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Superintendent's Bulletin



September is here signaling summer will soon be over and a shift from outdoor activities to mostly indoor activities. For us Model Railroaders this is the time to get back to the basement and the hobby we enjoy. It's time to start new projects and finish others that have been sitting on the work bench. This is also time to renew the fellowships with one another. With this month there will also be changes to our format at our monthly meetings. MNRA President Charlie Getz would like our meetings to now be known as events (see the May 2015 NMRA Magazine for President Getz's comments). So, with this issue of the Peddler Freight our Meetings will now be called Events. A new addition to our monthly event will be a Bring-N-Brag session. Bring a model you are working on or have completed and tell the members about it. We will still have our regular themed model contest so check the contest list and come up with an entry. We are on track to have short business meetings and follow with a clinic to help your modeling efforts. There may even be a hands on clinic or two down the road.

Division 1 is very well organized, is financially solvent, has an active module group, a well maintained web site and is selling the Jaite kits and the AC&Y box car. A big thank you to Randy Dettmer, past Superintendent; Jim Peters, past Assistant Superintendent; Mike Bradley, Treasurer, David Hazlett, past Contest Chairman and Peddler Freight Editor; Steve Zapytowski, Webmaster; Larry Brown, Membership Chairman; Matt Woods; Don Bonk; Bob Ashley Sr, Module Chairman and Bob Ashley Jr., Flea Market Chairman.

We also have members that won awards in various contests at the 2016 NMRA Nation Convention in Indianapolis this past July. Congratulations to Steve Zapytowski, Kurt Sanders and the Module Group. Check out the Division 1 website for photos.

With this month also comes the sad news that another brick and mortar hobby shop will be closing. Caboose Hobbies in Denver, Colorado will be closing September 25, 2016. The owner is making arrangements with another hobby shop to handle standing orders that customers have with Caboose Hobbies. That announcement will be forth coming. We are very fortunate to have a brick and mortar hobby shop in our Division; Rob's Trains in Alliance, OH. Check their ad in the Peddler Freight for store hours. Stop in and visit with Nils the store owner.

I would like to personally thank all Division 1 members for your support in selecting me to be your Superintendent for the next two years. We will have a fun time together. See you at the September Event.

Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Div 1

New Announcements

Division 1 is starting a Bring-N-Brag with the September 18 meeting. All members are welcome to bring a model they've built or are working on presently. They should be able to give a short (5 minutes or less) talk to describe their item or project.

Members may also place a "Help Wanted" ad in the Peddler Freight. Need help with wiring, water or weathering that new loco? Someone in the division might be able and willing to help you out.

Clinic Report

Be prepared! Bring tools, parts and glue!

I am currently escaping the August heat and thinking cool thoughts for our upcoming clinics: Hands-on! I am borrowing from the concept behind Modeling with the Masters and wishing to apply it to our clinics. In September, Sam Eisele will be presenting his HANDS-ON clinic Modeling Industrial Interiors! What an excellent opportunity to actively participate and learn or share what you know with the division. Although you can add what you wish to the list below based on your own experience, Sam recommends bringing the following:

Tools: Sprue cutters, nippers

Materials: Leftover parts from kits, copy machine cartridges, ink cartridges (empty of course)

Adhesives: Rubber cement

Ideas: You might want to think about the type of interior ahead of time.

I have been coordinating with Matt Woods to see if we can add what we start in September's clinic to the contest for October. More details and hopefully fun to come!

*September: Industrial Interiors (from your junk box) by Sam Eisele

*October: Garage Kit by Gary Kohler

*November: Module Building by Bob Ashley, Sr.

*Hands-on Clinic: Please bring tools and parts to join in on the fun!

Jim Peters
Clinician Chair

2016 - 2017 Division 1 Meetings

September 18 - Bob Ashley Jr. - Green

October 16 - Portland Locomotive Works

November - TBA

December 3 - Holiday Banquet, Pufferbelly Rest., 12 Noon

January - TBA

February - TBA

March 19- TBA

April 23 - Rob's Trains

May 21 - Mike Bradley

June 18 - Jim DiPaola

2016 - 2017 Contest Topics

September - Flat car with load

October - Freight or passenger depots

November - Wood-chip cars

December - No contest at Christmas Banquet

January - Snow fighting equipment

February - I got this at the flea market an this is what I did with it

March - Large (45+ feet) billboard covered hopper car

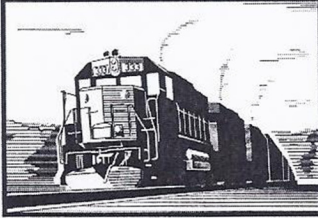
April - Servicing facilities - steam or diesel

May - Passenger or business car

June - Contest Awards

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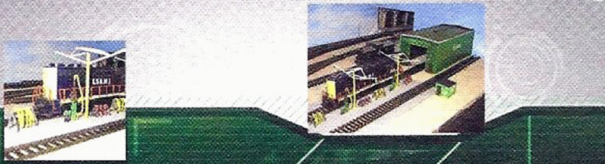
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Western Oregon Circa 1900 to 1910 — HO and HO_NS

Achievement Program

Just a reminder that I serve the division as the AP chair. If you have any questions, please contact me. Thanks,

Jim Peters, AP Chair

Layout Tours

The Second Annual Layout Tour is tentatively scheduled in March, 2017.
Thanks,

Jim Peters, Layout Tour Chair



NMRA National Convention News

Highball to Indy - The 2016 NMRA Convention was held in Indianapolis, July 3 - 10, with the National Train Show exhibition taking place Friday through Sunday. Both Div. 1 module groups were represented in large HO and NTrak modular exhibits. The HO group shared the first place award for modular layouts with MCR Div. 4 and Hub Div. 2 from Boston. (see related article on page 4) Kurt Sanders and Steve Zapytowski also took home awards in photography and scratchbuilt structures. Both of these superb artists also took multiple awards at the MCR regional convention in Columbus back in April.

The following images exhibit some of the happenings experienced during the 2016 National Train Show in Indianapolis. Next year's convention and train show will be in Orlando, FL, July 30 - August 6.



(far left) Inspiration - A detailed interior scene in N scale!

(left) How better to spread the fun of model trains than to let a little one become an engineer for a few minutes.



Don Bonk watches as a representative from PanPastel begins to weather the James T. Kirk Airfield runway on the new junction module unveiled at the National Train Show.



Judy and Don Avila reunited with friend David L. George at the Golden Blackhawk & Central City Z scale display.

Module Report

The HO and NTRAK module groups participated in the 2016 National Train Show in Indianapolis, IN from July 6 - 10, 2016. The coverage for the NTRAK group is in Don Bonk's report. The HO group included AC&Y Division 1 MCR, North Coast Division 4 MCR and Hub Division 2 NER (Boston). We had over 90 modules including 2 multi-track crossings, manned by tower operators, and several end modules. Division 1 had one inside corner, 12 straight modules, 1 fiddle yard and the 3 industrial end modules. We tested our trailer for this long haul and the 4 carts to load the trailer. Everything worked as planned except we need to protect the models better. The road vibrations and bumps can cause some rearranging of the details. Everyone who had a trailer said that, "We need a bigger trailer!!" My thanks go to Jim Williams, Bob Ashley, Jr., Lloyd Horst, Glen Yoder and many other members of the other divisions that helped setup, operate and load the trailer again. The best part, we won the First Place Module Award. (left)



Jim Williams, Bob Ashley, Jr. and Bob Ashley, Sr. proudly display the First Place Module Award they shared with Div. 4 and Boston Hub Div. 2.

We made several improvements to the modules before leaving for the NTS and the new curved turnout and double slip switch, on Bob's module, solved the problems. I had a new module to extend the coal yard, bringing my total to 7 modules. I intend to build 2 more modules to add to the Mack Concrete and Osborne Sand & Gravel scene and add an operational wood chip unloading facility.

As before at NTS 2014, we used our new Digitrax DCC system to test our section before joining to the NCE system used on the entire layout. This saved much time since no one else could operate due to problems with the marriage of the other divisions NCE wiring involving active signaling. As before, in convention centers, the NCE System will not operate on radio due to the limit of 1 frequency. Our Digitrax system operated on multi-frequency radio with no interference. The use of the smart phones with a modem and a computer did not work, either. We had to operate tethered using a plug in cord and move along with our consist plugging in each time

we needed to address the locomotive. Sometimes the UTP panels were over 20 feet apart and you had to find your way through a heavy crowd. This offers good exercise.

We are looking for new venues and locations to set up and operate the modules. Please ask anyone who wants a module display to call me or anyone below. There is a slim chance that we can participate at the Berea show in October. We have not confirmed that at this time.

We are hoping that we can build a t-module to include the left end passenger loops, when forced to use the one end only, or, a yard. Dave Madden needs to finish his yard by then. We will be adding more scenery to our existing modules, also. Hopefully, we will have a place to show by next March.

We welcome everyone to use our throttles, engines and rolling stock. 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.

We will have a Module assembly clinic at the November meeting. We will actually assemble a module kit so you can see all the parts and wiring.

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.

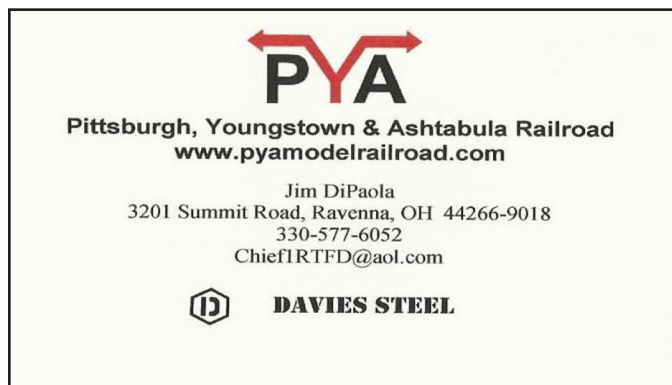
Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com HO, N & Z scales
Jim Williams, Asst. Module Chairman, 330-966-5477 or jamestwilliams46@yahoo.com HO & N scales
Don Bonk, NTRAK, 330-418-6860 or donaldbonk@gmail.com N scale

- I. **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Larry Brown for hosting the meeting. This is the meeting for the Contest Awards.
- II. **Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 2016 minutes as printed in the June 2016 Peddler Freight. The motion passed.
- III. **Treasurer:** Report given by Treasurer Mike Bradley. Balances in the CD and checking account, income and expenses were presented to the membership A motion was made and seconded to accept June 2016 Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion passed.
- IV. **Membership:** We currently have 101 members in Division One.
- V. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Clinics** –
 - B. **AP** – Members encouraged to work on their Golden Spike and AP certificates.
 - C. **Peddler Freight** – Bruce Hukill is now doing 95% of the work and will be doing 100% with the September 2016 issue. There will be a \$497.00 carryover to fund the 2016-2017 Peddler Freight.
 - D. **Scale Update** – No report.
 - E. **Modules** – The module group will be participating at the National Train Show in during the NMRA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN. in July 2016. The module group is looking for new locations to set up modules. There is no show this fall in Dalton as a new event center is being built.
 - F. **Web Site** – Our website is up and running. <http://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/>. Steve Zapytowski is managing the web page. If you want photos of your layout added to the web site please see Steve.
 - G. **Apparel** – See Jim Williams if you have any questions or need to order. Jim displayed several shirts and jacket styles that are available.
 - H. **Other Events** – July 3 – 10, 2016: NMRA National Convention – Indianapolis, IN
- VI. **Division 1 Meetings and Events:**
 - A. November 6, 2016. Division 1 Flea Market. Akron Yacht Club. New start time: doors open at 10 am. Contact Bob Ashley, Jr. for tables. Table cost is \$15.00 each.
 - B. December 3, 2016. Annual Division 1 Christmas Lunch at the Pufferbelly Restaurant in Kent, Ohio at 12 Noon.
 - C. Working on 2016 - 2017 meeting locations.
- VII. **Old Business:**
 - A. Project 1 Update. The Jaite Station & Freight House.
 - B. Project 2 Update. The N scale AC&Y box car.
- VIII. **New Business:**
 - A. Discussed the modification of our Division Bylaws to specify the month of July when new officers officially take office.
 - B. Discussed the possibility of hosting the 2018 MCR Regional Convention. Committee to be formed.
 - C. Outgoing Superintendent Randy Dettmer spoke to the Division.
 - D. Incoming Superintendent Jim DiPaola spoke to the Division.

Twenty-three (23) people attended the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.
The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim DiPaola, Clerk



N SCALE NEWS

New Junction Module - The N-scale layout at the NMRA National Convention and Train Show contained 255 N-TRAK modules. Thirteen modules were supplied by the N-Scalers of Division One's module group. Central Indiana NTRAK hosted this large layout. CITRAK planned the overall layout so Division One NTRAK could have its own pit (self contained loop) at one end of the layout. Connecting the Division One pit to the other 212 modules required that a 61" by 36" left hand junction module based on NTRAK specifications be fabricated. The junction module allowed trains to travel around all 254 modules or for independent operation around the Div. 1 pit. Running the 15 scale mile Red Line through all the modules took about 1-1/4 hours. The new junction module contains 3 separate areas; the James T. Kirk airfield, the center junction tower and a farm section. "Nightmare Junction" is the name we gave this new module due to difficulties encountered during assembly with faulty Suitcase connectors. Based upon our experience at the National Show we have a junction module that allows Div. 1 to connect to other groups or expand our operation out on a oNeTRAK or BEND TRAK spur at future events. A planned addition of a second reversing leg and scenery will be completed.

Awards - In case you missed it Div. 1 members N-Scaler, Kurt Sanders and HO expert, Steve Zapytowski received 3 awards in photography and 2 scratch built buildings respectively at the National Convention. If we could just get Steve to convert to "N" we might get some operating Climax engines. Also, kudos to the HO modular group which was part of the first place modular award.

Broadway Limited Sound Cars - Last season we reported on the availability of both N and HO cattle, pig and mule sound cars from Broadway Limited. An "N" cattle car was purchased for use at the National Train Show, but as usual Broadway failed in the area of timely delivery. Forgetting the late delivery, the car's sound function and quality is excellent on the factory default settings. Visually the car suffers from the fact that it must basically be a box car acting as sound box around the speaker. The exterior of this car is textured to look like the planks of cattle car, but it leaves something to be desired. The rivet counters will definitely be extremely critical. Regardless, the kids of all ages will love this noisy addition to your freight train.

Pennsylvania N-Scale Weekend - was held in Altoona the weekend of August 20. Again it appears to have been a success, even after the move from Bedford this year. Hopefully the vendor who had the Div.1 ACY cars and "N" stations available for sale was successful.

Why not a Pulp and Paper Mill Part 3 - Why build a Pulp and Paper mill? Because of the many incoming and outgoing loads. First and foremost are the incoming pulp wood logs and lots of them (see photo). To convert wood into Kraft mill pulp you would have covered hoppers or box cars, hop-



pers, and tank car loads of sodium sulfate, limestone, coal, chlorine and/or hydrogen peroxide and oxygen. From the conversion process you would have tankcar loads of turpentine liquids, tall oil (sulfide oils) and box cars or covered cars of excess bleached or unbleached pulp. Most of the pulp produced will be sent to the paper machine(s) where it will be pressed and dried to make paper products from tissue to single sheet cardboard. Some mills make a single product; like newspaper or milk cartons stock. The mill in this series of articles made over 400 different paper products; asphalt laminates, decorated and or embossed papers, plastic and wax coated papers, glassine (transparent) papers, coated - laminates, bags and finally cardboard boxes. The multiple products will need incoming loads of asphalt, inks, paint, films, waxes, glues, aluminum foil, etc... Outgoing cars are needed for each of the different products. This is a lot of rail traffic. (continued next issue)

Rambings - Remember the NMRA is based upon conventions, conventions and conventions. It appears that London, UK NMRA National Convention will occur in 2022. If you thought the Geneva regional or Indianapolis was expensive, hold on to your wallets.

No wonder we have fewer members, especially the younger people with college debt themselves or that being generated by their kids.

Don Bonk, NTrak Modules Chair

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THIS MONTH'S MEETING
Sunday, Sept. 18, 2016
Robert Ashley, Jr.
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2 PM

The meeting will be hosted by Bob Ashley, Jr. The meeting will begin at 2 PM. Come early and view the layout. Food and drink will be provided. If you bring something, desserts are welcome.

From I-77: Exit 120, Arlington Road. South on Arlington Road. Turn right (west) at Moore Road traffic light. First light past Wendys. Left on Shikellamy. Bob's house is the first on the right.

From I-277/Rt. 224: Exit 3, Main St. South (right) on Main St. Approximately 3 miles, turn left (east) at Moore Road. Right on Shikellamy. Bob's house is the first on the right.

There will be a flea market at this meeting.

Train Shows and Open Houses – June thru September

Firelands Model Train & Toy Extravaganza
September 17

Richland County Fair Grounds, 750 N. Home Road
Mansfield, OH
Admission \$5, children 18 and under free

Fostoria Rail Festival – September 24

Fostoria Jr./Sr. High School, 1001 Park Ave., Fostoria, OH
Admission \$4, 10 AM - 4 PM

Great Berea Train Show – October 1 - 2

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds, 164 Eastland Road
Admission \$7.50 – Sat. 10 AM - 5 PM, Sun. 11 AM - 4 PM

Railfanning Day at Painesville Depot - October 15

Located adjacent to CSX tracks, 10 AM - 5 PM



The guard was changed at the June meeting. New asst. supt. Steve Zapytowski, (l-r) new superintendent Jim DiPaola, outgoing Peddler Freight editor David Hazlett, outgoing supt. Randy Dettmer and outgoing asst. supt. Jim Peters.

Old Eli's Train & Toy Show - October 29

Valley View Church, 2772 Simons Drive NW, Sugarcreek
Admission \$4, 10 AM - 4 PM

Medina Toy and Train Show - October 30

Medina County Fairgrounds
Admission \$4, 10 AM - 4 PM

Model TRAINING Day - November 6

Black River Landing & Transportation Center
421 Black River Lane, under the bridge
Admission FREE, 11 AM - 4 PM
Info: <http://www.div4trainingday.org>

Wanted

Kadee Quickie Control Panel

These are the push buttons that are long and silver, have a brass nail-like fitting on the bottom, are held in place by a white plastic ring, have a copper angled piece for one wire contact and have plastic buttons in orange, red or green that push into the top. If you have some you want to sell, contact David Hazlett at: dhazlett1@neo.rr.com

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I really would love someone to come over and help me get started with my first river! Thank you,

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