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Superintendent's Bulletin



At our January 2020 Event at the Kent Free Library member Sam Eisele spoke about us sharing our knowledge and skills with each other outside of our monthly events. Each one of us has something to contribute to making our model railroading experience better. That knowledge can be range from having a skill or technique to help one build a better model to knowledge of a particular

prototype railroad or industry. Our monthly event is good for getting people in one place. So, take advantage of that event and bring a question that you need answered.

Bring your project you're working on that has stalled out because you're not happy with how it looks. Or get someone's contact information. Your Division Officers have their contact information on the website and in the Peddler Freight. Get in touch with them if you need help. Smart phones and computers make getting in touch with each other easier, so there is no excuse for not asking for help. Even with all the modern electronic media the oldest form of "Social Media" is still available and will be for a long time to come, face to face communication. It's free, doesn't rely on a battery or charge and doesn't require upgrades that only make things more difficult. So, I challenge everyone who comes to the February Event at the Kent Free Library to bring a question, model or prototype railroad related, that they would like answered.

At our February event we'll need to appoint an Election Committee to find candidates for the positions of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer. Both Assistant Superintendent Steve Zapytowski and I have reached our term limits and are unable to be re-elected to our current held positions. The treasurer's position **has no** term limits so Mike Bradley is eligible for re-election.

We will have a clinician at our February Event. Chip Syme, Division 1 member and retired Norfolk Southern Engineer, will speak about operations on his layout. Chip's career spanned the Penn Central and Conrail eras into Norfolk Southern. Chip has a full-size diesel locomotive control stand that can be used as a throttle for running trains on his layout. Chip's layout can be viewed **online at** www.moosevalley.org/engrchip.

Our February Event is again at the Kent Free Library, Kent, Ohio at 2 PM. Please bring your own non-alcoholic

drink and you are welcome to bring snacks to share. Paper plates and napkins will be provided.

Don't forget to register for the 2020 MCR Convention, *Steel City Express*, hosted by Division 2, May 28 - 31, 2020, Pittsburgh, PA.

All Aboard!!

Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Division

Module Group

Our next HO module setup will be at Mt. Hope show on Saturday, February 29, 2020. Set up will be at 3:00 on Friday, February 28. We will need as many helpers down at Mt. Hope as we can get, we only have a four to five hour window to get things set up before we have to leave the building for the night.

Some of us are going to spend the night at the motel in front of the show to offset the drive time, but that is a personal decision.

See you at the meeting,

Bob Ashley, Jr., Module Chair
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2019 - 20 Division 1 Events

February 16 - Kent Free Library
March 15 - Sebring
April 29 - Jim Peters, Sagamore Hills
May 17 - Kurt & Karen Sanders
June 28 - Bob Ashley, Jr., Green

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

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
January 19, 2020

1. Welcome:

- ~ The January meeting of Division 1 was held at the Kent Free Library. Many thanks to all who braved the cold to attend.
- ~ The business meeting was called to order by Superintendent Jim DiPaola at 2:04 PM.
- ~ Nineteen attendees.

2. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Sam Eisele brought a HO snowblower kit bashed from various parts including computer components.
- ~ Glenn Yoder brought an HO Norfolk Southern SD-70.
- ~ Bruce Hukill brought an HO "Bruce graffiti" box car. Graffiti was hand applied by a graffiti artist acquaintance.
- ~ Jim DiPaola brought information on a company named Deluxe Materials. They're developing a glue for people allergic to super glue. They have other products such as track cleaner and powdered metal to use weighting cars. They also have a chart for the various glues used for specific materials which Jim has asked to be added to the Division website.
- ~ Jim Peters brought a track planning magazine as well as the Division 1 HO 40' gondolas with loads he built including rust from a Ford he used to own and maybe kept around too long.
- ~ Kurt Sanders brought a home-made cable tester used to test various electronic cables such as the jumpers between modules.

3. Superintendent Announcements: Jim DiPaola

- ~ March meeting may be at the Sebring Model RR Club.
- ~ April meeting conflicts with the Salem flea market and is moved to April 29. Location, Jim and Luanne Peters home in Northfield.
- ~ May meeting at the home of Kurt and Karen Sanders.
- ~ June meeting at the home of Bob Ashley Jr.
- ~ May 28-31 is the Regional convention in Pittsburgh.
- ~ July 12-18 National Convention in St. Louis.
- ~ Train shows are listed in the Peddler Freight.
- ~ Local shows of interest
 - Mt Hope Show, February 29.
 - Midwest Scale Show, Salem, March 27-28.
 - Iron & Steel Spring Rail Fest, Campbell, March 29
 - Youngstown MRR Club Show, Salem, April 19.
- ~ The Mid Central Region will attempt to compile a "Clinic Database."

4. Minutes: November minutes were approved. Motion made by Sam Eisele, seconded by Bob Ashley, Jr.

5. Treasurer: Mike Bradley

- ~ Checking account balance is \$6,694.
- ~ Income since last report \$0. Expenses \$0.
- ~ Module Fund balance is \$1,762.
- ~ CD balance is \$3,071.
- ~ Money Market balance is \$10,001.81.
- ~ Treasurer report approved. Motion made by Lloyd Horst, seconded by many.
- ~ Mike also inventoried the various Division 1 property such as kits, apparel, and patches.

6. Peddler freight Committee: Bruce Hukill

- ~ Hard copy donation is \$5 for those wishing to receive hard copy.
- ~ The cost to the Division for printing and postage is roughly \$16.00/month.
- ~ Thanks to subscribers for donations.

7. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst.

- ~ Jim DiPaola received an Association Official Certificate.
- ~ Jeff Stone received an Association Volunteer Certificate.
- ~ Discussion on ideas for earning certificates.

8. Membership Committee: Kurt Sanders

- ~ Thanks to Jim Peters and Jerry Kruse for help at Salem show.
- ~ Always need help to man table at shows.
- ~ Membership @ 96 with 1 new member.
- ~ Welcome to Joe Perrow, guest of Chuck Altwies.

9. Module Committee: Bob Ashley, Jr

- ~ Age of Steam report can be found in the Peddler Freight. Additionally, Bob reported that @ 10-30 people visited the display each weekday with 500 people visiting for the W&LE Christmas party. The modules will also be invited for a larger display in the roundhouse during the Railfest in summer (dates not published).
- ~ Salem show went well with enough members for set-up, operation, and tear-down.
- ~ Mt. Hope show set-up will be 2:00 on Friday.

10. Old Business: Clinic Chairman position vacant.

11. New Business:

- ~ Sam Eisele won the 50/50 which netted \$25 for the Division.
- ~ Kurt Sanders won the *2020 Model Railroad Planning* magazine drawing.
- ~ Kurt Sanders gauged T-Trak interest.
- ~ Jim DiPaola announced that next meeting we have to form an election committee.

12. Good of the Order:

- ~ Bob Ashley, Jr accepted invitation for module group at Pittsburgh and Erie conventions.
- ~ Jim Peters offered that new members be invited to his layout to see how an operations layout works.
- ~ Glenn Yoder and Don Bonk talked about western flag railroad motive power passes through Orrville frequently.
- ~ Sam Eisele spoke about capitalizing on the talents of our group and helping each other out. It's important to share talents with other members.

10. Adjournment: Motion passed at 3:25 PM to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone,
Clerk, Division 1.

N-SCALE REPORT

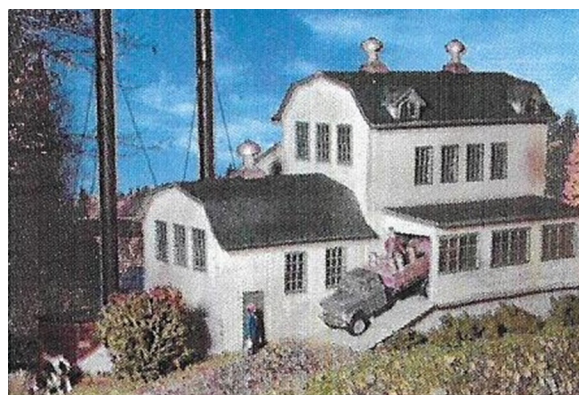
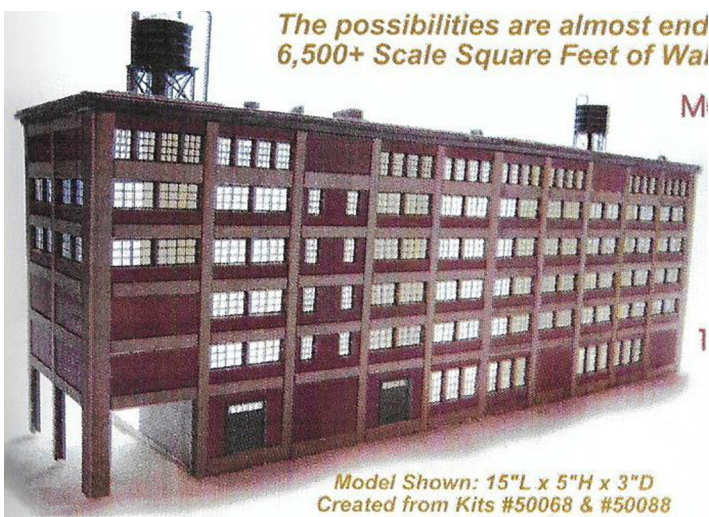
T-TRAK Layout at May Event announced by our host Kurt Sanders is coming together nicely since there has been a commitment for 2 corner modules which means a total of 4 are available allowing for setup of a complete loop. Currently at least three straights are also available and Kurt believes owners of additional Division 1 T-TRAK modules will commit to the May layout.

All Scale Show in Salem. Layout should contain one or more new NTRAK modules and a replacement Area 51 module. The end of March will be here shortly and repairs to the Geezer Gate and Sleeping Woman Mountain are needed. Also need to check out other modules and this will require a work a day in late February.

Al's Trains of Bedford and the Stolen Locomotive made the Cleveland TV news December 19, 2019. If you missed it, after buying over \$800+ in trains and accessories, while one man checked out the other deliberately put a \$350 Lionel diesel engine into a box with his purchases. After the media blitz an anonymous attempt at restitution was made. Regardless Bedford Police would still like to have a discussion with these gentlemen. The photos below show suspects. When you're set up at a show or have an open house, keep your eyes open for this pair.



N Scale Architect is this month's vendor. The N Scale Architect is known for its N detail prototype kits like those shown below. Note the items shown are also available in HO and Z. The Creamery operated from 1892 to 1960. The Curtain Wall Panel System shown is 2 panel kits, 2 tanks kits and ductwork/details.



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Don Bonk
NTRAK/T-TRAK Chair

Achievement Program

Do you know the requirements for the different Certificates? The Golden Spike? If you have been in the hobby for a while you may already have some of the items needed for a certificate: Cars? Structures? Scenery? If you were on the committee planning the Regional Convention, you may have enough points for Association Volunteer.

The NMRA website has all the information you need to help you earn a Certificate. Check it out. If you have any questions contact me and we will figure it out.

At the January Event Jim DiPaola (right) received his Association Official Certificate and Jeff Stone (below right) was awarded an Association Volunteer Certificate. They are now one step closer to receiving their MMR.



Lloyd Horst
AP Chair

Membership Report

We have two new members in Division 1, Ray Kubit and Joe Perrow. Thanks for joining and welcome to Division 1. Thanks to Steve Zapytowski and Chuck Altwies for volunteering their time to help out at the membership table for the Midwest Scale Train Show in March.

I am looking for volunteers to help at the membership table at these upcoming shows:

Mount Hope Toy and Train Show on February 29

Iron and Steel, Spring Rail Fest in Campbell on March 29

The Youngstown Model Railroad Association Show in Salem, Ohio on April 19

If you would like to volunteer to help at any of these shows please contact Kurt Sanders at 330-518-4245, KSand0906@aol.com, or tell me at a meeting or a train show. It's a great opportunity to talk about the hobby and the NMRA to a lot of people who attend the train shows and you usually get into the show for free since you are working at a table.

Membership stands at 96. Let's all work together to try to get new members to join our organization.



Kurt Sanders
Membership Chair

Layout Tours Mohoning and Columbiana Counties

Saturday, April 4, 2020 Time: Noon – 3 PM

We have a pool of 15 layouts, so I divided them up into three groups in six counties. Unfortunately, we have no layouts in Tuscarawas, Trumbull, Carroll & Harrison. Maybe with your help we can change that. Contact me with any potential layouts of NMRA members, home or club, in those counties. If you live in one of these counties, why not open your house up for a visit? We'd love to see your layout.

In the meantime, I will be contacting YMRA, Jim Pope, Sebring, Rick Ramskrugler and Chuck Rheutan to confirm they will host. More details in March.

Share any thoughts you may have on our layout tour either at a meeting or via email. If sharing at a meeting, a business card or slip of paper with your info would be appreciated.

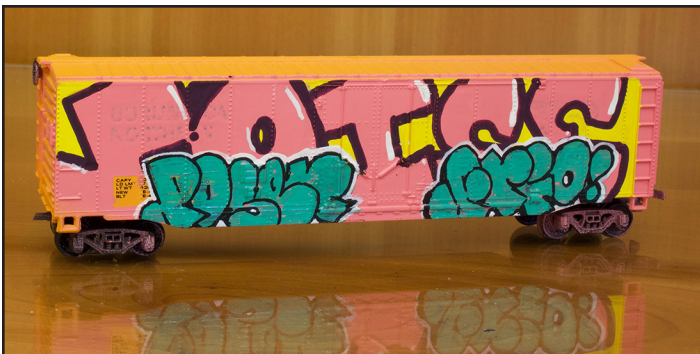
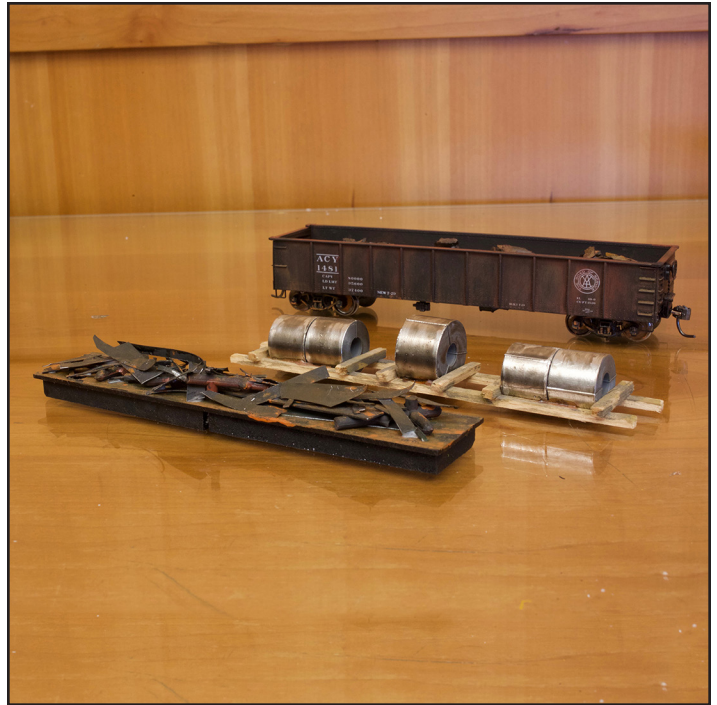
Have you added anything to your layout since our last event? Send me a photo and I will work it into my report. Thanks!

Jim Peters
Layout Tour Chair

DIVISION 1 Exhibition Topic - February Topics - Cabooses

This month's Exhibition Topic is the caboose. Any style, any era, from a four wheel home shop made bobber to a large drover's palace. All are welcome. Please bring your items to the February Event and share with the Division. For March, feel free to bring in any steam or diesel locomotives. They can be Docksiders, 70 tonners, Big Boys, just about any motive power you want to share.

Matt Woods
Lloyd Horst
Exhibition Chairs



Glenn Yoder (counterclockwise from above) displayed an HO Norfolk Southern SD70ACC he purchased; Jim Peters displayed his weathered version of the HO AC&Y gondolas with various loads that Division 1 sold at last years MCR convention; Sam Eisele's scratchbuilt award winning HO Union Pacific jet engine snow melter; Bruce Hukill displayed an HO boxcar with graffiti applied by "Foise," a Philadelphia based graffiti artist.

Trainfest 2019

I was able to enjoy my third Trainfest this past November, again attending with former Division 1 member Jim Williams. Usually we would drive together to the Wisconsin State Fair Park in West Allis, WI where Trainfest is held. For 2019 I met Jim at Milwaukee's General Mitchell International Airport as he flew in from his new home in Stone Mountain, Georgia. Division 1 members Rich and Marilyn Ramskugler also made the trip to Milwaukee. Trainfest is staged by the WISE Division of the National Model Railroad Association.

I have come to enjoy the annual Trainfest for a variety of reasons. There are the manufacturers with glitzy display booths showcasing their new and future products. There are the many independent vendors where one might just find that missing model railroad item, perhaps even at a great price. Also, the many model train layouts dominating the display floor from LEGO kingdoms to scale model layouts where fine craftsmanship prevails to ride-on trains for the kids. But by far, I've come to enjoy the camaraderie of meeting up with fellow NTRAK model railroaders.

Jim and I bring a module or two and numerous trains to run on the collaborative NTRAK layout organized by Milwaukee Area NTRAK (MANTRAK). This year's layout was comprised of about 50 modules primarily from MANTRAK and North-West NTRAK from the Chicago area. After running trains all day Saturday, we attended a dinner put together by MANTRAK. Following the dinner Jim and I were able to attend an open house of the North American Prototype Modelers club. Their HO scale layout was tremendous. I would definitely classify MAPM's display as a must see.

After teardown Sunday evening, I set out early Monday morning for a nice drive back to Ohio in an early winter snowstorm, while Jim flew back to Georgia.

The 2020 Trainfest will be held on November 14-15, 2020. For the first time, in addition to the over 70 layouts featured at Trainfest, an international exhibition of displays will be coming to Wisconsin. Layouts from Great Britain, the Swiss Alps, Asia and Australia are planned. A 40' British layout featuring the preparations for the D-Day invasion, 'Operation Overlord' is scheduled to appear. See www.trainfest.com for more details.

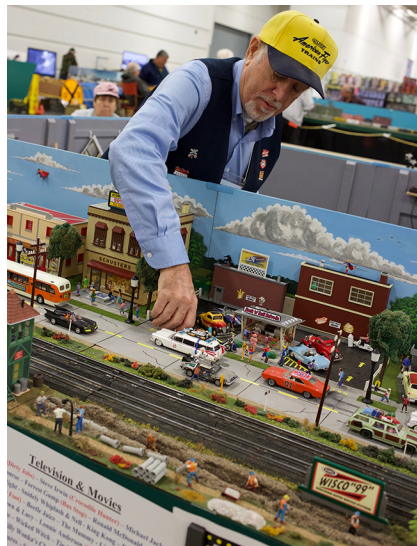
Bruce Hukill
Editor, Peddler Freight



Three Trainfest participant plates are attached to my NTRAK module. A different railroad was featured for each year with a large display of historical photographs and artifacts.



(above) A scene from one of Roman Urbanski's NTRAK modules. Roman is a member of NorthWest NTRAK from the Chicago area. (right) This S scale layout features scenes from hundreds of movies and TV shows. In this picture alone are models featuring *Ghost Busters*, *Batman*, *Dukes of Hazzard*, *Back to the Future* and *National Lampoon's Vacation*. (far right) Both father and daughter know it's better to view a layout at eye level.



THIS MONTH'S MEETING
Sunday, February 16, 2020
Kent Free Library
312 W. Main Street
Kent, Ohio 44240
2 PM

We will meet on the second floor. Please bring a snack to share and a beverage for yourself.
 There will be a table for sale items.

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Train Shows and Open Houses

Mt. Hope Train & Toy Show— February 29, 2020

Mt. Hope Event Center
8076 St. Rt. 241, Mt. Hope, OH 44660
Admission: \$5.00, under 12 Free

10 AM - 4 PM

HO Modules will be running!

Independence Train & Toy Show – March 7, 2020

Independence High School Field House
6001 Archwood, Independence, OH 44131
Admission: \$6.00, under 12, Free 10 AM - 3 PM

28th Midwest Scale Train Show – March 27 - 28, 2020

Salem Centerplex
1098 N. Ellworth Ave., Salem, OH 44460
Admission: \$15.00 per day or \$25.00 for both days
Fri. Noon - 7 PM Sat. 9 AM - 4 PM

NTRAK Modules will be running!

Iron & Steel, Spring Rail Fest – March 29, 2020

St. Lucy Palermo Banquet Center
394 Tenney Ave., Campbell, OH 44405
Admission: \$5.00, under 12 Free 10 AM - 3 PM
Handicapped Accessible

Division 1 Layout Tours – April 4, 2020

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Admission: Free

Noon - 3:00 PM

Toy Train & Model RR Flea Mkt. – April 19, 2020

Salem Center Plex
1098 N. Ellworth Ave., Salem, OH 44460
Admission: \$5.00, 10 AM - 3:30 PM

2020 Steel City Express – May 28 - 31, 2020

Mid-Central Region Convention, Pittsburgh, PA

www.keystonedivision.org/convention/index.html

12th Ohio N-Scale Weekend – May 15 - 17, 2020

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