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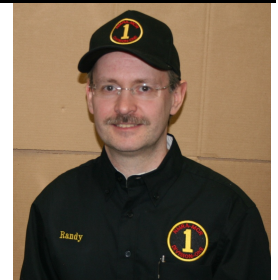


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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

November is National Model Railroad Month. What are you doing to celebrate? You could attend an open house at the Sebring Model Railroad Club or the Youngstown Model Railroad Association. You could attend one or more of the several model train shows or flea markets; as long as your funds hold out!



What is your source for model railroad or railroad information? Most of us I imagine subscribe to Model Railroader, Model Railroad Craftsman, Trains, Narrow Gauge Gazette or Railroad & Railfan. Do you subscribe to something that is unique or unusual? If you do, please share. I am sure others would like to hear about it.

Time is running out. If you are interested in joining us at the annual Holiday Dinner at the Erie Station Grille on December 15 (1 PM), please contact me. We still have room for you! (See page 3 for more information. - ed.)

This month we will meet at the Whistle Stop in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. See you then!

Randy Dettmer  
Superintendent  
Div 1 MCR NMRA

**This Month's Meeting  
will be at  
The Whistle Stop Hobby Shop  
on Sunday, November 18.**



Host, Kevin Hess, will have the shop open for our meeting. Kevin plans on providing sandwiches, snacks and drinks. Dessert items and some extra snacks would be appreciated. Arrive early for the 2 PM meeting and visit the many displays of ready-to-run, kits and scratch building materials.

The CVT Club will have the layout in operation for our viewing. Be sure to bring your Contest entry.

The Whistle Stop Hobby Shop is located at 2146 Front Street (the street has been turned into a walking mall) in Cuyahoga Falls. It is one block west of the Route 8 expressway and is between Portage Trail and Broad Blvd. 330-928-8984 **Parking is in back of the shop.**



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# The Fourth Annual Holiday Dinner

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**PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL Randy Dettmer, 330-653-3537 [elz1968@yahoo.com](mailto:elz1968@yahoo.com)**

**TO ADVISE THE NUMBER OF PEOPLE ATTENDING**

**The location is the same as prior years so please reserve early!**

## **PEDDLER FREIGHT SUBSCRIPTIONS**

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### **THESE MEMBERS HAVE SUBSCRIBED FOR 2012-2013.**

Bob Ashley, Jr.	Bob Ashley, Sr.	Don Bonk	Chuck Boyer	C.J. Burroughs
Don Deakins	Jim DiPaola	Todd Dulaney	John Fithian	David Hazlett
Bill Hewitt	Robert Hixenbaugh	Bruce Hukill	Jim Peters	Jim Pope
Norman Robinson	Kurt Sanders	Bill Smith	Jim Williams	Frank Williamson
Glenn Yoder				

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## N-SCALE NEWS

by Don Bonk

Well, the subject again is track cleaning cars. This follows along with ‘N-Scale Magazine’s 2 part article. The author Ron Bearden discuss the Woodland Scenics Dusty Monkey’s that I covered last month. Two items not covered by Ron or me before were the Tsugawa Yokou Mop and the Tomix Grinder Car which could grind a little too much. Again reprints my be available via [info@nscalemagazine.com](mailto:info@nscalemagazine.com) .

It may have been mentioned before, but Mitchell Brown of Mitch’s Precision Trains of Virginia introduced the Bonk RR to the use of Ronsonol Lighter Fuel for Track cleaning and it works well and does not leave a film behind. Of course it is highly flammable and should not be swallowed, and if you are hand cleaning track with gun cleaning patches you should use protective gloves since absorption through the skin is possible for the highly allergic.

Fox Valley Models wagon top box cars are available again, including the undecorated version.

If you’re operating your railroad in the eastern US it may be hard to justify purchase of Intermountain’s new AC-12 Cab Forward Locomotive, especially at \$339.95 for straight DCC and \$459.59 with Tsunami Sound. Being freelance allows you to justify a lot of things, but you cannot escape the restrictions of the pocket book.

The Bonk RR will be assembling a single 4’ N-Trax module to allow for more diversity in assemble of show layouts.

## Members Report November 2012

### Renewals/ Re-Rails

Robert Anelli  
Kenneth Baldwin  
Donald Bonk  
Todd Dulaney  
John Miller  
Bob Romberger  
Glenn Yoder

**Welcome to all the new members!**  
**The membership now stands at 102**  
Special Thanks to all those for renewing.

**You can send me your info via e-mail:  
gemstonemine@yahoo.com or call  
330-221-6067 or fill out the Roster form  
that will be passed around at the next  
meeting.**

**Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes**  
**October 21, 2012**  
**Host: Jim Peters, Sagamore Hills, Ohio**



- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Jim and his wife for hosting the meeting. Eighteen people were in attendance.
- II. A motion to accept the September Minutes as printed was made and seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Chuck Boyer gave the Treasurer's report for September. A motion to accept the report, subject to audit, was made and seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Committee Reports:
  - a. Membership – Larry Brown could not attend the meeting because of work. Larry had called Randy to tell him that he could not attend and that the membership had not changed since the last meeting.
  - b. Clinics - Jim Peters introduced Chuck Klein and Wayne Hayes from Division 4. Chuck put on a clinic after the business meeting was over on the construction of the Cleveland Union Terminal.
  - c. Flea Market – Bob Ashley, Jr. reported that all the tables were sold. He will be on vacation at this time but he has arranged for Bob Romberger who belongs to the Akron Yacht Club and NMRA to be there in his stead. He and Twilla have also arranged for the snack bar to be manned by Deb Romberger and Barb Russel. It was moved that the treasurer advance Bob \$100 to provision the snack bar and \$100 to use as change. The motions was seconded and passed.
  - d. Updates on different scales – Kurt Sanders brought in an example of the first civil war car that Micro-Trains is issuing. Kurt Sanders brought the photograph he entered in competition at the convention in Grand Rapids along with the 1<sup>st</sup> place and best of show awards he was presented. Jim Williams also stated that he had purchased a Zona push drill (similar to a Yankee push drill) for drilling small holes for stirrup and ladder application in N scale; and that it worked far better than an ordinary push drill.
  - e. Module Group – Bob Ashley, Sr. was not present. However, Randy reported that Bob was considering resigning as the chairman of the group. Randy also stated that he was not sure that the modules would be setup at the Dalton show in November. The executive group is working on resolving this issue.
  - f. Apparel – Jim Williams delivered several items to members and took an order. Once the weather cools off, more sweatshirts might be sold.
  - g. NMRA 2014 – Chuck Klein reported that they were aware of the parking problems and suggested that local attendees might want to park at RTA sites and ride that into the Terminal Tower. The two hotels that they are using are within walking distance of the Medical Mart where the convention is being held.
  - h. Peddler Freight – David Hazlett was in attendance after his surgery and stated that the first two issues of the year cost us \$129.23. He has \$30 in coupons which he will apply to the printing of the next issue since they need to be used by the end of the year. He also reminded us that postage was going up in January. So far, for the current year \$460 has been paid in. We lost one hobby shop's sponsorship.
  - i. Contests – Randy Dettmer will take over managing the contests at the meetings. David Hazlett has asked to be relieved of this duty since he will be undergoing 6 months of chemotherapy.
- V. Old Business:
  - a. Meetings for next year: March still needs a host. We cannot have it in at the Youngstown club as was suggested at the last meeting since that is the day of their flea market.
  - b. Bill Hewitt asked if anything had been done into looking at a public meeting place to hold our meetings instead of member's homes. Nothing has progressed along these lines.
- VI. New Business:
  - a. Randy Dettmer will take over managing the contests at the meetings. David Hazlett has asked to be relieved of this duty since he will be undergoing 6 months of chemotherapy.
  - b. There is the possibility that 8 members from Division 6 residing in Wayne County might be transferred to our division by the NMRA.
  - c. Jim Peters asked for a show of hands to see who might be interested in a possible tour of Division 1 layouts in 2013. With his work lining up layouts for the 2014 convention tours, he is becoming familiar with many of the layouts of both NMRA and non-NMRA modelers and thought we might want to have a tour of our own division.
  - d. Bill Bigler reported that he and his wife had taken two train fall foliage tours in New England. One of them was out of Conway, New Hampshire and was well worth the time and cost.
- VII. The meeting adjourned at 2:30 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Williams, Clerk

**DIVISION 1 CONTEST**

**OCTOBER WINNERS**  
Flat car w/load

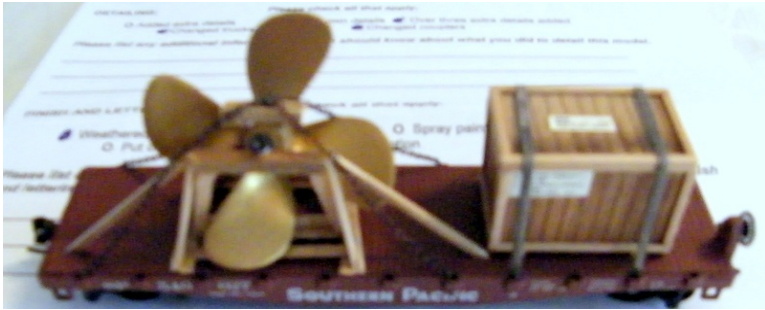
CRAFTSMAN - 1<sup>ST</sup> - Don Deakins 1 pt

STANDARD - 1<sup>ST</sup> - Jim Williams 3 pts  
Tie for 2<sup>ND</sup> - Don Deakins 1.5 pts  
Jim Williams 1.5 pts

KIT-BASHED - 1<sup>ST</sup> - Bill Hewitt 2 pts  
2<sup>ND</sup> - Don Deakins 1 pt

**MODEL CONTEST TOPICS**  
**FOR 2012-2013**

September - Gondola w/scrap load  
October - Flat car w/load  
November - M of W Trucks  
January - Coil cars  
February - Camp Cars  
March - Hand cars, Speeders  
April - Slag cars, Hot metal cars  
May - Re-purposed cars



PLEASE CHECK THE WEBSITE FOR COMPLETE INFORMATION ON THE CONTEST.

**Bill Hewitt 1<sup>ST</sup> Place Kit-Bashed**



**Jim Williams 1<sup>ST</sup> Place Standard Kit**



**Don Deakins 1<sup>ST</sup> Place Craftsman**

**CURRENT STANDINGS**

**STANDARD KIT**

Jim DiPaola - 5 pts  
Jim Williams - 4.5 pts  
Don Deakins - 1.5 pts  
Glenn Yoder - 1 pt

**KIT-BASHED**

Jim Peters - 4 pts  
Bill Hewitt - 2 pts  
Glenn Yoder - 2 pts  
Don Deakins - 1 pt

**CRAFTSMAN**

Don Deakins - 1 pt

## MODULE GROUP

At the October meeting, which I did not attend, I ask Superintendent Randy Dettmer to read the following statement:

*"I am considering stepping down as Module Chairman after the November Dalton show. I have held this position since January, 2008 and I need to step down so I can move on. Please see the superintendent, if you wish to fill this position."*

Since the meeting, the Superintendent, Asst.

Superintendent and I had a meeting and we resolved the issue which was the reason for my taking this action. I have decided to remain as your Module Chairman, for now. I also discussed some reasons why the division needs to invest in electrical equipment for the Module Group. This subject will be discussed at future meetings.

The state of the Module Group is as follows:

### HO scale

1. Bob Ashley, Jr. – (2) joined modules – industrial/merchandising & grain elevator complex;
2. Bob Ashley, Sr. – (3) joined modules – cement/concrete plants, fracking sand & coal mine;
3. Bob Ashley, Sr. - (5) module kits – unassembled;
4. Kurt Sanders – (2) joined modules - interlocking tower, engine repair facility & freight loading and unloading yard;
5. John Palagyi – (1) module – theme to be determined (TTBD);
6. Joe Urbanski – (1) module - TTBD;
7. Larry brown – (1) module –TTBD;
8. Inactive persons – (2) modules – unknown, if ever built;
9. Division 1 (owned) – (1) Right end loops module set – industrial with scenery,
  - (1) Left end loops module set – passenger station & yard;
  - (1) Inside corner module set – electrical maintenance facility, farms & local town;
  - (2) “Ron Shoemaker” modules – TTBD;
  - (4) NCE 6’ Coilcord RJ – for tethered throttles;
  - (1) Toolbox with misc. Tools;
  - (1) Division 1 module group sign with framework;
  - (a/r) Black skirts for all modules, and,
  - (10+ lbs) module spec ballast.
10. Bob Ashley, Sr. – (4) 15VAC power supply, (1) NCE Power Pro-R & (1) Digitrax DCS 200 DCC command station, and
  - (2) Digitrax DB150 Booster and antennas.

### N scale

1. Bob Ashley, Sr. – (1) module – engine fuel service;
2. Don Bonk ----- (4) outside corners - TTBD;
  - (4) modules – TTBD; and,
3. Kurt Sanders ----- (1) module – TTBD.

### Z scale

1. Bob Ashley, Sr. – (1) module – passenger and freight operations;
  - (2) cantilevered end loops.

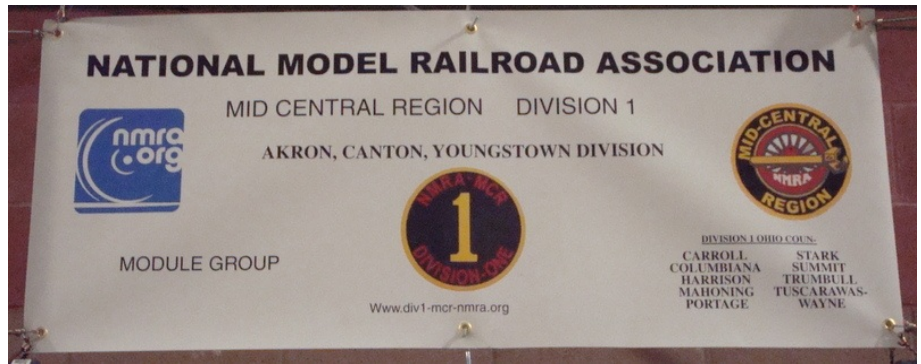
There are several module members who have helped setup and operate and have added scenery, wiring and helped build and transport the modules. Their participation is very important.

We will have the modules on display at the:

1. Division 1 “Flea Market” on November 4;
2. Dalton Train Show on November 11 (CORRECTION TO THE OCTOBER P.F);
3. January 20, 2013 Division 1 meeting held at the Akron Yacht Club; and the,
4. March ??, 2013 Dalton Train Show

The Flea Market setup and Dalton show setup dates and times will be announced by e-mail.

Divisions 1, 2, 4 and 5 are going to have a joint meeting to discuss making commitments to be able to join all our modules together





and be able to run trains over the entire layout. We will hold this meeting after the first of the year, due to commitments which interfere with trying to get together. In the meantime, we will be traveling to see division 5 setups at Lake Farm Park, December 1 thru 8, for HO, and December 9 thru 15, for N gauges. Lake Farm Park is at the intersection of routes 6 and 306, 1 mile east.

All Division 1 modules are built to the latest wiring schematic which already includes the wire for WiFi technology. We can communicate with a laptop computer and JMRI Decoder Pro to operate the trains just like a regular DCC throttle. We are ready to go whereas division 4 needs to add this wire to the older modules built before the latest revision.

The first “Ron Shoemaker” module is available for use. Roadbed, track and wiring are in place and ready for scenery. If you are interested in doing this, please contact me. This module was used at the Dalton and the “Thomas” events, last spring. Lloyd Horst has the second module and is mounting roadbed, track and electrics. He will also be adding scenery.

We still need more volunteers to start the scenery on the passenger and intermodal/coal yard left end modules and build kits for buildings. We will have a little time to work on the details before the coming “Flea Market” and Dalton shows. This is a large job and should have a team effort. Contact me if you are willing to help. Jim Williams and Bob Ashley, Jr. are still adding scenery to the right end modules. Larry Brown and Ed Tringhese are fine tuning the scenery on the corner modules. Both of these jobs look great. We also realize we need more UTP’s on the front of the modules. This will be done before the next Dalton Show.

The “Module Group” logo is available through Jim Williams for \$6.00 and can be added to your shirts. Please have this done before the upcoming displays. Thanks to all who have already done this.

I am still looking for anyone interested in making an N gauge module to go with Kurt Sanders, Don Bonk and mine, per NTRAK standards or Z gauge module to go with mine, per Z Bend Track standards. Our module kits are suitable for this. Only the wiring is slightly different. We are hoping to have them ready for next November, at the Dalton train show along with the HO modules.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com

### KURT SANDERS WON AWARDS AT THE NATIONAL CONVENTION





## **Train Shows and Open Houses – November thru December**

### **Youngstown Model Railroad Assn Open House**

**November 3, 4, 10, 11 12 PM– 6PM**

Corner of Raccoon Rd & Four-Mile Run Rd,  
Austintown, OH

\$3 donation per adult, children under 12 free

### **Sebring Model Railroad Club Open House**

**November 10, 11, 17 & 18 10 AM– 5 PM**

Sebring Station, 216 E Pennsylvania Ave, Sebring, OH

\$3 donation per adult, children under 12 free

### **Wayne County Train & Toy Show November 11**

**10 AM– 4 PM**

Buckeye Event Center, Dalton, OH

\$5 admission, children 12 and under free

### **Greater Buffalo Train & Toy Show**

**November 17 & 18 10 AM– 4 PM**

Event Center on the Fairgrounds,

Hamburg, NY

\$7 admission, children 12 and under free

### **Lansing Model Railroad Club– Nov 18**

**10 AM– 4 PM**

Michigan State University Pavilion, East Lansing, MI

\$6 admission, children 12 and under free

### **Beaver County Model Train Sale**

**November 18 10 AM– 3 PM**

Center Stage Banquet Hall, 1495 Old Brodhead Rd,

Monaca, PA

\$4 admission, children under 12 free

### **TCA Holiday Train Meet – November 24**

**10 AM– 3 PM**

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd,

Cleveland, OH

\$5 admission, children free

### **Southeast Michigan Model Railroad Flea Market**

**November 25 10 AM– 4 PM**

Washtenaw Farm Council Grounds, 5055 Ann Arbor Saline

Rd, Ann Arbor, MI

\$3 admission, children under 12 free

### **Firelands Model Train & Toy Show December 1**

**10 AM– 4 PM**

Erie County Fair Grounds, 3110 Columbus Ave,

Sandusky, OH

\$5 admission, children 18 and under free

### **Youngstown Model Railroad Assn Open House**

**December 1, 2, 8, 9 12 PM– 6PM**

Corner of Raccoon Rd & Four-Mile Run Rd,

Austintown, OH

### **Springfield Model Train Show– December 2**

**10 AM– 4 PM**

Clark County Fairgrounds, Springfield, OH

\$5 admission, children under 12 free

### **Medina Christmas Xtravaganza – December 2**

**10 AM– 4 PM**

Medina County Community Center, Medina Fairgrounds,

Medina, OH

\$6 admission, children under 12 free

### **Buckeye Model Trains & Railroad Artifacts Show**

**December 8 9 AM– 4 PM**

Ohio Expo Center, Lausche Building,

Columbus, OH

### **Massillon Train & Toy Show – December 9**

**10 AM– 3 PM**

Massillon Knights of Columbus Hall,

988 Cherry Rd NW, Massillon, OH

\$5 admission, children 12 and under free

### **Christmas Train & Toy Show – December 9**

**10 AM– 3:30 PM**

Lakeland Community College, Athletic & Fitness Center

Main Gym, Kirtland, OH

\$6 admission, \$12 family

### **DIVISION 1 2012-2013 MEETINGS & EVENTS**

November 18, 2012 - Whistle Stop Cuyahoga Falls

**December 15, 2012**

**HOLIDAY PARTY Erie Station Grill - Tallmadge**

January 20, 2013 - Bob Ashley, Jr. Akron Yacht Club

February 17, 2013 - Larry Brown - Ravenna

March 10, 2013 - OPEN

April 21, 2013 - Rob's Trains - Alliance

May 19, 2013 - Jim DiPola - Ravenna

June 16, 2013 - Rich Ramskugler - Columbiana

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