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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

To all of those folks in the Wooster area, welcome to Division 1! I hope you are able to join us for an upcoming meeting.

Another Mid-Central Region convention is behind us. This convention focused on operations. There were several layouts to choose from including two module layouts at the convention hotel. I had the opportunity to operate on five different layouts and came away with the conclusion that yes, you can operate in N scale. I was impressed with the train length that averaged about thirty cars per train.



The most impressive operating layout was a basic oval layout. The front was a medium sized town and the back was staging. At first glance looking at this layout, you may wonder where the Christmas tree is, but once the trains started rolling, it was impressive. Bill Clayton modeled Richmond, IN on the Pennsy. This location is a convergence of six different lines. The operations consisted of switching out passenger cars off trains and adding mail and express cars. It was a very interesting operating secession.

The 2014 National Convention in Cleveland will be here before you know it. Have you registered yet? Please register soon, before the rate goes up.

This month we are meeting at Rich Ramskugler's in Columbiana. See you there.

Randy Dettmer
Superintendent
Div 1 - MCR - NMRA

CONVENTION 2014

JULY 13-20

I am thoroughly looking forward to visiting layouts this summer. In the meantime, we are collecting names of interested layout owners who are willing to open during the national convention in 2014.

Thanks!

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Jim Peters, Co-Chair Layout Committee





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STANDARD KIT

Jim DiPaola - 14 pts
Jim Williams - 7.5 pts
Glenn Yoder - 2 pts
Don Deakins - 1.5 pts

KIT-BASHED

Glenn Yoder - 5 pts
Mike Bradley - 4 pts
Jim DiPaola - 4 pts
Jim Peters - 4 pts
Bill Hewitt - 2 pts
Don Deakins - 1 pt

CRAFTSMAN

Don Deakins - 1 pt
Jim Williams - 1 pt

SCRATCH-BUILT

Jim Williams - 1 pt

DIVISION 1 CONTEST

MAY WINNERS

Standard Kit

Jim Dipaola - 1st Place - 1 pt

Kit-Bashed

Mike Bradley - 1st Place - 1 pt.



KIT-BASHED - 1ST PLACE - MIKE BRADLEY



STANDARD KIT - 1ST PLACE -JIM DIPAOLA

CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2013-2014

SEPTEMBER - HOUSE	OCTOBER - 40 ' BOX CAR or REEFER
NOVEMBER - WORK TRAIN	DECEMBER - NO CONTEST
JANUARY - ENGINE HOUSE	FEBRUARY - FLAT CAR W/LOAD
MARCH - 34' TO 42' COVERED HOPPER	
APRIL - INDUSTRIAL BUILDING (a photograph is allowed if the building cannot be transported)	
MAY - TANK CAR	JUNE - AWARDS CEREMONY

Picnic with Division 4

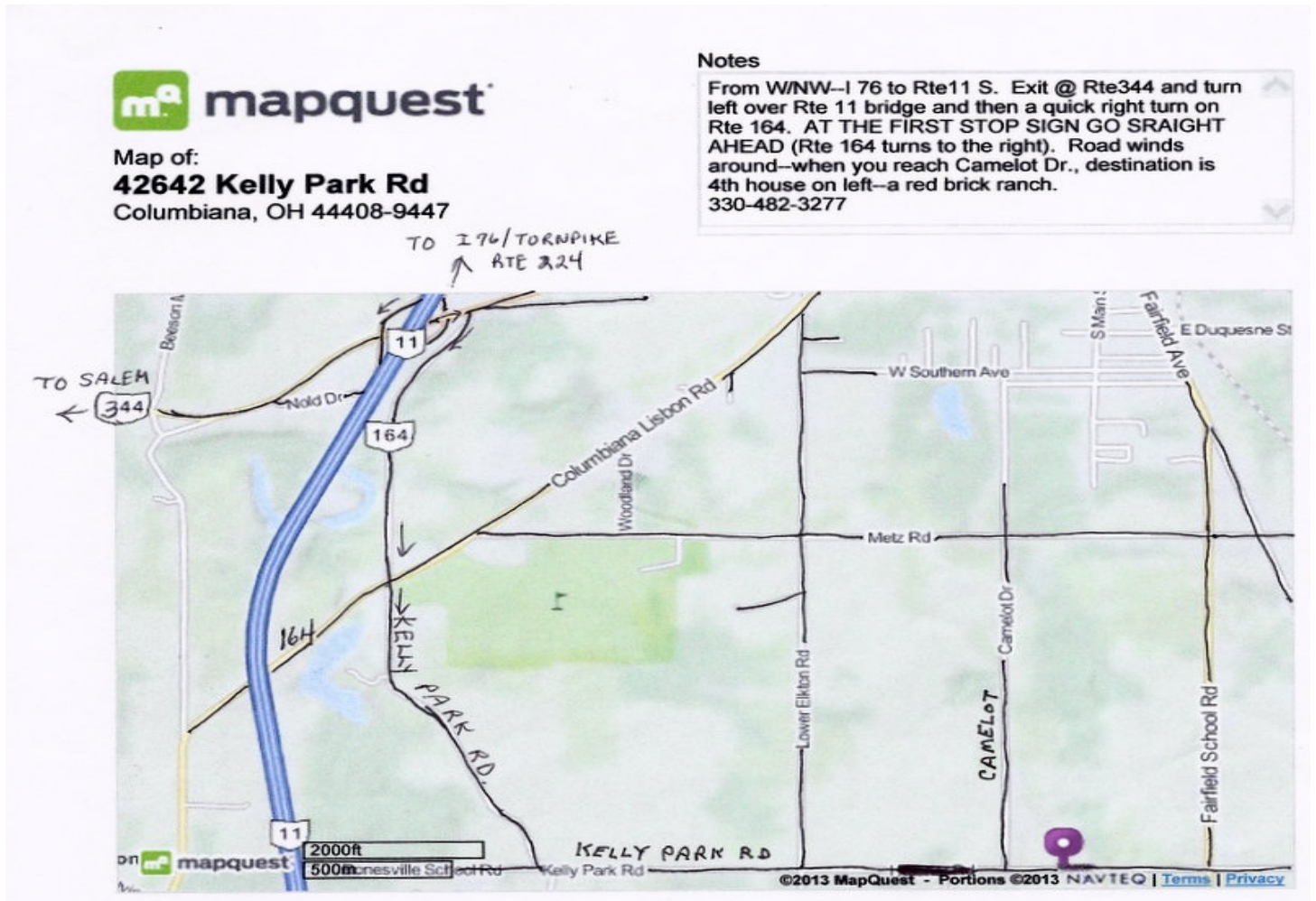
On Saturday July 27, 2013 at Noon, we will have a joint picnic with Division 4 at the Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers (NEOLS). They are located at the Lester Rail Trail Park, 3654 Lester Road, Medina, OH. Here is a link to their web site for a map, <http://livesteamohio.homestead.com/MAPS.html>

There is no charge for the event but donations to NEOLS are appreciated. Please bring a pot luck dish. Hot dogs and buns will be provided.

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING
will be on Sunday, June 9.
Host: Rich Ramskugler**

The address is 42642 Kelly Park Road, Columbiana, OH 44408-9477.

Food and drink will be provided.



Train Shows and Open Houses – June thru August

OC&T Railroad 2nd Annual Train & Hobby Show – June 15 & 16 – 9:30AM – 4PM - 409 South Perry St, Titusville, PA

Jefferson Depot Strawberry Festival – June 15 & 16 Jefferson, Ohio – www.jeffersondepotvillage.org

8th Annual Miami Valley Rail Festival – June 22 & 23

Carillon Historical Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, OH Admission \$8, children \$5 www.cpress.org or www.railfestival.com

Orrville Railroad Day – July 10 – 12PM – 4P - Orrville Depot, Orrville, OH

Erie Lackawanna Historical Society Day at Marion – July 20

Marion Union Depot, Marion OH For more information, contact Rich at rbehrendt@columbus.rr.com

Northeastern Ohio Railroad & Transportation Artifact Show – August 18 – 9AM – 3PM

McMenamy's Banquet Center, 325 Youngstown-Warren Rd (RT 422), Niles OH

MODULE GROUP

The Module Group set up and ran trains for the Supply Train Manufacturer's Show at the John S. Knight convention center on May 14 & 15, 2013. We used the end modules and three straight modules, due to space constraints. There were 480 attendees and they were delighted to watch our trains and think back to when they got their first trains. Several people took information and with a little luck, we may get some new members. My thanks go to Dave Madden, Jim Williams and Joe Urbanski for their help in setup and operating the layout. We did not show at the CVSR "Day out with Thomas" event, this year.

We have a large number of model railroad magazines, which were donated by Ron Shoemaker's widow. There are at least six full years of Model Railroader with the MR binders, included. Please see me for details. Larry Brown will be given all the magazines for use as handouts at shows, since no one has wanted them.

Divisions 1, 4 and 5 will have a joint meeting, for the 2014 Convention, to discuss making commitments to be able to join all our modules together and be able to run trains over the entire layout. We still have not met.

Bruce Hukill has purchased the very last module, which consisted of miscellaneous parts, and a few new items to finish the module. I will no longer offer kits. You can build from the plans on your own. Kurt, Don and I will need to connect our NTRAK modules to check for electrical problems before the Dalton show.

The 50-50 raffle netted \$48.00 and \$24.00 was placed in the module fund. THANK YOU!! Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. Your help in funding the Module Group is appreciated.

Enjoy your summer and be safe.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com

PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BY-LAWS

A change to the By-Laws was introduced at the May meeting. That change will be voted on at the June meeting.

This change is necessary to the By-Laws in our attempt to gain 501c3 tax status.

Please refer to the inserted sheet in the May Peddler Freight for the text of the change.

CONFLICT OF INTEREST POLICY

A the June meeting a "Conflict of Interest Policy" will be introduced. It will be voted on at the September meeting.

Article I – Purpose

The purpose of the conflict of interest policy is to protect this tax-exempt organization's interest when it is contemplating entering into a transaction or arrangement that might benefit the private interest of an office or director of the organization or might result in a possible excess benefit transaction. This policy is intended to supplement but not replace any applicable state and federal laws governing conflict of interest applicable to nonprofit and charitable organizations.

This is only the first article of the proposed policy. The complete proposed policy is too large to be printed in the Peddler Freight. It can be found on our website.

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2013-2014 MEETINGS

September 15, 2013 Don Bonk

October 20, 2013 Wooster Club (tentative)

November 17, 2013 Whistle Stop

December 7, 2013 Holiday Party - Puffer Belly

January 19, 2014 open

February 16, 2014 YMRRC (tentative)

March 23, 2014 SMRRC

April 27, 2014 Rob's Trains

May 18, 2014 open

June 15, 2014 open

FROM THE PEDDLER FREIGHT EDITOR

This is the last issue of the Peddler Freight until September. No meetings are held in July or August. All ads and subscriptions end with this issue.

I want to thank the businesses and members who have supported the Peddler Freight this past year. Business ads are \$40 for the 1/8 page size. All members are sent a Peddler Freight, but subscriptions are requested, at the rate of \$15, to offset the cost of printing and mailing.

You are urged to request the Peddler Freight be sent to you via email.

Emailing the Peddler Freight costs the Division nothing and considerably reduces the cost of printing and mailing the Peddler Freight. The bonus to the email copy is that the pictures are in color, something that is not possible, due to the high cost, in a mailed copy.

Current email recipients will continue to receive the Peddler Freight by email. New email recipients may contact the editor at dhazlett1@neo.rr.com

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THE RUSS WENDERFER AWARD

Every year, Division 7 (Cincinnati) presents The Russ Wenderfer Award. This award is given for the promotion of the hobby within the Mid-Central Region. Each Mid-Central Division may nominate a candidate who by their actions, involvement with Division activities, and overall extraordinary volunteer service has promoted the hobby of model railroading and promotion of the National Model Railroad Association. Past recipients have included Allen McClelland, Dean Freytag, Mike Brestel and Harley Smith. This year the recipient is our own David Hazlett. He has been our past superintendent and has grown our division from just a handful of members showing up at meetings to nearly thirty. He was instrumental in having our newsletter being sent to every member. After his term was over, he took over as editor of the Peddler Freight. He has improved the newsletter to offer color editions to email subscribers. He was struck with cancer last year but has fought through his chemo treatments and our newsletter never missed being published.

Randy Dettmer





Clinic Report

I hope a few mountains have appeared on your layouts thanks to the clinic given by Larry Brown and Jim DiPaola.

At the June meeting, Larry Brown has once again graciously volunteered to discuss backdrops.

Happy modeling and thank you to all the volunteer clinicians for helping this another successful railroad season!

Larry Brown shown during the clinic.

Clinic Chair, Jim Peters

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N-SCALE NEWS

Operating on the Bill Reese N-Scale layout at the Dayton Mid-Central Regional Convention was a great experience. Our Division One Superintendent Randy Dettmer told Bill Reese that he was a "Yard Rat" and was assigned to the large Eaton Yard. I was assigned a 35 car through freight pulled by ABBA "F" units with a mandatory caboose. My job was easy compared to Randy's need to switch in and out 25 cars at his yard. Randy did a great job as a yard dispatcher. Bill Reese's layout was DC powered and having operated on a DCC layout in Florida, if starting to build a layout or in the construction phase, I strongly recommend DCC.

The convention bus tour of 5 great layouts was another great experience. All were extremely impressive and will be covered in MR 2013 Great Layout publication. Two of the HO layouts were operating RRs in 1600 to 1740 sq ft rooms. Just imagine what you could accomplish in N-Scale.

On Sunday after the Regional there was an Ohio N-Scale Weekend event at the Franklin County Fairgrounds in Hilliard with a large number of modular layouts and vendors. It was a good place to get reacquainted with old friends like Don Kriegbaum, president of Dayton N-Track who also repairs N and Z. The next Ohio N-Scale Weekend will be May 16-18 2014 in Hilliard. See www.centralohiontrack.org

The Dayton regional was devoted to model RR operation and it is fitting that Division One's Dave Hazlett receive a service award at this convention. More impressive are the number of persons who credit Dave with introducing them to layout operation, Jim Moore from Sandusky said his 1st operating session was at Dave's home and he is one of Dave's biggest fans.

Finally, if you haven't attended an NMRA convention, register for the Cleveland National Convention in 2014. If you feel like Cleveland is too close to home consider the NMRA Mid-Central Regional Convention in Lexington, KY, May 14-17, 2015. Try it, you'll like it.

Don Bonk

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes

May 19, 2013

Host: Jim DiPaola, Ravenna, Ohio

1. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Jim for hosting the meeting. Twenty-two people were in attendance.
2. A moment of silence was held in remembrance of Bill Hewitt who passed away.
3. A motion to accept the April Minutes as printed in the Peddler Freight was made and seconded. The motion passed.
4. Chuck Boyer gave the Treasurer's report for March. A motion to accept the report, subject to audit, was made and seconded. The motion passed.
5. Membership: Larry Brown reported that the division now has 110 members. Division-1 gained the 7 members who were transferred from Division-6 in the Wooster area. We also have 3 new members: Bob Theriault (Terio) from Uniontown; Dave Stoneman from Kent; and John Rancher from Cuyahoga Falls. These people joined after talking to Larry at the Dalton Show in March. Daryl Fink was introduced. Daryl is a member of the Sebring Railroad Club and was attending our meeting for the first time.
6. Committee Reports:
 - a. Clinics – Jim Peters was not able to attend but Larry Brown put on a clinic on mountain building after the business meeting.
 - b. Peddler Freight – David Hazlett stated that the last issue cost us \$106.73 and that \$96.79 of this came out of the general fund since all of the subscription monies and discounts have been used. Discussion ensued as to how to go forward with financing this cost. It was suggested that the Peddler Freight should only be supplied via e-mail unless the member paid a subscription to have a hardcopy mailed to them. It was also suggested that another survey be conducted to see who would pay for a hardcopy and then dropping from the mailing list anyone who did not respond. A motion was made to send out the roster once a year instead of quarterly (which is not being done because of cost). The motion was amended to state that this be done in November. The motion as amended was seconded and approved.
 - c. AP Chair: no report
 - d. Scale update: David Hazlett reported that BLI was now selling a Paragon locomotive with sound for a MSRP of \$230 which hopefully signals a downward change in prices. Bob Ashley stated that the new Bachman engines have great sound and are reasonably priced; however, the wiring used in the new locos is very light and prone to burning up when a short is encountered. He has had this happen to two of his locomotives running on the modules. David also said that he had two of his old Athearn locomotives repowered using Helix Humper Motors from Rob's Trains. They run well and it was cost effective.
 - e. NMRA 2014 Cleveland Convention – Randy Dettmer reminded people to make their reservations before this year's convention, after which the rates would go up.
 - f. Modules – Bob Ashley, Sr. reported that the modules were setup for the Supply Train Manufacturer's Organization at the John S. Knight Center May 14 and 15. We thought we would be given a gratuity for setting up but so far this has not materialized. We are still waiting on a meeting to be called with the module groups from divisions 2, 4, and 5 to plan for the 2014 convention setup.
 - g. Apparel – Jim Williams reviewed the prices for the group.
7. Meetings:
 - a. June 9 – at Rich Ramskugler's in Columbiana.
 - b. July 27 – Division-4 picnic at the NEOLS railroad in Lester, Ohio
8. Old Business:
 - a. Discussion on ways to raise money for the Division: The train show that we are not having this year but have had the past 3 years netted us \$900 over this time period. A motion was made that we split the 50/50 half that now goes to the Module Group between the Module Group and the Division. The motion failed on a vote of 8 to 7.
 - b. December dinner discussion: Kurt and Karen Sanders had told Randy that the B&O station in Youngstown was too big a venue for our dinner: it handle gatherings such as weddings. It was decided to have the Christmas dinner on Saturday, December 7th at the Pufferbelly Restaurant in Kent, Ohio. Jim DiPaola will make the reservations.
 - c. Division 501c3 tax exempt status: Randy read an amendment to the "Purpose for which corporation is formed" to our articles of incorporation. This amendment emphasized the group's education and charitable purposes. He also read a conflict of interest statement. Both will be voted on at the next meeting.

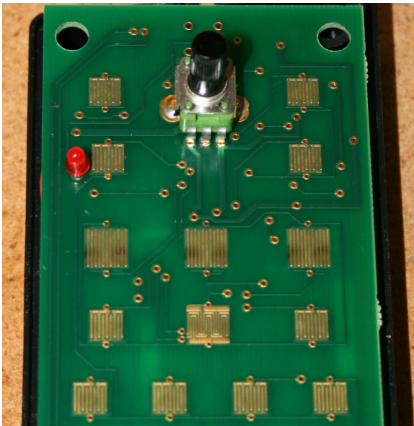
9. New Business:

- a. Randy reported that a member of Division-5 who had moved to Aurora, Ohio was petitioning the Mid-Central Region and Division-1 to have the Aurora zip code moved from Division-1 to Division-5 so that he could remain in Division-5 as a voting member. There are currently 4 members in the Aurora area including this person. A motion was made and seconded that we did not support this change. The motion passed.
- b. Randy reported that we needed a new web master: Jeffery Jansen has resigned effective the first of July due to lack of time to devote to the task. Go-Daddy is the host for the site. Jim DiPaola and Larry Brown will meet with Jeffery to determine what it would be involved in taking over the site.
- c. Jim DiPaola is hosting a steel mill seminar in Kent August 8-11. There will be two days of clinics and one day of tours. The cost is \$115 which includes the banquet on Saturday evening at the Pufferbelly Restaurant.
- d. Division-7 which hosted the Mid-Central convention awarded the Wenderfer Award to David Hazlett. This award is presented in recognition of a person's promotion of model railroading. Randy presented David with the award's plaque.

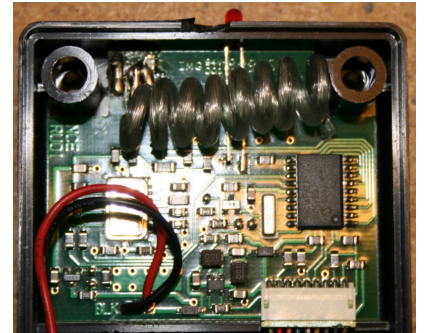
The meeting adjourned at 3:23 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Williams, Clerk

NCE CABS ADDENDUM



In the January 2013 Peddler Freight I published an article about converting NCE Radio Cabs to internal antennas. Since then I have had no trouble with the cabs, but decided to upgrade the antenna material to 16 gauge wire from the 22 gauge wire I had used. The photo at the right shows how the heavier gauge wire fits inside the cab.

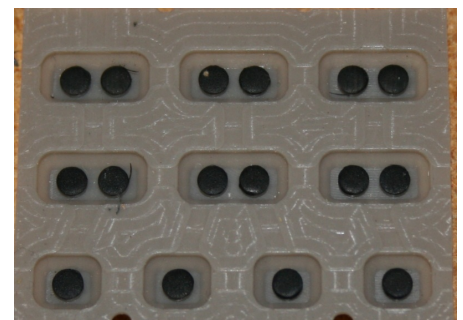


While inside the cab I noticed that the electrical contacts looked tarnished. I took a soft eraser and cleaned the contacts. I worried about loosening the contacts and used a track cleaning solution (a Micro-Mark product) on the contacts. The photo at the left shows a clean contact in the middle of the second row from the bottom and dirty contacts on the next row up.

I also used that solution to clean the contacts on the rubber touch-pad. You can see what I am talking about in the photo to the right.

I have noticed a difference in the functioning of the cabs, although I don't think my operators have.

If you plan on upgrading your cabs to an internal antenna, I suggest using 16 gauge wire and cleaning the contacts.



David Hazlett

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