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Superintendent's Bulletin



The 2019 MCR Convention, **The Bullet**, arrived on time, ran on schedule and was very successful. Every aspect of the convention was well organized and the attendees commented that they liked how relaxed and fun their three days were. Having vendors seemed to be a big hit also with the vendors were busy most of the time. Conventions like ours do not happen without dedicated, hard working people.

I would like to thank my co-chair Steve Zapytowski, Jim Williams, Sam Eisele, David Hazlett, Bob Ashley Jr., Jim Peters, Luana Peters, Chuck Altweis, Doris DiPaola, Gary Kohler, Rich Ramskugler, Bruce Hukill, Randy Dettmer and Mike Bradley for being on the Convention Committee. Two years of meetings may seem like a long time but the end result was a very nice convention. Along with a Convention Committee a convention does not happen without the numerous volunteers who staffed various activities during the convention. A big thanks to Alyce Altweis, Frank Benders, Kim Bradley, Michael Hauk, Patrick Hreachmack, George Keller, Jerry Kruse, Bob McKay, Chris Minchmoyer, Marylyn Ramskugler, Karen Sanders, Derek Shoup, Jeff Stone, Steve Skodzinsky, Joe Urbanski and Bradley White for volunteering their time. I apologize if I've unintentionally left anyone out. Also, a big thank you to the Division 1 module group for setting up an operating their HO and N scale modules.

Division 1 members also took home awards from this year's MCR Convention. Congratulations to Bob Ashley Jr. for *Best of Show* and *2nd Place Module*; Kurt Sanders for *1st Place Module*; and Sam Eisele for *1st Place Non-Revenue model* category with his HO scale Snow Blower. Convention Co-Chair and Assistant Superintendent Steve Zapytowski received the *Director's Award* from MCR President Bob Weinheimer for Steve's work on updating the Regional Contest. Congratulations to you all on your awards.

On a somber note Jean Zapytowski, Steve's Mother, passed away May 6, 2019. Jean and her husband Joseph had planned to join us at the Convention on Saturday night but Jean became ill and could not attend. Please join me in extending Condolences to the Zapytowski family.

The June event will be held at the home of Bob Ashley Jr., 3656 Shikellamy Drive, Akron, OH 44319 on June 9,

2019. Since we didn't have a May event because of the Convention we'll hold the May contest at the June event. So bring your 1 square foot offline scene diorama and show off your work. Our 50/50 raffle will include prizes from the Convention Raffle that were not claimed.

This June will be the last time Jim Williams will be with us in Division 1. Jim and his wife have sold their home in Canton and are moving to Georgia at the end of June. Jim is a member of the Module Group and has served as our Clerk. Jim did mention there is a railroad museum not too far from his new home. We will miss Jim and we wish him well in his new home.

All Aboard!!

Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Division 1



The Bullet 2019 MCR Convention Quick News

The 2019 Bullet Convention Committee has been hard at work. The website is <https://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/the-acy-bullet-2019>. The quick news (click left) has been printed.

Pens and notepaper were distributed at the MCR Convention in Cincinnati. Shirts have been ordered on Div. 1 member. Layouts are being lined up for self-guided tours and operating sessions. Historical and prototype tours are getting in place.

2019-20 Division 1 Events

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

Layout Tours

The Bullet Convention layout tours were on Thursday, May 2 and Sunday, May 5.

The Sunday Layout Tour was a great success. Chip Syme had 28 visitors! Thank you to all layout owners and clubs that opened their doors on Sunday to Bullet registrants!

On Thursday, there were two op sessions and three RYT (Run-your-train) layouts open. Both op sessions went well and owners received compliments from their guests. I understand the RYTs were not well attended. It appears that interest in operating layouts is not very popular in our area. We should keep this in mind while planning future events.

I am planning our annual spring layout tour for the latter part of April or early May next year. Unlike past Spring Layout Tours, I will limit it to a geographical area. Do you know of a layout not yet on my list? Let me know! Please note, layouts must belong to NMRA members. If interested or you have an idea, feel free to contact me. Enjoy your summer!

Jim Peters, Layout Chair

Jerry Kruse (below left) instructs Larry Kowicki in Ironton. Bob Dengler (lower right) working the WMI Interchange.



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Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes
April 28, 2019
Sam and Trish Eisele, Mantua, Ohio

- 1) Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by Superintendent Jim DiPaola.
 - a) Moment of silence for Dave Madden who passed away on April 3, 2019.
 - b) Guests: Derle Wages.
 - c) Contest: baggage car, RPO, combine
- 2) Bring-n-Brag:
 - a) Jim DiPaola showed the group a rack for paint bottles that he had purchased from CMR. It was laser cut by Gary Kohler's company and took about 5 minutes to assemble.
 - b) Glen Yoder showed the group two books he had recently purchased from Kalmback – one on building structures and the other on railroads and the auto industry.
 - c) Bruce Hukill showed the group a large poster he had put together with gator board and a picture that he had printed at the main Akron public library. They can also print banners on 7 different mediums and have 3-D printers available. All is at nominal cost plus a membership to the library.
 - d) David Hazlett brought in a convention car that he had assembled. He had added metal wheel sets and KD couplers. He noted that the bolsters were too tight and their holes needed to be reamed out slightly.
- 3) Next Meeting: a motion was made and seconded to cancel May's meeting due to the convention and the early June 9th meeting. The May contest will be in June and the awards will be given out in the fall.
- 4) BULLET 2019 MCR Convention Update:
 - a) We have 156 registrants.
 - b) Envelope stuffing will be after lunch at today's meeting.
 - c) A lot of raffle items have been donated by 9 different manufacturers. The drawing will be held on Friday evening and the items will be given out on Saturday.
 - d) Bob Ashley, Jr. has 6 easels made.
 - e) David Hazlett reviewed the sale sheet that people will need to fill out for the company store and the white elephant sale. The division collects 10% of the sales.
 - f) Bruce Hukill brought in the time-tables he had created and printed. There are 15 extras. If a person loses theirs and wants a replacement it will cost them \$5.00.
- 5) Business Meeting
 - a) Minutes: No minutes were published in the Peddler Freight due to time constraints on Bruce.
 - b) Treasurer's Report: The report was given by Treasurer Mike Bradley. A motion was made and seconded to accept the March 2019 Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion passed.
 - c) Committee Reports:
 - i) Peddler Freight – Bruce will publish a combined May-June issue
 - ii) Achievement – Lloyd presented a Golden Spike award to Keith Seitzer and had another for Rich Pejeau who was not present.
 - iii) Jim Williams asked what to do with the extra apparel that he had and it was suggested that he bring it to the convention and we sell it at the company store.
 - Modules – Bob Ashley Jr. reported that the Salem show was a success and there was enough help for the set-up and tear-down. The next module set-up will be for the convention and he needs people to help with the setup before they go on to their other duties.
- 6) Old Business:
 - a) We need a Membership chairman.
 - b) We need a Clinic chairman.
- 7) New Business:
 - a) We need a clerk and someone to take over the apparel since Jim Williams is moving to Georgia.

30 people attended.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The business meeting adjourned at 2:48 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Williams, Clerk

Division 1 membership as of May: 99

New Member: Chuck Rheutan, Salem, OH

Module Group

As you all know the last module setup was last month at the Boardman Convention. We had a limited display due to floor space and the N gauge layout was also there. We had lots of help from our Division along with two people from the Columbus Division who are wanting to start a module group of their own. Bill and Pat not only helped set up, they ran trains in their spare time and helped us tear down. This was the first time any of us had a chance to have our modules judged. As a group we swept all 4 places. Jerry won 3rd, Kurt won 1st and I won 2nd and Best of Show.

With any luck we can go into Pittsburgh next year and make a similar showing. Over the summer we will be improving the right end loop and making a new inside corner.

Bob Ashley
Module Chairman
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HO module by Bob Ashley, Jr. (right) won the Best of Show award for modules. Bob also captured Second Place modules (middle). Jerry Kruse (bottom) took Third Place. Kurt Sanders First Place n scale module is pictured on page 5.



N-SCALE REPORT

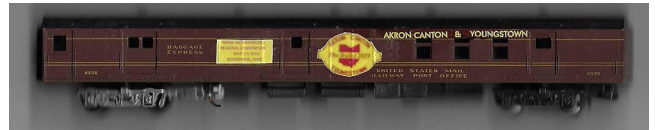
This month's report covers 2 months due to the Convention

Regional is Over! Will Division 1 wait another 30+ years before we do another one? The committee did a great job. The hotel rooms were clean and well kept, the in-house restaurant had great food at reasonable prices, banquet fare was delicious. Clinics were excellent and well attended. Special thanks to the maintenance man who helped the module group get its equipment in the ballroom Wednesday night reducing gridlock the next morning. Attendees also appreciated the speed with which refunds were made.

Congratulation to Kurt Sanders for his award winning coal mine and yard module(s) at the regional, shown below.



N-Scale 2019 Regional Convention Car is shown right. This special car was not completed before the convention, but will become the 22nd car of ACY NTRAK's convention car train which is run at all shows.



T-TRAK layout operated well at the Regional after the detector system was debugged. Over 65 T-TRAK modules were set up. Division 1's N-Scale members purchased a number of module kits.

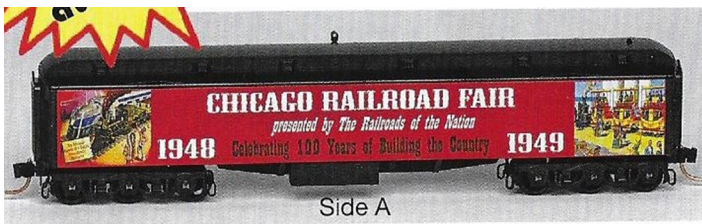
N Scale National Convention is June 26 - 30 with a special early bird Odyssey Chicago Riverfront Lunch Cruise on June 25. Depending on when you get this newsletter you still may be able to register. The special hotel room rate closes on May 31 and on line registration by June 3. The last report indicated that almost all the tours were filled and only a few places were available for the Friday evening baseball game and the special event "Hot Dog" cars shown right. All in hotel events will still be available; Clinics, Swap-O-Rama, Model Contest, Operating Hotel Layouts, Live Auction, Banquet and Raffle.



Backdrop Junction Ceases Operations. After 8 years, job and family demands have lead to the shutdown of Backdrop Junction. On April 30th they stopped ordering new material. After that date any outstanding custom orders will be filled as long as supplies last. Their discount line of backdrops may be available awhile longer. Sadly, the loss of this vendor means the loss of a large number excellent back drop images.

ACY NTRAK Special 30" x 72" Modules are in fabrication and will allow for a straight line layout. Modules will have retractable adjustable legs and a top cover which will make rivers and other below grade items possible. Two modules side by side can function as corner modules or return modules. Also there is a 2' x 2' module awaiting completion when a new member joins the NTRAK group and wishes to purchase it.

Special Prototype Cars are available from the NScale Enthusiast for the model railroaders who want accuracy and detail. Shown below are the “Chicago Rail Fair” advertising car, CNW 50’ flats with large bridge plates for tractor loads, and the UP “Big Blow” Turbine, a true rivet counter’s dream.



The Ohio N-Scale Weekend May 17-20th was a successful event and a great place to get rid of those excess dollars that were burning a hole in your pocket. NMRA Division 1, Life Member Bob Vensel was there again with one of his NTRAK modules operating with the Cannington Group from Charleston, West Virginia which he and a friend started.

NMRA National Convention in Salt Lake City, Utah is July 7 - 13 and there is still time to register. Salt Lake City is a great place to visit and adding the NMRA convention during the 150th anniversary of driving the “Golden Spike” will make it the place to be this summer. Check out the NMRA registration forms for all the layout and prototype tours. There are some great N-scale layouts in the area and an active N-Scale group.



Robert Osburn (above right) won the Best of Show award for the first T-Trak module judging at an MCR Convention. Michael DeSensi (left) took First Place with Brian C. Jones (above left) taking the Second Place award.

DIVISION 1 CONTEST - Baggage Cars, RPO's, Combines - April Category

STANDINGS 2018 - 19

STANDARD KIT

Sam Eisele - 6 pts
Frank Williamson - 5 pts
Glenn Yoder - 4 pts
Bruce Hukill - 3 pts
Bob Ashley, Jr. - 3 pts
Jim Williams - 2 pts
Matt Woods - 1 pt
Jim DiPaola - 1 pt
Kurt Sanders - 1 pt

KIT - BASHED

Matt Woods - 15 pts
Sam Eisele - 11 pts
Bob Ashley, Jr. - 7 pts
Steve Zapytowski - 4 pts
Jim Williams - 4 pts
Glenn Yoder - 4 pts
Jim Peters - 2 pts

CRAFTSMAN KIT

Matt Woods - 12 pts
Sam Eisele - 8 pts
Kurt Sanders - 4 pts
Glenn Yoder - 3 pts

SCRATCH BUILT

Sam Eisele - 14 pts
Matt Woods - 9 pts
Glenn Yoder - 4 pts
Kurt Sanders - 3 pts
Frank Williamson - 3 pts
Steve Zapytowski - 3 pts



**1st Place - Kit-Bashed
Matt Woods**



**1st Place - Craftsman Kit
Sam Eisele**



**2nd Place - Kit-Bashed
Matt Woods**



**2nd Place - Craftsman Kit
Matt Woods**



**3rd Place - Kit-Bashed
Bob Ashley, Jr.**

CONTEST TOPIC FOR 2019

MAY/JUNE - One square foot diorama of offline scene (industrial, residential, school, church, etc.- limited to 12" x 12" square)



David Hazlett holds the plaque surrounded by his HO scale D & H Rail. The inscription reads, "In appreciation of your fifteen years of devoted service to Division 1, MCR, NMRA and the hobby of Model Railroading."

David Hazlett Receives Division 1 Recognition

David Hazlett was recognized for his many years of service to Division 1 at the Bullet Convention with the presentation of a plaque. David has served as Peddler Freight Editor, Assistant Superintendent, and Superintendent. Following is a note from David.

I would like to thank Division 1 for the honor of being recognized for the work that I have done in and for the division.

The recognition of the work and the presentation of a plaque at the 2019 MCR Convention banquet was unexpected. The standing ovation was surprising.

I was at a loss for words.

Thank you,
David Hazlett

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Sunday, June 9, 2019

Bob Ashley, Jr.

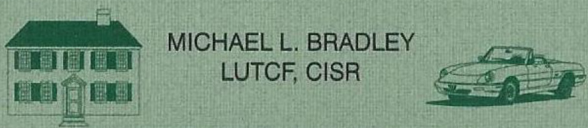
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Achievement Program

I would like to encourage everyone to work toward their Golden Spike Award. If you already have your Golden Spike, please look at the various categories in the NMRA Achievement Program. Please feel free to talk to me at any of the Division 1 events or give me a call at (330) 465-7402. Thank you,

Lloyd Horst
AP Chair

Train Shows and Open Houses

The 27th National N Scale - June 25 - 30, 2019

Chicago, IL
www.nationalnscaleconvention.com/

NMRA National Convention - July 7 - 13, 2019

Salt Lake City, UT
<http://www.nmra2019slc.org/>

Railroad Heritage Weekend Model Railroad

Show & Swap - July 27 - 28, 2019

County Fairgrounds
1055 S Washington St, Van Wert, OH

Everett's Train Show and Swap Meet - Aug 17, 2019

Marion Union Station, 532 W Center St, Marion, OH
Admission: donation 10 AM - 4 PM

All Trains flea Market - September 15, 2019

Darke County Fairgrounds
800 Sweitzer St, Greenville, OH 10 am to 3 pm
Admission: \$5, under 12 free with adult 10 AM - 3 PM

18th Fostoria Rail Festival - September 28, 2019

Fostoria Junior/Senior High School
1001 Park Avenue, Fostoria, OH
Admission \$4.00, Under 10, Free 10 AM - 4 PM

The Great Berea Train Show - Oct. 5 - 6, 2019

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
19201 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, OH 44130
Admission \$8.00, 2-Day \$10.00
Under 16 Free 10 AM - 4 PM



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