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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope you have made you list and saved your money. Train show season is here! I usually have a standing wish list I keep on my iPhone. My list has generic and specific items. I have a few hard to find items with the part number listed such as Cal scale 190-448 EMD steps. On the other hand, I have a few items listed generically such as an Erie or NYS&W panel hopper. In addition, this list serves two purposes. First, for train shows and secondly if I happen upon a hobby shop during my travels, I can check them for any items on my list. You never know what you may find when you are away from your normal area. Once I was in Sacramento and stumbled upon a hobby shop with several EL cabooses they were desperate to get rid of. I obliged! Next question is how to get them home. Take them to the post office, UPS or FedEx store. They are more than willing to help if you don't have room for them in your baggage.



As a reminder, we are updating the Division Roster. Let Larry Brown or me know of any updated information. Thank you to those folks who filled out the list last month. October will be the last month to get your name on the Division Roster. We will publish the list for all members in the November Peddler Freight.

This month, we will have our first meeting in Wooster since their return from Division 6. Let's have a good showing for our new friends. See you then!

Randy Dettmer  
Superintendent  
Div 1 - MCR - NMRA

## CONVENTION 2014

### Convention 2014 Layout Committee Report

Hey..be sure to read this! I am in search of someone who would be willing to help me out with some of the Convention duties as Layout Co-Chair in Division 1. If you want to see layouts in our division, this is a great opportunity.

Get in touch soon!

Thanks,  
Jim Peters  
Convention 201  
Co-Chair Layout Committee

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You, too, can have a Pike Ad like the three seen here. The price is \$5 per year. Contact the Editor.

**CURRENT STANDINGS**

STANDARD KIT

Jim DiPaola - 3 pts  
 Don Bonk - 2 pts  
 Bruce Hukill - 1 pt

CRAFTSMAN KIT

Don Avila - 1 pt

KIT-BASHED

none

SCRATCH-BUILT

Roy Lora - 1 pt

**DIVISION 1  
 CONTEST**

Complete contest rules  
 can be found on the  
 Division 1 website at

[www.div1-mcr-nmra.org](http://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org)

**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



1<sup>st</sup> Place - Standard (HO) - Jim DiPaola



2<sup>nd</sup> Place - Standard (N) - Don Bonk



3<sup>rd</sup> Place - Standard (N) - Bruce Hukill



1<sup>st</sup> Place - Craftsman (Z) - Don Avila



1<sup>st</sup> Place - Scratch - Ray Lora

My apologies to all of  
 the contestants for any  
 damage done to the  
 models by the small  
 "tornado" that tried to  
 send many of the  
 models to OZ.  
  
 David Hazlett,  
 Contest Chair

**ALSO IN THE CONTEST**



Jim Williams



Glenn Yoder

## MODULE GROUP

We have committed to show the modules at the Greater Wayne County Train & Toy Show on Sunday, November 10, 2013. The setup will be at 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM, Saturday, the day before the show. The time will also be announced by email. This show will include the NTRAK and HO modules. Due to Don Bonk having to attend a wedding in Columbus, Saturday, we are going to be short handed. We need extra help. Please come help us because we must set up both NTRAK and HO modules. We will setup and operate the HO modules in January at the regular division meeting, also. The setup will be announced later and this will be a one day event.

Everyone who came to the meeting at Don Bonk's home, last month, had a chance to see the NTRAK modules. This was the first time we assembled the modules and they all fit together and functioned normally. Hooray!! When we setup at Dalton, the NTRAK modules will be placed in front of the HO modules. We will be operating using the Digitrax DCC systems with the ability to use the Duplex radio version. We must not use the Digitrax UR-91 simplex receiver due to the cell phone boosters in use in the building. The UR-92 Duplex receiver is OK to use with the DT402D throttles and those of us with the DT400R and UT4R simplex throttles will need to tether to the panels. Hopefully, we will not have any compatibility problems. It will be necessary to set each layout to a different DCC number. It is explained in the instructions for the duplex throttles.

Users of the DT400R throttles can have their throttles converted to Duplex 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 both throttles will also work. We had two "wide open" runaway trains at the John S. Knight center. Digitrax has had this problem if the "+" button sticks on the duplex throttle. The "+" and "-" buttons can also be used to change speed. We will be watching for this in the future.

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.

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 will not be ready for the November Dalton train show.

We still 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.

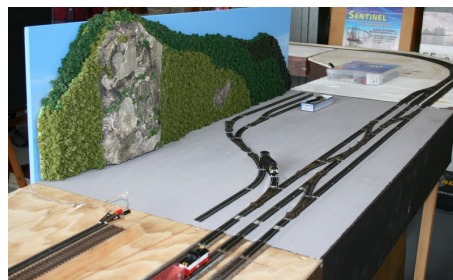
The Division portion of the 50-50 raffle is placed in the module fund. We split \$48.00 at the September meeting. THANK YOU!! Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. We also receive \$100.00 for our display at the Dalton shows. Your help in funding the Module Group is appreciated. We hope to buy a DCC system with this money to replace my personal DCC system.

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



Here are pictures of the Division's N-Scale module layout. Patrick Wamsley, who is active in the module group, is pictured with the layout.

Editor



## Train Shows and Open Houses

### 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

### Youngstown Model RR Club Open House

Nov 2,3/9,10 - Noon - 6 PM

751 N. Four Mile Run Road, Youngstown, OH  
Donation \$4 per person, 11 & under free with adult

### Cleveland 2-Rail "O" Scale Train Meet – November 2 9 AM – 2 PM

Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktown Dr, Kirtland,  
OH Admission \$7, children 12 and under free

### Dayton Train Show – November 2 & 3 – 11 AM – 5 PM

Hara Arena, East Hall & Ballarena,  
1001 Shiloh Springs Rd, Dayton, OH  
Admission \$6, children under 12 free

### Lake Erie Chapter Train Collectors Association –

November 23 – 10 AM – 3 PM

U A W Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd, Cleveland, OH  
Admission \$5, children free

### Midwest Railway Preservation Society B&O Roundhouse –

November 30 – 12 PM – 4 PM

2800 West 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Cleveland, OH  
Admission \$5, children 12 and under \$3

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## THIS MONTH'S MEETING SUNDAY, October 20<sup>th</sup>

This month's meeting will be hosted by Karl Emler and will be held at the  
Zion Lutheran Church, 302 North Market Street, Wooster, OH 44691.

The meeting will begin at 2 pm.

Karl will provide coffee, tea and soft drinks.

You are asked to bring snacks, etc. to share with the group.

**DIRECTIONS:** Zion Lutheran Church, 302 North Market Street, Wooster, OH 44691  
The Church sits on the corner of North Market Street and Larwill Street. Larwill Street is a one way street running East to West with limited parking on the street.

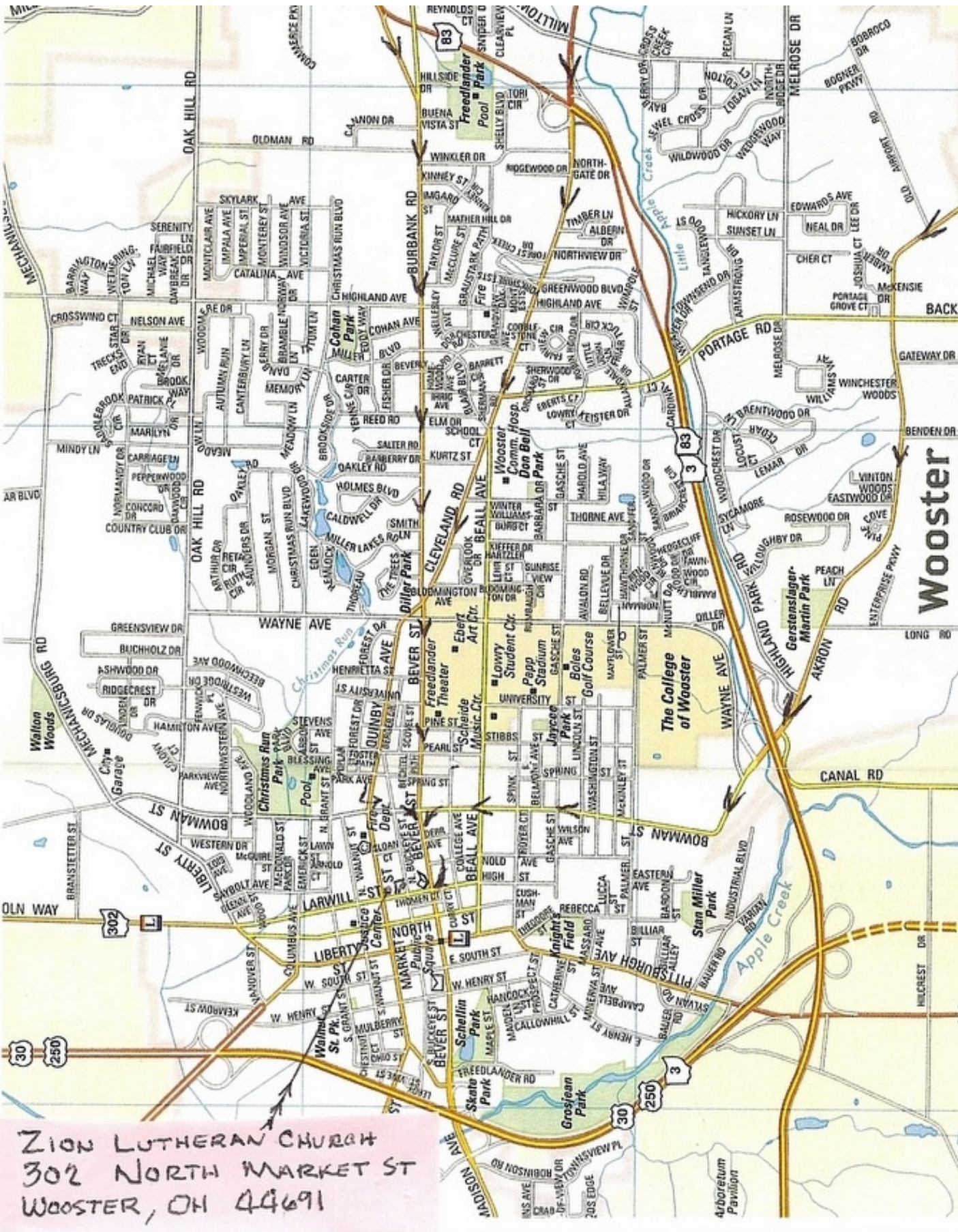
**Everyone coming in from the North or Northeast (St Rt 83, 3, or 585)** will hit BOWMAN Street and then take Bever Street south three blocks until you reach Larwill, turn right. You will see the Church ahead of you one block away. The best place to park is behind the Church utilizing our East parking lot adjacent to Larwill Street.

**For those folks coming in from US route 30 East**, just get off at the Bever Street Rt 250 ramp and turn right going under the old PRR (NS) railway bridge. Take Bever Street north 5 blocks until you reach Larwill and then turn left. Once again you will see the Church or Churches ahead of you. The best entrance to the assembly room is from ground level utilizing one of the Larwill entrances. A door will be marked and open for everyone's use.

If all else fails, use your electronic path finding device using the street address. See you on 10/20/2013 at 2:00 PM.

Karl Emler

**Map on page 6.**



# Wooster

ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH  
302 NORTH MARKET ST  
WOOSTER, OH 44691

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes  
September 15, 2013  
Hosts: Don and Carol Bonk, Louisville, Ohio

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked the Bonks for hosting the meeting. Twenty-nine people were in attendance.
2. A motion to accept the June Minutes as printed in the Peddler Freight was made and seconded. The motion passed.
3. Chuck Boyer gave the Treasurer's report for May and June. A motion to accept the reports subject to audit was made and seconded. The motion passed
4. Membership: Larry Brown was not in attendance. However, Randy reported that Larry had informed him that we have 4 new members and our total membership is now at 114. The new members are Thomas Tracy from Tallmadge, William Gulgold from Mantua, Mark Gilger from Doylestown, and Charles Bowyer from East Palestine. The current roster was passed around for updating and will be published in the November Peddler Freight.
5. Committee Reports:
  - a. Clinics – Jim Peters reported that Don Bonk would talk about the N-scale modules that had been setup in his garage. The theme for clinics this year is scenery in preparation for the 2014 convention.
  - b. AP – David Hazlett presented the AP certificate for Association Official to Randy Dettmer. AP certificate holders in Division-1 are Chuck Boyer (4), Randy Dettmer (1), David Hazlett (2), Robert Hixenbaugh (1), Jim Peters (1), and William Smith (1). Members who have been awarded the Golden Spike Award are Bill Biggler, Chuck Boyer, Larry Olsen, Jim Peters, Glenn Yoder, and Donald Deakins.
  - c. Peddler Freight – David Hazlett reported that we have \$400 through donations and subscriptions – this included a generous \$100 donation. He urged people to subscribe to the e-mail version which costs the division nothing but time and effort to send out.
  - d. Scale Update – Randy Dettmer remarked that Athearn was now selling a Genesis SDP45 decorated for Erie Lackawanna. Rich Ramskugler showed an Accurail kit that cost around \$15 which is quite a savings over the \$35 priced models now being sold.
  - e. NMRA 2014 Cleveland Convention – Jim Peters said that he and Jim DiPaola had a tour of the Cleveland Convention Center and that it was impressive. There is a convention meeting on 9/24. Jim had forms for the OP-Sig participation for anyone who might want to have their railroad on a tour.
  - f. Modules – Bob Ashley, Sr. reported that there had been a meeting with Divisions 4 and 5 for the 2014 convention. For HO, Division-5 has made transition modules but does not employ DCC so they will have to install decoders in their locomotives and command controllers. They will use smart phones as throttles. NCE will be the DCC system used. The setup will be done on the Thursday before the national train show and will take up about a quarter of the available floor space. Operators do not need to be convention goers but will only attend the train show. N-scale modules will be incorporated into the Burning River setup. The Dalton train show is November 10 and we will have the HO and N modules setup. Bruce Hukill thanked Bob for helping him finish the last N-scale module.
  - g. Apparel – Jim Williams reported that people might want to consider buying the apparel that he had since he was not sure if there would be a price increase this year.
6. Meetings:
  - a. October 20 – Wooster Club
  - b. November 17 – Whistle Stop
  - c. December 7 – Holiday lunch at the Puffer Belly in Kent
  - d. January 19 – Bob Ashley Jr.'s
  - e. February 16 – Youngstown Club
  - f. March 23 – Sebring
  - g. April 27 – Rob's Trains
  - h. May 18 – Mike Bradley's
  - i. June 15 – Jim DiPaola's
7. Old Business:
  - a. Division 501c3 "conflict of interest" amendment was read, and accepted by voice vote.
  - b. "Election by acclimation" amendment was read and accepted by voice vote.
  - c. There was a first reading for an amendment to allow nominations for officers from the floor at the March meeting instead of the April meeting. In April a short bio of all candidates would appear in the Peddler Freight. Currently nominations are made from the floor at the April meeting which does not allow information to be published for them.
8. New Business:
  - a. Our 501c3 status has been suspended. The IRS says that we did not file 2012 tax forms. However, we did and Randy is working on clearing this up.

b. Jeffrey Jansen has asked to be replaced as the division's web master. Jim Williams volunteered to take over this job and Jim DiPaola said that he would lend his assistance. Jim DiPaola volunteered to take over the Clerk duties and Nils Sundberg volunteered to manage the apparel sales.

The meeting adjourned at 2:49 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Williams, Clerk

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## N-SCALE NEWS

Dave Tillman (Power Plant Clinician from Easton Pa.) told me that since I did not attend the NMRA Atlanta Convention Train Show I missed some great N-Scale exhibits, both in quantity and quality. The latest N-Trak Newsletter confirmed Dave's statement. There were 2 large modular layouts.

The N-Trak/Bend Track/oNe Track layout was made up of 128 individual modules including some with sweeping mainline and double mountain branch "S" curves, plus two level modules that had staging on top and storage below. The connection of these three N-Scale module concepts was possible due to the development of junction module track and electrical standards. The only apparent limitation is the length of trains that can operate over a layout comprised of these 3 modular concepts. N-Trak has always been able to operate very long trains due to setting minimum radius on the main lines of 22-1/2" with a provision allowing 18" on the yellow line (inside or local line). oNe Track requires a minimum radius of 18" on its turnarounds modules while the Bend Track minimum turnaround radius is 14-1/2". Due to the arrangement of these 128 modules the number of "pits" (areas enclosed by modules for repairs and storage) was very limited and required additional tables be used for crowd separation.

The second large N-Scale layout was comprised of 112 T-TRAK and Door Trak modules plus an 8 modules "demo" layout. Door-Track modules were flex track connected by Kato Unitrack interfaces like those demonstrated at last month's Division One meeting.

Attending division and national meetings can provide you with ideas you can use on your layout or modules.

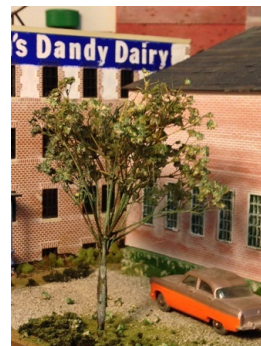
Don Bonk

### Clinic Report

A big THANK YOU to Don Bonk for filling in last minute and providing practical information on the paint with multiple model railroad possibilities! Thanks, Don! **In October, Karl Emler, one of our new members in the recently acquired Wooster area, will be putting on a tree-making clinic.** I may join in as I like making trees too, but at the moment of writing this, I am committed to be present at Benedictine's open house. This will be the first ever open house I had to attend on a Sunday. Next month we will be at the Whistle Stop. More details in next month's clinic report. Thanks and keep modeling...I can't wait to retire so I can have some of the fun too!

Jim Peters

Clinician Chair



### ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Superintendent Randy Dettmer was presented with an Achievement Program Certificate for Association Official for his work as Superintendent of Division 1.

AP Chair David Hazlett presented the award.

Other active Division 1 members who have achieved this award are: Chuck Boyer and David Hazlett.



### **FROM THE PEDDLER FREIGHT EDITOR**

I want to thank the businesses and members who have supported the Peddler Freight this past year. ALL members are sent a Peddler Freight, but subscriptions are requested, at the rate of \$15, to offset the cost of printing and mailing.

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## **Members Report October 2013**

***The membership now stands at 114.***

**New Members:**    Joyce Hewitt - Copley    Luana Peters - Sagamore Hills  
Patrick Wamsley - Akron    Thomas Tracy - Tallmadge    William Guegold - Mantua  
Mark Gilger - Doylestown    Charles Bowyer - East Palertine

***Welcome to all the new members!***

**Renewals and Rerails:**    Robert Ashley    Thomas Gradijan    Dale Kuchenbecker  
James Peters    Dennis Sautters    Kenneth Baldwin    Robert Balsley  
David Hazlett    Bob Weston

***Special Thanks to all those for renewing.***

Larry Brown, Membership Chair

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### **By-Laws Amendments**

These were read at the September 15 meeting and will be voted on at the October 20 meeting.

5.10 In March, the Election Committee shall receive nominations for office from the membership.

**Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the March general meeting.**

5.11 In April, a short biography of each candidate shall be published in the "*Peddler Freight*". ~~Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the March general meeting.~~

Note: This type indicates added language - **Nominations**

This type indicates removed language - ~~Nominations~~

All other language remains unchanged.

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