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BY YOURSELF! I've been a model railroader for more than 35 years. I have seen many layouts and met many modelers. I am struck by one thing. Most of these modelers have built their layouts by themselves - alone or with just minimal help. I am one of these. The four modelers, whom I know best, are also loners.

One of these modelers has built his layout and has over 85% of the scenery done in less than three years. I have never worked on his layout except to hang two light fixtures and make suggestions to improve operation. Another is into his second or fifth layout (depends on how you view the work) and I have only helped him move sections of the layout and helped him lay some switches and wires. The third is building a specific part of the ERIE Railroad on modules. We have discussed his layout, but I haven't even seen it. The last is a person for whom I have drawn a basic track plan and with whom I have discussed lighting, ceiling panels and benchwork. This layout is still in the planning stage.

As I said, I am a loner. In the beginning to start my benchwork I had a helper (the modeler with the two to five layouts). That was for about five hours. Since then, my only helper has been my live-in gopher (my wife) - holding and threading wires, getting tools when I'm under the layout, etc. Every piece of track on my layout was laid by me. The problem with being a loner is that you don't have anyone to blame if

things don't work right, except yourself!

While I know of and have operated layouts that had some major help in wiring block detection or have had buildings built specifically for their layouts, I still see the ongoing work as that done alone.

Alone may be the only way we can put our own stamp on our layouts. However, I have learned from viewing those layouts and listening to the stories these modelers tell about their problems.

Model Railroading may just be a hobby in which the building part is done (mostly) alone, but the real fun comes in sharing your layout, problems, stories, ideas and love of the hobby. To me, our Division of the NMRA can and does help us find other loners and join in the fun of the hobby.

David

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

**January Meeting Minutes
of the NMRA/MCR Division #1
1.21.07 - Sebring, Ohio**

Attendance – 23

Minutes of the October meeting – accepted.

Superintendents Report – Meeting discussion by Dave Hazelett.

Treasurer’s report – Bill Smith accepted.

Ass’t. Superintendent’s Report - Ron Wigal reported on the interest in and willingness to promote a voluntary list of hobbyists for all people who want to participate to show & promote their interest in the hobby. This list is open to everyone interested in the hobby including NMRA members. 14 people signed giving their contact information available to like hobbyists. Others in attendance were spouses & guests.

February Meeting is at THE NEW “WHISTLE STOP” Feb. 18th 2146 Front Street, Cuyahoga Falls, OH. (330.928.8984) Parking in the rear. 2:00 P.M.

June meeting is June 10th (second Sunday) due to Fathers Day.

Additional discussion on the “Roster”. Many volunteers to start our own list of hobbyists.

Regional Convention in Louisville pronounced (LOU-A-Vul) April 2007.

Website www.nmra.org

National Convention July 2007 www.nmra.org

The Bring & Brag for February is Passenger cars. Modified or scratch built.

Adjourn – 3:03 P.M.

Minutes taken by Ron Wigal - Asst. Super.

“parking in the rear” open 7 days

The Whistle Stop Hobby Shop
Trains Plastic Models Remote Control

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February Destinations

The Whistle Stop Hobby Shop is hosting our meeting on February 18th at 2 PM. In Speaking with Kevin, he wants it to be an open invitation to any and everyone interested.

FREE FOOD

Kevin Suggests we invite any one interested to “Come On In.” New faces to get acquainted with, plenty of room for *kickin’ tires and talkin’ trains*.

Hot chili, coffee, snacks, beverages, etc. Get to know Kevin, hear what he has to say that’s coming to the hobby. **DON’T MISS THIS ONE !!!**

Ron Wigal
Asst. Super.

BRING & BRAG

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| February | Passenger Car - scratch, modified or multi-piece kit (not Athern-type) |
| March | Tank cars - scratch, modified, odd road name |
| April | Country-side/small town structures |
| May | Hoppers - scratch, modified, odd 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 thing.

FOR SALE

Selling over 100 cars from my collection.

Cars from 5 to 30 years old.

For more information and a PDF listing email me at

dhazlett1@neo.rr.com

DAVID H. HAZLETT

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.

MEETING SCHEDULE 2006-2007

March 18	Bill Heylock - Hudson
April 22	Frank Williamson - Hudson
May 20	Don Bonk - Louisville
June 10 *	Jim DiPaola - Ravenna

*Second Sunday due to Father's Day.

Time to start thinking about the 2007-2008 Meeting Schedule.

September 16	Already requested
October 21	Already requested
November 18	
December	No Meeting
January 20	
February 17	
March 16	(the 23 rd is Easter)
April 20	
May 18	(the 12 th is Mother's Day)
June 8*	(the 15 th is Father's Day)
July	No Meeting
August	No Meeting - anyone want a picnic?

See or email Bill, Ron or David to sign up for a time to host.

Murphy's Law Strikes Editor

Last month I listed the subscribers to the Peddler Freight and thanked them for their subscription.

As Murphy's Law dictates . . . "Any time you publish a list you will miss at least one person that should be on the list".

I apologize for missing:

Richard Ramskugler

Colombiana

And because he did not appear on the list, a renewal for:

LeRoy Reeves

Twinsburg

Thank you both. Editor

Park Service seeks railroad volunteers

The National Park Service is seeking volunteers to ride the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park.

The Park Service needs two groups of volunteers:

—Rail Rovers, who will board the trains, pass out brochures and answer questions of passengers. Hours are flexible

—Student Explorer, composed of retired teachers and those who love working with students. They will lead hands-on activities, hikes and train rides. They must be available on weekday mornings.

Training will be provided. For more information contact Ranger Pamela Machuga at 330-657-1914 or pam_machuga@nps.gov.



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THANKS FOR YOUR SUBSCRIPTION!!