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Superintendent's Bulletin



Our February 18, 2024 the Division 1 meeting will be held at the Youngstown Model Railroad Club, 751 N. Four Mile Run Rd., Youngstown, OH 44515. The Youngstown Model Railroad Club has been in existence since 1957 and has an impressive history. It all started with an ad placed in a model railroad magazine inviting anyone interested in forming a model railroad club in Youngstown. On April 1, 1957 eight

strangers who had an interest in HO scale model railroading met at the home of George Sankey in Youngstown. From this meeting the Youngstown Model Railroad Association was formed.

During their first year the members constructed a 5' x 10' portable layout which was displayed at the Canfield Fair and an industrial show at Idora Park. It was during this first year that the club obtained space for the layout in the New York Central passenger station on Wilson Avenue in Youngstown. The club's first open house was held in December 1957.

Fast forward to June of 1964 when the club was forced to vacate the New York Central passenger station due to the economic decline in the Mahoning Valley. Meetings were held at members' homes for the next two years until obtaining the old gymnasium on the fourth floor of the Eagles building in Youngstown. The club planned and built a large layout that filled the gym. Unfortunately, the economic decline continued and in 1977 the building was sold, forcing the club to look for a new home.

In 1978 the club acquired its present location in the former Four Mile Run Christian Church. The club expanded its membership and added an O scale group. The O scale layout is on the first floor in the old sanctuary portion of the church and the HO scale layout is in the basement and occupies a 30' x 40' area. The HO scale layout has a large steel mill. Both layouts are well detailed and operate flawlessly. In 2023 an addition of a spacious meeting room was constructed and adds to the appeal of this fine club.

Please come join us for a fun time and a great up close and personal view of this very fine layout.

All Aboard!!

Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

T-TRAK News



Lloyd Horst prepares to work on the HO T-TRAK corners. A work session was held Feb. 10 to prepare the corners for display. Volunteers are needed to add scenery to the HO corners.

The HO T-TRAK layout will be on display at the Akron Train & Toy Show on March 3. Set up will be March 2. The push is on to have more modules running with scenery completed. All are welcome to run their trains or to help with setup. More details will be presented at the February 18 meeting at the Youngstown Model Railroad Club.

2023 - 24 Division 1 Events

February 18 - Youngstown Model RR Club
March 17 - TBD
April 21 - TBD
May 19 - TBD
June - Date and location TBD

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2024

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order: 2:00 PM.
- ~ By: Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
- ~ Participants: 15 members.
- ~ Location: Ravenna Township Offices.

2. Clerk: Jeff Stone:

- ~ Previous meeting minutes published in Peddler freight.
- ~ Motion to approve minutes, (Bob Gurdak/Bob Ashley, Jr.) carried.

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley:

- ~ Report presented by treasurer. Available on request.
- ~ Income: .Age of Steam: \$50. Misc \$70.50.
- ~ Expenses: Christmas party gifts: \$199.66.
- ~ Motion to approve treasurer report, (Lloyd Horst/Jim Peters) carried.

4. Superintendent: Jim DiPaola:

- ~ MCR Convention in Cleveland, please register. Layout and prototype tours TBA.
- ~ MCR Convention in Columbus in 2025.
- ~ February meeting at Youngstown RR Club.
- ~ Cuyahoga Falls Club new home has fallen through. Currently no place to move to, may disband.

5. Peddler Freight Committee: Bruce Hukill: Deadline January 28.

6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters:

- ~ 74 members. Most Divisions have similar decreases in membership.
- ~ After long discussion on membership including getting current members to attend meetings, and publishing rosters, it was concluded we need to work on it.

7. Clinic Committee: Jim DiPaola: Lloyd Horst presenting building with steel lumber.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst: Those who have volunteered at conventions, etc, please submit paperwork.

9. Module Committee: Lloyd Horst:

- ~ We need to have more modules with scenery and finished to have a good display.
- ~ Wooster Model RR Club would like a display of modules in various stages of completion for Route 30 open house weekend Nov '24.
- ~ Age of Steam would like us back in Dec '24.
- ~ Massillon Show would like the "N" modules for Dec '24 show.
- ~ Wooster train show would like us there in 2024 (TBA).
- ~ Progress report on RCS Troubleshooting Guide.

10. Facebook Committee: Jim DiPaola: No report.

11. Website Committee: Steve Zapytowski: Excused.

12. Old Business: Jim DiPaola: Bob Ashley, Jr. reported that Polish American Club is for rent at \$200, tables included. Three rooms.

13. New Business: Jim DiPaola: None.

14. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Sam Eisele brought a building he put together from DPM leftovers. Commented on the using kits parts to make unique buildings.
- ~ Jim DiPaola brought the new State Tool & Die 200 Ton Hot Metal Car.
- ~ Bob Gurdak brought a 5'4" scale board for photography built from an old Model Railroad article.
- ~ Jeff Stone brought a 3D printed model of the Berea Depot.

15. Good of the Order/Announcements:

- ~ Lloyd Horst brought used track free to a good home.
- ~ Sam Eisele won 50/50.
- ~ Jim DiPaola recognized Lloyd Horst and Bob Ashley, Jr. for all the work done on modules.

16. Adjournment:

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone, Clerk, Division 1

Module Report

Bob Jr., and I are planning on having the HO layout in the Emidio's Akron Train Show on March 3. It would be nice if more of the modules had some scenery on them. At the February meeting, I will know how many modules we will need for the space we have. Set up will be Saturday, March 2.

I will not be there on Saturday as I have previous all day commitment. So, another person or persons, from the module group will need to oversee the setup.

On February 10, Jerry, Bob Jr., John, Lloyd, and Frank met at Frank's house to finish the track on the corners.

Looking ahead, if Div 4 plans have not changed, the N scale modules will be used at the Regional Convention for those wanting to participate. For the fall, I will be trying to get into the Canfield Show, and the Akron Train Show.

Included in the Peddler Freight is the T-TRAK MODULE INFORMATION SHEET. Please fill one out for each module that you have. Then bring it to the meeting or email it to Lloyd or Bruce.

Lloyd Horst
Module Chair

HO T-TRAK Corners Progressing



(left) Lloyd Horst and Bob Ashley, Jr. work on the HO T-TRAK corners. John Spinks (below) and Jerry Kruse take on another set of corners. The HO T-TRAK layout is scheduled for display on March 3 at the Akron Train & Toy Show.



Membership Report

Nothing like a quiet and peaceful winter. I'd rather save my back for duck-unders instead of shoveling snow. OK. To business: Membership at the end of January stands at 72. The trend for those who may not have noticed has been in a continual decline, which I understand to be across the region. Any ideas on how to promote our hobby and attract new members are always greatly appreciated. Bring them to the next meeting or send us an email.

I think there is nothing better than the social aspect of our club, whether a train show or a picnic with our model railroading friends. In fact, my old friends from Division 4 requested I open my layout for tours and ops during this year's regional convention. Will you be participating? I am sure it will be a great show!

Happy New Year,
Jim Peters
Membership Chair

Benefits of Meetings

Why attend meetings? As the picture below shows, there was an abundance of HO scale track, free to the taker. Thank you to Lloyd Horst for making this benefit available to Division 1 members



Please print the form below and complete for each of your T-TRAK modules.
Return the form at any Division 1 function.

T-TRAK — Module Information Sheet

Module Name or ID Code _____ Scale _____

Owner _____

Module Description _____

Module Design (place an "X" in the appropriate spaces):

Single		Double		Triple		Quad	
Corner		Inside Corner		Junction		180 Degree Corner	
Crossover		Siding		Skyboard			
Other							

Depth (required for all single to quad-sized modules): _____

Track Spacing: _____

Electrical Information:

Kato/Tamiya Power Connectors	Y / N	Accessory Power Required	Y / N
Specify required volts/amps		UTP	Y / N
DCC Accessory Decoder	Y / N	Specify Type	
Date Constructed		Date of Certification	
Date of Major Alteration or Rehab		Date of Re-certification	

Module Condition (Place an "X" in the appropriate spaces):

	Excellent — scenery complete; no issues with scenery, wiring, track, etc.
	Good — scenery not complete; no issues with scenery, wiring, track, etc
	Fair — Under construction, nothing that prevents running trains.
	Unserviceable — major issues that are fixable; add estimated date for repairs.
	Other comment and Background re Module Configuration

Please attach front photograph, top-down photograph and track plan if available

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January Bring-N-Brag



Jeff Stone (left) displays his 3D printed HO model of the Berea Depot. The structure is available in S, HO and N scale by Leopard Architecture Models. The owner will be presenting a clinic at the Division 1 meeting in March. Bob Gurdak (below) shows a scale board he built using plans from an old Model Railroader article. The board is used as reference in field photography to correctly size an object.



Jim DiPaola (above) displays a Treadwell 200-ton hot metal car produced by State Tool and Die. Sam Eisele (right) shows off a building he put together from DPM leftovers. Sam explained how he used different parts to build a unique one-of-a-kind structure.



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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Sunday, February 18, 2024
Youngstown Model RR Club
751 N. 4 Mile Run Rd.
Youngstown, OH 44515

Bring your T-TRAK module if you want to check it to the standards,
share your craft or tips, or just have questions.
Bring a snack to share and a drink of your own.
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Train Shows and Open Houses

Mansfield Train Show - February 11

Fairhaven Hall, Richland County Fairgrounds
750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Admission \$7.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Div. 5 Railfest Dinner - March 16

Painesville Railroad Museum
(aka NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission \$24.00 5:30 PM

Canfield Train and Toy Show - February 17

Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana, Canfield, Ohio
44406. Being held in new Event Center.
Admission \$7.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Train Collectors Association - March 23 Spring Train Meet

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
Admission \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Akron Train & Toy Show - March 3

Emidio's & Sons Expo Center
48 East Bath Road at State Road
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223
Admission \$5.00 9 AM - 3 PM

Medina Train and Toy Show - April 7

Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256
Admission \$6.00 9 AM - 3 PM

Div. 5 Railfest - Model RR Show - March 16 - 17

Lakeland Community College
7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, Ohio 44094
Admission \$9.00 10 AM - 4 PM

Youngstown Model RR Assoc. - April 7 Toy - Train Flea Market

Parish Center, 4490 Norquest, Austintown 44151
Admission \$7.00 10 AM - 3:30 PM

Wooster Train and Toy Show - March 16

Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, Ohio
Admission \$7.00 10 AM - 3 PM

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