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Some interesting things are happening at our meetings. Take a look at the minutes to see what I mean. While you're at it, take a look at the offer of a bus ride to the NMRA National Train Show that Division 4 has made to us. While attendance was about 18 for the meeting, that wasn't too bad considering it was on the weekend of the Kirtland show. That won't happen next year. We will move the date of our meeting to avoid conflict with the show.

Ron Wigal and I took some time out to railfan on a business trip to Tennessee. We spotted an R. J. Corman Distribution Center near Woodburn, Kentucky and just had to stop. The weather was poor, but the enjoyment was fantastic! Three diesels, one caboose, bunches of Corman boxcars and Corman coil car covers. For a shortline enthusiast (which I am) it was great!

Why am I talking railfanning in a model railroading newsletter? To my way of thinking they go hand in hand. I've been to the west coast twice and am planning another trip. My wife and I drive the entire way. We see the usual tourist sights on the way (some anyway), but the primary purpose is to track down shortline railroads. I have stories to tell, as anyone who has been around me for long can verify. Two-thirds of the men in my operating groups are railfans. When others are trying to beat the crossing gates, I'm slowing down so I will get to stop. I travel back roads so I will be along tracks, although US 30 does a great job of "tracking" the UP. So I definitely qualify as a railfan.

By the way, if you've been to a Regional Convention (still time to sign up for the one in Louisville, KY) you note that "railfanning" activities are always presented. I look forward to telling some stories from the activities at this year's Regional Convention. Also, next year's Regional Convention is hosted by Division 4. Plan to partake in it.

Hope to see you track side or, at least, at the next meeting,

David

Visit our web site at: www.trainweb.org/division-1-mcr-nmra/index.html

Mid - Central Region Election Results

The membership elected the following as their Mid-Central Region Officers for the next biennium.

President - Jerry Ashley
Vice President - Dick Briggs
Secretary - Tom Atherton
Treasurer - Gary Sole

Notice received from Ivan W Baugh, Secretary, MCR

Our Growing Roster

Division 1 started a new Roster for those members who wish to participate in making their hobby interests known to others. This list has grown in just two months to almost 30 individuals. The purpose is to make others aware of your interests in the hobby as well as offer information about you and your areas of experience.

If you wish to participate with others who have, please include the following for our hobbyists: Name, City (not address), E mail address, Phone # and Scale you model. Send the information to rwigal@neo.rr.com

By doing this you might be in the vicinity of someone who shares the same interests within the hobby . . maybe even one who models the same scale. The cost is **FREE**. We want your participation to make our hobby better.

Thank You, Ron Wigal

CCVSR NEWS

"parking in the rear" open 7 days

The Whistle Stop Hobby Shop
Trains Plastic Models Remote Control

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Owner
whistlestopobbies@sbcglobal.net
2146 Front Street
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221
(330) 928-8984

The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad took delivery of ex Amtrak Café car, #8704. This car is the mate to the #8700 Café car which has been used on the north end of the system between Rockside Station and Peninsula. It has been placed into service on the Akron Scenic between Rockside Station, Peninsula and Akron Northside Station.

The new Buffet Lounge car has been placed into trains which include the St. Lucie Sound Observation car for premium service, ie, Wine-Tasting Trains, Charters, and Special Events Trains. Another handicap accessible car will be added to the fleet.

The south trains will operate out of Akron 5 days a week this year, matching the trips on the north end. Next year, we will boost our service in Canton, as well. Service to Cleveland should start in 2010.

Wine-Tasting Trains run each month on Fridays and depart Rockside, Akron Northside, Boston Mill and Canton Lincoln Highway Stations on various dates. There is a new Overnight Special Package which includes Dinner, Breakfast, Transportation to the Wine-Tasting Train, 2 Souvenir CVSR Wine Glasses and Holiday Inn at Rt. 8 and the turnpike for two people. Departure dates are April 27, September 21 and November 02, 2007. These trains leave the Boston Mill train station.

The big special event this year is the 102 mile Total Track Tour 2007, Friday, September 29, 2007. This trip departs at 9:00 AM from Rockside Station and travels the entire 51 miles of the CVSR track to Canton Lincoln Highway Station. There are three classes of tickets, Coach Class (Metroliner), First Class (Lounge Car) and Executive Class (St Lucie Sound). There will be a photo run-by and a box lunch. After a 2-1/2 hour layover in Canton, the train will depart Canton and arrive at Rockside Station at 6:00 PM.

Check the website at www.cvsr.com or call 1-800-468-4070, Monday thru Friday, 9 AM to 4PM for reservations.

BOB ASHLEY, SR.

The truth is that there is nothing noble in being superior to somebody else. The only real nobility is in being superior to your former self

COME TO AN OPERATING SESSION.

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME.

NEXT OPERATING SESSION
MONDAY APRIL 16 AT 7:30 PM

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N-SCALE NEWS AND VIEWS

Some new items coming down the track for all of us N-Scalers include the following items. For those who are interested in a more patriotic theme, Micro-Trains will be releasing *Battleship Row* showcasing all of the ships that were stationed at Ford Island at the time of the Pearl Harbor attack. You can buy them individually, but if you wait until this fall, all seven will be available in a collector's tin.

For those of us who are interested in steel mill modeling, Walthers has released coke ovens and a quencher, an electric furnace and a heavy-duty overhead crane. Back by popular demand is their blast furnace. These items should be available now, or in the not too distant future.

Also, for those that are going to model a rail yard and are looking for something unique to set the yard off. Micro-trains has released a test car, this car was used to calibrate the scale in the yard. The road name is the Baltimore & Ohio into the CSX – era.

Kurt Sanders

Meeting Minutes - 3 - 18 - 07 NMRA/MCR Division 1

Minutes of our last meeting were unanimously accepted. Treasurers report was read by Bill Smith & unanimously accepted.

The superintendent informed everyone of Chuck Boyers condition in Akron General Medical Center. We have 98 members & growing. We now possess \$50.00 dollars in

gift certificates from the Whistle Stop Hobbies. We remain clerkless. We want to encourage writers to contribute to our newsletter.

Our superintendent is seeking 2 individuals to join David in a programming clinic. As we need someone for Digitrax & one for Lenz. David will program for NCE. Please contact David Hazlett for any of the above.

Our next meeting is in Hudson at Frank Williamson the 4th Sunday (a change) due to the regional convention in Louisville Ky. Our May meeting on the 20th with Don Bonk as host in Louisville (OH). 2PM. Jim Dipola in Ravenna is our host for June on the 2nd Sunday due to fathers day.

Discussion about us moving our Feb & March meeting dates due to the Kirtland & Ann Arbor shows.

Discussion about Wooster not being in Division #1 as one would expect.

Regional convention in Louisville, Ky and our National convention in Detroit, Mi. announcements & reminders. www.nmra.org

Kurt Sanders gave a very good discussion brief on a trip possibly to visit an engine manufacturer.

Bob Ashley reminds us again about trips on the CVSR. They are GREAT Bob can be reached 330.644.4778 for additional details.

Motion to adjourn at 2:53 PM Passed unanimously.

Ron Wigal Your surrogate clerk



My Venture into N-Scale Model Railroading

My interest in model railroading started out like many other model railroaders, being introduced to it as a child. My grandfather had a Lionel set-up in his basement with all those great cars and locomotives that intrigue kids. The missile firing car along with the target car that exploded if you were a good aim and lucky enough to strike it with a missile, the gondola with the railroad cop chasing the hobo around the crates, and of course the locomotive that puffed smoke. When I was eight we moved into a bigger house with room in the basement for a train layout. My grandfather gave me his Lionel trains which I readily accepted and played with mercilessly, staging all manner of wrecks, derailments and other tragic accidents. Needless to say the trains did not fair well and the pieces were soon put into a box and shelved. I briefly moved to HO scale with a few cars, a locomotive and some track nailed to a sheet of plywood. However, not much became of the layout as I had too many competing interests as a kid.

Fast forward about 35 years; a job, a house, a spouse working full time and two children. What does this mean? Very little free time! Try to squeeze in most hobbies or activities - just forget it. So what does all this have to do with model railroading? Well, I needed something I could easily work on for a bit and then put down and continue weeks or a months later with no consequences. I needed something to get out of the daily grind, even if just for a ½ hour here or there. Then I remembered, after seeing some train sets at a local store, my model train childhood. Then and there I decided to get back into the hobby.

Why N scale? Well, I could only manage to inherit a small amount of real estate in one corner of the basement next to the furnace and water heater. Sound familiar? Obviously you can get more modeling in less space with N-scale than with most other scales. Also, I liked the look and size of N-scale and there are many ready to run models available with decent detailing and smooth running motors. I was very surprised after picking up a copy of Walthers N & Z-scale catalog at the large amount of rolling stock, buildings, and accessories available. So from there, I was back to my beginnings with a 4x8' sheet of plywood. Not at all being sure of my skills I planned to start small, then if I turned out to be a completely incompetent modeler, there would be little loss. As it turned out, I am only partially incompetent, and in fact the layout is almost finished and I surpassed my own expectations – not great, not perfect, but better than expected. Even my wife and kids (who by the way think I am completely insane with my hobby and interest in all things trains) were pleased, and believe me they are harsh critics!

I think some of the success I've had, and why I'm still in the hobby, is that I read constantly. I looked at layout plan books, wiring books, scenery books, and of course many of the modeling magazines. A couple of books I recall being very helpful when I started out were: *Beginners Guide to N-Scale Model Railroading* by Russ Larsen, and *How to Build Realistic Model Railroad Scenery* by Dave Frary. There is a huge amount of information out there on the hobby and today with the internet it is all very easy to find. My successes and enjoyments included: building and painting structures, scenery, and track laying. My frustrations were: bench work and wiring (my soldered connections look like dull gray lumps and the wires are a jumbled mess under the control board!).

What would I have done differently? I would liked to have researched more on track planning and realistic operation. I would also like to have added a finished ceiling over the layout, as dust and grime is a constant a problem. So what am I doing now? I'm giving a go at weathering some of my rolling stock and I will be detailing some of my structures on the layout. One good thing I like about the hobby is that it encompasses many different skills and there is always, always something to do on the layout. I don't think I will ever "finish". Even now as I near some sort of completion on my first layout, I am already thinking of the next even bigger layout!

Adam Leff

Membership Report

NMRA membership in Division 1 is at 102 as of April 1, 2007.

I want to thank the following for their membership RENEWALS:

Joseph Shipman Tim Vaughn
Richard Ramskugler Fred Shape

WELCOME to our NEW MEMBERS:

Kevin Brown Rick Cable
Walter Reber

MEMBERSHIP IN DANGER - The following men are 30 -60 days past due. It may be that they have renewed and NMRA is a little slow in letting me know. If you know any of these men, give them a call to see if they just missed the renewal.

Tom Griffen David Snyder

DIVISION 1 NEEDS A CLERK

THE ONLY REQUIRED DUTY IS TO TAKE MEETING MINUTES AND EMAIL THEM, IN USEABLE FORM, TO THE PEDDLER FREIGHT EDITOR.

IT IS NEARLY IMPOSSIBLE FOR US TO RUN A MEETING AND TAKE MINUTES.

HELP, PLEASE!

CONTACT BILL, RON OR DAVID.

APRIL DESTINATIONS - APRIL 22,2007 - 2 PM

Frank Williamson at 1895 Hines Hill Rd, between RT 8 N and Rt 91 N will be our host. See Map. →
Frank will supply drinks and snacks. You can reach Frank at 330-653-8207.

CLINICS NEEDED

Have an idea for a clinic?

Want to give a clinic?

Want to be one of several in a particular clinic?

Know someone who would give a clinic?

EVER BEEN TO A CLINIC (NON-MEDICAL)?

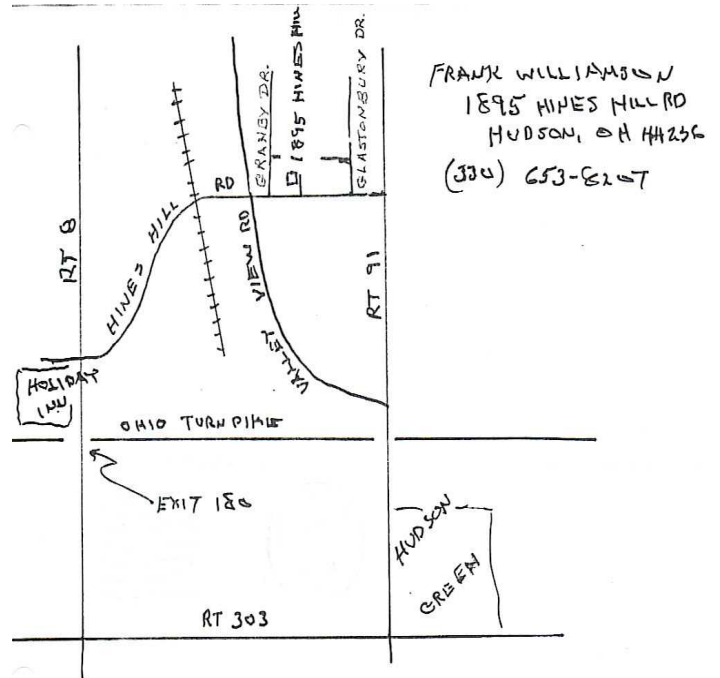
Send information to David, Ron or Bill.
(Email address & phone numbers on front page.)

BRING & BRAG

April Country-side/small town structures
May Open Hoppers - scratch, modified,
 odd or private road name
June Wrecked or damaged cars

The idea of B & B is for you to try building something new. However, we will not turn away previously built items. It is always good to see something to strive toward and previously built items do just that!

Got some ideas on B & B for next season?
Let BRD (Bill, Ron or David) know.



POPULAR MODEL RAILROAD SCALES

We have all heard people discuss their model railroad. Often times that conversation was about a scale that was different than the scale you model. If it isn't the same scale as yours, there can be many items of discussion that have no scale, ie, DC vs. DCC, how KD type couplers function, scenery, laying track and others. However, when you are discussing the scale itself, it helps to understand why people chose that scale. The following chart may shed some light about each scale and give you a little understanding about the space required for each. Please consider copying this chart and carry it with you if it helps.

POPULAR MODEL RAILROAD SCALES

Name	Proportion	Scale to Foot	Track Gauge	Minimum Radius*	Length of Scale Mile
Z	1:220	.4 mm	6.5 mm	5 3/4"	24'-0"
N	1:160	1.9 mm	9.0 mm	7 1/2"	33'-0"
HO	1:87	3.5 mm	16.5 mm	15"	60'-7 1/2"
S	1:64	3/16"	7/8"	22 1/2"	82'-6"
O	1:48	1/4"	1 1/4"	23"	110'-0"
Gn3	1:22.5	12.5 mm	1 3/4"(N ^o .1)	23 5/8"	234'-8"

Some narrow gauges use the next track gauge smaller, ie, On30 uses HO track gauge and Nn3 uses Z track gauge. G gauge has several proportions depending on manufacturer, but, all use the same track gauge. Also see NMRA "General Standard Scales, S-1.2".

BOB ASHLEY, SR.

Eli Rantanen *writes* . . .



Statues

On our layout there is a small park. It has a pond and beaches. The highlight of the park is a small statue I call "Woman". It is an "O" scale statue of a woman in a long dress. She could be a pioneer lady or a lady just off a ship from Europe. I painted her bronze and stood her on a black cap from a bottle of cologne.

Another possibility is a military officer on a horse. If the officer was killed in battle, the horse is rearing. If the officer was wounded, one of the horses front legs is off the ground. If the officer was neither killed nor wounded, then the horse is standing on all four hoofs

Push - Pull Trains

Many commuter trains have a locomotive at each end. This eliminates the need of having the locomotive "run around" the train to get to the forward at the end of the run.

Where it is not necessary to have two locomotives, a coach fitted with a control cab, is placed on the opposite end. This end is also fitted with items such as headlights, marker lights, bell, whistle and whatever else is needed for safe operation. There are many of these units in the Chicago area.

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From The Editor:

A man was lost driving through the country. As he tried to read the map, he accidentally drove off the road into a ditch. While he wasn't injured, his car was stuck deep in the mud. So the man walked to a nearby farm to ask for help.

"Warwick can pull you out of that ditch," pointing to an old mule standing in the field. The man figured he had nothing to lose, so the two men and Warwick made their way back to the ditch.

The farmer hitched up the mule to the car and shouted "Pull, Fred! Pull, Jack! Pull, Ted! Pull Warwick!" And the mule pulled the care out of the ditch with very little effort.

He thanked the farmer and ask, "why did you call out all those other names before you called Warwick?"

The farmer grinned and said, " Old Warwick is just about blind. As long as he believes he's part of a team, he doesn't mind pulling."

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!