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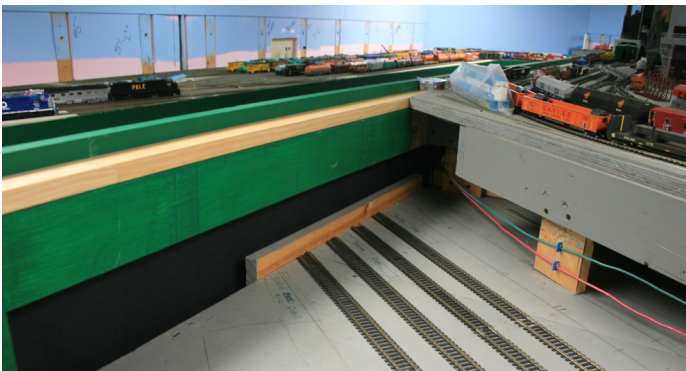
Superintendent's Bulletin



The October meeting will be at Ravenna Township meeting room and I'll be giving a clinic on the NUCOR Steel model that I'm installing on my layout. I was one of three people that built this model at the request of NUCOR Steel. NUCOR used this model as a recruiting tool at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology. This model was also displayed at the NUCOR Steel plant in Crawfordsville, Indiana as well as

the Carnegie Museum of Montgomery County in Crawfordsville, Indiana. The museums policy only allows an exhibit to be displayed for two years so it had to find a home and ended up on my layout. My clinic shows the process of installing it on my layout.

All Aboard!!
Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Division 1



Zapytowski Scores Twice



Achievement chair Lloyd Horst (right) presents Steve Zapytowski, MMR with Merit Awards for Structures and Motive Power. See page 3 for photos of Steve's projects.

T-TRAK News HO modules to debut at Age of Steam

It's official, the HO T-TRAK modules will be displayed at the Age of Steam Roundhouse in December. The corners and 6 - 8 straight modules will be needed for the show. If interested in helping with the scenicking of the corner modules, contact Bob Ashley, Jr.

Matt Woods' T-TRAK module is featured in this month's Peddler Freight. This is the module Matt used for his clinic back in March of this year.

If your T-TRAK module is completed, let the PF editor know so it can be featured in an upcoming issue.

2023 - 24 Division 1 Events

- October 15 - Ravenna Township Meeting Hall
- November 19 - Ravenna Township Meeting Hall
- December - Luncheon at Hartville Kitchen, Date TBD
- January 21 - TBD
- February 18 - TBD
- March 17 - TBD
- April 21 - TBD
- May 19 - TBD
- June - Date and location TBD

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Meeting Minutes

September 17, 2023

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order: 2:18 PM
- ~ By: Sam Eisele, Asst. Superintendent
- ~ Participants: 16 members.
- ~ Location: Sebring Model Railroad Club. Sam thanked the Sebring club for hosting Div. 1 and opening the layout.

2. Clerk: Sam Eisele substituting for Jeff Stone.

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

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley:

- ~ Report presented by treasurer. Available on request.
- ~ Motion to approve treasurer report, (Steve Zapytowski/Bob Gurdak) carried.

4. Superintendent: Jim DiPaola: Absent, no report

5. Peddler Freight Committee: Bruce Hukill:

- ~ Requests members send photos and information on their completed T-TRAK modules for future Peddler Freight articles.

6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters: Absent

- ~ Written report: 77 members as of 9/1/23

7. Clinic Committee: Jim DiPaola: Absent

- ~ Written report: Today's clinic, members can view Sebring layout.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst:

- ~ Presented Steve Zapytowski Merit Awards for Motive Power and Structures.

9. Module Committee: Lloyd Horst:

- ~ Age of Steam has requested Div. 1 display an HO layout with straight sections and ends. Discussion about asking Age of Steam for a stipend for displaying modules. Lloyd displayed various cables that he has made for the T-TRAK modules. He also has extra six-wire phone cable and wire connectors for sale. Lloyd has requested that Div. 1 have two practice setup sessions of the T-TRAK modules before the December display at Age of Steam. The master list of N and HO modules needs updated. This will allow Lloyd to plan for shows.

10. Facebook Committee: Jim DiPaola: Absent. No report.

- ~ Bruce Hukill will contact Josh Cohen regarding transferring administration of the page.

11. Website Committee: Steve Zapytowski:

- ~ Steve shared information from WIX regarding number of visits to the website in August. A few statistics from WIX:

- 64 Site Sessions
- 73% New Visitors, 27% Returning Visitors
- 43 visitors were direct, 13 accessed through Google, 4 linked in from the MCR website

- ~ Bob Ashley, Sr. suggested a link to the website be included in the Peddler Freight. The link is already on page one of the Peddler Freight just under the masthead.

12. Old Business: Jim DiPaola: Absent, None

13. New Business: Jim DiPaola: Absent

- ~ Glenn Yoder asked if Div. 1 had any plans to do a train show. Discussion followed: Bob Ashley, Jr. reported that the use of the Yacht Club is not possible. No definite plans were made.

14. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Patrick Wamsley talked about a new HO Hudson released by Bachmann.
- ~ Bob Ashley, Sr. talked about how he and Patrick Wamsley moved his old layout to Patrick's basement.

15. Good of the Order/Announcements:

- ~ Various train shows and open houses were mentioned.

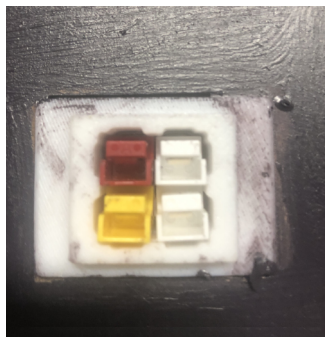
16. Adjournment:

- ~ 50/50 raffle won by Steve Zapytowski. Two magazines were also raffled off.
- ~ Motion to adjourn (Bob Anelli/Glenn Yoder) carried.
- ~ Meeting adjourned at 3:08 PM.
- ~ Viewing of Sebring Model Railroad Club followed meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Hukill, Substitute for Clerk, Division 1

Module Report

In my May 2023 Module report listing the Division 1 Electrical standards, I omitted an important instruction. I forgot to illustrate the proper orientation of the Power Pole housing in the holder in the module.



Pole housing in the holder in the module. The figures in that article (which is on our website), illustrate the proper orientation of the colors, but not the housing.

For the bus pigtails to connect to the module, the housing should be installed with the hood down. The photo below shows the correct orientation.

Modules

It is important to let Bruce and me know the status of your modules. Bruce is using a spreadsheet to keep track of the modules, which he then shares with me. We need to know the following:

- What is the length? Single? Double? Or longer?
- If you have more than one module, do they need to be displayed together as one? Or can they be separated?
- Does your module need to be displayed with another persons module? If so their name, and length of module.
- The most important item: IS THE TRACK INSTALLED, so that it can be used? The wiring and the scenery do not have to be completed.
- If you report the track is operational, it is assumed the leveling legs are also installed.

Age of Steam Display

For the Age of Steam setup, I will need about 6 - 8 modules and the corners. If you would like your module to be considered and you are able to bring it, please let me know.

Practice Setups

There will be at least 2 practice setups for the HO modules before the Age of Steam display. The first one will be at the October meeting. I will not be able to be there, but that makes it a true test that anyone can set it up. The second practice setup will be at the November meeting. After the Age of Steam display I will schedule two practice setups for the N Scale layout. Both layouts need to be ready to be displayed by January 2024.

Lloyd Horst
Module Chair

Zapytowski Merit Award Winners



Steve Zapytowski, MMR took home two Merit Awards from the MCR Rails to Pittsburgh convention held in May of this year. Big Creek Timber #3 (top) won First Place for Diesel and other Locomotives, and People's Choice Locomotive. Pacific Cordage (bottom) garnered Best of Show at Pittsburgh as well as People's Choice Structure and the Martha Newberry award. Steve earned an almost perfect 123 out of 125 score.

Membership Report

Welcome to October! By now everyone who attended last month got to enjoy the hospitality and layout of the Sebring Model Railroad club! Unfortunately for me, my family made plans on our first meeting of the year, so I had to miss out on all the fun. Nevertheless, I am sure I will be driving out there this fall.

In the meantime, by the time this report appears in the Peddler Freight, I should have hosted one fall op session. I cannot complain, I had a busy and rewarding summer and it took a part of September to complete some necessary track rerouting and repair on the mainline, which slowed up my normal start. Again, if you want to operate trains or just observe, send me a text or email and I will let you know when the next op session will take place.

Now to business: Membership stands at 77 as of September 1, 2023.

Jim Peters
Membership Chair

Division 1 T-TRAK Modules

Matt Woods' "typical eastern Ohio farmland" HO single



Along nearly every midwest and eastern mainline are miles of rural farm scenes.

My HO T-TRAK module is a depiction of typical eastern Ohio farmland along the Pennsy, B&O or Nickel Plate right-of-ways. This scene conveys an eroded pasture with sheep and the typical trackside fence row. I have used an old barn and fall tree line to create a backdrop and view block.

By layering half inch foam and creating additional contours and undulation with air dry clay, a convincing rural scene was achieved. Additionally, the stock Kato UNITRACK was painted and weathered and blended into the scenery to disguise its uniformity and plastic roadbed. A trackside scene need not be complicated or overcrowded to create interest and modeling satisfaction.

Matt Woods



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THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Sunday, October 15, 2023

Ravenna Township Meeting Room

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Bring your modules! It does not matter how complete or incomplete. We will be practicing setting up the T-TRAK modules.

A sale table will be available.

2 PM

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The Great Berea Train Show - Oct. 7 - 8

Model Train Show NMRA Div 4
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
19201 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130
Admission \$8.00 10 AM - 4 PM

Canfield Train and Toy Show - Oct. 15

Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana, Canfield, OH
Admission \$7.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Fundraiser Dinner - Oct. 21

Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission: pre-sale \$30.00, at door \$35.00
Phone: 216-470-5780 3 PM - 8 PM

Model Railroad Demonstrations & Displays NMRA MCR Div. 5 - Oct. 21

Thompson Public Library
6645 Madison Rd., Thompson, Ohio 44086
Admission: Free 10 AM - 3 PM

T.C.A. - Halloween Train Meet - Oct. 28

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

Medina Train and Toy Show - Oct. 29

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

2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet - November 4

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
Admission: \$7.00 9 AM - 2 PM

NETS Model Train Show - November 11

in memory of Bob Orlando
Highland Heights Community Center, 5827 Highland Rd.
Admission \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Akron Train & Toy Show - November 12

Emidio's & Sons Expo Center
48 East Bath Road at State Road
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223
Admission \$4.00 9:30 AM - 4 PM

Rt. 30 Express Open Houses - November 18

Multiple locations
Fliers available soon
See **Route 30 Express** on Facebook.
Admission Free 10 AM - 4 PM

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