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# Superintendent's Bulletin



We now have less than 60 days till the Bullet arrives in Boardman, Ohio. Where did the time go? It seems like only yesterday that Division 1 had put forth the idea of hosting a Regional Convention to you members and here we are. Remember, we helped host the 2014 National Convention with Divisions 4 & 5 and that was a great convention. The Bullet should be a spectacular ride. We can still use more volunteers so contact Luana

Peters if you can help. Attend the March Division Event and you can hear more about the convention in detail.

If you missed February's Event you missed a great scenery clinic by Brad Baum and Chip Syme. Brad and Chip have hinted they're working on a Part 2 of their clinic which will include making realist looking water.

Our February event also had a short presentation by Evan Cihlar, President and CEO of Railroading In America Magazine. Evan is a junior in high school from Stow, Ohio. Evan and his staff have been publishing RIAM for two years and have a huge following of around 70,000+. Yes, there is 4 zeros after that 7! In Edition 8, Volume 3 there is an editorial by Max Harris titled "Is the Model Railroad Hobby Dying?" This article suggests that the hobby is far from from dying and the is actually growing. This is a great read for everyone. Back issues are available from RIAM.

March 17th is our next Division Event and St. Patrick's Day! Jim and Luana Peter's will host at their home in Sagamore Hills, Ohio. The contest is Prototype Photos and the categories are modern, excursions, structures and vintage. Bring you entries and also something for Bring-N-Brag.

All Aboard!! Jim DiPaola, Superintendent NMRA, MCR, Division 1

# **Layout Tours**

## Next Event - The Bullet Regional 2019

Special attention to Thursday, May 2 operating layout owners and Sunday, May 5 self-guided tour layout owners - Only 56 days before the train leaves for Boardman! All aboard! Still plenty of time to add more scenery to your layout or add another assignment or two to your op session.

While having fun, be sure to contact me with any questions or concerns.

- Operating Layouts Thursday, May 2
- Self-guided tour Sunday, May 5

Need more information, contact

Jim Peters Layout Chair

## 2019 Division 1 Events

March 17 - Jim/Luana Peters, Sagamore Hills April 28 - TBA May 2019 - MCR Convention - No Event June 9 - Bob Ashley, Jr., Green

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

Attendance: Steve Zapytowski, Jim DiPaola, Sam Eisele, Michael Bradley, Bruce Hukill, Randy Dettmer, Jim Williams, David Hazlet, Bob Ashley Sr., Bob Ashley Jr, Lloyd Horst, Rich Ramskugler, Luana Peters, Jim Peters

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 1:29 pm.
- 2) Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes. The motion passed.
- 3) Treasurer's Report: Michael Brantley gave the report. We have a \$6,000+ balance and are processing credit card payments. The bank will provide a locked bag for our use free of charge. Bob Jr has a lockable cash box we can use for the white elephant sale.
- 4) Registration: Randy reported that we have 109 registrants. Tour registrations: Tour-1(1), Tour-2(3), Tour-3(4), Tour-4(12), Tour-5(5), Tour-6(8). Clinic registrations: Clinic-1(10), Clinic-2(11), Clinic-3(6). 43 convention cars have been sold; which is 1/3 or our order. Banquet reservations: Beef(25), Chicken(17), and Salmon(30).
- 5) Volunteers: We have 29 to-date and Luana stated that 35 should be ample. Several people from other divisions have volunteered. Thursday, May 2, at 8am there will be a breakfast for the committee chairmen.
- 6) Vendors: Only one has paid so far; we have oral commitments from 3 others. RIAM has backed out due to scheduling conflicts (namely school).
- 7) Name tag ribbons and plaques are due to be delivered this Wednesday. Jim DiPaola has ordered name tag holders like those used last year at the Cincinnati convention. 300 were ordered and we will use the extras at our monthly meetings.
- 8) April 4<sup>th</sup> is when envelope stuffing will occur.
- 9) One-day registration: a motion was made to offer a one-day registration for \$30. The motion was seconded and approved.
- 10) All-in-one (print, copy, fax) printer: a motion was made to purchase a printer that Steve had found for \$50 plus an additional black ink cartridge. The motion was seconded and approved. It will more than likely be sold with the computers to the next regional convention host.
- 11) We need volunteers to man an information table at he Mid-West Narrow Gauge show on March 22-23.
- 12) Adjournment 2:40pm

Respectively submitted, Jim Williams

Chip Syme (left) describes his application of static grass to Glenn Yoder and Michael Bradley. Chip and Brad Baum presented a clinic on scenery at February's Division 1 Event.

Evan Cihlar (below) explains his Railroading in America Magazine. Evan, a junior at Stow High School in his free time, is President and CEO of the magazine which has a following of over 70,000 subscribers.





#### Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes February 17, 2019 Kent Free Library, Kent, Ohio

- 1) Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 2:04 pm by Superintendent Jim DiPaola.
  - a) Guests: Evan Chilar who is president and CEO of Railroading in America Magazine was introduced and told us about his magazine. It covers mainly O-scale with some HO and N. There is one guest article per addition. It is published bi-monthly digitally and hardcopy and a 6-month digital subscription costs \$8.99.
  - b) Contest: Due to weather conditions there was no meeting in January; therefore, January's contest of transfer or work cabooses and this month's upgraded or reworked flea market find were combined for this meeting.
  - c) Clinic: Brad Baum and Chip Syme on scenery
- 2) Bring-n-Brag:
  - a) Kurt Sanders showed us a trolley car kit from Disney World that he had assembled.
  - b) Don Bonk pointed out that there was another Division-1 in Ohio. It is in the Toledo area and is part of the North Central Region.
  - Matt Woods told the group about the new, modern version of the Ann Arbor RR that he railfanned when he
    attended a show in Ann Arbor
  - d) John Spinks showed us the 2'x2' tempered hard board that he had available to anyone that wanted them.
- 3) BULLET 2019 MCR Convention Update:
  - a) Mike Bradley reported that we had income last month of over \$4,000. The order and deposit for the convention cars was sent in. There are 3 car numbers. People need to get their order in soon. Windows/360 was purchased for the convention computers.
  - b) Steve reported that we now have 95 registrants and have broken even. 28 cars have been sold.
  - c) Luana Peters said that we have 26 volunteers and can still use more.
  - d) Gary Kohler stated we have all our vendors.
  - e) The keynote speaker will be John Stevens who is an NMRA vice president.
  - f) We need a volunteer to host a table at the Mid-West Narrow Gauge Show to advertise the convention. The show is March 22-23 at the Salem CenterPlex. Our N-scale modules will be setup at this show.
- 4) Clinic:
  - a) Brad Baum demonstrated using foam as a scenery base.
  - b) Chip Syme demonstrated the application of static grass.
- 5) Business Meeting
  - a) Minutes: A motion was made to accept the minutes for the November 2018 meeting as recorded in the Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded and passed.
  - b) Treasurer's Report: The report was given by Treasurer Mike Bradley. A motion was made and seconded to accept the November 2018 Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion passed. Mike had several copies of a detailed list of expenditures that anyone was welcome to review.
  - c) Committee Reports:
    - Peddler Freight Bruce Hukill reported that we are down to mailing only 11 copies at a cost of about \$17 per month.
    - i) Membership was 98 at the last report from National.
    - iii) Modules Bob Ashley Sr. reported that the next shows are Mt. Hope on 3/22/19 and Salem on 4/14/19.
- 6) Old Business: none
- 7) New Business:
  - a) Jim DiPaola stated that we needed 3 volunteers for an election committee. No one stepped forward. We need candidates for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Treasurer.
  - b) Good of the Order: 50/50 drawing

#### 31 people attended.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The business meeting adjourned at 3:45 pm.

Respectively submitted, Jim Williams, Clerk

# **Module Group**

The Mid-Central Region "Bullet" Convention planning is full swing. Please sign up for a volunteer position a.s.a.p. There will also be a Module Group planning session for this May, 2019 event. We will set up on Thursday, May 2, 2019, at 7:00 AM, at the Boardman Holiday Inn. Please try to be there by 7:00 to help unload the trailer and vans. Due to time constraints, I have reduced the size of the left end. We must be able to set up the modules in five hours. We will need operators during the Convention. More information will be in the upcoming issues about the Module Group involvement. In the meantime we have two more shows to set up and operate.

The next scheduled event will be the *Mt. Hope Train & Toy Show* in Mt. Hope, about 12 miles south of Dalton and near Berlin in Wayne county. This show is in northern Holmes County and is just south of our Division. We will be making a presence deep in Amish country and on a day that the Amish can attend. This has been a great experience. It is the largest train show in Ohio with over 625 tables. The address is Mt. Hope Event Center, 8076 St. Rt. 241, Mt. Hope, OH 44660 (Millersburg, OH 44654 for some GPS), 1-330-262-7488. The Berlin Grande Hotel, 4787 Township Road, Berlin, OH 44610, 1-330-403-3050, has a block of rooms available at a special rate if you wish to spend the night. Mention "Jon Ulbright Train Show." The new Mt. Hope Hotel is nearing completion and may be ready for this event.

The show is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2019. We will set up on Friday, March 22. This will be difficult if you have a job. We will be relying on our retirees to do most of the work. We will be operating the HO modules only. Everyone should help operate the modules regardless of the scale you model. Please mark your calendars and be sure to come help us setup and operate the modules. Plan to eat here also, because it will be catered by "Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen," the famous Amish restaurant. After the show, we have been going across the street to Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen and getting a meal or a carryout to take home. This is a chance to take something to your "significant other."

The **Youngstown Model Railroad Association Flea Market** in Salem, OH, at the CenterPlex Community Center, 1098 North Ellsworth Ave. will repeat on April 14, 2019. As before, we will set up at 12:30 PM, on Saturday, January 12. Please try to be there by 12:30 to help unload the trailer and vans. Everyone should help operate the modules regardless of the scale you model. Please mark your calendars and be sure to come help us set up and operate the modules.

**Everyone is a member of the Module Group.** We are educating the public about the enjoyment of model trains. We let them operate the trains and show them how our throttles work. This is what qualifies us to have a 501 (c)3 non-profit status. Please, do your part and help. Those who build a 4' x 2' module with scenery, which is eight square feet minimum, can apply for the "Golden Spike" and other AP awards.

We are always looking for venues where we can display and operate our modules. We can be an added attraction for many events, i.e., Railroad Days, shows at event centers, library historical programs, student events, etc. Please call me or any Module Group member if you think you have a lead and make sure the event coordinator is aware of your concern

The Division portion of the 50-50 raffle is placed in the module fund. This fund is shared with the HO and Ntrak groups as needed for division owned equipment. Privately owned modules and equipment are the responsibility of the owner. All request for funds are to be presented to the Module Chairman.

Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six 50-50 raffle tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. Your generosity in funding the Division 1 Module Group is appreciated. Many of our new members joined at the shows.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com HO, N & Z scales Jim Williams, Asst. Module Chairman, 330-966-5477 or jamestwilliams46@yahoo.com HO & N scales Don Bonk, NTRAK, 330-418-6860 or donaldbonk@gmail.com N scale

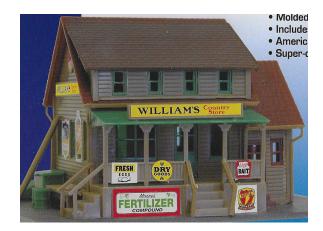
Division 1 membership as of January: 98

# N-SCALE REPORT

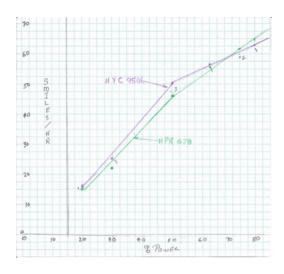
**Covering both ends of the Division**, HO modules will be at the Mount Hope Show on March 23rd and NTRAK modules will be at The Midwest Narrow Gauge Show in Salem on March 22nd and 23rd.

**During the wind storm**, if you still have power, you assemble *Life Like's William's Country Store*. This well engineered plastic kit is fun to assemble. The parts are easily removed from mold spurs and fit together without additional sanding. Instructions are brief, but clear. Signage is supplied and adhesive is not needed. If weathering is not planned a light application of dull coat will help to reduce the plastic shine

There are many articles on matching locomotives, but this is just the saga of matching two *Kato* Mikados fresh from the boxes which were so far from a speed match it amazed the author as they were from the same manufacture and production year. The new locomotives were run-in before collecting data for speed matching. Run-in was at least 20 minutes forward and 10 minutes in reverse. It was apparent during run-in that NYC Locomotive 9506 was extremely



slow when compared to NPR Locomotive 678. Before working on an actual match the locomotive's addresses (CV01) were changed from factory default 03 to engine numbers. Then loco's CV3 and CV4 acceleration and deceleration was



set to zero. Then set V-start CV02 = 026, V-mid CV06 = 128 and V-max CV05 = 154 on each of the engines. Initial sets of data showed that NPR engine ran reasonably well with the 026,128 and 154 CV settings while the NYC engine still shuddered along and additional run-in time did not improve the situation. Generally, the recommendation is to adjust the faster engine's setting but I chose to adjust the slower engine's values. Based upon the data taken, especially V-Start-CV02 each CV value for the NYC engine was increased by 30 points. CV02=50, CV06=158, and CV05=184. An additional run-in was undertaken and operation improved. Then, new matching data were collected. The graph shows that the speeds of the Locos are now similar.

Starting speeds are within 1 mile/hr and speeds match at ~72% power. NPR engine's CV02 and CV06 were increased by 2 points and CV05 was decreased by 2 points. New data showed a match and engines were run with NPR 678 in the lead. The plan was to operate double-headed Mikados at the Salem Show, but Kato's pilot couplers are under size and they will be changed to Micro-Trains before long term operation on display modules.

**Preparations for the Salem show** are proceeding slowly. Before the National Convention in Indianapolis 3 EB-1 circuit breakers were added to the N-Scale yard module for the red, yellow and blue lines. Each breaker was wired to operate independently, but if one tripped they all did. After checking wiring and researching breaker operation, the cause of the problem was not found. Finally found the right person at NEC who had the answer. Breaker wiring must be rewired to remove a hidden feedback short.



# The Bullet 2019 MCR Convention Quick News

The 2019 Bullet Convention Committee has been hard at work. The website is <a href="https://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/the-acy-bullet-2019">https://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/the-acy-bullet-2019</a>. The trifold (click left) has been printed. Pens and notepads were distributed at the MCR convention in Cincinnati. Shirts have been spotted on Div. 1 members. Layouts are being lined up for self-guided tours and operating sessions. Historical and prototype tours are falling in place. **Volunteers are still needed.** The next planning meeting is March 17, 2019 at the Division 1 meeting. (see page 9)

# The Bullet Convention Layouts

Home layouts open for the self-guided tour, Sunday May 5, 2018

Frank Williamson's two rail O scale layout

This 2 rail O scale layout by Division 1 member Frank Williamson's layout will be open on May 5 for the self-guided tour.

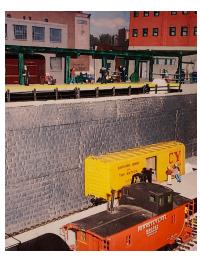
Frank, who earned his Master Builder-Scenery, built this two rail "O" scale around the room (17' X 26') layout. There are two levels of operation connected by a 2% incline on one end and a 4% grade on the opposite end. Control is DCC by NCE. Eastern railroads featured are PENNSYLVANIA, BALTIMORE AND OHIO, CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO, and ERIE.

Scenery includes city, residential, rural, and industrial areas.

Features on the upper level are a passenger terminal, a small city, heavy industry, and an agricultural area.

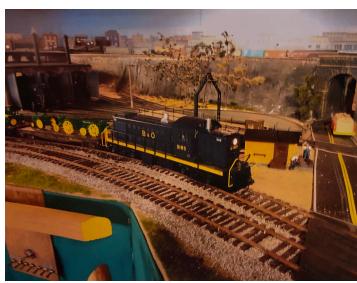
The lower level contains a freight yard and terminal, a bulk fuel distribution center, and an engine servicing facilities including a 3 bay roundhouse with turntable. Buildings are standard commercial units, kit built, or

scratch built. There are many people throughout the layout to add interest.









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# **DIVISION 1 CONTEST - Transfer/Work Caboose - January Category**







## **STANDINGS 2018 - 19**

#### STANDARD KIT

Frank Williamson - 5 pts KIT - BASHED Sam Eisele - 8 pts

Steve Zapytowski - 4 pts CRAFTSMAN KIT

Matt Woods - 7 pts SCRATCH BUILT

Sam Eisele - 12 pts Steve Zapytowski - 3 pts Sam Eisele - 2 pts

Matt Woods - 6 pts

Jim Peters - 2 pts

Sam Eisele - 5 pts

Matt Woods - 5 pts.

Frank Williamson - 3 pts

Glenn Yoder - 2 pts

Bob Ashley, Jr. - 5 pts

# **DIVISION 1 CONTEST - Upgraded Flea Market Find - February Category**

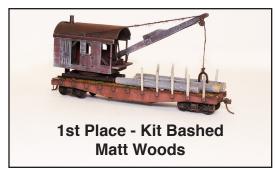
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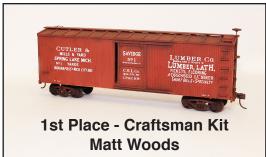
MARCH - Prototype photos (categories will be modern, excursions, structures, vintage)

<u>APRIL</u> - Baggage cars,R.P.O.'s or combines

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

JUNE - no contest











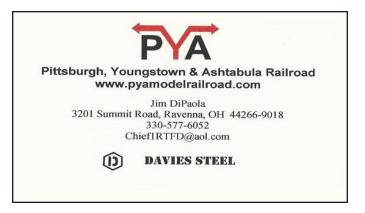
THIS MONTH'S MEETING
Sunday, March 17, 2019
Jim & Luana Peters
735 Southridge Rd.
Sagamore Hills, OH 44067
(Use Northfield, OH for some GPS)
2 PM

A sale table will be available. Snacks will be provided.

## 6th Year

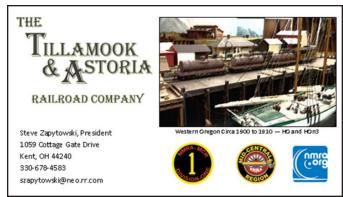






# 7th Year







# **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 Divsion 1 events or give me a call at (330) 465-7402. Thank you,

Lloyd Horst AP Chair

## THE BULLET - 2019 MCR Convention News

Going forward each issue of the Peddler Freight will contain information about *The Bullet*. This is the name of the 2019 MCR Regional Convention, sponsored by our division. This will take place May 2 - 5, 2019 at the Boardman Holiday Inn.

According to *Akron, Canton & Youngstown and Akron & Barberton Belt* book, "the Delphos Bullet" was a mixed train that "symbolized welcomed events for the rural Ohio communities from Delphos to Akron. Organizational meetings have begun and all are welcomed to attend. **Volunteers are needed**. Let's all pitch in to make "The Bullet" a great convention.

The minutes from the March 3rd meeting are on page 2.

The convention planning schedule is:

March 17, 2019, 2:00 PM Division 1 Event hosted by Jim & Luana Peters



Click logo to link to The Bullet webpage

# **Train Shows and Open Houses**

#### Railfest 2019 - March 16 & 17

Lakeland Community Center 7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, OH 44094 Admission \$7.00, Children under 12 free 10 AM - 3 PM

#### RPM - East Railroad Prototype Modeler Seminar - March 22 - 23

RAMADA Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center 100 Ramada Inn Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601 See website: http://www.hansmanns.org/rpm\_east/

### Mt. Hope Train & Toy Show - March 23

Mt. Hope Event Center, 8076 St. Rt. 241, Mt. Hope, OH 44660 Admission \$5.00, Children under 13 Free 10 AM - 4 PM **HO Module Group will be running trains!** 

# 27th Annual Midwest Scale Train Show - March 22 - 23 Salem Center Plex 1008 N. Elleworth Avg. Salem OH 44460

1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH 44460 Admission \$25, two days, \$15, one day Friday noon - 7 PM, Saturday

9 AM - 5 PM

NTRAK Module Group will be running trains!

#### Train Collectors Assoc. Springtime Train Meet - March 30

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd, Parma, OH 44130 Admission \$6.00, Children under 18 Free 10 AM - 3 PM

### Model Railroad & Toy Train Flea Market - April 14

Salem Center Plex

1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH 44460

Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 3:30 PM

**HO Module Group will be running trains!** 

## Model Train Days - May 4 - 5

The Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 Admission \$5.00, Children, \$3.00 10 AM - 5 PM

## 2019 MCR Regional Convention - May 2 - 5, 2019

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