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Superintendent's Bulletin



Welcome back!! I hope everyone had a nice summer and you were able to enjoy yourselves doing what you like to do. And if some of that fun was railroad related that is very good. Whether it be rail fanning, a national convention or just running some trains summer is nice time to enjoy the relaxation and fun this hobby has to offer. The NMRA National Train Show offers a look at

new and revised products. If you can't attend a national convention the new offerings are reviewed on model railroad publications and web sites.

Did you do like I did over the summer and make a list of what you'd like to accomplish this coming year? A list, or a "honey do" railroad list as it's known in my house, puts in writing things that you think you'd like to get done. Putting a list in writing helps one to remember and make a direction in what you'd like to do. And if you're working on the NMRA Achievement Program writing things down will help you more effectively fill in the paperwork. Who knows, there may a budding author in one you down the road and you can write an article for the Peddler Freight.

One of the upcoming technologies that will add many new products for our hobby is 3D printing. This past August the Steel Mill Modelers, an NMRA Special Interest Group (SIG) held their annual convention in Bethlehem, PA. Products that were previously not available and difficult to scratch-build were displayed and for sale. In a future issue of the Peddler Freight I will post photos of some these items. There is an on line company, Shapeways, that offers items of interest to the Model Railroader. The great thing about 3D printing is that drawings with dimensions and a person with knowledge of computer design are all that is needed to get a project off the ground. We'll have more on 3D printing and laser cutting at a later date.

For our September event we will be traveling to the Cuyahoga Valley Terminal Model Railroad Association hosted by Division 1 member Frank Williamson. The Cuyahoga Valley Terminal is a layout that existed for many years in the basement of the Whistle Stop Hobby Shop in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. The layout was dismantled when the Whistle Stop closed its doors a few years

back. We are very happy to see the layout make a comeback.

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

Clinic Report

The clinic at our September Event will be presented by Derek Shoup and Steve Zapytowski. They will review various computer-aided modeling (CAM) programs.

Jim Peters
Clinician Chair

Seeking a new clinician chairperson. Please contact Jim Peters or a division officer.

2016 - 2017 Division 1 Meetings

September 23 - CVT Model RR Assoc.
October 15 - Sam Eisele
November 19 - Portland Locomotive Works
December - Banquet - Date/Location TBA
January 21 - TBA
February 18 - TBA
March 18 - TBA
April 15 - TBA
May 20 - Mike Bradley
June 24 - TBA

Interested in hosting a meeting?
Contact any Division 1 officer.

Module Group

“We head into the summer with no shows scheduled for the HO modules for the remainder of the year;” were my last words in June. Don Bonk sure changed that. Don made connections with the Stark County Fair and put us to work for seven days, 12 hours a day, with only one-month notice. What a fire drill.

We displayed our HO modules and NTRAK modules from Tuesday, 8-29-2017 to Monday, 9-4-2017, plus, Sunday, 8-27 and Monday, 8-28 for set up. We had 20' x 120' with curtains all around for our modules. Fair goers were awestruck by what they saw. We were a major attraction and the kids liked to operate the trains. The main difference here is that the viewers were not train hobbyist, with many being farmers with animals competing for ribbons. Many wondered why we had not been there before.

I hope to get Division 1, Stark County 4-H and Summit County 4-H involved in module train building and operation. It is one of their elective projects that they can pursue. David Crawford of The Ohio State University is in charge of the 4-H Youth Development Education. We have made contact with the 4-H on this matter. Division 4 and Medina 4-H have a very successful program and they can be seen on You Tube at NTS 2014. See: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9uN_ZZj0B4 and <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hHIRxiwEgJ0>.

My thanks go to Don and Carol Bonk, Bob Ashley, Jr., Dave Madden, Kurt and Karen Sanders, Jerry Kruse, Dennis and Denise Sautters, Jim and Launa Peters, Lloyd Horst, Joe Urbanski, Larry Brown, Glen Yoder, Ken Cefaratti from Sir Troy's Toy Kingdom, Patrick Wamsley, and Derek and Shoup for all their help in set up and operating the layouts. Please forgive me if I forgot someone. We needed to cover 48 hours minimum, each day, to have enough help to run (3) NTRAK loops and (2) HO loops. Multiple trains ran on each loop. We experienced little difficulty with the Digitrax DCC and the equipment.

To my delight, the food vendors were just outside the building and the BBQ Brisket sandwiches were terrific. Carolyn Vogenitz, my companion, and I enjoyed sharing one monster sandwich. The tractor pulls helped to brighten my day, also.

We are pleased to announce that Jon Ulbright has secured a very large building in Mt. Hope, about 10 miles south of Dalton and near Berlin in Wayne county. He has two shows scheduled for Saturday, March 24 and Saturday, November 3, 2018. This building will allow for more than 600 tables and give us more room for the modules. There will be more on these events later.

We are always looking for venues where we can display and operate our modules. We can be an added attraction for many events, i.e., Railroad Days, shows at event centers, library historical programs, student events, etc. Please call me or any Module Group member if you think you have a lead and make sure the event coordinator is aware of your concern

Bob Brock, from Division 2, Pittsburgh, would like to be able to adapt their Free-mo modules to our NMRA standard modules. It would be necessary to lower their modules 10" and build an interface module so they could hook-up to our layout and operate from our controls. He and I are both experienced with CAD drafting and will be designing something to do this.

We are hoping that we can build a T-module and Outside curves to allow the operation of an unused loop, or, add a yard when connected to another group. We will advise by email if we can get a work party to do that. Those who build a 4' x 2' module with scenery, which is eight square feet minimum, can apply for the "Golden Spike" and other AP awards.

Those of you who want a module contact me so I can order electrical components and more lumber. See my email and phone numbers below. We will schedule a date to build the module(s). The final price will be around \$110.00 for the kit.

Some of us have added on/off switches to our Digitrax throttles. This eliminates the need to remove the batteries or flip the battery sideways to turn it off and save the battery. I added a switch to my NCE Pro Cab, also, because it refused to fully shut down when not in use. These switches save on battery life and have worked very well.

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 generosity in funding the Division 1 Module Group is appreciated. Many of our new members joined at the shows.**

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Don Bonk, NTRAK, 330-418-6860 or donaldbonk@gmail.com N scale

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes
June 18, 2017
Jim DiPaola's, Ravenna, Ohio

- I. **Welcome:** The business meeting was called to order at 1:53 pm by Superintendent Jim DiPaola. Jim thanked Sam Isley for today's food. The contest awards will be passed out at the September meeting.
- II. **Treasurer's Report:** Report given by Treasurer Mike Bradley. A motion was made and seconded to accept the June, 2017 Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion passed. Mike stated that he is not comfortable doing our banking on-line and thinks the \$2 per month fee for a hard-copy statement is not excessive. Bob Ashley, Jr. stated that when he was treasurer, the region had an agreement with National City Bank that all the divisions did their banking with them and there were no fees for statements. Jim DiPaola will check with the region to see if such an agreement still exists.
- III. **Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the minutes for the May, 2017 meeting as they appeared in the Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded and passed.
- IV. **Membership:** Larry Brown was absent but Jim DiPaola that our membership was at 100 with a new member, Derek Shoup from Akron.
- V. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Clinics** – Jim DiPaola will make a presentation at the end of the meeting on building scenery from a "hands-on" session he attended at the regional convention.
 - B. **AP** – Members are encouraged to work on their Golden Spike and AP certificates.
 - C. **Peddler Freight** – Bruce Hukill reminded us that there would be no issues in July and August.
 - D. **Scale Update** – No report.
 - E. **Modules** – Bob Ashley Sr. reported that there were no shows to setup at in the near future. He stated that we need a space to set the modules up to work on them. Bob Ashley Jr's garage is not big enough.
 - 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** – Jim Williams asked if anyone had any ideas for new apparel. Bob Ashley, Sr. stated that he thought we ought to keep the selection small and manageable.
 - H. **Upcoming Events** –
 - A. 2017 National N Scale Convention is in Pittsburg, PA, June 21-25
 - B. MNRA National Convention is in Orlando, FL, July 30 – August 6
 - C. Steel Mill Modelers SIG is in Bethlehem, PA, August 13-16
- VI. **Division 1 Events:**
 - A. Jim DiPaola stated that the sites for all next year's meetings were open.
- VII. **Bring-n-Brag:**
 - A. Nothing reported.
- VIII. **Old Business:**
 - A. Jim DiPaola reported that our plans for the MCR 2019 Convention were approved at the regional convention in Louisville. Committees will be setup in September. Sam Isley will be the banquet chairman. Everyone registering for the convention will get a 10% discount card for use in the hotel restaurant. We will use the HO and N modules and we will sell vendor table space. Mike Bradley presented the idea of selling an HO convention car of the ACY Timken Roller Bearing boxcar which had advertising panels on its sides. Mike passed around a photograph of the car. It was suggested that an N-scale car kit could be offered.
 - B. Frank Williamson said that the Cuyahoga Valley RR will have an open house in September. It was agreed that the 3rd Saturday would work the best for our division to visit.
 - C. Bob Ashley Jr pointed out that last year we combined our flea market with the Portland Locomotive Works narrow gauge show and were to get part of the door fees. This had been proposed to be a yearly combined effort from which we would derive some income. No money has been received. Steve Zapytowski stated that the show lost money and they did not want to partner with us in the future. Jim DiPaola will look into the matter.
 - D. Bob Jr. also wanted to know if we wanted to have our traditional flea market at the Akron Yacht Club on the first Sunday in November. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to hold the flea market with Bob as the coordinator. The treasurer will issue a check for \$150 to reserve the Yacht Club for this date. Bob will make up flyers and send e-mails to the other divisions.
- IX. **New Business:**
 - A. Jim DiPaola reported that Don Deakins is going into hospice and is donating the model railroad items he has left to the module group.

The 50/50 raffle was held.
21 people attended.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The business meeting adjourned at 2:55 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Williams, Clerk

Division 1 membership as of August: 98

25th N-SCALE CONVENTION REPORT

The 25th National N-Scale Convention in Pittsburgh was just ducky. The Ducky Tours was across the street from the Hotel and Captain Kurt kept us afloat. Division One members enjoyed the 4-1/2 day event. Kurt and Karen Sanders, the Derek Shoups, Bruce Hukill, Jim Williams and Don and Carol Bonk attended all or part of the event. This was the first N Scale Enthusiast convention for all the Division 1 members. Those who took the all day pre-convention round trip tour by train or bus from Pittsburgh to Altoona shops and the curve were pleased with the access that they were given.



Our DUKW built 1943



Out of water



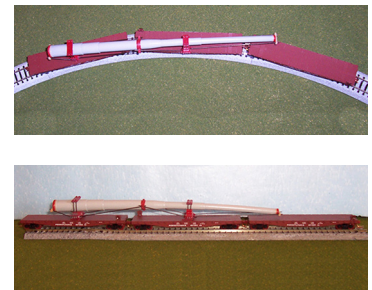
Kurt drives the DUWK



Kurt good driving award

There was lots of pie and cake available at the Welcome Reception on Wednesday evening along with surprise envelopes which contained between \$5 to \$250 vendor bucks. These bucks had to be used before 11:00 PM that evening to purchase donated items in the reception area. I was able to obtain three gondola scrap loads for my bucks. One couple from Utah at my table had \$155 to spend.

The vendors and the N-Scale Enthusiast introduced a large number of new engines and cars. There was a 2 car set of Pennsylvania Electric coal cars with the Ready Kilowatt figure on side. The two items below were of great interest. Nn3 Climax kit has great detail. The naval gun transport consist is important because of its local significance. Rumor has it that the 16" guns for Iowa Class battleships were hot rolled and pierced at Timken Roller Bearing in Canton. Rumored because during WWII loose lips sunk ships and the leaks like we have today were unheard of then. The 3 flat car consist can make the turn on a 15" radius curve, but it will look and function a lot better on ACY modules with 22 to 25 inch radius curves.

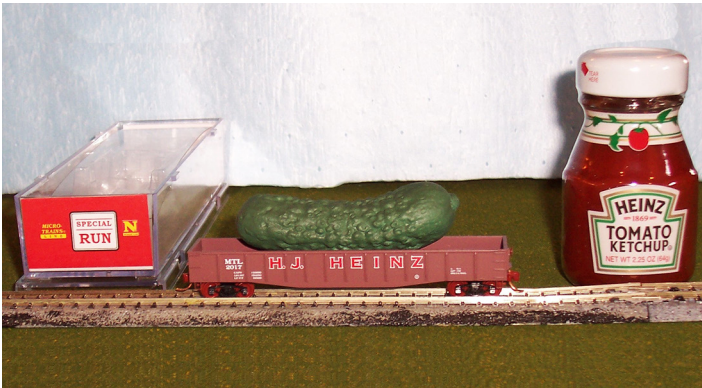


Division One members entered 4 items in the modeling contest. Don Bonk took 2nd place with his snow thrower in the MOW group of 7 items. Kurt Sander entered an extremely well done diorama, but faced a great deal of stiff competition in a field of 20. Personally, there were some items which should have been in a structures group instead of the dioramas.

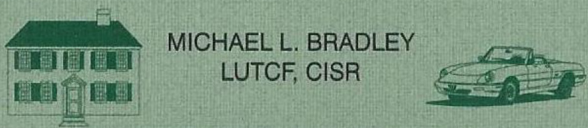

About 30 convention attendees showed up for the Division One "Why not a Pulp and Paper Mill" clinic. The two "Bar Mills Models" clinics were standing room only, after filling 50 seats. The "Bar Mills" clinic covered use, positioning, assemble and detailing their products as well as those of other vendors. The clinic on measuring prototype trackage from satellite photos was also very interesting. CDs were available from "Bar Mills Models" and others clinicians. The option to the "Bar Mills" clinics was the Friday dinner cruise that had great views of Pittsburgh and good food.

N-TRAK, T-TRAK modules and vendors each had a large ballroom of their own. These areas were also open to the general public Friday afternoon and on Saturday from 10 to 4. Unfortunately, the module viewing was cut short on Saturday when it was discovered that their ballrooms had been double booked by the Sheraton. The N-Scalers agreed to tear down early at 2:00 rather than cause an issue for bride and the scheduled wedding. The tear down did cause some problems with the general public who had suffered Pittsburgh traffic to reach the show. This is one of the items Division One's planning for the regional convention with module setups hopefully addressed. In addition, the original tear down schedule only allowed one hour for tear down, which proved to be inadequate.

The banquet on Saturday evening followed the usual format with three exceptions; every attendee received a whimsical Heinz Pickle car and 2-1/2 oz bottle of Heinz Ketchup at no additional cost. Swimming noodles were passed out to attendees who had an issue with the Board of Directors they so could exact some revenge. Raffle tickets sold during the convention were pulled and resulted in almost every conventioneer receiving a prize. Kurt Sanders won an Atlas 10 car Steel Train set. Division 1 prizes are shown below. (Pulp mill series to be continued next month.)




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Attention Layout Owners

There are plenty of opportunities to share your layout with fellow members in our division and region:

- **Annual Spring Layout Tour 2018**
April date TBA

- **Sunday self-guided Tour**
Regional Convention 2019

- **Thursday Operating session**
Regional Convention 2019

Contact me for details.

Jim Peters
Layout Tour Chairman

NMRA MCR Division 1 2016 - 2017 Final Year End Contest Results

Tabulated by Contest Co-Chairs, Matt Woods & Lloyd Horst
(NOTE: Awards to be presented at September 2017 Event)

STANDARD KIT

Mike Bradley	(1st Place)	24 points
Sam Eisele	(2nd Place)	8 points
David Hazlett	(3rd Place)	6 points
Bob Ashley, Jr.		4 points
Glenn Yoder		3 points
Matt Woods		2 points
Ray Lora		1 point
Bob Ashley, Sr.		1 point

KIT-BASHED

Mike Bradley	(1st Place)	24 points
Don Bonk	(2nd Place)	6 points
Frank Williamson	(3rd Place - tie)	4 points
Lloyd Horst	(3rd Place - tie)	4 points
Josh Cohen	(3rd Place - tie)	4 points
Ray Lora		3 points
Sam Eisele		3 points
Ryan Saltsman		3 points
Bruce Hukill		2 points
David Hazlett		1 point

CRAFTSMAN KIT

Matt Woods	(1st Place)	9 points
Don Avila	(2nd Place)	4 points
Sam Eisele	(3rd Place)	2 points
David Hazlett		1 point

SCRATCH BUILT

Matt Woods	(1st Place)	9 points
Frank Williamson	(2nd Place - tie)	2 points
Jim Peters	(2nd Place - tie)	2 points
Ray Lora	(3rd Place)	1 point

NMRA MCR Division 1 Contest Topics 2017-18

September 2017 - Hobo Camps

Small vignette or diorama with figures, makeshift shelter, fire, junk, etc. Use your imagination.

October 2017 - Small Steam

Docksiders (0-4-0), 4-4-0, 2-6-0

November 2017 - Railroad Cranes

Big hooks, burro cranes, Barnhart log loaders, etc.

December 2017 - Christmas Party - no contest

January 2018 - Atlas Water Tower

Put your own spin on this classic kit that everyone has. If you don't have one, pick one up and paint and detail it.

February 2018 - Bridges

Trestles, steel girder bridges, covered bridges, etc.
Photo or actual bridge.

March 2018 - Photos

Model only (not prototype photos)

Mounted on card stock or other material

April 2018 - Dioramas

Track long enough to hold at least one piece of rolling stock
At least one building or structure

Two Categories (Double points awarded)

Scratch Built/Craftsman Kit

Standard Kit/Kit-Bashed

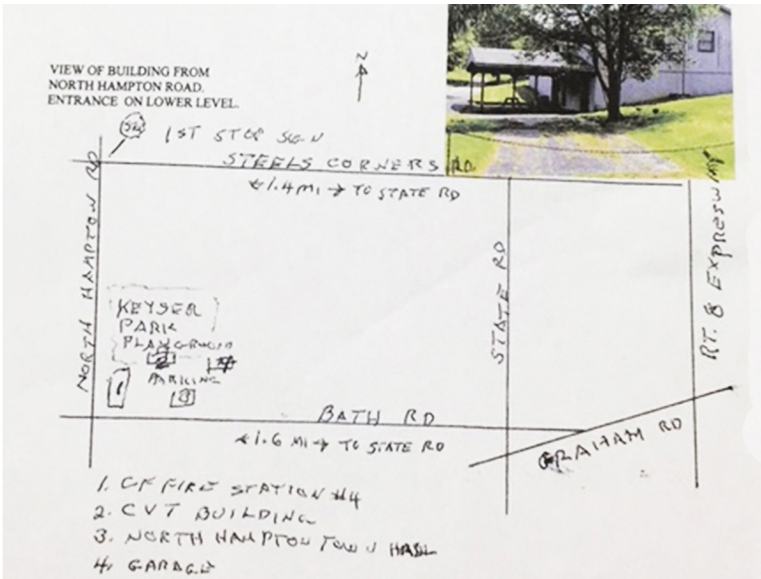
See March 2017 Peddler Freight for details

May 2018 - Trees

Any species or season, in diorama or stand alone

June 2018 - Awards

N/A



THIS MONTH'S EVENT
Saturday, Sept. 23, 2017
Host - Cuyahoga Valley Terminal
Model Railroad Association
Intersection of Bath and North Hampton
Roads in Cuyahoga Falls.
1 - 4 PM

Come see the new meeting site and HO layout which is under construction, but is operational.

Business meeting will be at 2 PM.

Train Shows and Open Houses

Canfield Train and Toy Show - September 23

Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana
 Canfield, OH 44406
 Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM
 Phone: (330) 651-1042

Independence Train Show - September 30

Independence Elmwood Park - Recreation Center
 W. Pete Wisnieski Pkwy., Independence, OH 44131
 Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM
 Phone: (216) 642-0692 Email: kdtrains@att.net

The Great Berea Train Show - October 7 - 8

NMRA Div 4 - Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
 164 Eastland Rd., Berea, OH 44017
 Admission \$8.00 10 AM - 4 PM
 Phone: (440) 785-9907

Oktoberfest - October 14

Painesville Railroad Museum (aka Painesville Depot)
 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, OH 44077
 Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 5 PM
 Phone: (216) 470-5780

Norwalk & Western RR Model Train Show - Oct. 15

EHOVE Career Center, 316 West Mason Road
 Milan, OH 44846
 Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM
 Phone: (419) 706-8038

Antique Toy & Diecast Show - October 21

Lakeland Community College
 Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Auxiliary Gym
 7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, OH 44094
 Admission \$6.00 9 AM - 2 PM

Lake Erie and Southern Railroad Model Train and Toy Show - October 22

Ernsthausen Center, City of Norwalk Parks and Recreation, 100 Republic St., Norwalk, OH 44857
 Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM
 Phone: (419) 681-2563

Train Collectors Association - Winter Train Meet - October 28

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
 Admission \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM
 Phone: Ed Mularz (440) 665-0882



Achievement Program

As always, if you have any questions, just contact me. Interested in becoming the division's AP chair? Let me or an officer know.

Jim Peters
 AP Chair

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