about 24' x 60' assembled and was about 30" high at our end and 42" high at the Div. 4 end.

The children were able to see everything because we had folding chairs that allowed them to stand up, with their parents help, and see everything at the high end. We found out quickly that the rope crowd barrier did little to deter kids from going under and reaching out to touch something. I said many times to the parents that "Kids have hands faster than a Praying Mantis".

David Hazlett loaned us two NCE throttles and I had two for a total of four throttles. Kurt and Karen Sanders, Chuck Boyer, Jim Williams, Bob Ashley, Jr., Joe Urbanski, Randy Dettmer, Jim Peters, Larry Brown, Ron Shoemaker, myself, and everyone who came, helped setup and run the trains. We had as many as ten trains operating at the same time and had many rear end crashes. There seems to be a problem with distractions and you forget where your train is or simply forgot you were running a train. "It must be old age". Hearing someone yell out "Bill, Bob, Jim, Doug, Larry (add your name), stop your train" was a common occurrence. However, there was no damage, but, there were many laughs.

We had the best fun working with each other and proved that interdivision activities are good. The NMRA information table was manned by Divisions 1, 4 and 5 with three or more people there most of the time. Larry Brown, Randy Dettmer, Jim Peters and Joe Urbanski all helped to promote

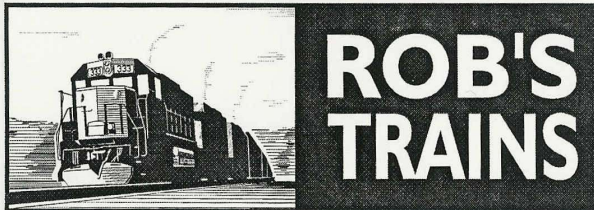
membership, answered hundreds of questions and handed out NMRA and Division info and Train Show flyers. We used our Division maps and photo album to show our boundaries and the module activities. It also provided a way work together and get to know who we are.

We had a good workout with the design of the layout and will make some minor adjustments in the track and wiring to improve the flow of the trains. Since we did not have all the turnouts and the curved crossing in place, we still provided a good operating scenario which the Div. 4 members found to be very good. Our larger radii, double loop and passing siding proved to be a big hit. Our #3 local track was in constant use. Bob's sidings and spurs and the spurs on the end module were also in constant use by everyone. One fellow from Div. 4 worked Bob's modules for an hour just moving cars around.

I put Z scale decoders in "Thomas", "James" and "Emily" just for this event. The kids went crazy trying to follow them around the layout. There were many screams of delight. I called "Emily" "Annie" by mistake and was immediately corrected by a four year old. There were as many girls as there were boys, which proves, girls love trains, too. The CVSR has many women as Trainmen on the coaches. Is this an untapped market for members?

Our thanks go to Doug Moore, CVSR Project Coordinator, Scott Benson, Division 4 Module Group Coordinator, Dennis Whitaker, Div 4 Co-chairman of Membership and Larry Madson, Div 4 Trustee at Large for inviting us to this event. My thanks go to all the Division 1 members who helped make this event a success. It was wonderful. Anyone who wants to work with the Module Group or own a module, please call or e-mail me. We will be starting to make more modules and wiring kits in June, July and August.

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## ROB'S TRAINS UPDATE

As you know Rob's Trains suffered a fire earlier in the year. I stopped in last week and talked to Nils. Work is progressing on the store. Electrical work is done and drywall is going up. Nils hopes to be back in the store by mid-July.

Nils currently has a trailer in the parking lot back of the store serving as the store. He is keeping the same store hours. I plan to return to the new store in late July and I hope you do the same.

David Hazlett

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## MAY 2011 CONTEST RESULTS AND FINAL STANDINGS

The May Contest was Cabooses.

### CONTEST WINNERS MAY:

**Kit-Built** : Bill Hewitt - 1<sup>st</sup> place - 3 pts  
Bill Hewitt - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 2 pts  
Jim DiPaola - 3<sup>rd</sup> place 1 pt

**Kit-Bashed** : Chuck Boyer - 1<sup>st</sup> place - 3 pts  
Bob Ashley, Sr. - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 2  
pts  
Bill Hewitt - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 1 pt

**Scratch-Built**: Don Deakins - 1 pt

### FINAL STANDINGS:

**Scratch-Built**: Larry Brown - 2 pts  
Don Deakins - 1 pt

**Kit-Bashed**: Chuck Boyer - 19.5 pts  
Don Deakins - 11.5 pts  
Bill Hewitt - 4 pts.  
Bob Ashley, Sr. -3 pts  
Bob Ashley, Jr. - 2 pts  
Don Bonk - 2 pts  
Glenn Yoder - 2pts  
Larry Brown - 1 pt

**Kit-Built**: Bill Hewitt - 11 pts  
Don Deakins - 8 pts  
Bob Ashley, Sr. - 4 pts  
Larry Brown - 3 pts  
Jim DiPaola -2 pts  
Jim Williams - 2 pts  
Bill Bigler - 1pt

Chuck Boyer Don Deakins David Hazlett

## Editor Resigns

It has been a great experience for me to associate with so many outstanding members of our Division and the NMRA.

I have been editor of the "Peddler Freight" since May of 2002. While I have enjoyed being Editor, all good things must come to an end. My eyesight is failing and a few other health problems make it difficult to continue. This is my last issue as Editor.

The "job" as Editor as I have completed the task is as follows: 1. Assemble emails and hand written articles in to word processing software, 2. Receive the membership list from the Membership Chairman and update the mailing list, 3. Print labels, 4. Have copies run at Staples, 5. Go to post Office and buy postage, 6. Fold and scotch tape printed copies, 7. Apply labels, 8. Apply postage, 9. Deliver to post office.

How much time will it take?

Item 1. 4 hours, Item 2. 30 minutes, Item 3. 5 minutes,

Item 6. 1 hour, Item 7 & 8. 1.5 hours. **In total about 7 hours. Mostly over two or three days.** Not bad.

As Editor I have set the schedule of when articles are due to me, when it will be printed and when each issue will be mailed.

But it's time for a new Editor, new ideas, new software, and new computer skills.

I hope a member will step forward to fulfill this task with new energy and skills.

Thank You.

Bill Smith, (Immediate Past Editor)  
Division 1



## Clinic Report

If you have been thinking about coming to a meeting and have been putting it off, you are really missing out. Last month we enjoyed Chuck Boyer's discussion on signals. Next month we will hear our illustrious Super (aka Randy Dettmer) share some ideas about covered hoppers. So, c'mon out and enjoy the fun!

Jim Peters, Clinic Chair  
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# DIVISION 1 CONTEST

## Information Sheet for Models

Please Print

For Division 1 use.

For each category of the Contest below, please provide information about your modeling efforts as it relates to that category and your model. This is an opportunity to explain and expand on your model and tell us what all you have done.

*Please check one.*

**TYPE:**      Scratch-Built      Kit-Bashed      Craftsman Kit      Standard Kit

**CONSTRUCTION:**

*Please check all that apply.*

Wood      Plastic      Combination of different materials  
 Drew own plans      Used plans      Cut & fit materials      Made molds

*Please list any additional information that you would like us to know about constructing this model.*

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**DETAILING:**

*Please check all that apply.*

Added extra details      Made own details      Over three extra details added  
 Changed trucks/wheels      Changed couplers

*Please list any additional information that we should know about what you did to detail this model.*

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**FINISH AND LETTERING:**

*Please check all that apply.*

Weathered      Non-weathered      Spray painted      Brush painted  
 Put on decals      Photo reduction      Photo etching

*Please list any additional information that we should know about what you did to enhance the finish and lettering of this model.*

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## NEW RULES FOR THE DIVISION 1 CONTEST

Starting in September 2011, the Contest Committee has added a new category and an Information Sheet to the contest.

This new Information Sheet was presented to the members attending the May meeting. The only question asked was concerning RTR models. Since the newer RTR models are very detailed (in many cases) it was asked if there would be a category for those. There will not be a category for the RTR models. RTR models could be used as a basis for entries in the Kit-Bashed category.

While kits are not as available as they once were, we are keeping the Kit-Built category which is now called Standard Kit. We have kept the Scratch-Built and Kit-Bashed categories and have added another category called Craftsman Kit.

The Information Sheet will need to be filled out and submitted with each model entered. This will allow the model builder to indicate what he has done to the model.

The Information Sheet will be available on the website. One has been included in this issue of the Peddler Freight to get you started. You are encouraged to copy it as needed.

The Contest will still be a popular vote contest with points awarded as per the current contest.

The Contest/AP Committee

## MODEL CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2011-2012

September - M of W Crane	October - Business Car	November - Work Train
January - Covered Hopper	February - Scale Car	March - Station
April - Line Side Structure	May - Steam Locomotive	



## **Train Shows and Open Houses –June thru August 2011**

### **NMRA Division 6 MCR -All Day Train Fest – June 11 – 8AM – ?**

Marion Union Station, 532 W Center St, Marion, OH  
An all day event with clinics, flea market and train watching!

### **Annual Dennison Railroad Festival – June 15-19**

Dennison Railroad Museum, 400 Center St, Dennison, OH  
For details see web site at [www.dennisondepot.org](http://www.dennisondepot.org)

### **NMRA National Convention – Sacramento, Ca - July 3 – 9**

For details see web site at [www.x2011west.org](http://www.x2011west.org)

### **C&O Historical Society Conference & Modelers Symposium – Aug 3 – 7**

This year, the convention is being held in Cincinnati, OH.  
For details see web site at [www.cohs.org](http://www.cohs.org)

### **Orrville Railroad Days – Aug 12 & 13**

Orrville Union Station, Orrville, OH  
For details see web site at [www.orrvillerrailroad.com](http://www.orrvillerrailroad.com)

### **Northeastern Ohio Railroad & Transportation Artifact Show & Sale- Aug 21 - 9AM-3PM**

McMenamy's Banquet Center, 325 Youngstown-Warren Rd, Niles, OH

## **June Meeting begins at 2 PM**

Randy Dettmer is at 290 West Prospect Street in Hudson, OH 44236-2240 and will host our June 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at 2 PM. *Randy indicated he would provide beverages and cookies.*

From I-80 take exit #180, Route 8. Go north on Route 8 to Hines Hill Rd. Follow the directions below:

From Route 8, go **EAST on Hines Hill Road** and cross the railroad tracks. **West Prospect is on the right.** Follow West Prospect to the first house on the right, *immediately past the electrical sub station.*

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