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Superintendent's Message

If you are wondering why this issue is so late in the month, it is because I requested it to be delayed. I did this for two reasons. First, I wanted this issue to contain a new column (listing train shows), which could not be accomplished prior to October 4. Second, I thought that the September issue was too early, because so few members attended the September meeting that it seemed that people forgot about the meeting.

I have included in this issue the late report on the June meeting which Don Bonk gave me for publication in the September issue and which I forgot about. I also forgot to list the upcoming show at Berea. Hopefully you did not miss the show because of my forgetfulness.

I was once told by an NMRA member that he wasn't going to attend his local meetings any more because "all they talked about was THE train show."

So, while not at a meeting, I'm going to talk about THE FLEA MARKET. At last report 2/3 of the tables are sold. We are doing advertising in the MCR's Division newsletters. I have placed a couple of posters around. Have you thought about THE FLEA MARKET? I hope so.

We need many people to attend. Bob Ashley, Jr, (Treasurer) has done a great job of getting things ready. At the next meeting we will be asking for help. We are one month after the Berea show (Division 4), but we are different. We are not having the newest and best models for sale.

We have specialized in hosting older equipment for sale. I think it will be a good show which has the potential to grow. But it won't be good or grow if

you don't help. Let the local railroaders know about it. You got a poster in last month's Peddler Freight. Get your local hobby shop to hang it up. Better yet, if your local dealer sells used equipment, have him get a table.

Well, I promised myself to keep this short. So, before I forget, I'll stop.

Support THE FLEA MARKET!

David

November Meeting Notice

The Whistle Stop Hobby Shop in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio is hosting our November 2009 meeting on Sunday, Nov. 15th at 2:00 P.M. In speaking with Kevin, the owner he wants this to be an open invitation to any & everyone interested. EVERYONE INVITED! No Fees Charged. Come and enjoy the free food and listen to our guest speaker. Remember this is *National Model Railroad month and will be our last meeting for 2009.*

Anyone wanting to bring & share their recipe of food and goodies is invited to do so. We have in the past two years had sloppy jo's, Hot chili, home baked goodies, various snacks with soft drinks & Hot coffee. Expect more of the same. Kevin suggests we invite any one interested to "Pay Us a Visit". New faces to get acquainted with, plenty of room and even more of Train Talk. Get to know Kevin, hear what he has to say that's Coming to these hobbies in 2010.

Traditionally this is our best attended meeting of the year. The Whistle Stop obviously has become a very diversified hobby shop delivering goods to many interested in various hobbies.

We hope this begins a festive, fun and enjoyable holiday season for everyone.

PLAN NOW TO ATTEND.
Ron Wigal, Meeting Chair 2009
NMRA - MCR - Division #1.

Stop in and Run your Own!

Members of Division 1 are welcome to drop in at the HO layout of Jim Bacher, Frank Smith and Jeff Jansen on **October 14th and October 28th from 6 PM to 9 PM**. We will be working and running.

We are at 901 Proehl Drive, the house behind Bacher Funeral Home on Manchester Rd. Park in the south west corner of the lot.

If you want to run some of your HO equipment that's OK too.. **DCC only**. (We use LENZ).

If you have a question, call Jim at cell 330 882-4295.

10 % discount to NMRA members, not valid with any other offers.

"parking in the rear" open 7 days

The Whistle Stop Hobby Shop
Trains Plastic Models Remote Control

Kevin M. Hess
Owner
whistlestophobbies@sbcglobal.net

2146 Front Street
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221
(330) 928-8984

Division 1 Meeting Minutes
September 20, 2009
Host: Larry Olsen Dalton, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 2:05 PM by Superintendent David Hazlett. Fifteen people were in attendance. David Hazlett started the meeting by thanking Larry for being the host.

Initial Business:

-A motion to accept the minutes of the June meeting as published in the Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded and passed.

The treasurer's report was give by Bob Ashley Jr. A motion was made to accept the report pending audit. The motion was seconded and passed.

Peddler Freight – there is a form in this month's edition that needs to be filled out and returned to Bob Ashley Jr. to renew your subscription. If you want a hard-copy mailed to you then send a check for \$15 along with the form; if you want to receive it via e-mail in PDF format then send only the form being sure to include your e-mail address.

Ron Wigal will present the meeting and membership schedule at the next meeting. We currently have hosts for all of the meetings. There are currently 86 NMRA members in Division 1.

Larry Brown is a new member from Ravenna. Larry told the group some about his Portage Model Railroad which depicts in HO the PRR from Altoona to Harrisburg, circa 1865-1890. He wants to form a club around the railroad with an emphasis on getting young people involved in the hobby. He also would like to involve local hobby shops and stress purchasing supplies locally instead of through the internet.

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

The 3rd *Annual Holiday Dinner* will be on 12/19 at the Erie Station where it was held last year. The cost is \$21.75 per meal and we will be eating in a dinning car. A sign-up sheet was passed around.

Clinics – we would like to have a clinic given at each meeting. We currently have volunteers for two.

Clothing – The clothing catalogue is on the website. Bob will purchase some items to have on-hand to show people. The purchase will be less than \$100.

Modules – currently there is one Z, three N, and the rest HO. Bob would like our HO module builders to be able to participate in shows with Division 4.

The Superintendent's Report was presented by David Hazlett:

Web master status – the person we have had working on a trial basis finally was able to access the site and posted the September Peddler Freight. He has also made other changes per David's request. Things now appear to be running well with the web site.

Don Bonk's report will be in the October Peddler Freight. It was inadvertently left out of this month's issue.

Division 4 Railfest information: Berea fair grounds, October 3rd 10 AM to 5 PM and October 4th 11 AM to 4 PM, admission is \$6 for one day.

In the last regional Kingpin there was a request for people to reply if they would like it only via e-mail. They are trying to save money the same way we are. Please look back at your issue and reply to them.

David has been asked by the region if our division is composed of 100% NMRA members and if the officers were also all members. We are in compliance with this requirement. When a member's name rolls off the NMRA membership list, we notify them that

month. If they do not reappear the next month then they our dropped from our list of division members. Renewals are not always processed quickly and sometimes it can appear that a person is no longer a member when his or her renewal is waiting to be processed.

The next meeting is October 18th at Bob Ashley, Jr.'s home in Akron.

Regional/National:

Regional Convention is May 13-16, 2010 in Charleston, WV. Cost is \$60 before February 28 and \$70 after this date..

Division 3 NCR Convention is October 15-18, 2009 in Fort Wayne, IN

Division 4 trip to Cass, WV October 16-18, 2009 was cancelled.

Other business:

We will have a speaker from the division at our February meeting

Division 1 Second Annual Flea Market – this is intended to be a flea market for railroad oriented merchandise. It is open to members and other interested modelers. No dealers of new merchandise are invited but dealers with older equipment, consignment or close-out merchandise are welcome. It will be on November 1, 2009 at the Akron Yacht Club. Hours are 11am to 4pm with setup starting at 9am. Tables are \$10 each and can be purchased and shared by division members and non-members. There will be room for 25-30 tables. Bob Ashley's wife will run our concession stand. A \$2 donation will be asked for at the door. Advertising will be done in the Peddler Freight, on our web site, and by e-mail to the other divisions. 12 tables have been rented so far, 7 of them to Division 4 members. Mrs. Ashley can use several people to help with the concession stand and several people are needed to help with setup and cleanup and at the door. Please let Bob Ashley Jr. know if you can help.

Jim Williams suggested that members look at the following two web sites:

For N-scale projects www.ghqmodels.com

For a free on-line magazine

www.railroadhobbyist.com

The meeting was adjourned at 3:05 PM.

Respectfully,

Jim Williams, Clerk



NMRA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NMRA Membership in Division 1 stands at 87. This report covers August and September. The August report was received on September 4 and the September report on October 1.

NEW MEMBERS: None

RENEWALS:

For August: Michael Bradley
Gary Motts
Kenneth Orchard
For September: Jim Peters

MISSING FROM LIST: (These names have been dropped from NMRA membership list).

For August: Tim Lissan Dan Williams
For September: None

THANK YOU to the members who have renewed. We appreciate your support of the hobby.

David

2009-2010 Meeting Dates

Oct 18- Bob Ashley, Jr - Akron
Nov 1- Railroad Flea Market - Portage Lakes
Nov 15- Whistle Stop Hobby Shop
Dec 19- Holiday Dinner - Erie Station - Tallmadge
Jan 17- Sebring Model RR Club
Feb 21- Larry Brown - Ravenna
Mar 21- Jim Williams - North Canton
Apr 18- Don Bonk - Louisville
May 23 Jim Dipaolo - Ravenna
Jun 13- Chuck Boyer - Clinton
Meeting dates subject to change due to Holidays or hosts schedules. Contact Ron Wigal at rwigal@neo.rr.com

AREAS NEWEST

Opening this month, October, 2009, is a new venue for Northeast Ohio and more specifically our entire Division #1 area of the Mid Central Region of the NMRA which encompasses 10 counties.

Actually there are 3 great things just placed on the map, acquired and being prepped for grand opening as you read this.

#1. Hilltop Hobby Shop located across the highway (Rt# 224) from the Goodyear Air Dock as it has been called in the past. White House / Red Shutters, 1732 E. Waterloo Rd. Suite #100 Akron, Ohio 44306. (330-733-3253)

hilltophobby@neo.rr.com

This new hobby shop quickly points out the fact that they already have in stock many pieces of rolling stock and engines. That's just in "N" Scale. There is of course O Gage, HO.

#2. Hamrick Community Foundation is a non profit (501 c-3) IRS and is a registered business with the State of Ohio. The Hamrick foundation is in the process of establishing their set up procedures and facility to best serve the public. They do accept tax deductible contributions which will be used in this effort. There are numerous collections that are rare, hard to find and no longer manufactured. This extensive collection has been in the making for over 30 years. Recent printed material refer to this as, "The Model Trains & Toys Spectacular". The model train & toys spectacular will open to the public soon (October 09) as work is in progress now. Volunteers are welcome to inquire as a volunteer staff will be needed more as work progresses. Mark Hamrick curator is available most anytime at 330-730-1067 or 330-733-3253.

#3 M&M Railroad is "The only diesel style Trackless Train based on plans of amusement park rail-type trains" located in the U.S. This train is for hire to serve children of all ages at special events, fairs, business functions, reunions, parties, reunions and "Where ever We Are Needed", says Mark Hamrick & Mike Delmoro owners. Their fee is determined by travel distance just as it was for the 75,000 passengers we have served over the last 5 years. Each ride carries 18 passengers & 1 engineer. "We were invited to participate in the Presidential Parade but schedules just would not work out"... Reach Mark Hamrick at www.mmrailroad.com. or call any time with

questions (330-733-3253).

Check with Mark or Mike any time as volunteers are always appreciated.

You must have these guys tell you about their Guinness Book of World Records (Real & Toy) for the longest continual running train pulling 5 cars non-stop. Would you believe 1207.5 hours? A "BL-2" engine.

This tour and interview lasted over 3 hours. I cannot begin to explain or cover the literally thousands of items soon to be available. Suffice it to say that this is one operation that has been in the making for a long time. One that should not be missed.

Ron Wigal, Membership Chair.

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**Division 1, The Akron-Canton-Youngstown
Division, MCR, NMRA
June 14, 2009 Meeting**

BONK RR (Bankers of Ohio and Northern Kentucky Railroad) with over 4 scale miles of track under **Digitrax** Digital Command Control (DCC).

Don and Carol dedicated this meeting to their fellow model railroader, Mary Lou Rice, who always came to see long trains run. Don told Mary Lou at last year's meeting at the Bonk RR that he would run even longer trains for her at this June's meeting. Mary Lou said she would be here and she was in spirit. Therefore two long trains were scheduled to run.

Passenger - NW, J class 4-8-4 with 2 express freight cars and 9 heavy weight coaches

Freight - 1 Trainmaster and H16-44 (Baby Trainmaster) diesels, 30 assorted cars and caboose

David Hazlett has said that the Bonk-RR always has something new and something planned.

First up was the raffle. This year we had 3 contributed prizes: one HO scale, one N scale and something for no real value. First was a **Roundhouse Product** 50' Combination Door Box car kit - 1937 Union Pacific. Second was a **Model Power** 40' Reefer Collector's Car - Antonio & Cleopatra Cigars. Third prize came from the Bonk RR closet, we were not sure what purpose they serve, but there are 2 of them so maybe they will mate. The cars were donated by: **Trains-N-Toys**, 1111 South Main, North Canton and **Cabinets-2-Counter Tops**, 7142 Frank Road, North Canton.

New things for this year's meeting were in repose to our visitors. We had complaints about the open staircase to the basement, so the Bonk RR boxed in the stairs. As our past visitors know there is sound in N-scale, some complained that there were no diesels with sound. That was corrected with 3 engines, 2 Trainmasters plus an E-8A unit. Unfortunately, one of the Trainmasters decoders died Saturday before the meeting.

All of the diesel sound decoders were manufactured by **MRC**. The Bonk-RR purchased 2 model 1636 and 2 model 1645. In both cases the decoders suffered from a 50% rejection rate. At \$25 for return and replacement or repair, that was a disappointment and **MRC** has been so informed. Now that one Trainmaster decoder died after less than an hour of operation, the reject rate looks like 75%. So how do they work?

Bonk-RR believes the sound is good, but somewhat hard

to reprogram. After several attempts the E-8A is very loud as compared to the Trainmasters. One possibility is that the Trainmasters speakers are down in the fuel tank, while the E-8A speaker is in the cab. The **Atlas** Trainmasters seem to run well in a consist (CV-19) (after a lengthy trial and error matching session). Since the Trainmaster decoder installation required machining of the locomotive frames the Bonk-RR farmed the job out to **AI Trains & Hobbies LLC**, 708 Broadway Ave, Bedford, Ohio. The price for total installation was reasonable compared to buying milled frames or shipping costs to get frames milled elsewhere. The new consist of H16-44 (**Lenz** decoder) and the Trainmaster (**MRC** sound decoder) appear to run well via the old method of given the same address to both engines.

One irritating thing with the sound decoder units, long steam engines with tender pick-ups, and consists is they are more sensitive to track work than the non-sound units. Small gaps at the rail joiners and turnouts may cause stalling, restarts and/or system shutdowns. Possible engine damage can occur when the lead engine in a consist stalls and the second engine keeps running. The Bonk-RR is still learning how to run DCC effectively.

Four volunteers were asked to run trains on the Bonk-RR. Working around the bottleneck due to the basement stairway which forces the double main line into a single main for both East and West traffic can be challenging. Trains were given different priorities just to make things interesting. The four trains had 3 different sound decoders (**MRC**, **Lok Sound**, **Soundtrax**) so that the meeting attendees could hear the differences. The Bonk-RR prefers **Soundtrax** over the others. **Loc Sound** is good, but the volume of the whistles or horns cannot be adjusted high enough to overcome the other sounds generated. Adding more **MRC** decoders is doubtful.

Finally there was food and drink available.

The Bonk-RR hopes to see you again April 18, 2010.



Poor attendance at Dalton???
So that no one forgets in the future, no matter when the Peddler Freight reaches you, our meetings are the third Sunday of the month except when holidays or the hosts schedule dictates otherwise. (Editor).

DIVISION 1 RAILROAD FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009

11 AM - 4 PM

THE AKRON YACHT CLUB

3575 SOUTH MAIN ST

AKRON, OH 44319

(South of I-277, West of I-77)

(South of Killian Road and North of State Route 619)

This flea market is designed as a place for the average model railroader to sell or trade his or her railroad items. It is not intended to be a place to find the newest and latest items as offered by hobby shop dealers. Dealers whose merchandise is older equipment, i.e. used, consignment or close-outs, are welcome.

All model railroaders are welcome to sell and buy.

Members from Divisions 1, 4 & 5 are especially urged to participate.

A donation of \$2 per attendee is requested.

A concession area will be available.

Tables (@6 feet) are \$10 each.

Contact: Bob Ashley, Jr.
3656 Shikellamy Dr.
Akron, OH 44319-3742
330-645-6175 evenings

tubtoy3656@aol.com

The number of tables available is limited, so request your tables early. Setup starts at 9 am.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Number of tables: _____ x \$10 = _____

Payable to: Division 1 - MCR - NMRA

October Destination
OCTOBER 18, 2009 2:00 PM

Our meeting in October will be held at the home of Bob Ashley Jr. located at 3656 Shikellamy Dr Akron OH 44319.

Bob may be reached at 330-645-6175 or at tubtoy3656@aol.com.

Please enter through the GARAGE
Snacks - Beverages and chairs will be provided

**CONTEST MODELS FOR SEPTEMBER 2009
- MAY 2010**

- October - Rolling stock with graffiti
- November - Vehicles which are railroad related with name of the railroad on the side. Examples are speeders, hand cars, MOW trucks.
- December - no contest
- January - Servicing Facilities - steam or diesel
- February - Depressed center flat cars with or without loads
- March - Excessively weathered and/or damaged freight cars
- April - Diesel Locomotives
- May - Cabooses

THE 2009-2010 CONTEST

CONTEST WINNERS FOR SEPTEMBER 2009:
Scratch-Built Kit-Built Kit-Bashed

THERE WERE NO ENTRIES FOR THIS MONTH'S CONTEST.

CVSR NEWS

The CVSR Polar Express tickets can now be purchased on line. There is no more lottery or waiting. Go to www.cvsn.com to select the date and train, purchase, and, print your tickets.

The Polar Express will be offering rides from November 18 thru December 19, 2009. Departures will be from Independence Rockside Station and Akron Northside Station. Check the schedule for departure times. There will be daytime trips each weekend as well as the traditional evening trips.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Brakeman/Trainman, CVSR



Mark your calendar for December 19, 2009, Saturday at 1:00PM

THIRD ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER

at the

ERIE STATION GRILLE

70 EAST AVENUE, COUNTY ROAD 18 OFF I-76

TALLMADGE OHIO 44278

We will have a beautiful private railroad dining car, "*THE ROSE*", which has been rebuilt with very plush paneling, new carpeting, lights, tables, linens, video entertainment system and your order will be served to you at your table. The car is handicap accessible and has very spacious handicap accessible restrooms. You will order at your table and choose from:

- * PARMESAN TILAPIA
- * 8 OZ. SIRLOIN STEAK
- * CHICKEN MARSALA

or

- * PASTA ALFREDO

(* Choose one)

All dinners, except pasta, include baked potato and vegetable.

All include salad, bread, butter, soft drink, iced tea, hot tea or hot coffee.

\$16.49 PER PERSON

PLEASE ADD 6.5% SALES TAX & 18% GRATUITY (ABOUT \$20.75 TOTAL PER PERSON)

MEMBERS, SPOUSES, FAMILY, GRANDKIDS, AND FRIENDS. BRING A GUEST.

We have room for at least 44 people and 21 have signed up. Don't wait. Call now.

Please call to advise the number of people attending - BOB ASHLEY, SR., 330-644-4778 or e-mail rashleysr@msn.com .

NMRA INSURANCE

A question has come up about insurance coverage. As a 100% NMRA Division (yes, some have not been in the past, including us) we are automatically covered for any Division 1 sponsored event. We do not have to notify NMRA of the event. If we hold a meeting at the home of a non-member, we are still covered because it is a Division 1 event. Anyone hosting an officially sponsored Division 1 event has that event covered for \$1,000,000. Our Flea Market is covered.

Superintendent Hazlett

Train Shows and Open Houses – October thru November 15, 2009

Thanks to Randy Dettmer for compiling this list.

Medina Model Railroad & Toy Show – October 25, 2009 – 10AM-4PM

Medina County Fairgrounds Community Center, 735 Lafayette Rd, Medina, OH
\$5 Admission, children 12 and under are free.

Old Eli's Train & Toy Show – October 31, 2009 – 10AM-4PM

Valley View Church, 2772 Simons Dr NW, Sugarcreek, OH
\$3 for Adults, Children under 12 are free.

Division 1 Railroad Flea Market – November 1, 2009 – 11AM-4PM

Akron Yacht Club, 3575 S Main St, Akron, OH
\$2 Donation per attendee is requested.

Erie PA Railroadiana & Model Train Show – November 1, 2009 – 10AM-4PM

Rainbow Gardens – Waldameer Park, Route Alt. 5, Erie, PA
\$4 for Adults, \$3 for Senior Citizens & Students 12-18, Children under 12 are free.

2-Rail "O" Scale Train Show – November 7, 2009 – 9AM-2PM

Lakeland Community College – 7700 Clocktower Dr, Kirkland, OH
\$6 Admission, Children 12 and under are free.

Dayton Train Show – November 7 & 8, 2009 – 11AM-4PM

Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd, Dayton, OH
\$6 Admission, Children under 12 are free.

Youngstown Model Railroad Assn – November 7, 8, 14, 15, 2009 – 12PM-6PM

Corner of Raccoon Rd & Four-Mile Run Rd, Austintown, OH
\$3 Donation per person, children under 12 are free with adult.

Greater Wayne County Train & Toy Show – November 8, 2009 – 10AM-4PM

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

Toy Train Operating Society Toy Train Show – November 8, 2009 – 10AM-2PM

United Food & Commercial Workers Hall, 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Hts, MI
\$3 Admission

Sebring Model Railroad Club – November 14, 15, 21, 22, 2009 – 10AM-6PM

216 E Pennsylvania Ave, Sebring, OH
\$2 Donation per person, children under 12 are free.

Norwalk & Western RR Train & Toy Show – November 15, 2009 – 10AM-3PM

Ehove Career Center, 316 W Mason Rd, Milan, OH
\$3 Admission, children under 12 are free.