



Superintendent's Bulletin



It was sure great to see everyone at the September meeting. I think we got off to a good start. There was a lot of good discussion on a number of topics. One of the main things I wanted to go over was the return of contest; which has been renamed the "Monthly Modeling Challenge." I promptly forgot to mention anything about it until the meeting was adjourned! So if you missed the discussion or weren't at the meeting, here are the rules:

1. NO judging
2. NO points
3. NO "winners"
4. NO "losers"
5. Sadly NO fabulous prizes

There will be a monthly topic to model each month. You are strongly encouraged to "enter something." Be prepared to give a brief description of your work. More than one entry is allowed/encouraged. Even if you didn't build it, bring something to add to the discussion. The monthly topics are:

October: Example of rust - railcar or anything rusty
November: Scrap load
December: No challenge – enjoy lunch
January: Vehicle
February: Potluck – something you are most proud of.
March: Non-revenue rail car – maintenance-of-way
April: Boxcar
May: Graffiti – on a rail car, building, fence, bridge or even a piece of paper – I know this may not be a popular topic but it is part of every day life. Try something you may never have done before. I promise the cops won't be there to arrest you!
June: picnic – no challenge

Remember, the whole idea is to get you modeling, even if it's something foreign to you.

Lastly, I want to thank Jerry for the great clinic on backdrops. That's it for now, looking forward to seeing everyone at the Mahoning Valley Heritage Association in Youngstown. Power up. Move out!

All Aboard!
 Sam Eisele, Superintendent, Div. 1

Volunteers Wanted and Sept. Clinic



(above) Lloyd Horst presented a slideshow requesting volunteers for a G Scale *Amish Country Garden Railway*. If interested in helping - email bernhard.20@gmail.com



(left) Jerry Kruse presented a clinic on backdrops from Trainjunkies.com.

2026 -27 Division 1 Events

Oct. 18 - Mahoning Valley RR Museum
 Nov. 21 - Wayne County Library, Wooster
 Dec. - Div. 1 Christmas Banquet - *Over Easy at the Depot*, Kent, OH
 Jan. - TBD
 Feb. - TBD
 March - 33rd Annual Narrow Gauge Show, Salem
 April - TBD
 May - TBD
 June - Div. Annual Picnic (TBD)

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
September 27, 2026

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order: 2:00 PM.
- ~ By: Sam Eisele, Superintendent.
- ~ Location: Kent Free Library, Kent, Ohio.

2. Clerk: Jeff Stone: absent

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

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley:

- ~ Available on request.
- ~ Expense: Peddler Freight postage reimbursement.
- ~ Income:
- ~ Hazlett Award funded to \$71.50 max.
- ~ Motion carried to approve treasurer report (Steve Zapytowski / Bob Gurdak).

4. Superintendent: Sam Eisele:

- ~ Discussed MCR Regional Convention last spring in Dayton - lost money - possible changes to future regional conventions. Would Div. 1 consider doing a future regional convention?
- ~ Division 1 table at Berea Train Show. Jim Peters will man the table but needs relief during show hours.
- ~ Division Christmas Luncheon to be held at Chad Zemba's *Over Easy at the Depot*. Details to follow.

4a. Assistant Superintendent: Jerry Kruse:

- ~ Quick recap of Module Committee meeting held before today's meeting. (see Module Committee)

5. Peddler Freight Publisher: Bruce Hukill: No report. September mailed copies not mailed, will be sent with October Peddler Freight.

6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters: absent

7. Clinic Committee: Jim DiPaola: No report.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst: No report.

9. Module Committee N: Lloyd Horst:

- ~ Module Committee met before the regular meeting today. Reorganization: Lloyd Horst will chair the N Scale T-TRAK with Bob Gurdak chairing the HO T-TRAK. Bruce Hukill will assist with communications.
- ~ Discussed upcoming Rt. 30 Express (Wayne County Public Library in Wooster, OH on November 21) - both HO and N T-TRAK modules to be displayed. The N Scale modules will combine with Burning Rivers T-TRAK.

9a. Module Committee HO: Bob Gurdak.

- ~ Discussed continued need to correct vertical differences of HO T-TRAK modules.
- ~ General discussion on connections between modules and power bus.

10. Facebook Committee: Chad Zemba: In process of transitioning as moderator from Trev Smith.

11. Website Committee: Steve Zapytowski: Website still active.

12. Old Business: None.

13. New Business: Lloyd Horst gave a presentation from regarding the *Amish Country Garden Railway*. Volunteers are requested to help with this G scale garden layout. Help is requested with scratch building, 3D printing, electronics, landscaping, construction, fundraising, brainstorming and more! Email bernard20@gmail.com for more information.

14. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Items were displayed by Lloyd Horst, Bob Gurdak, Michael Bradley, John Blystone, Chad Zemba and Sam Eisele. Patrick Wamsley shared that the 6000 Series detailed parts from *Cal Scale* will be discontinued.

15. Good of the Order/Announcements:

- ~ 50/50 cash won by Bob Anelli.

16. Adjournment: Motion carried to adjourn meeting at 3:20. (Steve Zapytowski/Chuck Altwies)

Post meeting clinic: Assistant Supt. Jerry Kruse presented a clinic on backdrops.

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Hukill, sub for Jeff Stone.

September Bring-N-Brag

(below) Sam Eisele displayed various tanks he continues to make from found parts. John Blystone (right) displays a Division 1 name tag lanyard he designed and 3D printed.



(left) Michael Bradley showed off his magnetic third hand, stating he doesn't know how he's done without one. Bob Gurdak (above) displayed an HO TRIPP (Tie Remover, Insert, Plater, Production) he purchased at the Fostoria Rail Festival. In the foreground are an N Scale Wheeling & Lake Erie locomotive and boxcar that Chad Zemba acquired at the N-Scale Weekend in Altoona.



October Meeting

Sunday, October 18, 2026

Mahoning Valley Railroad Heritage Association
1340 Poland Avenue
Youngstown, OH 44502

Enter off of Poland Avenue at the gate by the railroad tracks.
 The museum is outside with picnic tables.
 Bring a chair if you prefer.
 NO open toe shoes or sandals please.

Bring a snack to share and a drink of your own.
 Please bring your Bring-N-Brag items to share.
 Meeting begins at 2 PM.

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Train Shows and Open Houses

Canfield Train and Toy Show Oct. 11

Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana, Canfield
Admission: \$8.00, 10 AM - 3 PM

Erie Model Train Show November 1

Rainbow Gardens - Waldameer Park, PA
Admission: \$5.00 9 AM - 4 PM

Fundraiser Dinner October 17

Painesville RR Museum
475 Railroad St., Painesville 44077
Admission: \$30 pre-sale, \$35 at door 3 PM - 8 PM
Dinner served at 4 PM
<https://painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org/>

Iron and Steel Autumn Show November 14

Saxon Club, 710 Meridian RD., Youngstown 44017
Admission: \$8.00 9 AM - 2 PM

Coshocton Train Show October 17

Coshocton County Career Center
23640 Airport Rd., Coshocton 43812
164 Eastland Rd., Middleburg Heights 44017
Admission: \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

TCA - Thanksgiving Show November 14

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
164 Eastland RD., Middleburg Heights 44017
Admission: \$6.00, 10 AM - 3 PM

Medina Train and Toy Show October 25

Medina Fairgrounds, Medina 44256
Admission: \$8.00 9 AM - 3 PM

2 Rail O-Scale Meet November 21

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma 44130
Admission: \$5.00 11 AM - 4 PM

8th Annual NMRA Division 6 October 25

Pritchard Laughlin Ctr., 7033 Glenn Hwy., Cambridge
Admission: \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Rt. 30 Express November 21

Layout list and times will be in November Peddler Freight
Division 1 N and HO Scale T-TRAK modules will be on
display at the Wayne County Public Library in Wooster.
Admission: Free

Guernsey Valley Model RR Open House Oct. 25

3rd Floor of Colley Building
648 Wheeling Ave., Cambridge 43725
Admission: \$2.00 12 PM - 5 PM
Not ADA compliant

Olmsted Falls Depot & Model RR Dec. 5 - 6 Open House

25802 Garfield Ave., Olmsted Falls, 44138
Admission: \$5.00 11 AM - 4 PM

Medina Train and Toy Show December 6

Medina Fairgrounds, Medina 44256
Admission: \$8.00 9 AM - 3 PM

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