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Superintendent's Bulletin



Those of us who have layouts have probably at least once thought about a "do over". And I say "probably at least once" loosely because its more than likely been at least two or three times.

You go to a convention and attend a seminar and hear about a new technique of doing track work, scenery or electronics. You go on a layout tour and see something done that you think would look good on

your layout. Somehow you consciously or subconsciously see or hear something that gets the creative juices going and wakes you up in the middle of the night and says, "Do This."

I am a firm believer that the layout is never really finished. Just like your house never stays the same. Scenery is something that always needs upgraded or maintenance. New and more realistic looking scenery items become available because most modelers' goal is to make things realistic. Track also. If you've lived in a town for very long you know buildings come and go with time. If there's one thing about a town that is constant, it's change. You may even want to buy a duplicate of a building of one already in place on your layout and make it damaged by fire. Then down the road you can clear the lot, so to speak, and either put a new building in its place or have a "Lot For Sale" or "Coming Soon" sign.

Remember, our layouts, or models for that matter, need not only appeal to us, but also to the people that look at them. If you open your layout for others to see, and they like what they see, chances are they will be back to see them again. And it would be nice to have something different, and not so subtle for them to see so they will keep coming back.

This month is elections and I'd like to clarify the election process that was discussed at the April meeting. The ballot process rules are in our bylaws which can be found on our website. If you don't have access to a computer a hard copy can be provided by contacting someone in the Division that has access to a computer. First and foremost, balloting by a phone call is not permitted. Second, in order to change the bylaws to reflect an updated method of balloting, such as emailing or texting a copy of **YOUR** ballot, a vote must be taken after a bylaws committee has recommended changes.

As I understand from talking various officials that attended the April meeting, a discussion was held regarding texting and emailing copies of your ballot. Unfortunately, there was no motion made and voted on to allow that. But the discussion does raise a valid point for being allowed. Absent of a vote to allow balloting by text or email, the Executive Committee, consisting of the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer, all elected officials, have the ability to meet and make a change. On Friday, April 24, 2026, myself, Sam Eisele and Mike Bradley meet and decided to allow balloting by text or email. That text or email must contain a scanned or photographed copy of **YOUR** ballot to be a valid vote. Again, no phone call balloting will be permitted. See you at the May meeting.

All Aboard!
 Jim DiPaola, Superintendent

2026 Division Picnic

Sam and Trish Eisele will again host the annual Div. 1 picnic on June 14. All Division 1 members and a guest are invited. As the Eisele's will be providing all the food an accurate account of attendees is needed. A signup sheet will be at May Div. 1 meeting or you can text your RSVP to Sam at 330-322-3487.

Sam and Trish provide a superb meal with grilled meats, sides and delicious desserts! The Div. 1 Picnic is a great way to kick off summer.

2026 Division 1 Events

May17 - Glenn Yoder, Dalton, OH
 June 14 - Sam/Trish Eisele, Division 1 Picnic

Division 1, MCR, NMRA

Meeting Minutes

April 19, 2026

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order: 2:12 PM.
- ~ By: Sam Eisele, Assistant Superintendent.
- ~ Participants: 22.
- ~ Location: Kent Free Library, Kent Ohio.

2. Clerk: Jeff Stone:

- ~ Previous meeting minutes published in Peddler freight.
- ~ Motion carried to approve minutes (Bob Gurdak / Jim Peters.)

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley Excused, Sam Eisele:

- ~ Report presented by Asst Superintendent. Available on request.
- ~ Expense: None.
- ~ Income: \$38 (50/50), \$300 Contribution (Jim DiPaola), \$30 Contribution (Matt Albright)
- ~ Motion carried to approve treasurer report (Steve Zapytowski / Bob Anelli).

4. Superintendent: Jim DiPaola Excused, Sam Eisele:

- ~ Jim DiPaola is with his Mom today on her 94th birthday! Happy birthday!!

4a. Assistant Superintendent: Sam Eisele:

- ~ Please submit nominations for Hazlett award.
- ~ May meeting hosted by Glenn Yoder. Glenn will have a "sale table" for those wishing to buy and sell.
- ~ June meeting hosted by Sam Eisele. Please respond to Sam NLT the May meeting for those attending so he can prepare food. June meeting moved to June 14th.

5. Peddler Freight Publisher: Bruce Hukill:

- ~ Winner of the photo contest: no one!! Signs were rescued by Chad, formerly were above a locomotive shelf at Whistle Stop Hobby. Better luck next month!
- ~ Ballots for the election will be published in the May Peddler Freight. These ballots may be sent to the designated member (Jim Peters) to hold for tabulation at the May meeting or may also be brought by the voting member to the May meeting. The members present discussed casting ballots by texting, emailing, mailing, phoning, and in person.

6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters:

- ~ Current membership 76.
- ~ Current inventory, these items are available, contact Jim Peters (get'em while they're hot!):

Membership Inventory Report April 2026				
Item	Scale	Description	Price	Quantity
Bldg Kit	N	Jaite House	\$35.00	2
Bldg Kit	HO	Jaite House	\$35.00	1
Rolling Stock	N	ACYBoxcar Set	\$35.00	*2
Pike Stuff	N	Contractor	\$119.95	1
Bldg Kit	N	Multi Purpose	\$18.95	1
Sweatshirt		Small		1
Jacket		Large		1

7. Clinic Committee: Sam Eisele:

- ~ We are looking for people to present clinics at monthly meetings. Please volunteer. It doesn't have to be fancy or long. We would also welcome speakers on railroad and model railroad subjects.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst: Excused.

9. Module Committee N/HO: Bob Gurdak:

- ~ Working out the issues with the HO modules as well as power station.
- ~ Now have entire loop of N modules.
- ~ (Bruce Hukill) There are N singles available at \$17. Does not include track.
- ~ Is there any interest in setting up at a senior residence?

10. Facebook Committee: Trev Smith:

- ~ Second layout feature posted!
- ~ Please reach out if you'd like your layout featured our have a railroad subject you'd like to share on the Division One Facebook.

11. Website Committee: Steve Zapytowski:

- ~ 30 Day Report: 100 Sessions (↑20%), 79 Unique Visitors (↑ 8%), 280 page views.

12. Old Business: None

13. New Business:

~Motion to change June meeting date to June 14th due to Fathers Day. Motion carried (Gurdak / Peters).

14. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Glenn Yoder brought a Rapido transverse coil car.
- ~ Steve Zapytowski brought the May issue of Model Railroad magazine, which contains an article authored by Steve! Steve wrote the article on demand eight years ago – and it took seven years for them to publish. Congrats, Steve!!
- ~ Patrick Wamsley and Jenna Rupert brought three AC&Y boxcars in three different scales they acquired at a show. They also spoke about attending the unveiling of #19 at Age of Steam and the “Movie Night” there which they enjoyed. Jenna spoke about a Grand Trunk belt buckle she acquired.

15. Good of the Order/Announcements:

- ~ Glen Yoder: Coshocton Model RR Club will host a show October 17th at the Coshocton County Career Center.
- ~ Trev Smith: Division Four just had an operations weekend, with layouts open for operations. They are interested in Division One to also have operations sessions and open houses same weekend.
- ~ Matthew Albright: Bob, the host of the semi-annual shows at Emilio’s in Cuyahoga Falls would like the modules at the next shows.
- ~ Patrick Wamsley announced the Station in Berea has changed hands and will reopen as a RR themed café.
- ~ Matthew Albright: Watch out for 250th events that may be opportunities to display the modules!
- ~ Thank you, Bruce Hukill for the salmon chowder, the Ramskuglers for cookies and the Anellis for snacks!!
- ~ The last note....Glenn Yoder remarked that last December at the Age of Steam module display that a parent asked her young son if he was hungry and wanted to go to lunch and the boy responded, “I don’t want lunch; I want to watch trains!”

16. Adjournment: At 3:10 motion carried to adjourn meeting (Steve Zapytowski / Bob Anelli).

Post Meeting: Matt Woods presented a clinic on weathering wood by preparing and dry brushing surfaces such as plastic or styrene. Thank you, Matt!

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone, Clerk, Division 1.



Bob Gurdak takes a photo as Matt Woods explains weathering techniques for wood sided boxcars made of plastic. Matt presented the clinic during the April meeting at the Kent Free Library.

See Two Layouts at May Div. 1 Meeting



Railroad Archeology



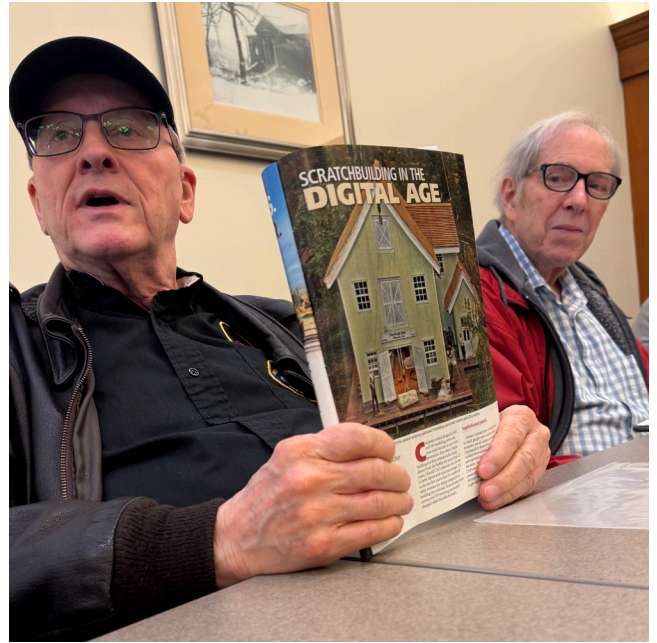
The Division 1 meeting on May 17, hosted by Glenn Yoder, will feature two fine HO scale layouts. Glenn's own layout (top and above) fills the second floor of his house.

A short drive away is Larry Olsen's layout. Division 1 member Matthew Albright (right) gets a close look at big steam on Larry's layout during the 2024 Route 30 Express.



Can you identify the significance of this slice of Railroad Archeology? The above was submitted by Jeff Stone. Bring your answers to the Div. 1 meeting on May 17 hosted by Glenn Yoder.

April Meeting at Kent Free Library



(clockwise from top left) the April Division 1 meeting was held at the Kent Free Library in the Bumphrey Room; Steve Zapytowski, MMR holds up the May 2026 issue of "Model Railroader." Steve's eight page article, *Scratchbuilding in the Digital Age*, features his award-winning "Faircloth Sails" sailmaking building; John Spinks examines an HO Rapido Trains coil car that Glenn Yoder brought for display; Matt Woods explains some of his techniques for weathering plastic rolling stock.

MCR Regional Convention to be held in Dayton

Division 3 hosts June 4 - 7, 2026



WHISTLE-STOP, DAYTON

2026 Mid-Central Region Convention

4-7 June 2026

Marriott at University of Dayton

www.modelraildayton.com

Division 1 Elections

Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent and Treasurer up for vote

For Superintendent: (vote for one)

Sam Eisele

Gary Koh

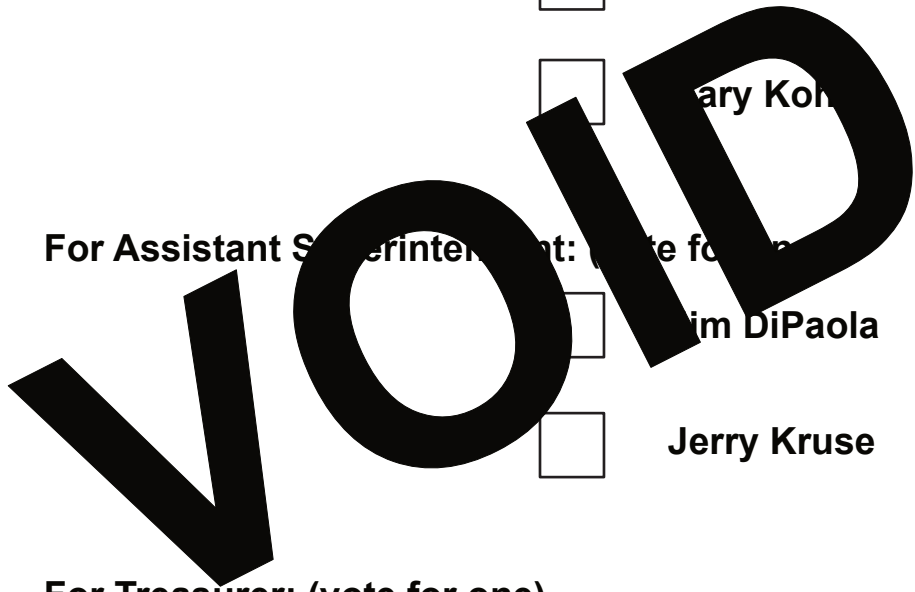
For Assistant Superintendent: (vote for one)

Jim DiPaola

Jerry Kruse

For Treasurer: (vote for one)

Michael Bradley



Member Signature _____

Per Division 1 By-Laws, your OFFICIAL BALLOT for this year's election will be in the mailed or electronic copy of the Peddler Freight. Under the By-Laws only full members may vote. If you are a FAMILY member or a RAILPASS member you do not have voting rights. Full members may vote for one candidate in each of the three races. No write-in votes or proxy ballots per the By-Laws. An electronic image of your ballot with your signature can be sent via email or text. (as approved by Div. 1 leadership) A printed hardcopy with your signature can be mailed or submitted at the May Division 1 meeting.

Please sign your ballot and submit to:

James Peters
735 Southridge Rd.
Sagamore Hills, OH 44067
Email: jpeters711@yahoo.com
Text: (216) 402-8507

Mailed ballots must arrive by May 17, 2026 to be counted.

THIS MONTH'S MEETING
Sunday, May 17, 2026

Hosted by Div. 1 member Glenn Yoder
 876 S. Wenger Rd.
 Dalton, OH 44618

Two HO layouts on display (see page 4)
 Bring a snack to share and a drink of your own.
 Please bring your Bring-N-Brag items to share.

A sale table will be available.

Meeting begins at 2 PM

13th Year



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Train Shows and Open Houses

Cuyahoga Valley Model Train Show **May 9**
Emidio's & Sons Expo Center, 48 E. Bath Rd.
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223
Admission: \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Paranormal Investigation **June 12**
of the Painesville RR Museum
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077
Admission: \$30.00 9 PM - Midnight

Great Lakes Large Scale Train Expo **May 15-16**
Metroples Expo Center, 1620 Motor Inn Dr.
Girard, OH 44420
Admission: \$10.00/\$15.00 two day pass 10 AM - 4 PM

Railfanning Day **June 27**
Open House - Model Train Flea Market
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077
Admission: Free, Donations accepted 10 AM - 3 PM

Model Train Day & Flea Market **May 23**
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077
Admission: \$5/\$12 Family 10 AM - 4 PM

Hobo Day Model Train Flea Market **July 25**
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077
Admission: Free, Donations accepted 10 AM - 3 PM

Whistle-Stop Dayton **June 4 - 7**
2026 Mid-Central Region Convention
Marriott at University of Dayton
www.modelraildayton.com

NMRA National Convention **July 27 - Aug. 2**
Scenic City Express Chattanooga
<https://www.nmra2026.org>

History of Cleveland, Painesville **June 7**
and Eastern Interurban
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077
Admission: Free, Donations accepted 2 PM

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