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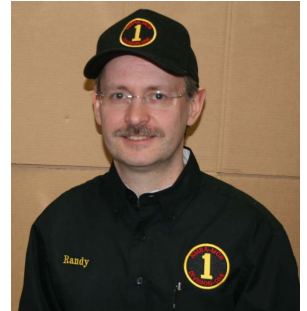
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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I had never been to the show at Dalton before. It was very interesting. The show reminded me of the first few train shows I had gone to with a lot of used stuff and very little new. I picked up a Reading SD45 for a good price.

Also at Dalton, our modules were on set up with Division 4. I talked to several folks interested in model railroading and our modules. To my surprise, none of these individuals lived in our area! One was from Pittsburgh, another from Columbus and another from Huron County to name a few. I did my duty anyhow to encourage them to join the NMRA and seek out further information about their respective divisions. Hopefully they will join.



This month we will be meeting at David Hazlett's home on April 15. He will have a clinic on locomotives used at feed mills and grain elevators. This continues the feed and grain industry theme that Glen Yoder did on feed and grain mills in September and I started with last June with covered hoppers. Do we have anyone else that could continue this theme or even start a new one? See Jim Peters if you have an idea for one.

Later this month will be the Mid-Central Region convention in Pittsburgh. This will be filled with industrial tours, clinics, contests and operating sessions. Will you be there?

Again, if you are interested in any of the books from the Dave Riggle collection, let me know.

See you along the tracks.

Randy Dettmer
Superintendent
NMRA MCR Div 1

JULY 13 -20, 2014



Meeting Dates & Locations for 2011-2012

April 15 - David Hazlett - Akron

May 20 - Jim DiPaola - Ravenna

June 10 - Bill Hewitt - Copley

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Meeting Minutes
March 11, 2012
Hosts: Rob & Nils of Rob's Trains, Alliance

1. The meeting started at 2:07 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Rob & Nils for hosting the meeting. Nils thanked us for coming and said that he and Rob would be willing to host future meetings. Nils also stated that the shop was new, due to a January 2011 fire. The layout in the store was only wood just nine weeks before the meeting.
2. A motion to accept the February Minutes as printed was made and seconded. It passed.
3. Bob Ashley, Jr., Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the report, subject to audit, was made and seconded. It passed.
4. Committee Reports:
 - A. Modules - Bob Ashley, Sr. reported that the joint meet with Division 4 was going to be on March 25 at the Dalton Show. We would need to set up on March 24 from 5 - 9 pm. He reported that another joint meet was scheduled for the CVSR on May 20. You should contact Bob, if you want your module at the National Convention in July.
 - B. Clinics - Jim Peters reported that, as always, clinics are needed. He also reported on an article on easy operation in the March 2012 NMRA Magazine.
 - C. NMRA 2014 - No recent meeting has been held.
5. Old Business: The election process was explained by David Hazlett. Biographies for each of the candidates will be printed in the April Peddler Freight. Ballots will be in the May Peddler Freight which must be mailed to each member, as per the By-Laws.
6. New Business:
 - A. A new webmaster, Jeffery Jansen, has been appointed. Jeffrey will be contacting the former webmaster, Ivan Baugh, and changing the website information to his name. It was noted that Ivan has been very good about setting up and operating the website for Division 1. Ivan lives in Louisville, KY. Many thanks are sent Ivan's way.
 - B. Randy Dettmer reported that he will take many of the Dave Riggle book collection to the MCR Convention to attempt to sell them.
 - C. Permission was requested and given to investigate the cost of a computer projector for Division 1.
 - D. The Election Committee reported that only Randy Dettmer and Jim Peters were running for their respective offices. No name was received for Treasurer. Chuck Boyer was nominated at this meeting (in accordance with the By-Laws) and accepted the nomination. We now have one candidate for each of the elected offices.
 - E. Bob Ashley, Sr. made the following motion: **"Division 1 - MCR - NMRA shall be the owner of the two 'Ron Shoemaker' modules and they are to be used for module sessions, clinics and shall be available for member use to add roadbed, track and scenery."** The motion passed.
 - F. Bob Ashley, Sr. Put forth the information on how the track plan was done for the module track diagrams. He took photos of the modules and used them to enter the information into a CAD system.
7. Clinic - Larry Olsen gave an informative slide presentation of ways to use the New River Mine kit to kit-bash several mines. He had slides of various mines that he had taken. He also showed slides of how to copy the parts of the kit in order to enlarge the mine. It was very interesting and informative.
8. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted, David Hazlett, Substitute Secretary



Clinic Report

I just have to say that we experienced another superb venue at Rob's Trains in Alliance because of our group effort and of course Larry Olsen's clinic on C&O Coal Mines. Thank you Larry and thank you

John Palagyi for squaring up the Powerpoint during the business meeting! It was enjoyable seeing all the slides, and we will see more next month on a wide-screen TV courtesy of David Hazlett. He will be discussing locos used at grain elevators and flour mills.



As always, let me know if you wish to present a clinic or are interested in seeing a particular clinic.

Thanks to all the volunteers that are making my job easy.

Clinic Chair, Jim Peters



Why not open your layout for review?

Contact: Jim Peters

jpeters711@yahoo.com

Membership Report

Renewals

Martin Adkins
Donald Avila
Larry Brown
Janice Brown

David Madden
David Post
Eli Rantanen
George Sankey
Edward Tringhese

Welcome to all the new members!
The membership now stands at 98.
Special Thanks to all those for renewing.

Larry

Voluntary Roster Participation Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____

eMail: _____ Scale(s): _____

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You can mail this to me or send me your info via e-mail: gemstonemine@yahoo.com .
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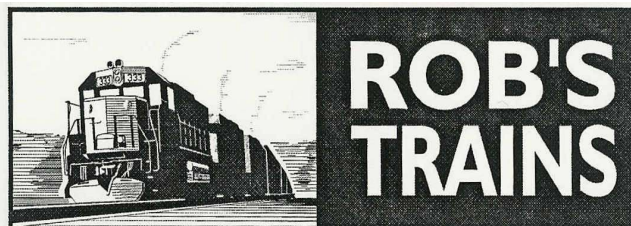
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THIS MONTH'S MEETING
Sunday, April 15 at
247 Calicoe Drive, Akron, OH 44307
Phone: 330-434-4565

Our meeting will be hosted by Betty and David Hazlett. The meeting will begin at 2 pm. David has a large DCC layout with will be open and operating. A slide clinic on locomotives use at grain elevators and flour mills will be presented.

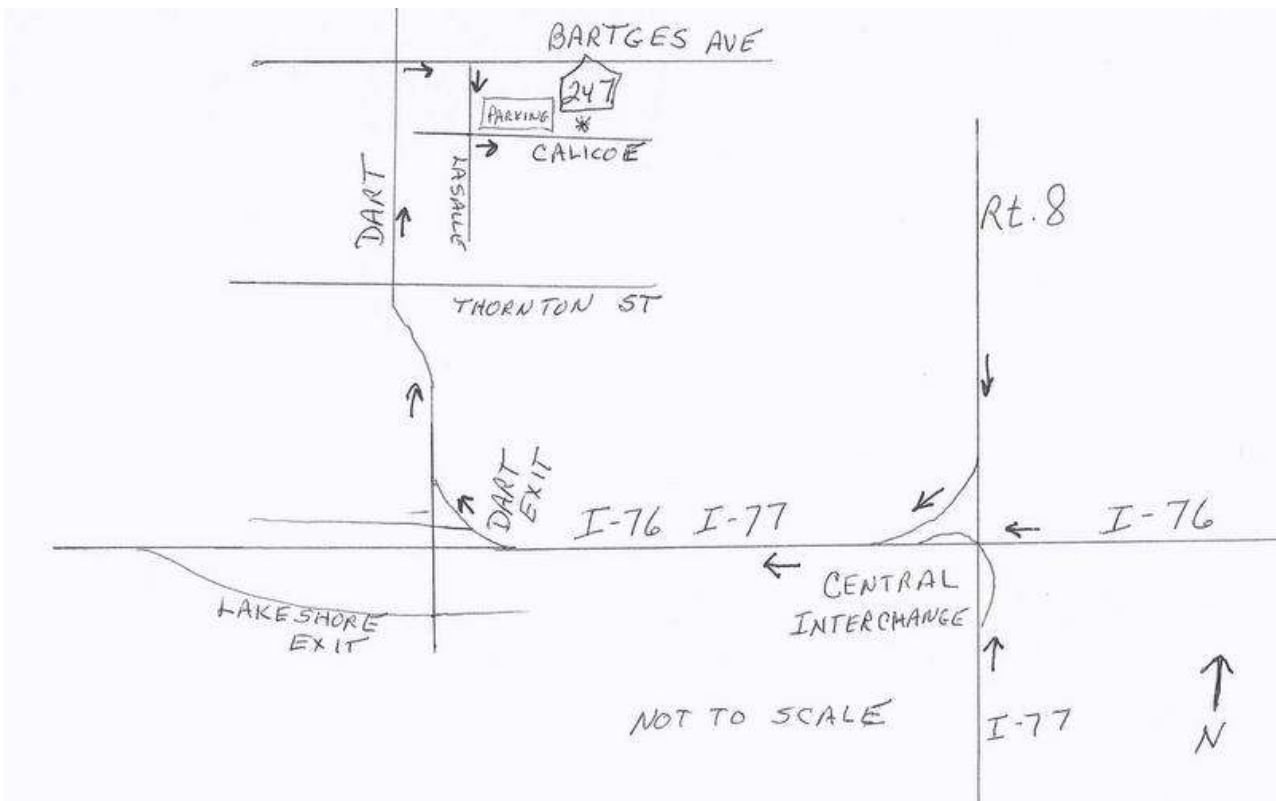
Hot dog sandwiches with condiments and drinks will be provided. Please bring snacks or desserts to share.

The Hazletts live in a condo. Parking for the condo is on parking pads at the side of the street. Parking is allowed on the west side of LaSalle Drive (the main street through the condo area).

Directions to 247 Calicoe:

Travel on the expressway. If you are coming from the **North, South** or **East** of Akron follow I-76 West through the central interchange. Go to the third exit - DART AVE. At the end of the exit, turn RIGHT. Follow Dart to the second traffic signal (Bartges ST.) Then turn RIGHT. The first street in the right is LaSalle, turn Right. Calicoe Drive is the first street on the LEFT. 247 is the first unit on the left.

If you are coming from the **West** of Akron, get on I-76 East. Exit at the Lakeshore exit. At the traffic light, turn LEFT. Travel the street (following the inner-belt) as it goes slightly to the left. The third traffic signal is Bartges St., turn RIGHT. The first street in the right is LaSalle, turn Right. Calicoe Drive is the first street on the LEFT. 247 is the first unit on the left.



ELECTION BIOGRAPHIES

"Candidate for Superintendent"

I am Randy Dettmer, the current Superintendent. I have been interested in trains all of my life. still have two locomotives and a car from when I was three. I received a subscription to Trains Magazine when I was six and to Model Railroader when I was eleven. I have been a member of the Erie Lackawanna Historical Society since 1992 and membership chairman since 2007. I am also a member of the Operations Special Interest Group. I am currently constructing an operating layout depicting the EL in late 1960's between Oil City, PA; Meadville, PA and Jamestown, NY.

BY-LAWS: SECTION 5: ELECTIONS/APPOINTMENTS

5.11 In April, a short biography of each candidate shall be published in the "*Peddler Freight*". Nominations from the floor will be accepted at the April general meeting.

5.12 In the May "*Peddler Freight*", authorized ballots will be inserted. These ballots may be sent to the designated member to hold for tabulation at the May meeting or may also be brought by the voting member to the May meeting. No proxy ballots will be accepted.

"Candidate for Assistant Superintendent"

With the election fast approaching, I am asking the Division members to allow me to continue serving as Assistant Superintendent of Division 1. Do this knowing I have ample experience and a proven desire to serve. First, I have been an NMRA member since 1987, formerly serving Division 4 as a regional convention Registrar, Division Newsletter editor and trustee, earning the AP Volunteer Certificate.

For Division 1, I stepped up to take over the recently vacated Assistant Superintendent position and also serve as the clinician chair. Finally, I am a layout co-chair for the 2014 National convention. I want to thank you for your consideration.

Jim Peters

"Candidate for Treasurer"

Like many children I became enamored with trains when I was about 10 years old. After a bout with mumps I traveled by rail alone from Boston to Chicago then Chicago to Wausau, WI on the Hiawatha. There I lived about 2 blocks from the train station where I could see the Hiawatha stop on its journey to and from Chicago. I also had a Lionel train set with an engine, 2 or 3 cars and a caboose going around a double loop in the play room. My parents later moved to Wisconsin Rapids. During my High School years and up to my junior year at the University of Wisconsin I was not very interested in trains. That is until one of my dorm friends down the hall built an HO layout around his dorm room. We had maid service 5 days a week and she had to duck under the layout to clean the room, but there never was a problem. His layout re-kindled an interest in model railroading so I started a layout on a piece of plywood in the basement of a hobby shop in downtown Madison, WI. After graduation I was drafted into the Army for almost 2 years (Korea) and trains were not even considered. Then marriage, employment at BFGoodrich and children kept interests divided with trains on a sometimes basis. Finally after retirement in December 1993, a trip to the Middle East, and contract programming for 7 months I started the layout that is currently in my basement.

I have served for 2 terms as Treasurer and 2 terms as Superintendent for Division 1.

I am willing to serve as Treasurer again.

Chuck Boyer

N-Scale News

by Don Bonk

If you missed some of the New Products announcements in the Model Press, here are a few of the ones I found interesting.

Bachmann---DCC-Equipped USRA Light 2-10-2; with fine detailing, double set of traction tires, magnetic couplers, tender back-up lights. These “Santa Fe” class locos ran into the late 1950s.

Model Tech Studios---1940-1950’s Garbage (refuse) Trucks with load of trash. Model of 2 types are available. The local refuse hauler still uses the same design in my area today.

Fox Valley Models--- Two special runs sold out immediately upon announcement. BNSF ES44C4 and a pair Gevo decorated for Christmas trains BNSF runs on the west coast. There are people who model something other than the transition era!

CMW Holding Ltd.--- Also known as Classic Metal Works has had the “New Look” transit buses for some time. Note the Yellow/Orange (Crème/Orange) version for Chicago also matches the color scheme used in Canton and Massillon. The Yellow/Green version may have been run in Summit County. Yellow/Red and Yellow/Blue versions are available. These vehicles are also available in HO.

Train Shows and Open Houses – April thru May

Bucyrus Model Railroad Assoc Train Show & Swap Meet **April 14 – 10AM-4PM**

Crawford County Fairgrounds, Whetstone St, Bucyrus, OH
\$4adults, children 12 and under free

51st Buckeye Model Trans & RR Artifacts Show **April 21 – 9AM-4PM**

Ohio Expo Center, Lausche Building,
Columbus, OH www.gserr.com

Mid-Central Regional Convention - High Line to **Pittsburgh – April 26-29**

Pittsburgh Doubletree Hotel & Convention Center, 101
Radisson Dr, Pittsburgh, PA
www.highlinetopittsburgh.org

Firelands Model Train & Toy Show **April 29 – 10AM-4PM**

Erie County Fair Grounds, 3110 Columbus Ave, Sandusky,
OH \$5 adults, children 18 & under free

Erie Lackawanna Historical Society Western Spring **Meeting – May 5**

Meadville Valley Country Club, 15955 Route 86, Meadville, PA
\$35 registration fee – for more info see web site:
www.fcvrrhs.org

Cuyahoga Valley & West Shore RR Open House **May 5-6 – 11AM-4PM**

Olmsted Falls Depot, 25802 Garfield Ave, Olmsted Falls, OH

Western Reserve RR Association Rail Fanning Day **May 19 – 10AM-5PM**

Painesville Depot, 475 Railroad St, Painesville, OH

Day Out With Thomas – May 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 **9AM-5:30PM Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad**

For details and tickets see website www.cvsr.com

Durand Railroad Days – May 20 – 11AM-4PM

Durand Middle School, 9550 E Lansing Rd, Durand, MI
\$4 admission, children under 10 free

Z-Scale News

by Don Avila

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MARCH RESULTS

STATION

Standard Kit

Don Deakins - 3 pts
Don Avila - 2 pts
Randy Dettmer - 1 pt

Kit-Bashed

Don Deakins - 1 pt

Craftsman Kit

Bill Hewitt - 1 pt

DIVISION 1 CONTEST

MODEL CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2011-2012

April - Line Side Structure
May - Steam Locomotive

DEFINITION OF "LINESIDE STRUCTURE"

Many different out buildings can be encountered along a railroad's right-of-way. The building's use is dictated by the railroad's needs. Whether for general storage, track-laying supplies, various maintenance materials, shelter for track workers, or auxiliary office space, you find these little structures along nearly every right-of-way.

CURRENT STANDINGS

Standard Kit

Jim Dipaola - 7 pts
Don Deakins - 3 pts
Jim Williams - 3 pts
Don Avila - 2 pts
Frank Williamson - 2 pts
Don Bonk - 1 pt
Randy Dettmer - 1 pt
Bill Hewitt - 1 pt

Kit-Bashed

Jim Williams - 5 pts
Bill Hewitt - 2 pts
Don Deakins - 1 pt
Glenn Yoder - 1 pt

Scratch-Built

Jim Williams - 1 pt

Craftsman Kit

Bill Hewitt - 1 pt

Standard Kit - Don Avila



Craftsman Kit - Bill Hewitt



Standard Kit - Don Deakins



Standard Kit - Randy Dettmer



Kit-Bashed - Don Deakins

MODULE GROUP

Ron Shoemaker's widow and family have donated several issues of Model Railroader, the NMRA Magazine and Scale Rails to the Division. We will make these available to the members at the next meeting. We have placed a tag on each of Ron's modules reading "In Memory Of Ron Shoemaker".

Both modules were on display at the Dalton Train Show. The modules are now Division property and are available for use. Roadbed, track and wiring were added to one module so it could be used with the nineteen modules that were on display. The second module was put on display showing the underside of the module to show how they are made. Lloyd Horst took the second module and he will lay roadbed, track and electrics. He will also add scenery. The first module is ready for scenery. If you are interested in doing this, please contact me.

Jim Williams and Bob Ashley, Jr. did a fine job of adding scenery to the right end modules. They are about 50% complete with their effort. Larry Brown and Ed Tringhese finished the scenery on the corner modules and they did a wonderful job. Everything worked just fine with the NCE Power system until the "Burning River Ntrak" guys fired up their NCE Radio system. It took about 30 minutes to figure out what was causing our system to do "screwy things". We disconnected our antenna and tethered our throttles and the problems went away. The NTRAK guys could not tether their throttles because they did not have any "UTP Fascia Sockets". The NCE feature for changing the layout number never worked and it is no longer mentioned in their data. It was intended to allow up to three layouts to work on radio in the same vicinity. We also realized we need more UTP's on the front of the modules.

Division 4 found out that certain Walthers passenger coaches will not operate on our 28" radius loops due to wheel interference with the car underframe. They need, at least, a 30" radius. It is time to start grinding the frames.

Our next scheduled module display will be a joint meet with Divisions 1 and 4 at the "Day Out With Thomas" event at the CVSR. The dates are Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 25, 26 and 27, 2012, from 8:30AM to 5:00 PM, at the Boston Mills Ski Resort parking lot north of Peninsula, Ohio on Riverview Road. We will be using the Division 4's NCE Power system. David Hazlett and I have offered the use of our NCE throttles, again, for this event. Scott Benson, Div 4, module coordinator, is working out the details of the layout and it is pending. Our May meeting is also on Sunday, May 20. We will be able to leave the event long enough to attend the meeting and vote for the 2012/2014 officers.

We need more volunteers to start the scenery on the passenger and intermodal/coal yard left end modules and build kits for buildings. We will have six weeks to work on the details before the next showing. This is a large job and should have a team effort. Contact me if you are willing to help.

I have five modules, at my home, ready to assemble. The price per module is \$67.00 each for the materials and \$33.00 each for the wiring kit and the mandatory NCE UTP Fascia Panel Socket for plugging in your throttle is available for \$17.00 from me or at The Whistle Stop. "Come on. You know you want one". I am also looking for anyone interested in making an N gauge module to go with Kurt Sanders, Don Bonk and mine, per NTRAK standards or Z gauge module to go with mine, per Z Bend Track standards. We are hoping to have them ready for next November, perhaps at the Buckeye Event Center along with the HO modules.

The "Module Group" logo is available through Jim Williams for \$6.00 and can be added to your shirts. Please have this done before the upcoming displays. Thanks to all who have already done this.

Bob Ashley, Sr.

MODULE GROUP

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