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Superintendents Message

If you didn't attend the March meeting, you missed a very informative presentation on automobile railroad cars given by Dennis Sautters. I thought I knew a good deal about this topic, but I learned more than I expected. The history of auto transport by rail was fascinating. Be sure to attend this month's meeting for another presentation by Dennis on fish cars. Since I know very little about fish cars - I believe they were used in our area as well as elsewhere - I expect to learn a great deal.

I believe that there will be modules on display at the April meeting. They won't be finished, but we should be able to see modules made by Division 1. Jim Bacher has a good sized layout at the meeting location, so that is another reason to attend the April meeting.

At this meeting we will start the sign up sheet for hosting a meeting. As you read this message, be thinking about signing up. If you can't make the meeting and want to host, email me with your request. The October date is taken for our 2nd Annual Division 1 RR Flea Market. Elsewhere in this Peddler Freight will be printed a list of the meeting dates for the 2009-2010 season.

Having mentioned 2010, I am reminded that we hold elections of officers in May 2010. The whole process starts in March when we set a slate of officers. I will have reached the term limits set by our By-Laws and cannot run again for Superintendent. The officers we will be electing are Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer. If you do not have a copy of the By-Laws, they are available on our website.

Hope to see you at the meeting,

David

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

It seems that NMRA is again having trouble sending out renewals.

If you see your name in the PF as having been dropped from our membership, the best way to correct the problem is to call NMRA or use the internet to renew.

Emails do not get the job done.

2009 Meeting Schedule

- April 19 - Jim Bacher - Akron
- May 17 - Randy Dettmer- Hudson
- June 14 - Don Bonk - Louisville

Assistant Superintendent's Report

"The Division Needs You". It sounds like an Uncle Sam Advertisement, I suppose, but, we are not able to multitask much more. The Superintendent requested help at the March meeting and, unfortunately, we did not have a large attendance and no one offered.

We want the "Model Contest" to be setup and monitored by a member or members at each meeting. It does not require any work outside of the meeting. David Hazlett, Superintendent, has been handling this and it is too much to run a meeting and have to monitor the contest results. Please offer or form a team to take over this duty. **"The Division Needs You"**.

Dennis Sautters presented a wonderful Clinic about Auto Carriers and the history going back to the turn of the last Century. He will be presenting another Clinic, soon. Many of us have skills which are of interest to the membership. Please offer to share what you can by having a Clinic at a meeting. Clinics do not have to last long. Again, **"The Division Needs You"**.

The articles which appear in the *"Peddler Freight"* are written by just a very few people. Most of us have topics we would like to see in print. I urge you to spend a few minutes, put your thoughts into a word processor and send your articles to the Bill Smith, editor. I know that I enjoy reading new information. What I write is "old stuff", to me, after it is printed. Again, **"The Division Needs You"**.

Those of you who have contributed in the past, "THANK YOU". Now, get busy and help some more.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Asst, Super.

McMenamy's Show Booth

Division One setup a booth, at the train show in the Youngstown area, in March. We had brochures, apparel and other railroad related items including the donated model railroad equipment from a past member. Much to our surprise, we sold most of the donated items and had an income of \$385.00. One hat was sold to a member for another \$16.00.

Our thanks go to Kurt and Karen Sanders, Robby

Ashley, Rich Ramskugler, Randy Dettmer, Bob Ashley, Jr., David Hazlett and others who stopped and "sat a spell" while drumming up business and promoting the NMRA. The remaining equipment was taken to the March meeting where it was offered to the membership at no charge. There is some track and project material which will be stored or donated as time permits.

We hope to have more booths at next years train shows. Anyone who is willing to help promote the hobby is welcome to help. We need teamwork.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Assistant Superintendent, Div. 1

SAVING MONEY

Last month, I had a great day in that it was fun once again to attend the Kirtland model train show..

Had diligence prevailed more on my part than that of the vendors, it would not have resulted in me having to drive there the second day due to the wrong engine being placed in my bag by accident. (No it wasn't my fault haha.)

However, the vendor, Ricks Trains of Saginaw, Michigan was surprised to see me show up with what first seemed like a return in the waiting. The issue quickly became a non issue and he thanked me for returning.

In the process we became friends as it was made known that to our NMRA members Rick Stuck (pronounced schtuuk) is offering all of us very attractive discounts on our purchases. It seems his Co. was downsized and this IS NOW his business.

Atlas, Intermountain and others are included. The best and most attractive discounts are those that are PRE-PAID orders. Check it out, you'll be very glad you did.

He is Ricks Trains, 989-799-3780.

Ron Wigal
Meeting Chair
Division 1



FOR SALE

REMEMBER THAT EACH MEMBER IS
ALLOWED AN AD OF THIS SIZE IN THE
PEDDLER FREIGHT
EACH MONTH FOR FREE.

**ALSO, YOU MAY BRING TWO ITEMS
FOR SALE TO ANY MEETING.**

Module Report

Ten modules have been built and are in the hands of their owners. I hope to have track laid on two of my modules and have them at the April meeting at Jim Bacher's meeting residence for viewing. They may not be operational, but, will give everyone a look see at the progress we have made.

We have six HO, three N and one Z scale modules. The material for the wiring harnesses have finally arrived. The wiring is the same in HO and N scales. Z scale requires a different wiring harness and cost three times as much as HO and N wiring. All the wiring components comply with the standards.

Several of the module groups in the area have offered for us to "hookup and operate" with them. For those of you who do not have a home layout, module railroading may be for you. See me at the meeting or call me for more info.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman

2009-2010 MEETING DATES

September 20 -

October 18 - Bob Ashley, Jr. Swap meet

November 15

December - no meeting

January 17 - Sebring Model Railroad Club

February 21 -

March 21 -

April 18 -

May 16 -

June 14 -

Dates are subject to change due to holidays.

Want to be a host? Contact David.

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April Destinations

Jim Bacher is our host for our April meeting. Jim indicated he will provide snacks and beverages.

Jim and his friends have put together a large basement layout that is still under construction, but operational with some scenery.

The Bacher Funeral Home is at 3326 Manchester Rd. Akron, OH 44319. Manchester Rd. is State Route 93. Park in the SOUTH WEST corner of the parking lot.

The layout is in a home adjacent to the south west corner. Jim has an Erie-Lackawana sign on the side porch. Enter the door on the side porch, the layout is directly down the stairs.

Our meeting will start at 2 PM. Contact Frank Smith by cell 330-245-6329 if you have questions.

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THE CONTEST

Each month The Contest will have three categories for the type of model. The categories are SCRATCH-BUILT, KIT-BASHED and KIT-BUILT. . To participate in The Contest you must be a Division 1 - MCR - NMRA member. Judging will be by popular vote at the meetings.

CONTEST WINNERS FOR MARCH 2009:

<u><i>Scratch-Built</i></u>	<u><i>Kit-Built</i></u>	<u><i>Kit-Bashed</i></u>
NONE	NONE	Jim Williams - 2

The model types through May 2009 are:

April - On-line structures (structures which function directly with a railroad)

May - Steam locomotives

CONTEST STANDINGS as of March 2009:

Scratch-Built: Dennis Sautters - 1
Frank Williamson - 1

Kit-Bashed: Bill Bigler - 4 ½
Chuck Boyer - 3 ½
Bob Ashely, Sr. - 3
Dennis Sautters - 3
Jim Williams - 2

Kit-Built: Bob Ashley, Jr. - 2
Larry Olsen - 1 ½
Dennis Sautters - 1 ½
Rob Ashley - 1
Jim Williams - 1

I am looking for 1 or 2 volunteers to take over THE CONTEST. Handle the entries, keep track of the results and advise the Editor of the to-date standings. Anyone out there?

David

2009 National Convention Bus Trip

The Module Committee of Division 4, MCR is sponsoring a bus trip to and from the National Convention this July in Hartford Conn. We will be using the Executive Coach from BRT and will have a very comfortable ride.

We will be leaving on Sunday, July 5, 2009 and returning on Monday, July 13, 2009. The price is \$200.00 and includes round trip transportation, snacks and beverages on the bus.

There are 16 seats total on the bus and several of them are already reserved for the Module Committee members. However there are seats remaining.

Interested??? For more information contact Sean O'Toole at 216-228-7219 or sean@rabidrailan.com

After an "all night operating session".



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National Contest Chairman Memo

Hello Everyone,

Let me introduce myself. I have been the National Contest Chairman for several years now and I and my staff have been working hard to improve that activity and make it more appealing to attendees. In Anaheim, we added two events: the Peoples Choice Awards, a direct entry, minimal paperwork, pop vote contest and the Model Showcase, a non-competitive, display-only event (complete or in process models are okay) again with little paperwork. For Hartford, we are premiering three new activities: a Kit Built Contest to run in parallel with the regular Scratch Built Contest (with a parallel array of place awards): an event we are calling "An Afternoon of Meet the Modeler, Photographer, & Crafter" in which entrants in the Showcase and all the contests are encouraged to come to the contest room and be with their entries to explain, discuss, and generally showoff their works. Now entrants may stay with their entries at any time the contest room is open (except for Wednesday when we are judging) but we are trying to focus this on Tuesday to get the most people to attend. The third new event is a Thursday morning score review period for the judged contest (Kit and Scratch) during which contestants may discuss and ask questions of the judges and staff. (The awards will take place on Thursday afternoon).

Now my last item, and this is one is aimed at the Region Contest Chairman, as part of the contest improvements I am working with Paul Richardson, National AP Chairman, to improve the judging, both to improve and expand the judging guidelines as well as provide better training for judges. While we have laid some of the ground work, we would like to engage your help as Region Chairman to identify, discuss and suggest solutions to some of these issues and you will be hearing from me in the coming months on that topic, so thanks in advance for your participation.

Bob Hamm, MMR

NMRA National Contest Chairman

(Received by email from Gerry Leone, Deputy Chair Membership Services. Ed.)