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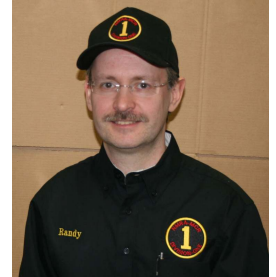
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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



The summer is over and now it is time to get down to business. We have one project in the works, the Jaite passenger and freight station kit in HO and N. Most of the HO kits have been produced but, we need to work on the packaging part now. The N scale kits are being started on sometime this month. With these we will need to work on the packaging as well.

We have another project in the wings, the ACY N scale 50 foot box car project. We passed a motion at the June meeting to proceed with 150 cars at \$27.05 per car. Unfortunately, it came to my attention we failed to follow our By-Laws, specifically Section 4 - 4.4 – *Any expenditure/project in excess of \$499 needs prior approval from the membership. Two readings at regular meetings of the expenditure/project are required before a vote will be taken. After the first reading, the proposal will be published in the "Peddler Freight". After the second reading, at least 75% of the members attending the meeting must approve.*

We had our first reading but failed to have the proposal published in the Peddler Freight. After it is published (herein), then we can have an official vote to proceed with this second project. (Section 4 - 4.4 required notice is on Page 10. Editor)

Larry Brown is updating the roster, so please contact him to make sure your information is current and up to date. If you are not on the roster and would like to be, please contact him as well.

We have the two meeting months open for the 2015-2016 meeting season: February 21, 2016 and March 13, 2016. If you have an interest in holding a meeting or have a venue suggestion, please let me know.

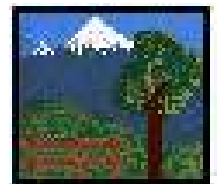
This month we are meeting at Don Bonk's in Louisville. See you there.

Randy Dettmer, Superintendent
Division 1, MCR, NMR

Achievement Program



I'm very excited to take on the new position of AP Chair for Division One. To prepare this column, I first reread The Achievement Program on page 45 in *our NMRA Magazine*. (In fact, I reread most of the magazine as our convention set a record in contest entries. Wow!) I am happy to see my first duty is to congratulate Frank Williamson on earning the Golden Spike Award and the AP Certificate: Master Builder Scenery! Be sure to congratulate Frank!



Next, I did a quick perusal of the AP program on the NMRA website. Our editor, Stephen M. Priest, announced in his column "Observation Car" NOTHING BUT PRAISE for both our convention and the new website design. He is absolutely right. It is perfect reading material for the upcoming model railroading season. I encourage you to go to the site (<http://www.nmra.org/>) and navigate over to 1) education and then 2) Achievement Program as I plan to do to soon. In closing, be patient with the development of this column as I learn more about the program and, of course, how to promote it. That is all for now.

Jim Peters, AP Chair

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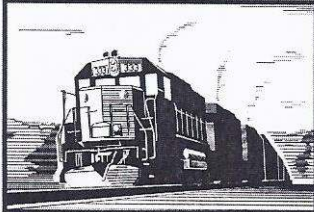
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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING
will be on Sunday, September 20.**

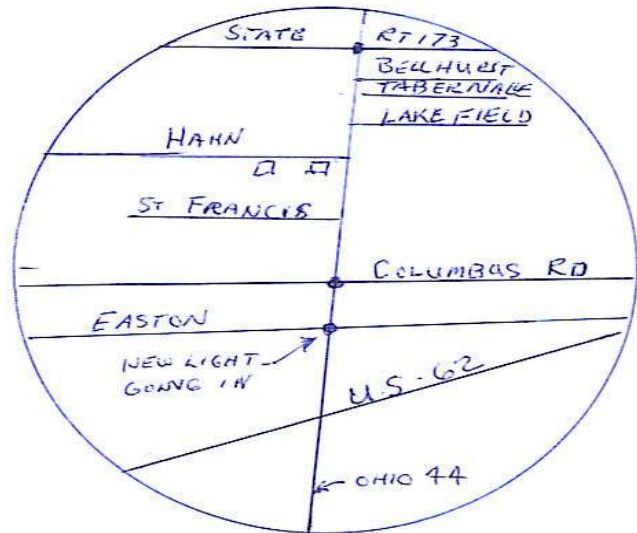
Don & Carol Bonk will host our meeting at

**7354 Hahn Street
Louisville, OH 44641**

They will provide food & drink.
Extra chairs would be appreciated.

The meeting begins at 2 pm.

Flea Market Table at this meeting.



N-Scale Report

This summer the *N-TRAK modules* have been outfitted with a new leg attachment system which will allow for faster setup and tear down. In addition, the Blue Line Yard now has indicator lamps showing the position of the main/yard turnout and the setup/storage turnout. All other turnouts are visible to the operator(s).

The *N-TRAK section* of the Division 1 Module group *is open to all N-Scalers* who want to run trains at the various shows. Their assistance during setup and tear down is also appreciated.

The 11th Anniversary Bedford, PA N-Scale weekend occurred August 22nd and 23rd 2015 at the 22,000 sq. ft. Bedford ProCare "SportsPLex" in Everett, PA. There were 10 N-Scale module layouts available for viewing. The 3 largest were the Baltimore Area N-TRAK, Cantington NTRAK, and Three Rivers Associates NTRAK. I unsuccessfully attempted to photograph 2 of the best modules: Hoover Dam and Pittsburgh steel mill with 2 blast furnaces and an ingot shop. Thirty vendors displayed their items for sale on a 160 tables to the 120 participants. General admission visitors were not counted since a number of free passes were given to scout troops and other youth groups. The Pulled Pork dinner and auction following were exceptional. The Bedford Model Railroaders expended \$5,100 this year to pull-off another profitable event.

Don Bonk

NMRA INSURANCE AND VISITORS TO MEETINGS

Policy: Visitors are allowed three visits to an NMRA meeting IN THEIR LIFETIME. If they don't join by their third visit, they cannot attend any more meetings. The policy does NOT apply to spouses, caregivers, events organized for the general public (flea market, clinics, etc.), joint meetings with another group or family picnics or outings.

If your group is already following the rules (which would be a really good idea if you want the protection of our NMRA Liability Insurance policy), this is not a big deal.

Mike Brestel - At-Large Worldwide Director

Division 1 is in total compliance with this policy. We have been in compliance for the past 10 years. Since we do follow this policy, Division 1 has the protection of the NMRA Liability Insurance. Editor

DIVISION 1 CONTEST

CONTEST TOPICS FOR THE 2015-2016 SEASON

September - Residence or House

October - Re-purposed Railroad Car
(coal hopper to coke hopper, boxcar to wood chip car, etc.)

November - Caboose (any era)

January - Steam Loco (any era)

February - City or Downtown Building
(shop, restaurant, business office, etc.)

March - Water Tanks (Not tank cars, but any era water tank for steam locos, cities, industries, etc.)

April - Billboard Box Car or Reefer
(any size or era, industrial brands, food products, etc.)

May - Critters
(weird little locos such as GE45T, Plymouth, shop-built, etc.)

Pictures of your models are acceptable, if the model cannot be removed from your layout.

Complete Contest Rules are found on the website
www.div1-mcr-nmra.org

**The September contest is
Residence or House.**

2015 - 2016 DIVISION 1 MEETINGS

2015

September 20 - Don Bonk - Lewisburg

October 18 - Jim Peters - Sagamore Hills

November 15 - Jim DiPoala - Ravenna

2016

January 17 - Frank Smith - Barberton

February 21 - open

March 13 - open

April 17 - Rob's Trains - Alliance

May 15 - Mike Bradley - Rootstown

June 19 - Larry Brown - Ravenna

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A REQUEST FROM THE WEBMASTER:

Since early April when our new website became active, I have counted over 400 visitors to www.div1-mcr-nmra.org, and during that time we've also added the following to our pages: an instructional Golden Spike Award slide show – all digital editions of the Peddler Freight – layout photos from Matt Woods, Lee Adkins, Jim Peters, and Don Avila – the Division 1 Activities page – and finally a copy of our revised by-laws. I'd like to add a page of prototype research links to the site and will post there the links I presented in my April clinic at our meeting. If you have links that you use for prototype research, please send them to me, and I'll gladly add them to our site.

Steve Zapytowski

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes
June 21, 2015
Host: Larry Brown – Ravenna, OH

- I. **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Larry Brown for hosting the meeting. There is no contest today as this is the awards presentation for the 2014-2015 meeting season.
- II. **Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the May 2015 minutes as printed in the Peddler Freight. The motion passed.
- III. **Treasurer:** Report given by Treasurer Mike Bradley. As of today's meeting the balance in our checking account is \$12,377.31. A motion was made and seconded to accept Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion passed.
- IV. **Membership:** We currently have 119 members.
- V. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Clinics** – Today's clinic is Card Stock Models by Paul Chapple.
 - B. **AP** – Superintendent Randy Dettmer.
 - C. **Peddler Freight** – David Hazlett gave the report of costs and mailings. MCR is suggesting that all Divisions go to email only newsletters.
 - D. **Scale Update** – Whistle Stop in Cuyahoga Falls has closed suddenly. Basement layout has been displaced. Unknown if they will relocate.
 - E. **Modules** – Report by Bob Ashley, Sr. Next scheduled setup is November, 2015 in Dalton, OH.
 - F. **Web Site** – Our website is up and running. <http://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/> . Steve Zapytowski is managing the web page. If you want photos of your layout added to the web site, please see Steve.
 - G. **Apparel** – See Jim Williams if you have any questions or need to order.
 - H. **Other Events:** NMRA National Convention in Portland, OR. August 23 -29, 2015.
- VI. **Division 1 Meetings and Events:**
 - A. September 20, 2015: Don Bonk - Lewisburg, OH – Division 1 Meeting
 - B. October 18, 2015: Jim DiPaola – Ravenna, OH
 - C. November 1, 2015: Division 1 Flea Market – Akron Yacht Club
 - D. November 15, 2015: Open - Division 1 Meeting
 - E. December 5, 2015: Pufferbelly – Kent, OH – Division 1 Christmas party
 - F. January 17, 2016: Frank Smith – Division 1 Meeting
 - G. February 21, 2016: Open – Division 1 Meeting
 - H. March 20, 2016: Pending
 - I. April 17, 2016: Rob's Trains – Alliance, OH – Division 1 Meeting
 - J. May 15, 2016: Mike Bradley – Rootstown, OH – Division 1 Meeting
 - K. June 19, 2016: Larry Brown – Ravenna, OH
- VII. **Old Business:**
 - A. Completed the inventory of Division 1 owned items. Items were engraved and inventory done by Mike Bradley and Jim Williams.
 - B. Tables are available for Division 1 Flea Market. See Bob Ashley Jr.
 - C. The N scale car project was discussed. Don Bonk presented the information on the AC&Y car and the cost of having the cars done by Micro Trains. A motion was made and seconded to purchase 150 cars at a cost of \$27.05 per car plus shipping. Motion passed.
 - D. Jait Station & Freight House project. Some kits have been produced. Need to work on packaging and price. Our cost to produce kit is \$20.00 per building. Need to get cost of shipping and determine if a USPS flat rate box is the best way to ship.
- VIII. **New Business:**
 - A. The DVD Library starts in September 2015. No deposit but must provide name, phone number and NMRA member number. Due to be returned at the next meeting following the meeting that the DVD was checked out.

The 50/50 drawing was held.
24 persons attended the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.
The meeting adjourned at 3:10 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim DiPaola, Clerk

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MODULE GROUP

Welcome back! I hope everyone had a great summer and are ready to engage in module activities. I talked to the Summit County librarians, at a couple of the local branches, and they are interested in having a Train event, similar to the Richfield event, last spring; more about that later. We are going to hold a Module Clinic at a meeting also.

The Module Group, which includes HO and NTRAK, are preparing our modules for the next show at the Buckeye Event Center in Dalton Ohio on Sunday, 11/8/ 2015. Setup will be on Saturday, 11/7/ 2015, starting at 5:00 PM.

Bob, Jr., Jim Williams and I are planning to take the modules to the 2016 National Train Show in Indianapolis next year. We will be joining Division 4 and Boston's Hub Division, again. Go to "You Tube" and search for "NMRA NTS 2014" to see our last national event.

The summer provided us a chance to improve the scenery and operation of our modules. The NTRAK group assembled their modules at Don Bonk's garage. They are working on wiring and track improvements. Dave Madden has four 6' x 30" modules in the works and is laying track and wiring them, now. We are reaching a saturation point in our growth due to the limited area we have at the shows. It would be nice if we could add more venues which might offer more space.

The Module Group can participate in events that are well planned and requested on a timely basis. We do not advertise or go looking for places to show the modules. Do not ask us to go show at an event, but rather, ask the promoter of the show to ask us. Please see a module group member to bring it to our attention. We also need a place that would allow us to setup the modules so we could work on and operate them. Maybe someone who has connections with people who have buildings with extra space might allow us to use that space.

We owe many thanks to those who helped setup and operate the modules at various events. To those who have not come to one of these events, the module group is in need of more participants. You do not need to bring anything. We welcome everyone to use our throttles, engines and rolling stock. If you have equipment that you want to run, bring it. It must be DCC ready and we can help program a new locomotive to get you started. If we can get you to do that, we hope to convince you to join us regularly. We are also looking for new ideas, and those who build a 4' x 2' module, eight square feet minimum, and add scenery, can apply for the "Golden Spike" and other AP awards.

Bob, Jr. and I have purchased a 2012 Cargo Express, enclosed trailer for the modules. It is 7' wide x 16' long x 8' high, with a side door, with dual axels and brakes. This is not division property. We also have four mesh-enclosed carts on wheels that are 5' long x 30" wide x 5' high, inside. We can now load the modules into the carts, roll them up ramps into the trailer and strap them in place. This simplifies storage between shows, also. We will be showing the trailer and carts at the next meeting.

Bob Ashley, Jr. and Jim Williams are working on a date to start adding Tortoise switch machines to the left end passenger modules. We will advise using email and telephone. During the summer, we were too busy and it was way too hot to do this work.

Please advise me if you have made any changes to your wiring, track layout or have a new module. We must not hook up any wiring to the layout until it has been tested or shorts. I have a meter that will test the CAT-5 wiring harness, and we can setup the power control box with your module(s) to test for shorts in the track. All new modules must be tested before use. We have lost many hours at previous shows trying to find a problem. It is time to get smart and find the problem before the show. **Do not test any DCC equipment by powering the track using 12 volts DC.** Reversing units and command stations can be seriously damaged.

The Division portion of the 50-50 raffle is placed in the module fund. This fund is shared with the HO and Ntrak groups as needed for division owned equipment. Privately owned modules and equipment are the responsibility of the owner. All request for funds are to be presented to the Module Chairman.

Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six 50-50 raffle tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. Your help in funding the Division 1 Module Group is appreciated.

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Jim Williams, Asst. Module Chairman, 330-966-5477 or
jamestwilliams46@yahoo.com
Don Bonk, NTRAK, 330-418-6860 or
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Train Shows and Open Houses - September thru October

Fostoria Rail Festival – September 26 – 10AM – 4PM
Fostoria Junior/Senior High School, 1001 Park Ave, Fostoria, OH
Admission \$4

The Great Berea Train Show – October 3 & 4 – 10AM – 4PM
164 Eastland Rd, Berea, OH
Admission \$7.50, children 15 and under free; Two day pass \$10

Medina Model Railroad & Toy Show – October 25 – 10AM – 4PM
Medina County Community Center, Medina Fairgrounds,
Medina, OH Admission \$6, children under 12 free

Members Report September 2015 The Membership now stands at 110.

Renewals & Re-Rails

George Safranek
Matt Woods
Sondra Woods
Michael Bradley
Thomas Gradijan
Jan Orbin
Dennis Sautters

Special thanks to all those for renewing.

Tales of a Shay: From Wreck to Reincarnation

Part 7: Firebox and Ash Pan

Steve Zapytowski

As I proceeded with this project, it became more apparent to me that the original Shay #6 is not the best example to use for scratch building purposes, especially where the under body is concerned. It also proved difficult to find useful prototype information on Shays that is dimensioned and shows detail from the non-cylinder side of these locomotives. The firebox on the old #6 is remarkable for its lack of detail and only the barest suggestion of an ash pan. Ultimately, the information I used came from two sources, a brass casting of a Shay firebox from David M. Hoffman that was used in a previous project and a set of plans for an On3 Shay from Precision Scale Company. Construction began with a strip of 0.010" brass that was bent into a "U" shape. (Figures 53 to 55)



Figure 53: A strip of 0.010" brass swabbed with Dykem and the dimensions of the three sides of the firebox were scribed onto it.

The thickness of the brass was accounted for in determining the dimensions of the firebox face as it will affect the size of the part after bending.

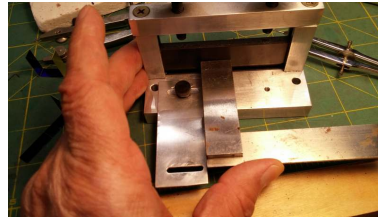


Figure 54: The firebox was formed using a mini brake (Micro-Mark #16101). Here the bending stop is being used in a manner not intended by the manufacturer to insure that the bends are perpendicular to the long sides of the brass strip.

The face and flared sides of the ash pan were likewise marked and cut size from 0.010" brass before being assembled with the already bent firebox. The flared sides were bent in the mini brake as well. (Figure 56) There were a total of five brass parts used in the finished assembly. (Figure 57) An alligator clip screwed to a small strip of wood served to hold the finished parts together and above the workbench for ease of soldering. A piece of 0.005" brass was added on top of the left face of the firebox as the reinforcing plate that was observed in some of the source material I used. (Figure 58)

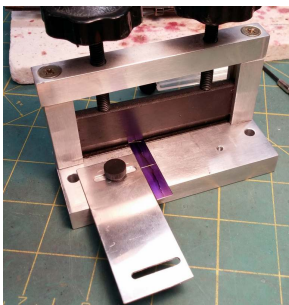


Figure 55: Operation of the mini bending brake took some practice as its thumb screws must be tightened symmetrically to avoid distorting bend. Also, don't clamp the strip down as the brake presses a V shaped piece of steel into the brass. Both ends of the

brass will rise above the brake's bed.

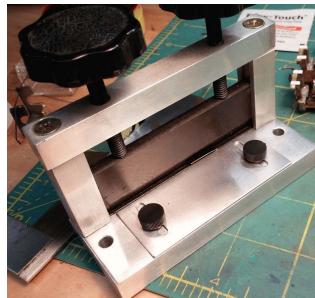


Figure 56: The flared sides of the ash pan were also bent in the mini brake. Care was needed as to not over bend the parts as then needed about a 60 degree bend. Here the bending stop is being used in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

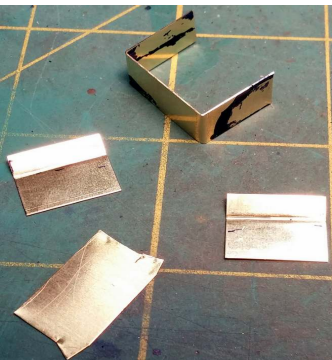


Figure 57: The four main parts used to make the firebox and ash pan assembly.

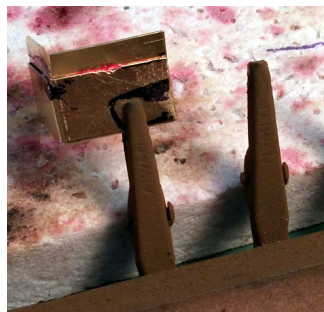


Figure 58: These alligator clips are screwed to a small strip of wood and were originally used to hold couplers while being airbrushed. They work equally well for clamping small pieces of brass together for soldering. Note the 0.005" reinforcing plate on the left side of the firebox.

A piece of 1/8" x 1/8" brass angle was added as a means of mounting the firebox assembly to the underside of Shay #6. Clearance slots were cut and filed to allow the passage of wiring. (Figure 59) A #52 bit was used to drill clearance holes on the mounting angle for 0-80 screws. The underframe of #6 was drilled with a #55 bit and tapped for 0-80 threads. (Figure 60)

One of my sources showed two cleanout hatches on the ash pan's face. I used strips of 0.010" styrene to mimic these on Shay #6. These were glued down with CA adhesive. (Figure 61) The bottom corners of the hatches were rounded after the styrene strips were trimmed to size. Three small strips of 0.020" square styrene were attached on top of the clean out hatches to represent hinges and latches. These were then sanded to a more appropriate thickness. Finally, rivet decals were added as the finishing touch to the firebox and ash pan. (Figure 62)

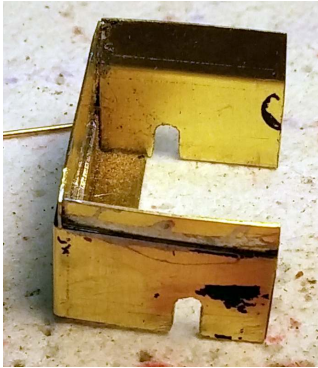


Figure 59:
The assembled brass parts for the firebox and ash pan with clearance holes for wiring.



Figure 60: This is a trial assembly of the firebox and ash pan to the underframe of #6. The part was then removed for adding detail and to make the addition of the truss rods easier (coming in part 8 of this series).

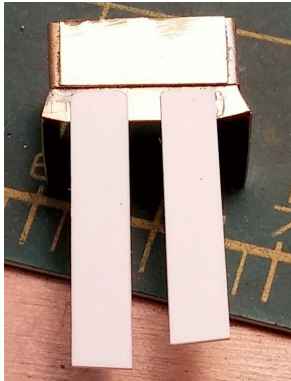


Figure 61: Strips of 0.010" styrene added to the face of the ash pan. Their top corners were rounded prior to being adhered to the brass.

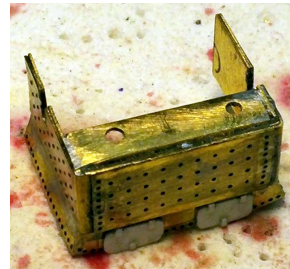


Figure 62: After all four corners of the hatches were rounded, hinges and latches were added. The rivet decals (Micro-Mark #84985) were applied to complete the part.

Truss rods and other undercarriage detail will come in the next installment of these articles.

To be continued...

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Clinic Report

It is time to kick off another season of model railroading clinics. Let me start by first saying thanks to Paul Chapple, June's clinician, and to all of the members willing to step forward and share their passion and talents with the division. It is greatly appreciated. So, what is on the slate for this year? Dave Neff will get us started by giving us a clinic on how to work on laser kits. I wish I had a camera back in the day when I passed by real milk stations such as I found on the internet to announce this clinic. Take a look below at what is planned. Just June is open, and February is being further developed.



September – Tools, Tips and Techniques for Building Laser Kit Structures by Dave Neff

October – Planning an OP Session by David Hazlett

November – Ethanol Clinic by Ron Morgan

December – Christmas Dinner at Pufferbelly

January – Updates on the Bacher North RR by Frank Smith

February – Module Clinic by Bob Ashley, Sr., et al

March – The Golden Spike: The Navy Approach by Jim Peters

April – Bench work by Steve Zapytowski

May – MOW Trucks by Mike Bradley

June – (Open)

James (Jim) Peters, Clinician Chair

By-Laws: Section 4 - 4.4

N-SCALE CAR PROJECT PRICE QUOTATION

Quotation #: #1364-076 “Akron Canton & Youngstown” **REVISED**

Bodystyle Series: 50' Box Car, Plug & Sliding Doors w/o roofwalk

Car Color: Black, with ACY yellow sides

Herald Color(s): black, white & red

Lettering Color(s): (see herald colors above)

Door Printing: Yes ___ No X

End Printing: Yes X No ___

Truck Type: Bettendorf, black (all with Magne-Matic® couplers mounted.)

Quantity: 75 each of two road numbers

Insert: custom

Shrink-wrap: Yes X No ___ (applicable to multi-packs)

Payment: Initial deposit of \$1000.00 prior to producing the Special Run Car. Prior to shipment, you will be invoiced for net amount due, including shipping charges from Talent, Oregon to your requested shipping address.

Pricing: 75 each of two road numbers: \$29.05 each car

(The entire contract is available for your viewing. Contact Randy Dettmer or Don Bonk.)

DIVISION 1 MODEL RAILROAD FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

11 AM - 3 PM

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LOW PRICE: \$3; \$5 family

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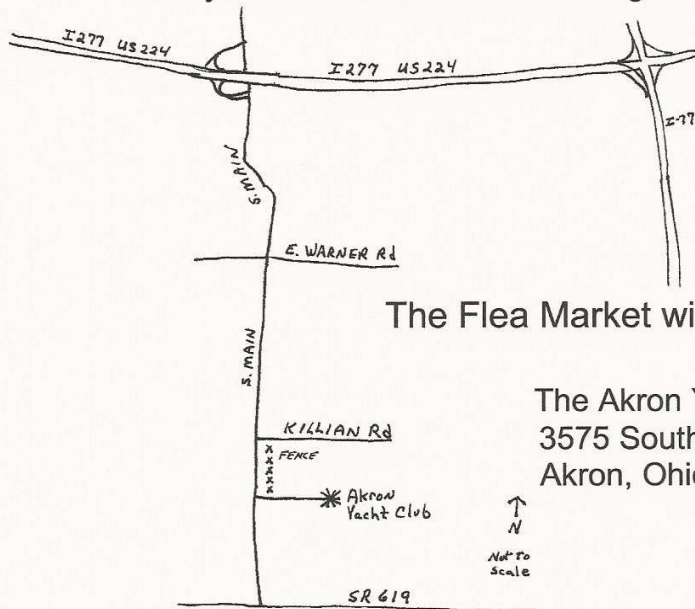
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THIS IS THE PLACE FOR A MODEL RAILROADER TO SELL OR TRADE HIS RAILROAD ITEMS.

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