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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

November is Model Railroad month. How do you celebrate the month of our hobby? Do you attend train shows or flea markets? (I know I do.) Do you open your layout for others to see? Whatever you do to celebrate, I hope you enjoy it and share it with someone new to the hobby. How about bring a friend to a meeting?

This month we will meet at the Whistle Stop in Cuyahoga Falls, OH and be able to see the Cuyahoga Valley Terminal club layout. See you then!

Don't forget, our annual holiday dinner will be at The Pufferbelly in Kent coming up on December 7th at 1 PM. We have thirty-five people signed up so far. Are you on the list? If not, let me know and I will get you signed up. The Pufferbelly Limited is at 152 Franklin Ave, in Kent. It is next to the W&LE (ex-ERIE) tracks. The phone is 330-673-1771. We will be ordering from the regular menu which can be seen at www.pufferbellyltd.com.



Randy Dettmer
Superintendent
Div 1 - MCR - NMRA

CONVENTION 2014

Convention 2014 Layout Committee Report

The Convention Committee has been very active due to the fact that we need to meet a Nov. 1 publication deadline, one that is on my mind as I type, to submit articles for the *NMRA* magazine! We met Saturday morning at Jerry Krueger's to discuss all tours, including layout tours. If you have volunteered to open your layout, I should have contacted you to provide a 3-sentence description. If you never received an email from me, please write the description and forward it to me. If one character gets transposed, well we know the email will not get through! In the meantime, I thank all of those who have forwarded the info to me as much of it will be appearing soon in the descriptions of layout tours. A note of interest may be the fact that Divisions 1, 4 & 5 have a combined total of 105 layouts that will be open for the Cleveland convention. The work involved in making all the arrangements can seem overwhelming, but with many hands, the job is moving forward nicely. On that note, I want to thank Rich Ramskrugler for volunteering to assist in my efforts. Also, I thank Larry Olsen stepping forward to make the Route 30 Tour an all-tour for the convention. More to come.



Thanks, Jim
Jim Peters, Layout Committee Co- Chair, Convention 2014

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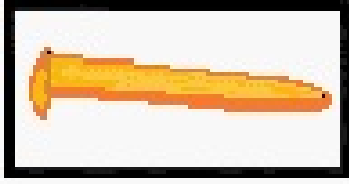
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Clinic Report



When listening to our *Peddler Freight* editor make his appeal for more members to voluntarily receive the newsletter electronically, I asked myself why some might be so reluctant. Besides the obvious and understandable reason it is simply one's preference, it occurred to me there is also the member who only reads the newsletter and does not come out to the meetings. This member may

say: Why bother going when I can read about everything in the newsletter. Let me see if I can sway you then to rethink your decision.

Last month our October meeting took place in Wooster, Ohio. What a fantastic venue! Our host Karl Emler (pictured at the right and below) was not only instrumental in making arrangements, but also started off a three-person clinic! With inexpensive spray paint, flock and hair spray, he transformed the weed Sedum into beautiful trees. Additionally, he took the prickly Musk Thistle and created trimmed trees for the front yard or around trailers.



Luana Peters then suggested we buy flowers for our significant others, but make sure they include Baby's Breath. When discarding the flowers, the Baby's Breath can be separated and grouped around floral wire, wrapped with floral tape, sprayed with brown and green, and finally sprinkled with flock while the paint is still wet. (Luana is pictured at the right getting ready to present a flower and Baby's Breath to a lucky person.)



My trains may not be running at the moment, but I love making trees, too. I introduced a technique presented originally by Randall Fields in Athens, Ohio. He collects a large amount of tree armatures by cutting away the very fine roots of large, overturned trees, such as when clearing for a new roadway or development. I collect these in a large plastic bucket because the next stage requires rinsing the dirt away. When dry, trim the roots into a nice looking tree minus leaves. I put 10 or 12 of these into a Styrofoam base to make it easy to spray paint gray, my choice for tree trunks. Next, I add polyfiber, a product at a craft store, by pulling and the fiber thin. I then spray black from underneath the best I can and from the top green. Next, I sprinkle green flock and finish with a lighter flock to imitate the light from above. Finally, and this is true for all three techniques, poke a hole in your layout, add white glue and plant a new tree. Both Karl and I suggest grouping the trees for a better effect. I generally group trees in threes.

If last month's clinic alone is not enough to bring you out, then maybe the fact that we will have a guest clinician from Division 4 speaking about the Golden Spike Award and Scenery Certificate might help. Bruce Brintnall is not only an MMR, he also holds the envious position as one of the very few who have earned all 12 certificates. The clinic is only a small part of our monthly meetings. C'mon out and join in on the fun!

Jim Peters, Assistant Superintendent and Clinician Chair

CURRENT STANDINGS

STANDARD KIT

Jim DiPaola - 8 pts
Don Bonk - 6 pts
Bob Anelli - 2 pts
Bruce Hukill - 2 pts
Jim Williams - 1 pt
Glenn Yoder - 1 pt

CRAFTSMAN KIT

Don Avila - 6 pts
Jim Williams - 3 pts
Bob Weston - 2 pts

KIT-BASHED

Mike Bradley - 6 pts
Ray Lora - 3 pts

SCRATCH-BUILT

Roy Lora - 2 pts
Matt Woods - 2 pts

DIVISION 1 CONTEST

CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2013-2014

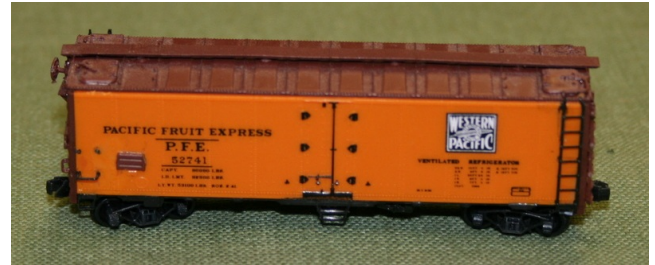
SEPTEMBER - HOUSE
OCTOBER - 40' BOX CAR or REEFER
NOVEMBER - WORK TRAIN
DECEMBER - NO CONTEST
JANUARY - ENGINE HOUSE
FEBRUARY - FLAT CAR W/LOAD
MARCH - 34' TO 42' COVERED
HOPPER
APRIL - INDUSTRIAL BUILDING
(a photograph is allowed if the building
cannot be transported)
MAY - TANK CAR
JUNE - AWARDS CEREMONY

STANDARD KIT

1ST Place - Jim DiPaola



2ND Place - Don Bonk



3RD Place - Bob Anelli



SCRATCH BUILT

1ST Place -
Matt Woods



CONTEST RULE CHANGE AT THE OCTOBER 2013 MEETING

At the October 2013 meeting a discussion was held concerning the points awarded in The Contest. It was decided that the points awarded models be changed as follows:

In each category 1st Place = 4 pts., 2nd Place = 3 pts. and 3rd Place = 2 pts. This is used if three (3) or more models are competing in the category. If only two (2) models are in a category, 1st = 3pts. and 2nd = 2 pts. If only 1 model is in the category, then it receives 2 pts.

In addition, any model entered into the contest and not winning will be awarded 1 pt.

Complete contest rules can be found on the Division 1 website at www.div1-mcr-nmra.org

CRAFTSMAN KIT

DIVISION 1 CONTEST (continued)



1ST Place - Don Avila



2ND Place - Jim Williams

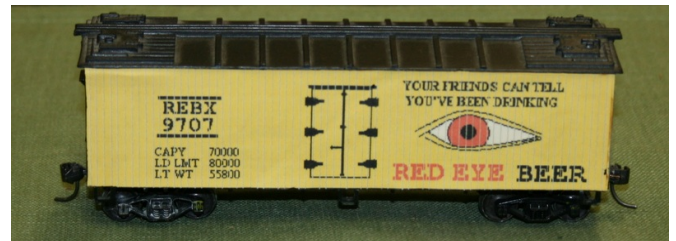
3RD Place - Bob Weston



KIT-BASHED



1ST Place - Mike Bradley



2ND Place - Ray Lora

3RD Place - Mike Bradley



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A large number of members attended the meeting.

Flea Market table at the meeting.



Train Shows and Open Houses for November & December

Youngstown Model Railroad Association Open House

November 9 – 10 – 12 PM – 6 PM

Corner of Raccoon Rd & Four-Mile Run Rd, Austintown, OH
Donation \$4 per adult, children 11 and under free with adult

Train & Toy Show – November 10 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Buckeye Event Center, 624 Henry Street, Dalton, OH
Admission \$5, children 12 and under free

Sebring Model Railroad Club Open House

November 16, 17, 23 & 24 – 10 AM – 5 PM

216 E Pennsylvania Ave, Sebring, OH

12th Annual Route 30 Express – November 23

10 AM – 5 PM

Check website for further details – www.route30express.org

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 3rd St, Cleveland, OH

Admission \$5, children 12 and under \$3

MVRHA Whistle Blow – November 30 – 10 AM – 3 PM

B&O Station, 530 Mahoning Ave, Youngstown, OH

Check website for further details – www.mvrha.org

Firelands Model Train & Toy Show – December 1 **10 AM – 4 PM**

3110 Columbus Ave, Sandusky, OH
Admission \$5, children 18 and under free

Youngstown Model Railroad Association Open House

December 7 – 8 – 12 PM – 6 PM

Corner of Raccoon Rd & Four-Mile Run Rd, Austintown, OH
Donation \$4 per adult, children 11 and under free with adult

Medina Christmas Xtravaganza – December 8

10 AM – 4 PM

Medina County Community Center, Median Fairgrounds,
Medina, OH

Admission \$6, children under 12 free

Massillon Train & Toy Show – December 8

10 AM – 3 PM

Massillon Knights of Columbus Hall, 988 Cherry Rd NW,
Massillon, OH

Admission \$5, children 12 and under free

THIS MONTH'S MEETING SUNDAY, November 17TH

The meeting will be at The Whistle Stop Hobby Shop.



Host, Kevin Hess, will have the shop open for our meeting. Kevin plans on providing sandwiches, snacks and drinks. Dessert items and some extra snacks would be appreciated. Arrive early for the 2 PM meeting and visit the many displays of ready-to-run, kits and scratch building materials.

The CVT Club will have the layout in operation for our viewing. Be sure to bring your Contest entry.

If there is anything special you need for your model railroad, give Kevin a call so he can try to get it for you by the meeting.

The Whistle Stop Hobby Shop is located at 2146 Front Street (the street has been turned into a walking mall) in Cuyahoga Falls. It is one block west of the Route 8 expressway and is between Portage Trail and Broad Blvd. 330-928-8984 **Parking is in back of the shop.**

N SCALE NEWS

Jim Fitzgerald, editor of the NTRAK Newsletter for the past 40 years, surrounded by friends, passed away peacefully at his home in Paso Robles, Ca. Jim worked with Ben Davis, Tom Knapp and others founders of the Belmont Shores train club to develop the NTRAK concept and the first NTRAK layout at NMRA 1974 Convention.

I first met Jim at the “Rail Alive 75” NMRA convention in Dayton where Jim’s scratch built, prize winning “Cotton Brute” diesel demonstrated his skills as a designer and builder of special instruments for NASA that helped to break the sound barrier along with solving other challenges. Over the years I would find Jim along with his wife at NMRA and N-Scale conventions offering tech support and overall guidance to any model railroader in need. Therefore, Jim developed many friendships within the model railroader community.

At 90 years old Jim was WW-II veteran, part of the rapidly disappearing greatest generation of gentlemen. A memorial with Military Honors will be held at the Chapel of the Roses, in Atascadero, CA Saturday, November 23, 2013 at 11:00 AM. In lieu of flowers, donations in his honor can be made to the Salvation Army.

Don Bonk

MODULE GROUP

Thanks to Jim Williams for the beautiful work in adding scenery to the left end modules. This report is brief so some of his images can be seen, below. Jim asks that we add more people and vehicles to “round-out” the scene and bring it to life. Please help with donations. No report will be made to the government concerning “trafficking of people”.

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, also. 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.

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.

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. The March 23, 2014 showing of the modules, at Dalton, conflicts with the regular Sunday meeting. Unless we change the meeting date, we either miss the meeting or cancel the show and loose \$100.00. Maybe we could have enough crew at the show to operate the layouts and have members come to the show after the meeting to help tear down.

The “Module Group” logo is available through Jim Williams or Nils Sundberg 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. 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

Photos are on Page 8.



These are photos of the left end module scenery work done by Jim Williams.

MEETING FLEA MARKET

At the October meeting the first "meeting flea market" was held. It was a last minute idea and, due to time, was announced only to the email Peddler Freight members. The idea was fully discussed and it was decided to hold the "meeting flea market" in the future subject to a few rules.

The idea is that there is a Division 1 table of items donated to the Division. These items are available to any attending member. No price is listed on the items and it is hoped that a donation to Division 1 will be made in return for any item taken.

There is another table where individuals can place items for SALE. These items are purchased by the members from other members. Payment is required. It is also hoped that the seller will donate some of his profit to the Division.

When meetings are hosted at a hobby shop, there will be no flea market. If a host objects to the flea market, for any reason, the flea market will not be held at that meeting.

The next "meeting flea market" is scheduled for the January 2014 meeting.

With such short notice not much was available at the meeting. However, a seller donated \$5 from his sales to the Division. The Division table earned \$3.

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes
October 20, 2013
Host: Karl Emler, Wooster Model Railroad Club, Wooster, Ohio

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked the Karl Emler for hosting the meeting. Thirty-two people were in attendance.
2. **Minutes:** A motion by Lloyd Horst to accept the September 2013 Minutes as printed in the Peddler Freight. Seconded by Don Bonk. The motion passed.
3. **Treasurer:** Chuck Boyer gave the Treasurer's report for September 2013. A motion by Joe Urbanski to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Seconded by Bob Ashley Sr. The motion passed
4. **Membership:** Larry Brown was not in attendance. The current roster was passed around for updating and will be published in the November Peddler Freight. The roster is not published on the web site.
5. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. **Clinics** – Jim Peters announced that today's clinic is on trees. The theme for clinics this year is scenery in preparation for the 2014 convention.
 - b. **AP** – Nothing to report at this time.
 - c. **Peddler Freight** – David Hazlett reported that we have received several donations, 3 business ads and 1 pike ad. He urged people to subscribe to the e-mail version which costs the division nothing but time and effort to send out. Currently there are 43 email subscribers and 68 printed subscribers. Goal is to have 90% receive the Peddler Freight via email. Reminder that members can post a business card size ad of items for sale.
 - d. **Scale Update** – Randy Dettmer has nine 2014 Convention Cars for sale at \$21.60 per car.
 - e. **NMRA 2014 Cleveland Convention** – There was a convention meeting on 9/24. Randy has forms for the OP-Sig participation.
 - f. **Modules** – Bob Ashley, Sr. reported that the Dalton train show is November 10 and we will have the HO and N modules setup. Extra help is needed. Set up is Saturday, November 9th from 5:00 PM to 9:00 PM.
 - g. **Apparel** – Jim Williams reported that there would be no price increase this year. Name is included in the price.
6. **Meetings:**
 - a. November 17 – Whistle Stop
 - b. December 7 – Holiday lunch at the Puffer Belly in Kent
 - c. January 19 – Bob Ashley Jr.'s
 - d. February 16 – Youngstown Club
 - e. March 23 – Sebring
 - f. April 27 – Rob's Trains
 - g. May 18 – Mike Bradley's
 - h. June 15 – Jim DiPaola's
7. **Old Business:**
 - a. Our 501c3 status has been suspended. Superintendant Randy Dettmer will meet with Jerry Kruger after today's meeting.
 - b. The Election Amendment was read and approved by the Members in attendance. In April a short bio of all candidates will appear in the Peddler Freight.
8. **New Business:**
 - a. Superintendent Randy Dettmer attended the MCR Board meeting. The new editor of the Kingpin is pushing for email only copy.
 - b. A change in the Contest scoring was proposed by Jim Williams. All entries will receive 1 point. First place – 4 points; second place – 3 points; in respective categories. If there is only one entry in a respective category, the entry will receive 2 points. A motion by Don Bonk to approve the point change. Seconded by Joe Urbanski. The motion passed.
 - c. Discussed the selling items at Division meetings. If a member makes a sale, a donation should be given to given to the Division. No items will be offered for sale when the Division meeting is held at a hobby shop or the host objects.
 - d. Discussion on having a train show again. Previous train shows did provide some income to the Division. Currently the only income to the Division is the modules and the Peddler Freight.
10. **50/50 Raffle:** Won by Kurt Sanders. Kurt donated \$15.00 of his share to the Module Fund.

The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim DiPaola, Clerk

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