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Superintendents Message

I went to my workshop the other day. I had ordered a scale from Mirco-Mark® and wanted to try it out. I had used an old postage scale but once the spring broke I didn't replace it until now.

I had just assembled a new flatcar. I had installed Jay-Bee wheels, Kadee couplers and adjusted the coupler height. (I use the heavier Jay- Bee wheels on flatcars to increase the weight and lower the center of gravity.) I expected to need to add some weight, which I did. NMRA RP-20.1 contains all of the information on the recommended car weights. For my HO forty-foot flatcar I need one ounce plus a half-ounce for every inch of car body length; in this case six inches. So, let's do some math. One plus (six divided by two) equals four ounces. Got that? I added the weight and the car was good to go.

Then since I had the scale out, let me test some older cars. What a surprise. Nearly all of them were too light! Oh boy, now I have a new project!

Randy Dettmer
Superintendent
NMRA MCR Div 1

2010 HOLIDAY PARTY

This year's Holiday Party was held on Saturday December 18 at the Erie Station in Tallmadge. As in the past we were seated in "The Rose", Erie Station's dining car. Twenty-one people attended the party. The food was very good, as was the service.

This party was hosted by David Hazlett and Bob Ashley, Sr. In the days leading up to the Holiday Party, Superintendent Ron Wigal found it necessary to resign as Superintendent. Randy Dettmer, Assistant Superintendent, and now Superintendent, was recovering from surgery and could not attend. Bob Ashley, Jr., Treasurer, was also in the hospital having suffered an industrial accident on the Friday before the party. The gathered membership was assured that it WAS 2010 and not, by some twist of time, 2009.

A good time was had by all. We have taken action to secure "The Rose" for the 2011 Holiday Party.

David Hazlett

Membership Report 2/7/2011

Active Members: Division 1 stands at 98

NEW MEMBERS

Robert E. Lee
John Palagyi

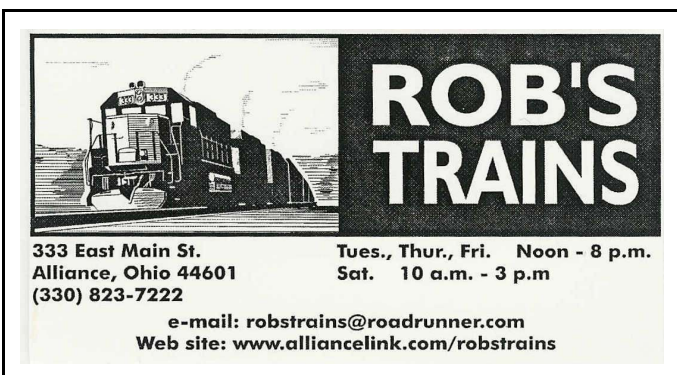
INACTIVE

Elmer Johnson

Larry Brown
Membership Chair.

RENEWALS:

Curtis Cox
Donald Deakins
Jim DiPaola
John Emmons
Kevin Hess
Jim Williams



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Division 1 Meeting Minutes

January 16, 2011

Host: Sebring Model Railroad Club, Sebring, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM by Superintendent Randy Dettmer. Twenty-three people were in attendance. Randy thanked the Sebring club for hosting the meeting.

1. A motion was made by Bob Ashley, Sr. to accept the minutes of the November meeting as published in the Peddler Freight.

a. Two corrections were submitted

1. The phone number of Jim Peters should have been 216-402-8507

2. Bob Ashley, Jr. and not Bob Ashley, Sr. along with David Hazlett will determine the number of fliers to be printed for next year's flea market

b. These corrections were made and seconded

c. The amended motion was seconded by Frank Williamson and passed

2. The Treasurer's report was given by Bob Ashley, Jr. A motion was made by David Hazlett to accept the report pending audit. The motion was seconded by Chuck Boyer and passed.

3. The membership report was made by Randy Dettmer for Larry Brown who was ill.

a. One new member: Karen McMillion

b. Renewals: Larry Brown, Randy Fleet, Robert Gurdak, Sandford Jacobs, John Lane, David McMillion, Jim and Sally Mima

c. Inactive: Bruce Svoboda, Mike Bradfield

4. Meetings:

a. The March meeting was moved to the 27th to eliminate a conflict with the Kirtland train show.

b. The April meeting will be at Jim Dipaola's and not Frank Williamson's.

c. February's meeting is at Larry Brown's Portage Model Railroad in Ravenna.

5. Committee reports:

A. Apparel – Bob Ashley, Sr.

EmbroidMe in Montrose, which did our embroidery, has gone out of business.

Bob Ashley, Sr. introduced Bob and Wendy Blackburn who own the EmbroidMe franchise in Alliance and will now be doing the Division's embroidery. Their business is located between the Carnation Mall and

Wal-Mart on Rt. 62.

--The different articles of clothing and hats were shown to the Blackburns and the group.

--The Blackburns said that they could offer us

1. A web-site for the division to order from,

2. Printing of our logo on pins, etc. if we wanted different articles for shows and meetings,

3. Shipping and delivery have yet to be worked out,

4. They can ship directly at a cost,

5. People or the apparel chairman can pick-up the orders when they are ready.

-- A new chairman is needed for the Apparel Committee – Jim Williams volunteered to be such.

B. N Scale – Jim Williams nothing to report

C. HO Scale – Chuck Boyer nothing to report

D. Z Scale – Don Avila will have a demonstration of Z scale at February meeting

E. Modules – Bob Ashley, Sr.-- The 8 sections for the left end are painted and the 5 rightmost sections still need painting; there is also some wiring to be finished. The modules will be moved to Bob Ashley, Jr.'s garage for the March meeting after the above work is completed.

F. Achievement Program – David Hazlett

i. David will be reviewing Chuck Boyer's layout for the Golden Spike Award.

ii. David received his Certificate of Association Volunteer.

iii. The best way to get started is to review the requirements on the NMRA web-site and then consult with David if you have questions.

iv. A register of the Division award holders will be published in the Peddler Freight as new awards are received.

G. 2014 NMRA Convention

i. David Hazlett reported that there was a Yahoo group setup for communication and coordination.

ii. Jim Peters stated that anyone who has a layout that they would like to be

considered for viewing and/or operation during the convention should contact him.

take over the web-site maintenance is no longer interested.

c. A new web master is needed to support the site.

H. Holiday Dinner

- i. Since no elected Division official could be present at the December dinner (Ron Wigal had resigned as superintendent, Randy Dettmer was out due to surgery, and Bob Ashley, Jr. was out due to an industrial accident) David Hazlett and Bob Ashley, Sr. managed the event and were the hosts.
- ii. Nineteen people attended and the food was good.
- iii. David won the 50/50 raffle and donated his winnings back to the Division.
- iv. David has already put in a reservation for the division for next year.

A motion was made to adjourn by Don Deakins and seconded by David Hazlett. The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Williams, Clerk

JANUARY 2011 CONTEST

CONTEST WINNERS FOR NOVEMBER 2010:

The January Contest was: "I got it at a railroad flea market and this is what I did with it."

Since this was the topic, there were only *Kit-Bashed* entries.

Chuck Boyer (building) and Don Deakins (steam loco) tied for top votes and have earned 2.5 points each. Bob Ashley (pulpwood car) earned 1 point.

CURRENT STANDINGS:

Scratch -Built
Larry Brown - 2 pts.

Kit-Built	Kit-Bashed
Don Deakins - 8 pts.	Don Deakins - 9.5 pts.
Larry Brown - 3 pts.	Chuck Boyer - 7.5 pts.
Jim Williams - 2 pts	Don Bonk - 2 pts.
Bill Bigler - 1 pt.	Larry Brown - 1 pt.
Jim DiPaola - 1 pt.	Bob Ashley Sr. 1 pt.

CONTEST FOR 2010-2011

- February - open loads for flat cars (all types)
 - March - Snow plows & spreaders (Hope we don't need them to get to the meeting.)
 - April - pulpwood & wood chip cars
 - May - Caboose
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Thanks for your support of the Peddler Freight -
Dick Gierke Kent
Rob's Trains Alliance

6. Membership roster

- a. Jim Williams made a motion which was seconded by Don Avila to keep and publish a roster of all members with the option for people to give their e-mail address, phone number, scale, and layout information.
- b. Bob Ashley, Sr. made a motion to amend the above to use the existing roster as a starting place and it was seconded by Jim Williams.
- c. After discussion the matter was tabled to give Jim Peters time to find out how Division-4 handles their roster, which is published.

7. Assistant Superintendent

- a. With Ron Wigal's resignation as Superintendent, Randy Dettmer automatically became Superintendent, leaving the position of Assistant Superintendent open.
- b. Jim Peters volunteered to be the Assistant Superintendent.
- c. David Hazlett made a motion that we vote on Jim Peters as the Assistant Superintendent and it was seconded by Chuck Boyer. Jim was elected by unanimous vote.

8. Web-site

- a. David Hazlett reported that we are having problems with the web-site and Ivan Baugh can not determine the problem(s).
- b. The local person that we had training to

Layout Tours for the 2014 National Convention

You could feel the excitement Tuesday, October 19, as Division 1, 4 & 5 met to discuss the 2014 Cleveland NMRA National Convention at the IX Center. The excitement came from the collective talent and experience of the model railroaders as we pooled our resources to discuss the initial committees. I was called upon to co-chair the layout tour committee and am requesting you contact me immediately if you have a layout, from Z to LGB, even live steam, and no matter how far along you are. **I will need your contact information to come out and view your layout. It is that simple.** Don't be bashful. This is a great opportunity to share your talents and share the hobby we all love. I am looking forward to hearing from you soon.

Jim Peters, Asst Super.
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MODULE REPORT

Bob Ashley, Jr. has recovered enough to help on the modules. In fact, he went back to work doing light duty, but, will be having more surgeries in the coming weeks. Jim Hogue worked a full day with Bob and me and we accomplished quite a lot.

All the wiring is in place and ready for hookup to the track, when laid. We moved all the modules to Bob, Jr.'s garage and they are all assembled and free standing with legs.

I have taken on a design consulting job which will tie me up for the next three weeks during the day. Bob and I will be working on the modules on random evenings as our schedules permit. We hope we will be able to work on them on Saturdays during the day. If you can help, let us know which evenings or days you can be available. We are still planning, at this time, to have the modules ready for his March meeting. Because of the upcoming surgeries, this could change.

We have all the track, turnouts and roadbed to complete the main lines. I expect we will need additional money or donations to complete the yards and electrical for the layout. After that, we can start laying roadbed, track and wiring.

Everyone has paid me for the modules we had built previously. "Thank you" for clearing up that problem.

I have had several requests for kits or finished standard modules. I will be ordering limited supplies and you must pay for your module prior to taking it with you. The price is \$67.00 each for the materials and \$33.00 each for the wiring kit. This does not include the mandatory NCE UTP Fascia Panel Socket for plugging in your throttle which is available for \$17.00 from me or at The Whistle Stop. This works with Digitrax or NCE. A module can be built without a UTP. These prices are subject to change, as I must order more materials and wiring supplies and the cost may change.

After I finish the design consulting job, anyone who wants to pay in advance and is willing to come to my house to construct the module please call me. I will be willing to help build their module(s). We are also looking

for new module members. Please call me for information.

Division 4 is setting up their modules at the Lodi Station Outlet Mall, 9911 Avon Lake Road, in Burbank Ohio this weekend, February 12 & 13 from 10:00 am to 4:00 pm. Please take the time to go see what can be accomplished. Take your spouse and family and visit the mall, also.

I want to thank the Division for investing in the module program. If we have the same success that Divisions 4 and 5 have had, this will provide a lot of entertainment for the members and the communities. It will also provide a way for each member to earn the AP awards.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman
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Train Shows and Open Houses – February 2011 thru March 2011
By Randy Dettmer

Lodi Railroad Museum Model Train Show – February 12- 13 – 10 AM – 4 PM
Lodi Station Outlet Mall, 9911 Avon Lake Rd, Burbank , OH \$3 admission

Train Collectors Association Show – February 19 – 10 AM – 3 PM
UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd, Parma, OH \$5 admission

Frosty Rails 2011 – February 20 – 10 AM – 4 PM Shenango TWP VFD Social Hall, 2424 E Washington St
, New Castle, PA \$4 admission, children under 12 are free with adult

Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club Show - February 20 – 10 AM – 4 PM
Saline Middle School, 7190 N Maple Rd, Saline, OH \$6 admission, children 10 and under are free with adult

Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum Open House February 26-27 10 AM – 6 PM
7230 Justin Way, Mentor, OH Free admission

Train Collectors Association Show – March 5 – 10 AM – 3 PM
UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd, Parma, OH \$5 admission

Erie Train Show – March 6 – 10 AM – 4 PM
Rainbow Gardens, Waldameer Park, PA \$4 admission

Youngstown Model Railroad Assn Show – March 13 – 10 AM – 3:30 PM McMenemy's Banquet Hall,
325 Warren-Youngstown Rd, Niles, OH \$5 per person, children under 12 are free with adult

Railfest 2011 – March 19 – 20 – 10 AM – 4 PM Lakeland Community College, State Route 306,
Kirtland, OH \$7 admission, \$12 two day pass, \$12 family (max)

Greater Wayne County Train & Toy Show – March 27 – 10 AM – 4 PM
Buckeye Event Center, 624 Henry St, Dalton, OH \$5 admission, children 12 and under free with adult

ACTIVE MEMBERS IN THE DIVISION 1 ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

NUMBER	NAME	CERTIFICATES EARNED
7	DAN WILLIAMS, MMR #285	CHIEF DISPATCHER MASTER BUILDER - SCENERY MASTER BUILDER - STRUCTURES ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER MODEL RAILROAD ENGINEER - CIVIL MASTER BUILDER - CARS MODEL RAILROAD ENGINEER - ELECTRICAL
4	CHUCK BOYER	STRUCTURES 604 ELECTRICAL 605 ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL 655 ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER 593
2	DAVID HAZLETT	ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL 807 ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER 894
1	ROBERT HIXENBAUGH	ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER 73
1	JIM PETERS	ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER
1	ELI RANTANES	ASSOCIATION OFFICIAL 92
1	WILLIAM SMITH	ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER 832
THE GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD		
WILLIAM BIGLER LARRY OLSEN JIM PETERS DAVID RIGGLE		

Chuck Boyer's layout was judged for this award in January. Glenn Yoder's layout will be judged when the weather improves.

The best way to get AP information is to go to the the Achievement Program section of the NMRA.org website. For judging contact any of the committee members.

Chuck Boyer

Don Deakins

David Hazlett

February Station Stops

The Portage Model Railroad 124 Chestnut St. Ravenna, OH

Our meeting will be hosted by Larry Brown in Ravenna. The meeting will begin at 2 PM. Come early and view the layout

Check out www.portagmodelrailroad.com for directions to the meeting..

You are always welcome to bring snacks and beverages to share.



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2010-2011 MEETING DATES

February 20 - Larry Brown, Ravenna
March 20 - Bob Ashley, Jr. - Akron
April 17 - Jim DiPaola - Ravenna
May 15 - Bill Hewitt - Copley
June 12 - Randy Dettmer, Hudson

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