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Asst. Superintendent's Bulletin



Happy Midwinter! Spring can't be that far off... but this is Northeast Ohio.

Still, there is plenty of time to get going on those projects, which leads me to this month's topic. I want to address the 'social aspect' of model railroading.

When we decide to do a modeling project it is usually a "singular event."

1. I decide on the project, car, structure, etc.
2. I decide everything based on my knowledge, experience and comfort level.

This is why those projects in the "too hard" box never seem to get done. Usually the only "outside interference" is when I ask my wife's opinion on a color or how something looks. It's great to have someone that will give you an honest answer - even if it is, "looks terrible."

This leads me to my list of benefits to working with a partner:

1. A second set of eyes/another opinion.
2. An extra set of hands when you're trying to hold things in place while waiting for glue to dry.
3. If you're lucky (in my case REAL LUCKY) they come with their "spare parts" bin(s).
4. They bring their experience - what they learned the "hard way."
5. You can learn their tricks, hacks, etc.
6. The end result is something you're proud of and you had a lot of fun doing it!
7. Entertainment - It's always entertaining to see how many fingers Michael Bradley glued together this time. Tip: Safest bet is at least three.

Call a Train Buddy - GET TO WORK. Don't forget the extra glue!

Sam Eisele, Asst. Superintendent
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Zoom Invite

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86899968456?pwd=WUJ-SaThoYzFVUUtucmdybnWtmbnFOU09>

A Zoom invite will be emailed to all Division 1 members before the February meeting.

Membership Report

With train shows canceled, and no place to set up the membership table to talk with people about joining the NMRA, things have been slow. However, hopefully things will get back to normal soon and we can bring our membership numbers up. Right now our membership stands at 83.

Kurt Sanders
Membership Chair

PF Change of Address

Please note the editor has a new address:

Bruce Hukill
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Editor, Peddler Freight

2020 - 2021 Division 1 Events

February 21 - Zoom meeting online
All remaining Events to be determined.

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

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
(330) 465-7402

The Peddler Freight will be highlighting the requirements for the AP awards needed to obtain Master Model Railroader status. This month we will look at the Golden Spike Award. The following is from the NMRA website.

Association Volunteer

To qualify for the Association Volunteer certificate, you must:

1. Serve actively on one or more NMRA committees (National, Region, or Division) and/or as an Officer long enough to accumulate sixty (60) certified time units (TUs). The TUs you receive for various types of service are listed below:
 1. Active satisfactory service as a National Department Head: 4 TUs per month.
 2. Active satisfactory service as a National committee Chair/Manager, reporting to a Department Head: 3 TUs per month.
 3. Active satisfactory service as a Region committee Chair/Manager or a National committee member, or Division Superintendent/President: 2 TUs per month.
 4. Active satisfactory service as a Region committee member, a Division Officer other than as Division Superintendent/President, or Division committee Chair/Manager: 1 TU per month.
 5. Active satisfactory service as a Division committee member or Division board member: 1/2 TU per month.
 6. Editors of an NMRA publication shall receive credit at the rate appropriate for committee Chairmen at the same level. At least four (4) issues of the publication, edited by the person applying, shall be attached to the SOQ or a URL provided for electronic newsletters before points will be considered for credit.
So what exactly constitutes a "committee?"
Basically, just about any office or function that isn't covered under Association Official. Most other officers in a Division (or Region) are considered Committee Chairs/Managers. For example, if your Division has a person who runs the contest at the monthly meeting, they can be considered the "Contest Committee Manager," your local AP representative is a member of the "Region AP Committee", and so on. Conventions (at all levels) are chock full of committees (Only the convention General Manager receives "Committee Manager" points - all others receive "Committee Member" points, even if their title includes the word "Manager"). Individuals who work just the day of the event (for example at the convention registration desk) receive credit for one month's work as committee members.
7. Service as a Division officer (other than Superintendent/President) or Division Director: 1 TU per month.
8. Newsletter Editors of 100% NMRA clubs having 10 or more members, may earn one time unit per issue of the club newsletter (print or electronic), providing it is four pages or more. Four (4) issues of the newsletter, edited by the person applying, must be attached to the SOQ, or a URL provided for electronic newsletters, before the time units will be considered for credit. (Other club officers, even of 100% NMRA clubs, DO NOT earn Volunteer credits.)
9. Official judges at NMRA sponsored model contests (including non-rail) shall be given time units for such service at the contest only (not monthly), as a one-time service credit per contest as follows:
 1. National Contest Judge: 3 Time Units
 2. Region Contest Judge: 2 Time Units
 3. Division Contest Judge: 1 Time Unit

**ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM
ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER
RECORD AND VALIDATION FORM
FEBRUARY 2019**

PLEASE ATTACH THIS FORM TO A COMPLETED STATEMENT OF QUALIFICATIONS (SOQ) FORM

Member Name: _____ Region: _____
Date Submitted: _____

To qualify for this certificate you must:

1. Serve actively on NMRA Committees (National, Region or Division) long enough to accumulate at 60 certified time units.
2. Active satisfactory service as a National Department Head at the rate of 4 TU per month.
3. Active satisfactory service as a National Committee Chair, reporting to a Department Head at the rate of 3 TU per month.
4. Active satisfactory service as a Region Committee Chair or a National Committee member at the rate of 2 TU per month.
5. Active satisfactory service as a Region Committee member, a Division Officer, or Division Committee Chair at the rate of 1 TU per month.
6. Active satisfactory service as a Division Committee or Board member at the rate of 1/2 TU per month.
7. Editors of an NMRA publication shall receive credit for their service at the same rate as that for service on Committees.
8. Service as a Division Officer or Director (other than as a Region Committee Chair) shall be credited at the same rate as that for service on Committees.
9. Division Superintendents (President) at the rate for a Region Committee Chair. All other Division Officers will accumulate at the rate for a Region Committee member.
10. Editors of 100% NMRA Clubs, having 10 or more members, may earn one point per issue of the Club Newsletter, providing the club has a URL provided for electronic newsletters before points will be considered for credit. (Other club officers, even of 100% NMRA clubs, DO NOT earn Volunteer credits.)
11. Official judges at an NMRA sponsored model contest shall be given time units for their service as follows: National 3 TU, Region 2 TU, Division 1 TU.
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Legend:

- 1. National Contest Judge - 3 Time Units
- 2. Region Contest Judge - 2 Time Units
- 3. Division Contest Judge - 1 Time Unit
- 4. National Department Head - 4 TUs per month
- 5. National Committee Chair - 3 TUs per month
- 6. Region Committee Chair - 2 TUs per month
- 7. Division Officer - 1 TU per month
- 8. Division Committee Chair - 1 TU per month
- 9. Division Committee Member - 1/2 TU per month
- 10. Division Superintendent/President - 2 TUs per month
- 11. Region Committee Chair/Manager - 2 TUs per month
- 12. Region Committee Member - 1 TU per month
- 13. Division Officer other than as Division Superintendent/President - 1 TU per month
- 14. Division Committee Chair/Manager - 1 TU per month
- 15. Division Committee Member - 1 TU per month
- 16. Division Board Member - 1/2 TU per month
- 17. Editor of NMRA publication - 1 TU per issue
- 18. Editor of 100% NMRA Club Newsletter - 1 TU per issue
- 19. Official judge at NMRA sponsored model contest - 3 TU (National), 2 TU (Region), 1 TU (Division)
- 20. Contest participant - 1 TU per month
- 21. Contest participant - 1 TU per month
- 22. Contest participant - 1 TU per month
- 23. Contest participant - 1 TU per month
- 24. Contest participant - 1 TU per month
- 25. Contest participant - 1 TU per month
- 26. Contest participant - 1 TU per month
- 27. Contest participant - 1 TU per month
- 28. Contest participant - 1 TU per month
- 29. Contest participant - 1 TU per month
- 30. Contest participant - 1 TU per month

This credit is in addition to any credit that you may receive for being on the committee that works to set up the contest event.

10. Individuals (and their crews) who open their home or club layout for layout tours or operating sessions in conjunction with NMRA conventions or other NMRA sponsored events earn credit as follows for each day that the layout is open for viewing.

1. National Event 3 Time Units / day (12 TUs maximum per event)
2. Region Event 3 Time Units / day (6 TUs maximum per event)
3. Division Event 3 Time Units / day (3 TUs maximum per event)

This credit is in addition to any credit that they may receive for being on the committee that works to set up the event.

11. Individuals who participate in modular layouts in conjunction with NMRA Division events, or at NMRA sponsored events, earn credit as follows for each day the layout is open for viewing at the event.

1. National Event 3 Time Units / day (12 TUs maximum per event)
2. Region Event 3 Time Units / day (6 TUs maximum per event)
3. Division Event 3 Time Units / day (3 TUs maximum per event)

This credit is in addition to any credit that they may receive for being on the committee that works to set up the event.

NOTE: There is generally a maximum of 48 time units credited for any one National convention, 24 time units credited for any one Regional convention, and 6 time units credited for any one Division event.

12. Boy Scout Railroading Merit Badge Counselors who are NMRA members can earn: 1 TU (time unit) per month plus 1 TU per Scout that qualifies. This credit is retroactive with no time limit for those who have served as counselors in the past provided that they were also NMRA members during the time of service.

13. A live clinic that is presented more than once earns Association Volunteer credits for each additional (the first presentation is credited toward Author unless the person already holds the Author certificate) presentation at the following schedule:

1. National Clinic - 3 Time Units
2. Regional Clinic - 2 Time Units
3. Divisional Clinic - 1 Time Unit

14. Certification of accomplishment shall be by the Committee Manager (in the case of committee members), or by the appointing officer (in the case of Committee Chairmen). The Region (or National) President or Secretary may certify when the appointing officer is not available or when many positions will require several signatures.

KEEP TRACK OF YOUR SERVICE AS YOU DO IT: Obtain the record form from your local, or Regional, AP Manager, then fill it out and have it signed at the time. This is much easier than going back and collecting signatures later when you're ready to apply for your certificate.

15. Must submit a completed Statement of Qualification (SOQ, see below) itemizing evidence of completion of the above requirements, along with the signed record of service.

1. National Contest Judge 3 Time Units
2. Region Contest Judge 2 Time Units
3. Division Contest Judge 1 Time Unit

Note: The Association Volunteer SOQ may be initiated by others.

Further Information

Contact National Achievement Program General Manager, Frank Koch achiev@nmra.org, or your Region or Division Achievement Program Manager for more information.

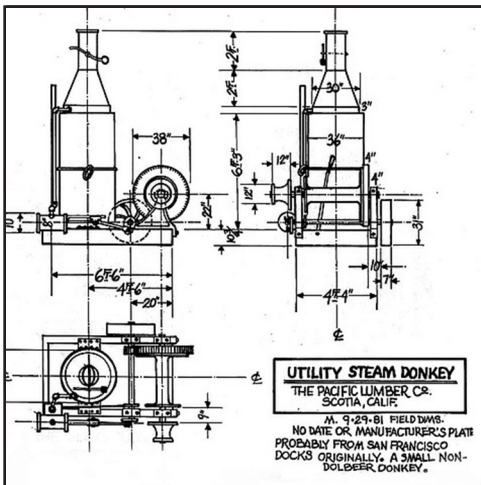
Tips and Hacks

At the suggestion of Assistant Superintendent Sam Eisele, the Peddler Freight has a new feature, "Tips and Hacks." Have you stumbled on something that saves time, makes a monotonous job easier or saves money? The list can be endless, so why not share it with your fellow modelers? Following are three tips - all from Sam.

1. Place your spray cans or glue bottles containing thicker glue in a bath of warm water. This helps the paint or glue to easily flow.
2. Cut small parts from sprues inside a large Ziplock bag. When they go flying, and they will, the parts will stay inside the bag. This saves hours of crawling around on the floor. We all know how much fun getting back up must be, especially if/when you don't find the AWOL part.
3. Store glue tubes upright in an old pill bottle - this keeps the glue from clogging the neck of the tube.

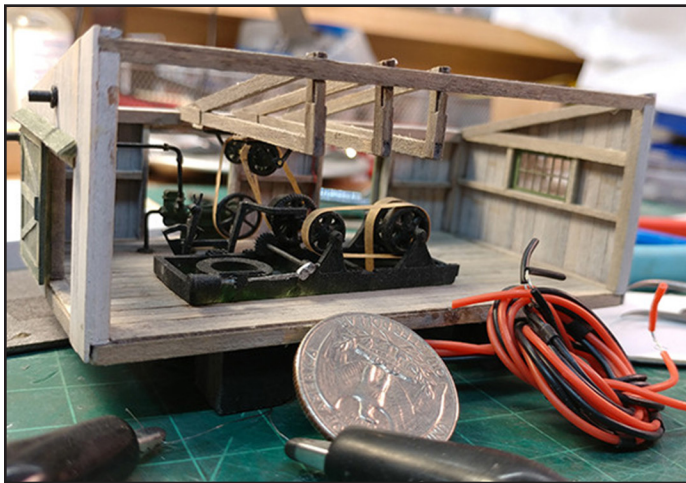
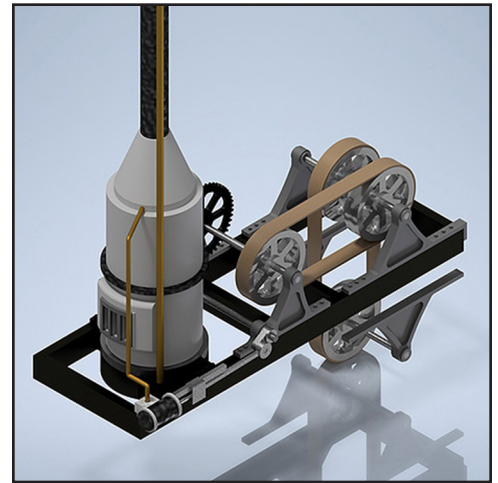
If you have any hacks or tips to share, email to the Peddler Freight editor at hukillbruce@gmail.com.

Steve Zapytowski's Rope Factory Project



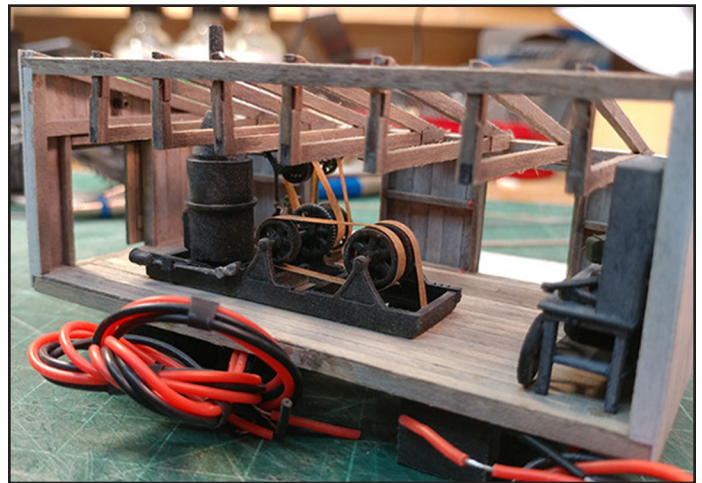
Drawing for a Utility Donkey (left) This was used as the source for the steam drive unit seen to the right.

Steam Drive Unit (right) This was based upon the drawing to the left. This is the CAD/3D file used for printing this unit.



Steam Drive Unit - First Draft

Here is the powerhouse during early construction. The steam engine and associated wheels were printed on my old 3D printer that fortunately died, thus compelling me to buy a new and better one.



Steam Drive Unit - Second Draft

This was printed on the new printer and the quality of the finished product is much better.

**Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
January 17, 2020**

2:02 PM – The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Bob Ashley, Jr.
A total of twelve members attended.

No official minutes were taken in December of 2020. Bob Ashley, Jr. reconstructed the minutes per his meeting notes and presented them to the membership. December minutes were approved.

Treasury Report – Michael Bradley, Treasurer.

Checking balance	\$7596.55
CD balance	\$3146.57
Money Market balance	\$10,012.91
Total balance	\$20,756.03

Module Fund has \$2,151.37.

Money Market comes due in May. Treasurer Michael Bradley will research for best rates to renew when due. Jim diPaola was taken off the checking account as a signer for checks and Bob Ashley, Jr. was added as a signer. Motion to accept the report, subject to audit initiated by Steve Zapytowski, and seconded by Randy Dettmer. Unanimously approved.

Membership report – Kurt Sanders reported that we currently have 83 members. Kurt stated he called several members who have not renewed their membership. He reported Gary Kohler was planning to renew but has been down with COVID. Kurt reported that Keith Seitzer of Twinsburg had recently passed away. A discussion of Keith followed with Sam Eisele reporting he received a call from Keith's friend Rich. Bob Ashley, Jr. asked Kurt to send a condolence card on behalf of Division 1 members to Keith's family. (see New Business)

Clinics report – Currently we don't have a chairman for this.

Peddler Freight report – No report this month.

Achievements Report – No report this month.

Modules report – Nothing to report. Per Bob Ashley, Jr. the next possible setup is November.

Apparel report – No report this month.

Meetings – For the time being, it looks like we will be using Zoom.

Contest report – No report this month

Old Business – A June 2021 date had been discussed as a time for a Division cookout. Bob Ashley, Jr. has not had an opportunity to check with the venue on rental cost/availability and will follow up.

New Business – Further discussion on Achievement Certificates. Steve Zapytowski shared several slides showing the paperwork involved for Association Volunteer. Qualifications and tracking sheet are available on the website. According to Lloyd Horst many Division 1 members qualify for the Association Volunteer Certificate, but have not taken the final step of filling out the paperwork.

Bob Ashley, Jr. made a motion to send a sympathy card to the family of any Division 1 member who passes away. The motion was seconded by Steve Zapytowski and passed.

Bring and Brag –

Steve Zapytowski shared pictures of his ongoing rope factory project. Pictures included 3D printed lampshade with a slot for LED wires, rope weaving machine, laying cart and various other components of the rope making process. In a word, "Jawdropping!"

Kurt Sanders showed some switch machines he made from styrene provided by Bob Ashley, Jr. Kurt also thanked Sam Eisele for a Youngstown Sheet and Tube hopper car he sent him.

Motion to adjourn was submitted and seconded by the body at 2:50 PM.

Minutes recorded by Sam Eisele, Asst. Superintendent

THIS MONTH'S MEETING
Sunday, February 21, 2021
Online via the Zoom App
2 PM

Feel free to snack during the meeting.

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Train Shows and Open Houses

Medina Train and Toy Show - February 7

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

2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet - April 10

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

Mansfield Train Show - February 14

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

Medina Train and Toy Show - April 11

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

Canfield Train and Toy Show - February 20

Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana, Canfield 44406
Admission \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM

NYCSHS Train Show - May 16

Holiday Inn Cleveland South
6001 Rockside Rd. Independence, OH 44131
Admission - FREE 10 AM - 3 PM

Div. 5 Railfest - Model Railroad Show - March 13 - 14

Lakeland Community College
7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, Ohio 44094
Admission \$6.00 10 AM - 4 PM

Editor note: As of February 1, 2021, per cleveshows.com, the above events are scheduled to be open unless noted.

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