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Superintendent's Bulletin



Summer is fast approaching and very evident by the warm weather we've been having. And this is when indoor activities are replaced with outdoor activities and quite often these are family activities. If you have younger family members; your own children, nieces, nephews and grandchildren, this is an opportunity to get the younger generations interested in railroading.

There are parks next to railroad tracks that offer picnic facilities and safe viewing of real trains. Fostoria RailPark in Fostoria, Ohio is a place that immediately comes to mind. Opened on November 15, 2013, this 5.6 acre park is situated between two CSX mainlines (one East/West, one North/South) and a Norfolk Southern mainline. The park has restrooms, a covered viewing platform and a B&O bay window caboose on display. The park cost \$1 million dollars to build and a little

over \$800,000.00 was paid with a grant. So come visit the "Iron Triangle," watch some trains, eat some food and enjoy a relaxing time with whoever you take a long.

[Fostoria Ohio Rail History - Train City USA](http://FostoriaOhioRailHistory-TrainCityUSA.com)
(fostoriairontriangle.com)

This is a fun way to help with recruitment and retention.

All Aboard!!

Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

2023 - 24 Division 1 Events

May 19 - Jim/Luana Peters

June 23 - Sam and Trish Eisele, Div. 1 Picnic



T-TRAK Module News

The HO and N scale T-TRAK modules will be running at the MCR Convention May 16 - 18. The HO T-TRAK will have only Div. 1 modules. The N scale modules will be part of a larger layout of convention attendees.

Important details for the convention:

- Set up will be Thursday, May 16 at 11 AM.
- Teardown will be Saturday, May 18 at 2 PM. All modules must be removed by 4 PM for banquet preparations to begin.
- Division 1 must provide tables for the HO layout.

Lloyd Horst works on the wiring of Dennis Sautters' HO T-TRAK module. Meetings are the perfect place to check the track alignment and wiring on your T-TRAK modules.

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
April 19, 2024

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order: 2:06 PM.
- ~ By: Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
- ~ Participants: 21 present including 1 guest: Ramhog from Division 4.
- ~ Location: Ravenna Township Office.

2. Clerk: Sam Eisele substituting for Jeff Stone:

- ~ Previous meeting minutes published in the Peddler freight.
- ~ Motion to approve minutes, (Bob Anelli, Lloyd Horst) carried.

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley:

- ~ Report presented by treasurer. Available on request.
- ~ Income: \$45.00.
- ~ Expenses: \$24.85.
- ~ Motion to approve treasurer report, (Steve Zapytowski/Bob Gurdak) carried.

4. Superintendent: Jim DiPaola:

- ~ MCR Convention in Cleveland May 16 - 19, please register.
- ~ Scale Trains Operation Roadshow will be at the Youngstown Model Railroad Club, May 7 at 7 PM.
- ~ Introduced Ramhog from Division 4 who gave a brief presentation on module display for Regional Convention.

5. Peddler Freight: Bruce Hukill: Deadline April 26.

6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters: 71 members including 3 new members.

7. Clinic Committee: Jim DiPaola: No report.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst: No report.

9. Module Committee: Lloyd Horst:

- ~ Bob Gurdak will be assistant module chair.
- ~ Confirmed during meeting that we will display modules at MCR convention.
- ~ Check Peddler Freight for T-TRAK info sheet.

10. Facebook Committee: Jim DiPaola: No report.

11. Website Committee: Steve Zapytowski: No report.

12. Old Business: None.

13. New Business:

- ~ Jim DiPaola and Sam Eisele will research tables to be used for T-TRAK displays.
- ~ Division 1 May meeting will be at Jim Peters home. If you do not mail your election ballot to Jim, bring it to the meeting.

14. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Bruce Hukill and Chuck Altwies displayed three HO T-TRAK modules. They are made to follow the theme of Matt Woods' module.
- ~ Dennis Sautters displayed his HO double T-TRAK module.
- ~ Jim DiPaola showed his bottle car from State Tool & Die. He has recently painted and weathered the car.
- ~ Sam Eisele presented a short detail clinic on 55 gallon drums and another on making horizontal chemical tanks from refrigerator water filters.
- ~ Bob Ashley, Sr. presented a short clinic on safety regarding magnifying glasses.

15. Good of the Order/Announcements:

- ~ Donated buildings from the April clinic presented by Ed Enyedy were won by Bob Ashley, Jr., Jim Peters and Jerry Kruse.
- ~ Marilyn Ramskugler won the 50/50 raffle.

16. Adjournment:

- ~ Motion to adjourn carried (Steve Zapytowski/Chuck Altwies).

Post Meeting notes: Lloyd Horst assisted members with HO T-TRAK module wiring.

Respectfully submitted,
Sam Eisele, Asst. Supt. Div. 1, substituting for Jeff Stone, Division 1.

Refrigerator Filters, Modules and Fires

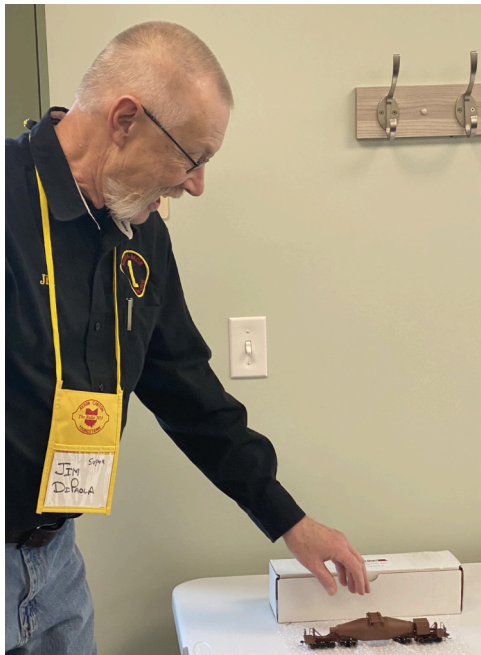
Bring and Brag at April Meeting

The April Bring and Brag featured refrigerator filters, magnifying glasses, hot metal cars and tiny 55 gallon drums. Sam Eisele continued his discussion from last month about detailing HO 55 gallon drums. He also displayed refrigerator water filters that he converted into chemical tanks. Jim DiPaola updated members on his assembling and weathering his State Tool & Die HO bottle car. And in a quite entertaining presentation on a serious subject Bob Ashley, Sr. turned a clinic about magnification devices into a cautionary tale on their unintended fire hazards.

Bob Ashley, Sr. (right and below) displayed numerous devices used to aide magnification when dealing with small parts. He also cautioned that these magnifying devices can unintentionally start a fire. Ashley, Sr. had left the magnifying glass and a cardboard box near his front window. As the sun beamed in, the box was ignited.



Jim DiPaola (right) explains his techniques for painting and weather his HO scale bottle car.



Sam Eisele (above) displayed more of his detailed 55 gallon drums and how he uses scrap decals for writing on the sides and tops. He also displayed his chemical tanks made from refrigerator filters.

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

MIS:12.31.2

Sample Ballot of Division 1, MCR, NMRA

For Superintendent: (vote for one)

Jim DiPaola

Frank Rocchia

For Assistant Superintendent

Sam Eisele

For Treasurer:

Michael Bradley

Per Division 1 By-Laws, your OFFICIAL BALLOT for this year's election will be in the mailed 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. This is a sample ballot, official ballots are in mailed copies of the Peddler Freight.

You may bring your ballot to the May 19, 2024 meeting or mail your ballot to:

**James Peters
735 Southridge Rd.
Sagamore Hills, OH 44067**

Division 1 T-TRAK Modules

Bruce Hukill's rural Ohio themed HO single



"That is so cool!" we've all exclaimed as we picked up that one item we just had to have. Some of my many have to have are vehicles from [Artitec](#). This Amsterdam, The Netherlands based company makes all types of military and civilian vehicles, buildings, figures and even boats and submarines. When they released the Fordson Dexta tractor in an HO kit, I had to build one.

Although a lifelong N scaler, I agreed to complete at least one HO T-TRAK module as part of the Division 1 module program and the Artitec Ford tractor would fit perfectly into the theme Matt Woods used on his rural Ohio module.

Now how to make that tractor look "natural" on the module. Having also built the small Artitec plow kit for the tractor - a field being turned over fit the rural theme. Some leftover black grout from a bathroom tiling project, cinnamon brown acrylic paint for highlights, and a plastic spatula to create the furrows and the Dexta had a home. The driver is a Märklin train driver repainted to look like a rural Ohio farmer. The field is a blend of static grass colors.

The rest of the scenery I tried to follow Matt's lead with SuperTrees, Woodland Scenics barbed wire fences and brush and tufts from various sources. The rock formations are from latex molds I made from various chunks of coal. I then fill them with Plaster of Paris. Water, reeds and Woodland Scenics deer complete the small water hole scene in the hillside.

My module is on the right of Matt's, with Chuck Altwies working on a theme based module to go on the left. Although a committed N scaler, I have a few more HO Artitec kits that will fit perfectly into the rural Ohio theme, and I also have two blank T-TRAK modules so...

Bruce Hukill



The Mid-Central
Regional Convention
May 16-19 2024
Cleveland, Ohio



Early Registration is \$90.00
through 12/31/2023



www.northcoastlimited2024.org

Convention Merchandise

The North Coast Limited 2024 Convention offers two Convention Cars and a Large selection of Men & Women's apparel

SCHEDULE of EVENTS

Layout Tours, Operating Sessions, 4 Clinic Rooms
(including make & take clinics for a small fee)
Celebration of Modeling, Yard Sale, Prototype Tours, General interest Tours,
Non-Rail Tours

More events are being added as the NCL moves closer to the convention date.
Look for updates on the NCL site!

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Register or print out
a registration form
online!

www.northcoastlimited2024.org



THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Sunday, May 19, 2024

James Peters

735 Southridge Road

Sagamore Hills, OH 44067

Jim's HO scale LS & MJ Railroad will be running as part of the
MCR Regional Convention Layout Tour.

Bring a snack to share and a drink of your own.

Sale table and FREE items.

Clinic: Jim will describe his layout.

2 PM

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Northwestern Oregon Circa 1912 — HO and HO_n3



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Jim Peters
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Train Shows and Open Houses

'S' Spree - May 3 - 4

Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association
Emidio & Sons Expo Center
48 East Bath Road, Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223
www.cvsga.com

North East Ohio National Large Scale Train Show - June 1

Warren SCOPE (YMCA)
375 North Park Ave., Warren, OH 44481
Admission: \$5.00 10 AM - 4 PM

Paranormal Investigation - May 10

Of the Painesville Railroad Museum, Depot
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission \$30.00 9 PM - Midnight

Model Train Flea Market - June 22

Painesville Railroad Museum
(aka NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission: Free, donations accepted 10 AM - 3 PM

Model Train Day & Flea Market - May 18

Painesville Railroad Museum
(aka NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Hobo Day Model Train Flea Market - July 27

Painesville Railroad Museum
(aka NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
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