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Superintendent's Message

As we begin a new season of meetings, I am hopeful that we can increase our Division membership and our enjoyment of our hobby.

This Division is not a division of just one person doing all the work. Bob Ashley, Sr. serves as the Assistant Superintendent and heads up the module group (which is in need of more participants) and sells the Division 1 clothing and patches. Bob Ashley, Jr. serves as our Treasurer and is in charge of the Flea Market. Bill Smith serves as the Peddler Freight Editor and has been my trusted advisor for the four years I have been Superintendent. Jim Williams serves as our clerk; a job that is VERY necessary and helps me function better at the meetings. Ron Wigal, who was my Assistant Superintendent for most of my first term, serves as the meeting chair (arranging for meeting places for the few that are left to fill) and has just started serving as the Membership Chair. Rich & Marian Ramskugler, Kurt & Karen Sanders, Randy Dettmer and George Brundage along with Bob Ashley, Sr. and Bob Ashley, Jr. have all served at the Division table at the Youngstown Model RR Club's train show. Chuck Boyer, Dennis Sautters and others have given clinics. I have probably missed several people who have served the Division. I thank one and all for their help in making Division 1 enjoyable. This shows that Division 1 is NOT just one person. It is not a "let the Superintendent do it" Division.

We need more people to get involved in the Division activities. As always, we need presenters for clinics. If you have something special that you do on your layout, present the idea to the Division. All of us can learn from what others are doing and have done. If you don't want to present a clinic, but have something that you do that works for you on the layout, write an article about it for the Peddler Freight. Bill Smith

would be glad to print it. We need digital pictures of layouts for both the Peddler Freight and for our web site.

We have a Flea Market coming up on November 1. We need sellers from our Division as well as other Divisions. We will need helpers to set up and take down tables and clean up the area. We will need sign makers to see to it that signs are made and placed to direct people to the Flea Market. If you can help, please let Bob, Jr. know. If you are planning on selling at the event, please reserve your table or tables now.

It is also the time of year to renew your subscription to the Peddler Freight. The cost is \$15 for the year to get a mailed copy. To have the Peddler Freight emailed to you directly in PDF form is free, but you must let the Treasurer know.

Division 1, MCR, NMRA is a volunteer organization. I have found that if you put effort into the organization you get double the enjoyment back.

David

2009-2010 Meeting Dates

Sept. 20- Larry Olsen - Dalton
Oct 18- Bob Ashley, Jr - Akron
Nov 1- Railroad Flea Market - Portage Lakes
Dec 19- Holiday Dinner - Erie Station - Tallmadge
Jan 17- Sebring Model RR Club
Feb 21- Larry Brown - Ravenna
Mar 21- Jim Williams - North Canton
Apr 18- Don Bonk - Louisville
May 23 Jim Dipaolo - Ravenna
Jun 13- Chuck Boyer - Clinton

Meeting dates subject to change due to Holidays or hosts schedules. Contact Ron Wigal at rwigal@neo.rr.com

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CONTEST MODELS FOR SEPTEMBER 2009 - MAY 2010

September - Excessively weathered and/or damaged passenger cars
October - Rolling stock with graffiti
November - Vehicles which are railroad related with name of the railroad on the side. Examples are speeders, hand cars, MOW trucks.
December - no contest
January - Servicing Facilities - steam or diesel
February - Depressed center flat cars with or without loads
March - Excessively weathered and/or damaged freight cars
April - Diesel Locomotives
May - Cabooses

NMRA Membership Report

MNRA membership in Division 1 stands at 88. This report covers June through July 2009. The July report was received August 4. The August report is due in early September and may not arrive in time for this issue of the "Peddler Freight".

New Members : None

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| Renewals: | June | July |
| | Robert Ashley Sr. | Thomas Gradijan |
| | David Hazlett | Bill Hewitt |
| | William B Smith | Ron Wigal |

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| Missing: | Earl Myers | Joe Urbanski |
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THANK YOU to the members who have renewed. We appreciate your support of the hobby.

Division 1 Meeting Minutes

June 14, 2009

Host: Don Bonk, Louisville, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 2:02 PM by Superintendent David Hazlett. Eighteen people were in attendance. David Hazlett started the meeting by thanking Don and Carol Bonk for hosting the meeting.

Initial Business:

Elmer Johnson, a new NMRA member, attended for the first time and was introduced by David Hazlett. Don Bonk made a motion to accept the minutes of the May meeting as published in the Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded by Chuck Boyer and was passed. The treasurer's report was given by Bob Ashley Jr. A motion was made by Chuck Boyer to accept the report pending audit. The motion was seconded by Larry Olson and was passed.

Peddler Freight – it is time to renew subscriptions; if you want a hard-copy mailed to you then send a check to the Treasurer for \$15 with your NMRA membership number on it; if you want to receive it via e-mail in PDF format then send the treasurer your name, membership number and e-mail address; the e-mail form will be in color and will be a complete newsletter; the version of the newsletter on the website is not in color and is in abbreviated form.

The Superintendent's report was presented by David Hazlett: The division's NMRA membership is currently at 90 members. Web master status – the person we had on a trial basis has not worked out ; Ivan Baugh is still acting as our web master; we are still looking for a replacement for Ivan

David has been contacted by the president of the AC&Y Historical Society about exploring some future joint activities. David will be communicating with him this summer. The Superintendent of Division 5 has also contacted David about taking part in our flea market in November.

The Assistant Superintendent's report was given by Bob Ashley Sr:

Division Roster – every member's name should be on the roster with what scale they model; e-mail address and other personal information is optional; we could also include a digital picture if we wanted. **Clinics** – we would like to have a clinic given at each meeting; the ones we have had this year have been very interesting; members should think about what they can present to the group **Clothing** – Don Deakins made a motion to sell the remaining hat and patches at cost (\$12 and \$3); the motion was seconded by Don Bonk and was passed; the clothing catalogue is on the web site. **Modules** – there is a construction session at Bob Ashley Sr's on Saturday, 06/18/09 to build two more modules; the module groups in Divisions 4 & 5 want us to participate with them; seven division members have modules. **Canfield Fair participation** – CVSR is interested in displaying their G and O scales setups; Division 1 will not be participating since the base surface is dirt and does not lend itself to leveling modules. **Software** – JMRI is free and can be used to program engines, setup panels, and implement DCC; Signals by Spreadsheet is available for controlling signals and is easy to use; Decoder Pro is in English and easy to use – Brian Porter would be a good contact for this. **Tom Babcox** showed the group a picture of the Akron Union Train Station he had found.

Bill Hewitt brought two HO truss bridges for sale. **Bob Ashley** reviewed the locomotive/van accident that happened on the CVSR.

Meeting Schedule:

The next meeting of Division 1 is in September. September and February are currently open and need hosts.

Regional Convention is May 13-16, 2010 in Charleston, WV.

Division 3 NCR Convention is October 15-18, 2009 in Fort Wayne, IN.

Division 4 trip to Cass, WV October 16-18,2009 is open to Division 1.

Other business:

Members and others – Al Klamert is moving to Florida; Dave Athman has had spinal surgery and will be in rehab for 6 weeks; Jim Eakins lost his wife and 2 grand children; Robert Uhl of Glen's Train Shop passed away.

Division 1 Flea Market – this is for railroad merchandise to be sold, bought, or traded by members and other interested modelers, no dealers of new merchandise are invited; will be on November 1, 2009 at the Akron Yacht Club; hours 11am to 4pm with setup starting at 9am; tables are \$10 each and can be purchased and shared by division members and non-members; there will be room for 25-30 tables; there will be a concession stand; admission is \$2 at the door; advertising will be done in the Peddler Freight and in Division 4 & 5's newsletters Model Contest for this year – winners were given a certificate and division patch.

Scratch Built – **Frank Williamson**

Kit Bashed – **Don Deakins**

Kit Built – **Bob Ashley Jr**

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50pm.

Respectfully,
Jim Williams, Clerk



Assistant Superintendent's Report

Last April, I stated "The Division Needs You". We all have one thing in common, we like to get together and have fun. Our meetings are the central gathering place. In order to bring a meaningful agenda to you, we must have people who give a few moments of their time to help others. I am looking for anyone who will conduct a clinic, write an article or have a regular column for the "Peddler Freight", offer to setup a movie or slide show, help bring something new to the meeting, i.e., a guest speaker or something never tried.

We want the "Model Contest" to be setup and monitored by a member or members at each meeting. It does not require any work outside of the meeting. David Hazlett, Superintendent, has been handling this and it is too much to run a meeting and have to monitor the contest results. Please offer or form a team to take over this duty.

Dennis Sautters presented two wonderful Clinics about Fish Cars and Auto Carriers. He will be presenting another Clinic, soon. Bob Ashley, Jr. was the driving force behind the "Swap Meet" last year and it has grown into a much larger "Railroad Flea Market", which will be held November 1. Most of the meeting host have a presentation of how they started their layout. The articles which appear in the "Peddler Freight" are written by just a very few people. Most of us have topics we would like to see in print. I urge you to spend a few minutes, put your thoughts into a word processor and send your articles to Bill Smith, editor. I know that I enjoy reading new information.

I would like to talk to you, anytime, if you want to explore an idea which will allow everyone to share. Anyone who has taken part in "Nick's" Clinics, in North Canton, knows how much you can learn. They are well attended.

Those of you who have contributed in the past, "THANK YOU". Those of you who would like to help, please see me or one of the officers.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Asst, Super.

Module Report

Ten modules have been built and are in the hands of their owners. In June, two more were built bringing our total to twelve. A "Z" scale module was shown at the April meeting at Jim Bacher's meeting residence last April. It was not operational, but, gave everyone a look see at the progress we had made.

We have eight HO, three N and one Z scale modules. The material for the wiring harnesses have finally arrived, however, a change was made to the standard and new fittings must be acquired for the DCC connection. Lenz and NCE have a different wiring protocol than Digitrax. Mixing them can cause serious damage. The wiring is the same in HO and N scales. Z scale requires a different wiring harness and cost three times as much as HO and N wiring. All the wiring components comply with the standards.

I am changing my layout to incorporate all of my HO modules. That way, storage is not a problem. Don Bonk has done this, also. Several of the module groups in the area have offered for us to "hookup and operate" with them. For those of you who do not have a home layout, module railroading may be for you. See me at the meeting or call me for more info.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman

SHIRTS, HATS AND PATCHES

Please go to our website to see the latest on apparel. There is an order form which can be copied and mailed to me, with your check, to get the process started, or, see me at the meeting. It takes two weeks to fill most orders, except for patches which are in stock. They are available at the meetings. This is the time to order the sweatshirts. All proceeds go to the Division 1 Treasury.

Go to www.div1-mcr-nmra.org for more information.

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DIVISION 1 RAILROAD FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2009

11 AM - 4 PM

THE AKRON YACHT CLUB

3575 SOUTH MAIN ST

AKRON, OH 44319

(South of I-277, West of I-77)

(South of Killian Road and North of State Route 619)

This flea market is designed as a place for the average model railroader to sell or trade his or her railroad items. It is not intended to be a place to find the newest and latest items as offered by hobby shop dealers. Dealers whose merchandise is older equipment, i.e. used, consignment or close-outs, are welcome.

All model railroaders are welcome to sell and buy.

Members from Divisions 1, 4 & 5 are especially urged to participate.

A donation of \$2 per attendee is requested.

A concession area will be available.

Tables (@6 feet) are \$10 each.

Contact: Bob Ashley, Jr.
3656 Shikellamy Dr.
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330-645-6175 evenings

tubtoy3656@aol.com

The number of tables available is limited, so request your tables early. Setup starts at 9 am.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

email: _____

Number of tables: _____ x \$10 = _____

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THE PORTAGE MODEL RAILROAD and LARRY BROWN

by Ron Wigal

There is truly a breath of fresh air being injected into our hobby, and as well our division, since our friends at Whistle Stop Hobbies have made it known that we have a very exciting and excited model railroader who brings some new things to the forefront.

Meet Larry Brown. Larry is a retired 48 year old Graphic Artist who prior to his retirement was designing various logos and insignias which were placed on golf balls and many other objects. Silk screening, printing, key lining, as well as numerous other responsibilities, were the order of the day. Until now.

Like many of us, Larry began to develop a sincere interest in trains at a young age. He grew up in Dover, Ohio and quickly mentions his real influence came from Moony Warther, a Master Carver, who is well known to many as the owner and developer of Warthers Museum. He had the pleasure of knowing Mr. Warther and his wife while they were both still with us. However, Larry also says, "Watching Penn Central service the Marsh Chalkboard Co., the largest chalkboard manufacturer in the U.S., and Reeves Steel, who made steel trash cans, made me realize there is more for me in this hobby."

"I began modeling HO in 1970 and really became hooked for good after reading my Model Railroad Craftsman. My early layouts were primarily PRR of the 1960's, a time of great change and innovation in transportation. In 1988 he began his research and designing plans for the PRR Middle Division, Harrisburg to Altoona, covering 132 miles", Larry says.

"In the process of this endeavor it became obvious to me that our younger modelers and train enthusiasts simply have no place to go and get involved, even though they often show signs of sincere interest. This is shown clearly when they stand and stare into my windows here in Ravenna to see what may be on display today. It happened often and I decided to do something about it. I really do want to interest the young people to pursue their dreams and carve out their own special creations as it seems they simply don't have a place to do that". So many people just don't have room enough at home, or so they think. One of my objectives is to create a situation while running 4 trains at once a person can go online and operate his train via Live streaming video on the net. There are plans to install live cameras in the engines also.

In 2002 I secured a permanent location and the formation of "THE PORTAGE MODEL RAILROAD" began. This HO layout is 22' x 80' is approximately 25% complete. Making the trees is consuming a lot of time and finding photo images of old stations is presenting quite a challenge. (RW- NMRA has a Historical Library with 20,000 images cataloged & over 100,000 images accessible.)

Currently my layout runs DC, but I am hopeful about all the changes coming as the layout has been designed to run both DC & DCC. The fellows at Whistle Stop Hobbies have been very helpful and encouraging to me in this endeavor.

It's a new day and creativity doesn't stop with the new people getting into the hobby. It's a way of life for all of us. It is important for me to encourage our youth as well as hobby shop people to do everything possible to foster this creativity. There is no time like the present to get started...get involved. It will be my pleasure to host the Division 1 meeting in February of 2010. My NMRA membership has just been mailed. Stop by and see us, I will help you all I can.

Our address is 124 North Chestnut St., Ravenna, Ohio 44266 We are located 1/2 block North of city Square.

Parking is across the street at the old hardware store. I can be e mailed at gemstonemine@yahoo.com. See us at www.portagemodelrailroad.com

"Thanks to all of you".

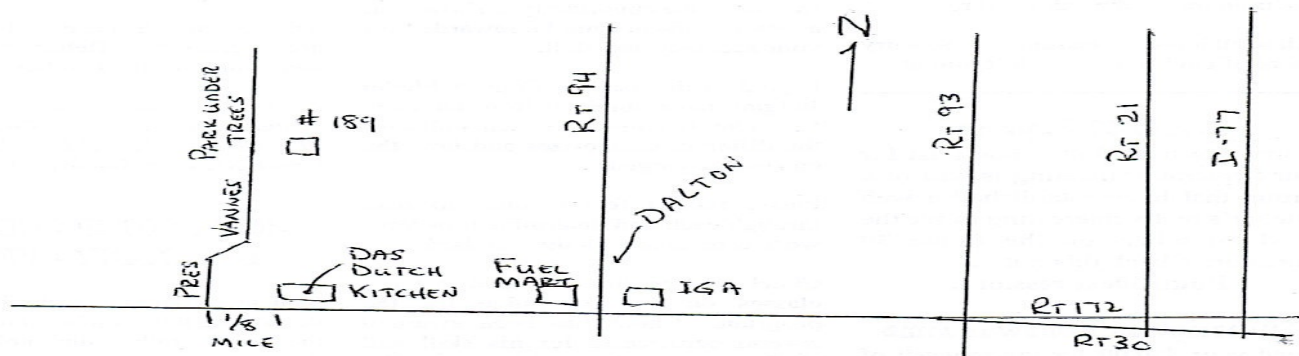
Larry Brown

Everybody is going to DALTON, OH - Sunday, September 20th, 2 PM.
Larry and Becky Olsen, Hosts.

Larry is hosting our September meeting before the weather gets bad, as we hold the meeting in the back yard. So bring a lawn chair or two. In case of bad weather we will meet in the garage. He has all the bases covered.

Larry's layout is really something to see, and I look forward to all of you joining me at Larry's.

Treats and beverages will be furnished.



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