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Superintendent's Bulletin



Welcome to June and the last Peddler Freight, and meeting, till September. This is the time of year we start planning for vacations, short trips, family vacations and anything to have fun and relax. For some of us that involves doing some things railroad related. It's surprising the fun you can have which involves trains without traveling too far. I've lived here all my life and still haven't made it to the Corner Field Model Railroad

Museum and Trading Post Train Shop in Middlefield, Ohio. Check out their web page or Facebook page for hours and location. This is on my bucket list for this summer. If you do go some place you think might interest other members of our Division, please take some photos to share. Maybe we can set aside some space in a future Peddler Freight for "What I Did On My Summer Vacation."

I'm very pleased with the way our new modules are turning out. We've had several good work sessions on getting the modules ready to run trains. These have been great "How To" sessions with lots of hands on. I want to thank the Module Committee for their hard work on getting the modules cut and acquiring all the supplies needed to get operational. It's just been "pure" fun to sit down and work on the modules together. This has even given me incentive to work on my layout which sits idle most of the summer.

And speaking of modules. Our Division 1 member Jasmine Trocchia has written an article on our use of our new modules for recruitment and retention for an upcoming issue of the NMRA Magazine. Thanks Jasmine!

So, whatever you do this summer, have fun, relax and be safe. We'll see you in September.

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

Perks of the Job



A Wheeling & Lake Erie crew member looks out across the valley under the Route 8 bridge in Akron. The train was pushing a cut of hoppers eastbound on CSX tracks.

T-TRAK News Track and wiring supplies available

The clinics from April and May were related to attaching track and wiring for the T-TRAK modules. Not all members were able to get their Kato track attached and wiring completed.

Jeff Stone, Lloyd Horst and Bob Ashley, Jr. will have their supplies at the June meeting. Bring your T-TRAK module to the meeting and take advantage of their expertise.

All Division 1 modules that were given free to members can have the track attachment and wiring done at no cost. Wiring supplies are available for additional modules at a modest fee.

2023 Division 1 Events

June 25 - Ravenna Township Meeting Hall

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Meeting Minutes May 21, 2023

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order: 2:05 PM.
- ~ By: Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
- ~ Participants: 17 members.
- ~ Location: Ravenna Township Offices.

2. Clerk: Jeff Stone:

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

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley:

- ~ Report presented by treasurer. Available on request.
- ~ Income: \$125.25 T-TRAK modules and 50/50 (\$60).
- ~ Module income, half goes to checking, half to Module Fund.
- ~ Motion to approve treasurer report, (Bob Anelli/Bob Ashley, Jr.) carried.

4. Superintendent: Jim DiPaola:

- ~ MCR convention, @220 attended.
- ~ MCR Board of Directors considering doing away with contest at convention and instead just have displays. Too few contest entries. Contact Jim with thoughts on pros and cons.
- ~ MCR Convention 2024, CLE, May 16-19.
- ~ MCR Convention 2025 Columbus.
- ~ NMRA Convention 2025 Detroit.
- ~ June meeting is Father's Day, motion to move to 25 June (Bob Anelli/Jim Peters) carried.

5. Peddler Freight Committee: Bruce Hukill: No report.

6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters: Members 76.

7. Clinic Committee: Jim DiPaola: Today's clinic, installing wiring plugs on modules, Lloyd Horst and Bob Ashley, Jr.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst: No report.

9. Module Committee: Lloyd Horst: All module comments/information consolidated here.

- ~ (HO) We have equivalent of 41 singles.
- ~ (N) We have equivalent of 24 singles. Will require 6 tables instead of 4 due to wide radius corners.
- ~ Bob Ashley and Lloyd Horst brought supplies for plug installation on modules. Additional plug sets are \$1.00 per module.

10. Facebook Committee: Jim DiPaola: No report.

11. Website Committee: Steve Zapytowski: Excused.

12. Old Business: Jim DiPaola: None.

13. New Business: Jim DiPaola: None.

14. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Bob Gurdak brought an engine cradle made from foam and auto headliner fabric covering.
- ~ Bruce Hukill brought a Div. 1 ACY N-scale boxcar, now offered weathered by Micro-Trains.

15. Good of the Order/Announcements: None

- ~ Jasmine Trocchia's article on the Division 1 T-TRAK retention project will appear in June issue of NMRA magazine! Congrats!
- ~ Frank Trocchia is working on a "Discord" forums tool for Division 1 to allow online conversations and video conferencing.
- ~ Bob Ashley, Jr. updated on the status of the late David Hazlet's layout. Originally Bob Ashley, Jr. was asked to liquidate layout. Instead, Mrs. Hazlet has sold lock stock and barrel to Harry Builder who sells at Medina and Berea train shows. Sam Eisele will try and contact to see if it's possible to have items with David's road name made available to Division 1 members wanting something to remember David's layout.
- ~ Robert Ashley, Sr. asked the whereabouts of the old module club scrapbook, if not being used, he would like it back.

16. Adjournment:

- ~ Motion to adjourn (Bob Ashley/Bob Gurdak) carried.
- ~ Meeting adjourned at 2:42 PM.
- ~ Clinics followed meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone, Clerk, Division 1

Membership Report

OK. Let's make the business part short and sweet: As of May 24, the NMRA reports we have 78 active members. Here is hoping with the advent of showing our T-TRAK modules at future venues, it will motivate more to join in on the fun.

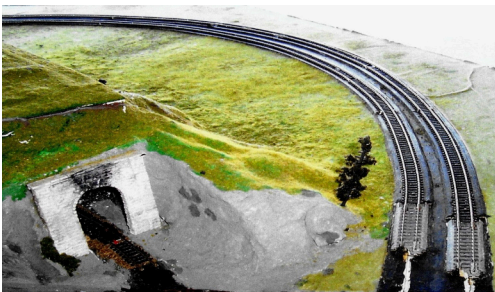
Great! Thanks to Glenn Yoder we now have a total of three photographs for our new PR board! What about the rest of you? I know you have photos of scenes on your layouts. Please consider donating one for the board. As Glenn was wondering, of course I will take good care of them and return them immediately if requested. Thanks.

Here we are. The end of another Model Railroading season and the beginning of summer vacation. That does not mean we won't be enjoying the hobby. I plan to get some major improvements done to my trackwork and of course continue to work on structures and scenery. If things go well, I will host an op session or two over summer. Hmm...I might even wire my second N-scale T-TRAK module and work on a scene. What about you? Thoughts? Please share via text, email or even a phone call! (just give me time to get a pencil if I need to remember anything!)

Jim Peters
Membership Chair

N Scale Report

You have a set of T-TRAK modules and you want to set them up in the basement for a home layout, but curved modules belong to the Division or other modelers. You want very broad curves so you can run long trains. Rather than using all Kato track section for these broad curves use a combination of Kato 20-045 Snap Track Conversion sections, Atlas Flex track, and cork roadbed as shown

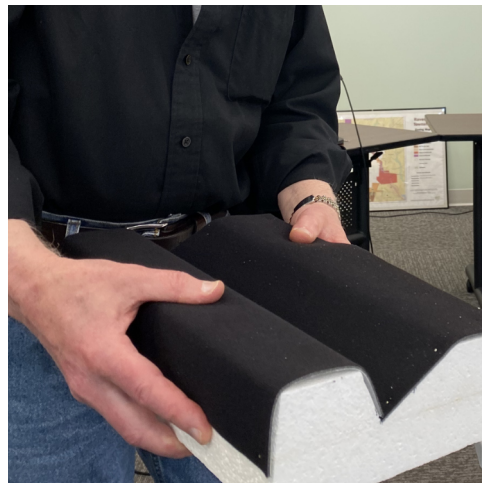


below. In picture Kato 20-050 would be used to connect to your modules, to save money the ends of the Snap

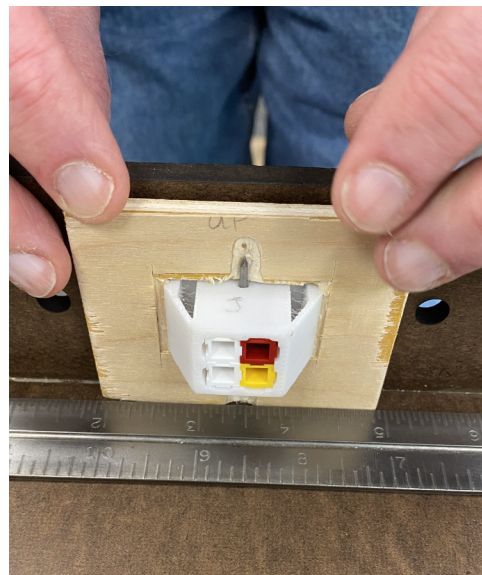
track conversion section could be placed with the required 1 mm over the edge of your home curve structure for connection of traveling modules. Combination Kato and Atlas track has been successful for seven years.

Don Bonk
N Scale Modules Chair

Bring and Brag



(above and left) Bob Gurdak explains how he made a cradle from foam and automotive headliner material. Bob said he obtained the material from his wife's craft supplies.



Bob Gurdak shows how he made a mount to attach the Powerpole socket to his T-TRAK module. The socket was 3D printed by Bob Ashley, Jr.

Model Railroading Thoughts

Chuck Altwies recently showed me plans for a new layout to replace the one dismantled during a major plumbing repair in his basement. The plans were drawn by Steve Zapytowski, MMR. The layout as envisioned will feature the Erie Railroad from Kent to Akron.

Chuck also showed me some copies of Sanborn fire insurance maps. These maps are available free on the [Library of Congress website](#). We further discussed possible industries for the layout in Kent, Tallmadge and Akron.

With the former Erie line from Akron to Kent now a nicely paved Rail to Trail, and definitely one of my favorite routes, my interest was piqued. After some research two industries in particular have grabbed my attention. They are both just north of Perkins Street in Akron and one is still standing. More research turned up many interesting photos on [summitmemory.org](#) including one of the Fred Albrecht building with its giant flashing ACME sign. The other industry was a printing company for many years and then served as a factory making Pflueger fishing reels. That building is gone, destroyed by fire in 1977.

Will Chuck ultimately use either of these industries on his layout? That is to be determined. But now when riding this section of the Freedom Trail I know the history of two industries once served by the Erie Railroad in Akron.

Bruce Hukill
PF Editor



(right top) The "Acme Building" as photographed in 1981. The structure, indicated within the circle on the Sanborn map, is still standing today.

(right above) A Sanborn fire map from 1930-1940 showing the Erie and Pennsylvania tracks coming out of the Cuyahoga valley and passing under Perkins Street heading into downtown Akron.

(left top) Old railroad ties are all that is left of the steep Erie siding to the left of the former Erie mainline through Akron. The paved path is part of the Summit Metro Parks Freedom Trail. This photo location is indicated by the red arrow on the Sanborn map.

(left below) The old Pflueger factory is destroyed by fire in January of 1977. The former Erie tracks can be seen below the Perkins Street bridge.

Division 1 May Clinic



(above) Lloyd Horst crimps a Powerpole connection with a Powerworx crimp tool. Note the Kato connector is also available if needed.

(right) Lloyd Horst distributes Powerpole connectors to Bob Ashley, Sr. (l-r), Bob Gurdak, Jim DiPaola and Glenn Yoder. Division 1 provided free connectors to each member for their free T-TRAK module.

(below right) Lloyd Horst and Bob Ashley, Jr. present the May clinic on how to attach Powerpole connectors while also keeping the Kato connectors.

(below) Bob Anelli taps the Kato track for his HO T-TRAK module. Jeff Stone provided tools and materials for members who were not able to attach their track at the April clinic.



THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Sunday, June 25, 2023

Ravenna Township Meeting Room
6145 Spring Street
Ravenna, OH 44266

Jerry Krueger, Division 4, will be presenting the clinic "Tips, Tricks and Hacks."
A series of modeling tips and tricks learned over the years. Hacks are work
arounds to modeling challenges and ways of using ordinary ordinary
items in non-ordinary ways to solve problems.

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Train Shows and Open Houses

Model Train Flea Market - June 24

Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad St., Painesville, OH 44077
Admission: \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Hobo Day, Model Train Flea Market - July 29

Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad St., Painesville, OH 44077
Admission: Free, Donation accepted 10 AM - 3 PM

NMRA National Convention - Aug. 20 - 26

Gaylord Texan Resort & Convention Center
1501 Gaylord Trail
Grapevine, TX 76051
<https://www.2023texasexpress.com>

Everett's Train Show & Swap Meet - Aug. 19

Marion Union Station
532 West Center St., Marion, OH
Admission: Free, Donation accepted 10 AM - 4 PM

Cleveland Airline Collectable Show - Aug. 26

Best Western Plus Strongsville, 15471 Royalton Rd.,
Strongsville, Oh. 44136
Admission: \$5.00 9 AM - 3 PM

Amateur Radio Ham Radio Day - Sept. 23

Model Train Flea Market
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad St., Painesville, OH 44077
Admission: Free, Donation accepted 10 AM - 3 PM

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

Mt. Hope Train & Toy Show - Nov. 4

Mt. Hope Event Center, 8076 St. Rt. 241, Mt. Hope
44666 (for GPS use Millersburg, Oh 44654)
Admission: \$5.00 10 AM - 4 PM

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