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Superintendent's Bulletin



Well, here we are in October with most train shows canceled and it seems like all activities around us being canceled. So obviously we are all staying home with our last Division 1 meeting having only 7 members in attendance.

So the October meeting will be online using Zoom. As we get closer to the meeting I will send out a meeting ID number and passcode.

Anybody with access to the internet can then attend the meeting. You may need to update your Zoom app as some changes were made on October 1.

For our first Zoom meeting we will have a Bring and Brag session. Feel free to share anything you like, especially any 'Covid Projects.'

I'm hoping by going online we will increase participation so we can get the contest going and some things back to normal.

See you there!

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Layout Tours

Last spring in place of the annual layout tour, I broadcasted my layout using the Zoom app on the internet. It is a learning experience but not at all that difficult. I am guessing the greatest challenge is giving it a try if you are not crazy about new technology, especially in our age group. I am familiar with Zoom because I have taken online courses (Milan, Italy) and join in weekly with a local literature discussion group. I have even played pinochle with another couple and yes there is an app for that! What does this have to do with model railroading?

I am looking for volunteers to showcase their layouts online. Instead of having guests in your home, you would move around your layout and describe what we see. It can be interactive. We can ask each other questions or make comments. I would suggest once a month in place of our monthly events if they continued to be canceled. If our events resume, then I'd like to plan several online tours for the spring, only one 30-40 minute broadcast at a time, a contingency if we are still under Covid restrictions.

You probably heard by now that our international members have formed NRMAx, or virtual conventions quite often. Have you participated? It is quite phenomenal to visit layouts in Australia for example. They are at the forefront, broadcasting simultaneously on Facebook and Youtube. That takes special software to set up, but any NMRA member can tune in for free! You don't have to say anything. Grab a cup of Joe and sit back and watch trains for 12 hours in row or for the time you can afford. Anyway, let me know if you are interested in hosting a layout tour of your layout. Please email me as I do not see myself attending meetings just yet. Thanks.

Jim Peters, Layout Chair



See you on the screen

2020 - 2021 Division 1 Events

October 18 - Zoom meeting online
All remaining Events to be determined.

Interested in hosting a meeting?
Contact any Division 1 officer.

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
June 28, 2020

1. Welcome:

- ~ The June meeting of Division 1 was held at the home of Bob Ashley, Jr. Many thanks to Twyla and Bob for their hospitality.
- ~ The business meeting was called to order by Superintendent Jim DiPaola at 2:00 PM.
- ~ Eleven attendees.

2. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Sam Eisele brought a rooftop ventilation system for his Tropicana plant. The unit was scratchbuilt and cobbled up with various RR and computer parts with help from Mike Bradley. He also brought some Tropicana freight cars to compliment his plant.
- ~ Bob Ashley Jr. brought several 3D printed items printed from downloaded free files. Items included outhouses, foundation of the "Christmas House," lobster boats, fuel tanks and other items.
- ~ John Spinks brought some old stock certificates free to a good home.
- ~ Bob Ashley, Sr. updated the group on some improvements he made to the backdrop mounting system on the modules.
- ~ Jim DiPaola updated the group on the progress he's made with his 8' bridge connecting upper and lower levels of his layout.
- ~ Mike Bradley discussed the 3D printed MoW vehicles available.

3. Superintendent Announcements: Jim DiPaola

- ~ Regional convention in Erie 2021 is a go. (May 2021)
- ~ Three-Region convention in Indianapolis is a go. (May 2022)
- ~ July 12-18 National Convention cancelled.
- ~ National convention in UK 2022 is cancelled. (due to rescheduling of the Commonwealth Games)
- ~ September 20 meeting still a go.
- ~ Berea train show still a go. (Oct 3-4)
- ~ Mt Hope train show still a go (Nov 7)

4. Minutes: February minutes not available will be approved at September meeting.

5. Treasurer: Mike Bradley

- ~Checking account balance is \$7,317.16.
- ~ Module Fund balance is \$1,967.37.
- ~ CD balance is \$3,108.42.
- ~ Money Market balance is \$10,006.99.
- ~ Total assets \$20,432.57.
- ~ Treasurer report approved. Motion made by Bob Ashley Sr. seconded by Don Bonk.
- ~ Mike also inventoried the various Division 1 property such as kits, apparel, and patches.

6. Peddler Freight Committee: Bruce Hukill

- ~ Hard copy donation is \$5 for those wishing to receive hard copy.
- ~ Subscriptions, Ads, business ads, and donations: \$285. The cost to the Division for printing and postage is \$112.43.

7. Achievement Committee: No report.

8. Membership Committee: No report.

9. Module Committee: Bob Ashley, Jr

- ~ Received check from Age of Steam for \$300.
- ~ Received check from Mt Hope show for \$150.
- ~ Next up Nov 7 Mt. Hope show.

10. Elections: Elections were held in which Bob Ashley Jr (Superintendent), Sam Eisele (Assistant Superintendent), and Mike Bradley (Treasurer) were elected by acclamation.

11. New Business: Jim DiPaola passed on a message from Steve Zapytowski that the Division consider Zoom meetings in the future. Bob Ashley Sr. commented on declining membership without in-person meetings.

12. Good of the Order:

- ~ Jeff Stone brought up counseling/teaching Railroading Merit Badge to Scouts at a location such as Age of Steam to perhaps attract more youth to the hobby and more exposure for Division One and Age of Steam. Bob Ashley Sr. mentioned the various 4H clubs that have/had layouts or RR clubs within their organizations.
- ~ Bob Ashley Sr. won the 50/50 netting \$24 for the Division.
- ~ Bob Ashley Jr. contributed several 3d printed items as additional prizes for the drawing.

10. Adjournment: Motion passed at 3:23 PM to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone,
Clerk, Division 1.

**Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2020**

1. Welcome:

- ~ The September meeting of Division 1 was held at the home of Bob Ashley, Jr. Many thanks to Twyla and Bob for their hospitality.
- ~ The business meeting was called to order by Superintendent Bob Ashley, Jr. at 2:14 PM.
- ~ Seven attendees.

2. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Don Bonk brought a section of helix made from plywood sections joined by a biscuit cutter and glue. This type of construction will save on plywood.
- ~ Bob Ashley, Sr. updated the group on some improvements he made to the backdrop mounting system on the modules.
- ~ Jim DiPaola updated the group on the progress he's made with his 8' bridge connecting upper and lower levels of his layout.
- ~ Mike Bradley discussed the 3D printed MoW vehicles available.

3. Minutes:

- ~ June minutes not published in Peddler freight.
- ~ Read by Clerk Jeff Stone.
- ~ Minutes approved. (Jim DiPaola / Don Bonk)

4. Treasurer: Mike Bradley

- ~ Checking account balance is \$7,544.10.
- ~ Module Fund balance is \$2,141.37.
- ~ CD balance is \$3,108.42.
- ~ Money Market balance is \$10,009.57.
- ~ Total assets \$20,662.09.
- ~ Treasurer report approved. (Bob Ashley Jr. / Jim DiPaola)
- ~ Division 4 ordered several rolling stock kits.
- ~ Bob Ashley, Sr. bought a computer (Convention surplus).

5. Peddler Freight Committee: No report.

6. Achievement Committee: No report.

7. Membership Committee: No report.

8. Module Committee: Bob Ashley, Jr

- ~ No shows until 2021.

9. Old Business: None

10. New Business: None

11. Superintendent Announcements: Bob Ashley, Jr.

- ~ All 2020 shows cancelled.

12. Good of the Order:

~ Jeff Stone: After exchanging emails with the NMRA President the NMRA can not be the responsible organization for Railroading Merit Badge. However, NMRA members may serve as merit badge counselors at Scouting events. Reason is that NMRA could not withstand a lawsuit such as brought up against BSA.

~ Bob Ashley Sr. We need to be more involved with public to maintain public organization standing. Discussion. Conclusion, we maintain public exposure through website. That will suffice until post Covid.

~ Bob Ashley Sr. acquired some passenger cars and is looking for a Southern Pacific GS4 with sound.

~ Jeff Stone: Would it be worth a look to have a memorial section in the website? Other Divisions have one. Dave Hazlett?

~ Bob Ashley Jr.: The Hazlett layout plan was to sell off from the Ashley boat garage. Soon boats will be stored for winter and layout will have to wait. The condo homeowners do not allow estate sales.

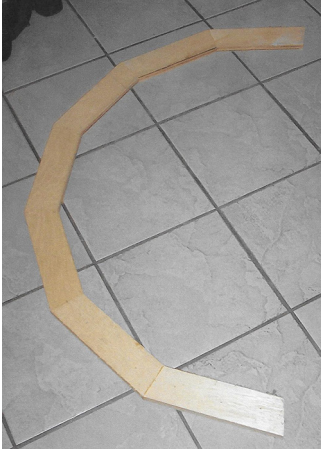
~ Bob Ashley Jr. won the 50/50 netting \$10 for the Division.

10. Adjournment: Motion passed at 3:23 PM to adjourn. (Jim DiPaola/Don Bonk)

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone,
Clerk, Division 1.

N-SCALE REPORT

At the September event a section of 3/4 inch curved plywood roadbed, (below) was presented. The roadbed was assembled using a biscuit cutter and wood biscuits



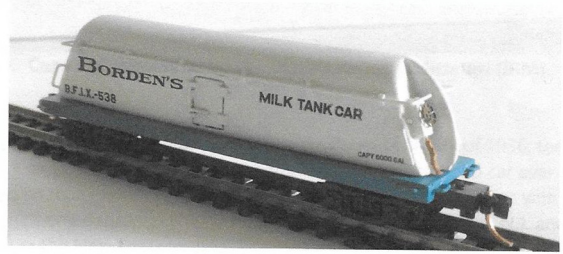
as an alternative to metal connectors used in July NMRA.ORG article on building a helix. The biscuits provide strong joints which do not require the addition of nuts and bolts and the additional work needed to insure clearance between helix levels. In addition, if a compound cutoff saw is available it is possible to cut ends of a set of joints to produce a 1% rise at the entrance and 1% decline at exit of the helix.



Side supports based on threaded rod as shown in ORG article should work well with a roadbed made with biscuits. Overall the prefabricated biscuit roadbed could speed construction of your layout. See biscuit joiner and biscuits (left) and for infor-

mation on Biscuit Joinery on internet, search for "Biscuit Joinery Basics" and pick one of the tutorials.

An HO Borden's Butterdish Milk Tank Car was also featured in the July ORG. This was an interesting design and a search for an N-Scale model was undertaken. "KenRay Models" was found to have both kits and completed model available with 4 different road numbers as shown below. With two butterdish cars and two box cars industrial switching moving milk from farm to large city bottling plants could be implemented. Local freight box car would pickup milk cans at track side farm platforms and milk then delivered to regional creameries. Butterdish



N Scale Borden's Butterdish Tank Milk Car, released by KenRay Model's in September 2006.

cars would be used to transport chilled milk via passenger trains to bottling plants. Empty box and Butterdish cars would be shuttled back to farm platforms and creameries.

Don Bonk
NTRAK/T-TRAK Chair



Request for Clinicians

The planning committee for the 2021 Mid Central Region Convention, The Northern Express, is looking for clinicians. We are looking for a variety of topics from prototype modeling, modeling methods, empire building, electronics, and well, you name it. Submitted clinics will be selected based on subject needs, timeliness, and the number of clinic slots.

The convention is being held at the Ambassador Center in Erie, Pennsylvania from May 20 through 23, 2021. The center will feature three well-lit clinic rooms with tables for clinicians and participants alike. The Ambassador was the site of our successful Mini-Meet last September, giving participants a chance to get a peek at our future convention center.

Contact Doug Sandmeyer at dsandme@stny.rr.com for more information and the submission form. Visit the Northern Express website at

<https://www.div12mcr.org/northern-express/>.

Membership Report

Membership stands at 88 and we're still eagerly awaiting the time when train shows will return.

Kurt Sanders
Membership Chair

THIS MONTH'S MEETING
Sunday, October 18, 2020
Online via the Zoom app
2 PM

Feel free to snack during the meeting.

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Achievement Program

Do you know the requirements for the different Certificates? The Golden Spike? If you have been in the hobby for a while you may already have some of the items needed for a certificate: Cars? Structures? Scenery? If you were on the committee planning the Regional Convention, you may have enough points for Association Volunteer.

The NMRA website has all the information you need to help you earn a Certificate. Check it out. If you have any questions contact me and we will figure it out.

Lloyd Horst
AP Chair

Train Shows and Open Houses

Model Train Flea Market - October 17

Weather Permitting - rain date October 18
Painesville RR Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission **Free** 10 AM - 3 PM

Iron and Steel Model Train Show - November 21

Byzantine Center at Grove Banquet Hall
3801 Shady Run Rd., Youngstown, Ohio 44502
Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Medina Train and Toy Show - October 25

Medina County Community Center
Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, OH 44256
Admission - \$6.00, Under 12 - Free 9 AM - 3 PM

Train Coll. Assoc. - Thanksgiving Train Show - Nov. 28

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
Admission \$7.00 10 AM - 3 PM

2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet - November 7

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
Admission \$6.00 9 AM - 2 PM

Medina Train and Toy Show - October 25

Medina County Community Center
Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, OH 44256
Admission - \$6.00, Under 12 - Free 9 AM - 3 PM

Mansfield Train Show - November 15

Fairhaven Hall, Richland County Fairgrounds
750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Admission \$7.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Editor note: As of October 4, 2020, per cleveshows.com, the above events are scheduled to be open unless noted.

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