

# PEDDLER FREIGHT

Division 1 - MCR - NMRA

Akron - Canton - Youngstown Division

Serving Carroll, Columbiana, Harrison, Mahoning, Portage, Stark, Summit, Trumbull, Tuscarawas and Wayne (Except Wooster) Counties

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Don Bonks - Louisville  
April 18, 2010 - Sunday - 2 PM

Don Bonk will host our 2 PM meeting at 7354 Hahn

## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

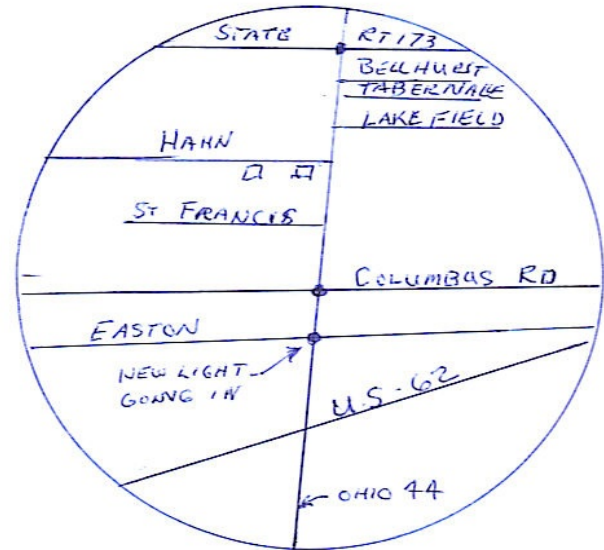
Since this issue of the Peddler Freight has several candidate articles, I shall make this message a short one.

At the urging of Larry Brown, I contacted NMRA Headquarters concerning the voting rights of the "RAILPASS" members. Railpass members DO NOT have voting rights at the National or Regional level. The question I will bring up at the April meeting is: "Do we, in Division 1, want to follow the policy of the NMRA concerning voting rights for the Railpass members or do we want to allow them to vote in our election?"

There is still the opportunity for anyone who wishes to run for an office to be nominated at the April meeting. There have been some withdrawals of candidates. At the April meeting, nominations will be closed. Our By-Laws do not allow for any write-in candidates.

David

Next Station on the Tour -



Street Louisville, OH 44641.

Don will provide snacks and beverages. Don always has something up his sleeve, you never know what it will be - maybe something new and/or something planned - ***you're just going to have to be there!***

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Division 1 Meeting Minutes  
March 21, 2010  
Host: Jim Williams, Canton (Plain Township), Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Superintendent David Hazlett. Thirty people were in attendance.

Initial Business:

- A motion was made by Randy Dettmer to accept the minutes of the February meeting as published in the Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded by Ron Wigal.
- The treasurer's report was given by Bob Ashley, Jr. A motion was made by Bill Hewitt to accept the report pending audit. The motion was seconded by Bob Ashley Sr and passed.
- Peddler Freight: the cost to publish this month's issue was \$104. This will go down once we build-up our points again at Staples's. Contact David if you wish to receive the newsletter via e-mail and make sure he has a good e-mail address.

The Meeting Schedule and Membership Report were given by Ron Wigal:

- Membership is at 94.
- The April meeting is at Don Bonk's home on 04/18. His address is 7354 Hahn St, Louisville, Ohio 44641.
- We now have clinics for all the meetings through October.

The Assistant Superintendent's report was given by Bob Ashley, Sr.:

- The roster was passed around for update.
- A list is also available to sign-up to give a clinic at a future meeting.
- The clinic for today's meeting is on ships and will be given by Eli Rantanen.
- Clothing: patches, hats, and shirts for sale
- There is a problem with the module wiring specifications provided by Division 4. NCE and Digitrax would not work using the same wiring. Division 4 has found a fix and is testing it. NCE sockets have to be used for both to work.

The Superintendent's report was presented by David Hazlett:

- The web-site has been updated by Ivan Baugh. David asked the members to have a look at it and give him some feed-back.
- The first 1000 fliers for our November flea market have been printed. 100 fliers have been put out at the McMenemy's show in Youngstown and 500 will be put out at the Kirtland show next week-end. We will have NMRA fliers to pass out at our flea market in November.
- The regional convention is May 13-16. They have had shirts and pins made up for this convention with the region's logo. Golf shirts are \$30 plus \$3 for embroidering a name.

Business:

- Elections:
  - The elections committee is comprised of Rich Ramskugler, Jim Williams, and Karen and Kurt Sanders.
  - Nominations will be at this meeting and at the April meeting. The election will be held at the May meeting. The offices of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Treasurer are up for election. The Editor and Clerk are appointed and not elected.

- Rich reported the following candidates for the different positions
  - § Treasurer – Bob Ashley Jr., Bill Hewitt, and Chuck Boyer
  - § Assistant Superintendent – Randy Dettmer, Joe Urbanski, and Larry Olsen
  - § Superintendent – Bob Ashley Sr., and Ron Wigal
- Candidates need to write a biography to be used in the April Peddler Freight and at the April meeting
- Members can vote by mail or by bringing the ballot with them to the May meeting.
- Bob Ashley Sr. reported that the CVSR was now required to put derails in-front of their engine house. This has become a mandate for all railroads and is something that people might want to carry forward on their layouts.
- A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 PM.

Respectfully,  
Jim Williams, Clerk

## Division I Nominating Committee Report

The Nominating Committee accepted nominations at the March meeting and has certified that on that date all candidates are members of the NMRA and in good standing. The following members have indicated their willingness to serve the Division if elected.

### **For Treasurer -**

Robert Ashley, Jr.  
Bill Hewitt (withdrew 3-29-10)  
Chuck Boyer

### **For Assistant Superintendent -**

Randy Dettmer  
Larry Olsen  
Joe Urbanski

### **For Superintendent -**

Ron Wigal  
Robert Ashley, Sr. (withdrew 3-15-10)

Respectfully,  
Rich Ramskugler, Chairman  
Karen Sanders, Kurt Sanders,  
Jim Williams  
Nominating Committee

## Bylaws Section 5.4

**Section 5.4 In April, a short biography of each candidate shall be published in the “Peddler Freight”. Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the April general meeting.**

For Treasurer - (2)

I’m **Bob Ashley Jr**; I’ve been in the NMRA for three years and completing my first term as treasurer. I’ve been modeling and collecting trains for the last forty-two years. As I’m writing this, I’m also preparing my layout for our first op session.

I’ve been married to my wife Twyla for almost twenty-seven years. We have two children. Heather is a schoolteacher in Hampton, VA, and Rob is a student at Stark State and a member of the NMRA.

I’m a fabrication supervisor for Western Reserve Water Systems. I’m also a member of the Akron Yacht Club where I have held several offices including Commodore, Fleet Captain and Chairman of the Board over the past 23 years that I’ve been a member.

I’m looking forward to two more years as Treasurer.

Thank you for your continuing support.

I'm **Chuck Boyer**, owner/operator of Boyer Mountains and Pacific Railroad in HO scale using DCC from NCE.

From June 1, 1996 to May 31, 2000 I served as Division 1 Treasurer. From June 1, 2000 to May 31 2004 I was your Superintendent.

Until I became Treasurer the Division had not invested in CD's. Now a common practice.

I have the following Achievement Program certificates -

Association Volunteer	Jan. 2002
Master Builder-Structures	June 2002
Model RR Engineer-Elec.	June 2002
Association Official	May 2004

Currently I am working on the AP Certificate for Master Builder - Scenery and Model RR Engineer-Civil which will then leave only one more required for MMR.

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### **For Assistant Superintendent - (3)**

I'm **Randy Dettmer**, I have been interested in trains all of my life. I still have some of my toy trains when I was three. I have been a subscriber of Trains off an on since I was six and have been a subscriber to Model Railroader since 1976.

I have been a member of the Erie Lackawanna Historical Society since 1992 and membership chairman since 2007.

I am currently working on an operating layout depicting the Erie Lackawanna in the late 1960's between Meadville, PA and Jamestown, NY.

During the day, I manage a fleet of 130 railcars for my employer.

I'm **Larry Olsen**, I served one (1) term as Assistant Superintendent, two (2) terms as Superintendent and Chairman of the first Division Convention in Canton.

The Division is where the member gets the most contact with the NMRA.

The Division continues to grow and needs to continue to meet the needs of the Division members.

I'm **Joe Urbanski**, got my first train in 1949 or 1950, an American Flyer. Had a small layout in the 1970's. Next layout was in the late 1980's or early 1990's.

Got in to the NMRA in 2005, I think. Went to 2006 Convention in Philadelphia, PA.

If elected Assistant Superintendent, I would like to get more people involved by having a Chairman for various projects, such as Apparel, Modules and other things as they come up.

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### **For Superintendent - (1)**

I'm **Ron Wigal**. It was an honor to be nominated at last months meeting by our Superintendent David Hazlett.

Our Division has seen great growth in recent years due in no small part to the efforts of many who have contributed

If I am elected the next Superintendent of Division #1 you will see me work to foster more growth by:-

- \* Making our meetings more interesting by reaching out to others to participate as our guest speaker.
- \* Appoint a Chair of AP for Division #1 and secure NMRA training to aide in his/her qualifications to judge and certify applicants.
- \* Expand our model contests.
- \* Grow our NMRA Membership.
- \* Continue to build our roster.
- \* Secure new meeting locations.
- \* Develop the TMRR within Division #1.

As I have said on numerous occasions, "This is not about Planes, Trains and Automobiles!" It **IS** about people and working with them. Synergism....It's a great thing.

I look forward to your vote.

*Please be sure to vote your ballot from the MAY "Peddler Freight".*

## For Sale

2 N-scale Atlas Trainmasters with MRC decoders \$90 each. Each unit costs more than \$200 with decoders. Engines operate, but I cannot get my Digitrax system to reprogram them. Maybe someone with more patience or a MRC system will have better luck.  
Don Bonk 330-875-4567, donaldbonk@gmail.com



## THE 2009-2010 CONTEST

### CONTEST WINNERS FOR MARCH 2010:

#### Scratch-Built

NONE

#### Kit-Built

NONE

#### Kit-Bashed

Jeffrey Jansen - 3 pts

Chuck Boyer - 2 pts

Larry Brown - 1 pt

### CURRENT STANDINGS:

#### Scratch-Built

Larry Brown - 1pt

#### Kit-Built

Larry Brown - 2 pts

Bob Ashley, Jr. - 1pt

Don Deakins - 1 pt

#### Kit-Bashed

Chuck Boyer - 9 pts

Don Deakins - 5 pts

Bill Bigler - 3 pts

Jeffrey Jansen - 3 pts

Bob Ashley, Jr. - 2 pts

Larry Brown - 2 pts

## CONTEST MODELS FOR April 2010 - Diesel Locomotives - May 2010 - Cabooses

### NMRA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NMRA Membership in Division 1 stands at 97. This report covers through March 2010 and was received on April 3, 2010.

**NEW MEMBERS:** Mike Bradfield      Sanford Jacobs  
   Anthony Stetson      Bruce Svoboda  
   Edward Tringhese

**RENEWALS:** Charles Burroughs      Donald Deakins  
   Jim Dipaloo      Adam Leff  
   Frank Smith

**MISSING FROM LIST:** (These names have been dropped from NMRA membership list.)  
                                 William Heylock      Joseph Klekotta      Ed Reagan

Four of the five New Members live in Portage County. I believe we owe their memberships to the hard work of Larry Brown. Thank you, Larry.

## 2010-2011 MEETING DATES

September 19 -	_____ OPEN _____
October 17 -	Don Bonk - Louisville
November 7 -	FLEA MARKET
November 21 -	The Whistle Stop, Cuyahoga Falls
December 18 -	Holiday Dinner at Erie Station, Tallmadge
January 16 -	Sebring Model Railroad Club, Sebring
February 20 -	_____ OPEN _____
March 20 -	(Pending Kirtland Show.) _____ OPEN _____
April 17 -	(Palm Sunday) - _____ OPEN _____
May 15 -	(Pending Regional Convention.) _____ OPEN _____
June 12 -	Randy Dettmer, Hudson

To sign up to host, contact Ron Wigal at [Rwigal@neo.rr.com](mailto:Rwigal@neo.rr.com) or David Hazlett at [dhazlett1@neo.rr.com](mailto:dhazlett1@neo.rr.com)

## Train Shows and Open Houses – April 2010 thru May 2010

List By Randy Dettmer

### **Bucyrus Model Railroad Assoc Train Show – April 10, 2010 – 10AM-4PM**

Crawford County Fairgrounds, Whetstone St, Bucyrus, OH

\$4 Admission, children under 13 are free

### **Medina Model Railroad & Toy Show – April 11, 2010 – 10AM-4PM**

Medina County Fairgrounds, Community Center, 735 Lafayette Rd, Medina, OH

\$6 Admission, children under 13 are free

### **Model Training Day – April 11, 2010 – Noon-4PM**

St Christopher's Church, 20141 Detroit Rd, Rocky River, OH

Free admission – This event is sponsored by NMRA Division 4

### **Toy Train Operating Society Toy Train Show – April 11, 2010 – 10AM-2PM**

United Food & Commercial Workers Hall, 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Hts, MI

\$3 Admission

### **EL Historical Society Western Spring Meet – April 17, 2010 – 3PM-7PM**

A La Cart Catering, 429 Lisbon St (Rt 62), Canfield, OH

\$22 ELHS member price, \$25 non member price

See web site for more details: [www.erielackhs.org](http://www.erielackhs.org)

### **North American Model Engineering Exposition – April 24-25, 2010 – 9AM-4PM**

Southgate Civic Center, 14700 Reaume Pkwy, Southgate, MI

\$9 Admission, children under 13 are free

### **NYC Historical Society Annual Meeting – April 29-May 2, 2010**

Hyatt Regency Dearborn, Dearborn, MI

See web site for more details: [www.nyc2010mtg.org](http://www.nyc2010mtg.org)

**PRR Technical & Historical Society Annual Convention – April 29-May 2, 2010**

Radisson Penn-Harris, 1150 Camp Hill Bypass, Camp Hill, PA

See web site for registration form and more details: [http://prrths-ne.org/annual\\_meeting/annual\\_meeting-index.html](http://prrths-ne.org/annual_meeting/annual_meeting-index.html)

**2010 Spring “S” Spree – April 30-May 1, 2010**

Ford Community & Performing Arts Center, 15801 Michigan Ave (US 12) Dearborn, MI

See web site for more details: [www.smsgtrains.org](http://www.smsgtrains.org)

**National Train Day Toledo – May 1, 2010**

Toledo Amtrak Station, 415 Emerald Ave, Toledo, OH

Free event – For more details call 419-536-0993

**Firelands Model Train & Toy Show – May 2, 2010 – 10AM-4PM**

Erie County Fairgrounds, 3110 Columbus Ave, Sandusky, OH

\$3 Admission, children under 13 are free

**Mid Central Region Convention “Coalfield Express” – May 13-16, 2010**

Embassy Suites, 300 Court St, Charleston, WV

See web site for more details: [http://www.coaldivision.org/coalfield\\_express.html](http://www.coaldivision.org/coalfield_express.html)

**B&O Railroad Historical Society 2010 Ohio Mini Convention – May 15, 2010 – 8AM-5PM**

Lafayette United Methodist Church, 6201 Lafayette Rd, Medina, OH

\$15 pre registration price, \$18 at door

See web site for registration form and more details:

<http://www.borhs.org/Events/2010westminiconmedinaohfinal.pdf>

**Day out with Thomas: The Celebration Tour 2010 – May 22, 23, 28, 29, 30, 2010**

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic – Boston Mill Station, Riverview Road, Boston Twp, OH

Tickets \$14-\$18 each, see web site to order tickets: <http://www.ticketweb.com/promo/dowt/index.html>

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Eli Writes: A natural gas compression station is a perfect fit for that little piece of real estate on your layout.

The incoming 12 inch line comes up out of the ground, has a valve, and goes back in to the ground. The compressor station pumps the gas to other points or into well for storage. The compressors are driven by large engines that use natural gas for fuel.

In the station there were six engines. They exhausted out the side of the building into silencers (mufflers) that were mounted vertically on the side of the building. The silencers were about seven (7) feet high and three (3) feet in diameter and heavily insulated. There were also a few large vents in the roof peak.

Near by was an office and a parts building. Additionally, a small building for boilers to provide heat to the main building and to the office. The steam lines are run overhead, with expansion bends. Surround it all with a chain link fence. The grounds are well maintained with grass and trees and some flowers around the office. There a few pick up trucks painted with the company name - (no gun racls in the rear window). If “Pikestuff” is too modern, you can have a much older station housed in a brick building . . . maybe that old engine house kit you have had for several years.

Thanks Eli. *Ed.*

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