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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Another successful Mid-Central Region convention is behind us. Division 2 in Pittsburgh put on a great show with 278 in attendance. David Hazlett and I helped with the model judging on Saturday of the convention. Division 1 sold \$238.50 worth of books at the white elephant sale. Next year Division 3 will hold the convention in Dayton, OH. The theme will be model railroad operations. I will pass along the details when they become available.

This month our module group will hit the road again and participate with Division 4 in the Thomas the Tank Days on the CVSR at Boston Mill Ski Resort, May 19-20, 25-27. We are always looking for volunteers even if you don't have a module. See Bob Ashley, Sr for more details.



It is getting close to the end of the 2011-2012 meeting season. We have the following meeting months open for the 2012-2013 meeting season; October 2012, February 2013, March 2013, May 2013 and June 2013. If you have an interest in holding a meeting or have a venue suggestion please let me know.

This month we will meet at Jim DiPola's house in Ravenna, OH and have our election. See you there!

Randy Dettmer  
Superintendent  
NMRA MCR Div 1

### Meeting Dates & Locations for 2011-2012

June 10 - Bill Hewitt - Copley

## Train Shows and Open Houses – May thru June

Model Railroad Day - May 12 – 10AM-4PM  
Dubois Mall, I80 Exit 101, 1 mi south on PA Rt 255,  
Dubois, PA

Durand Railroad Days – May 20 – 11AM-4PM  
Durand Middle School, 9550 E Lansing Rd, Durand, MI  
\$4 admission, children under 10 free

Western Reserve RR Association Rail Fanning Day –  
May 19 – 10AM-5PM  
Painesville Depot, 475 Railroad St, Painesville, OH

Model Train Show – June 16 – 9AM – 4:30PM  
OC&T Station, 409 S Perry St, Titusville, PA  
\$2 admission, children under 10 free

Day Out With Thomas – May 19, 20, 25, 26, 27 –  
9AM-5:30PM  
Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad  
For details and tickets see web site at [www.cvsr.com](http://www.cvsr.com)

**Division 1, MCR, NMRA Meeting Minutes**  
**April 15, 2012**  
**Host: David & Betty Hazlett**

1. The meeting started at 2:01 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked David and Betty for hosting the meeting.
2. A motion to accept the March Minutes as printed was made and seconded. It passed.
3. Bob Ashley, Jr., Treasurer, gave the Treasurer's Report. A motion to accept the report, subject to audit, was made and seconded. It passed.
4. Larry Brown reported we have three new members, eight renewals and at total of 101 members.
5. Committee Reports:
  - A. Modules - Bob Ashley, Sr. reported that the joint meet with Division 4 at the Dalton show went well. He also reported that another joint meet is scheduled for the CVSR on May 20. As always, the module group is looking for participation. Contact Bob, if you want help or are interested in having your module at the National Convention in July.
  - B. Clinics - Jim Peters thanked all for volunteering their talents to share with the division.
  - C. NMRA 2014 - No recent meeting has been held.
6. Old Business: The election process was explained by David Hazlett. There were no new nominations. Ballots will be in the *May Peddler Freight* which must be mailed to each member, as per the By-Laws. Ballots are to be mailed to the designated member or returned in person at the May meeting. No proxy voting will be accepted. Since the three candidates for Superintendent, Asst. Superintendent and Treasurer are uncontested, Bob Ashley Jr. moved to have the clerk cast a unanimous ballot to save the division money in related costs. The motion was seconded by Don Bonk. The motion failed. There is a question as to its legality. Jim Peters will solicit advice on the issue at the MCR BOD meeting in April.
7. New Business:
  - A. Randy Dettmer reported that he will take many of the Dave Riggle books to sell at the MCR convention. (Note: My understanding is that all the books were purchased after the meeting).
  - B. Division 4 has invited us to join them for a picnic tentatively scheduled on Saturday, July 21. Details to follow.
  - C. Randy Dettmer asked the members if they had any input for the MCR BOD meeting in April.
8. Clinic – David Hazlett concluded the mini-series on Grain Elevators by sharing over 100 slides of critters. The clinic was nicely projected on the TV screen for all to enjoy. It was suggested that perhaps a clinic on weathering would be of interest for next year.
9. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Peters, Substitute Secretary





## Clinic Report

### Clinic Report

On behalf of the division, I'd like to thank David Hazlett for hosting and sharing all his "critter" photos. With this, we have concluded a tripartite series on Granaries. Next month, Larry Brown will be discussing JMRI. If you are interested in putting on a clinic, see me at the meeting. Next year is filling up fast!



Clinic Chair, Jim Peters

## Members Report April-May 2012

### New Members April-May

Roger Durfee

Bruce Hukill

Raymond Kawolics

Richard Hukill

### Renewals/ Re-Rails April-May

Dinon Boyer

Frederick Shape

Paul Chapple

David Gould

Jim DiPaola

Richard Melvin

David Huston

Richard Ramskugler

Tony Lamonica

Dennis Sautters

Tom Randel

Joseph Urbanski

Norman Robinson

**Welcome to all the new members!**  
**The membership now stands at**  
**98**

I look forward to meeting you on May  
 20<sup>th</sup> at - Jim DiPaola's in Ravenna

### Voluntary Roster Participation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_

eMail: \_\_\_\_\_ Scale(s): \_\_\_\_\_

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You can mail this to me or send me your info via e-mail: [gemstonemine@yahoo.com](mailto:gemstonemine@yahoo.com) .  
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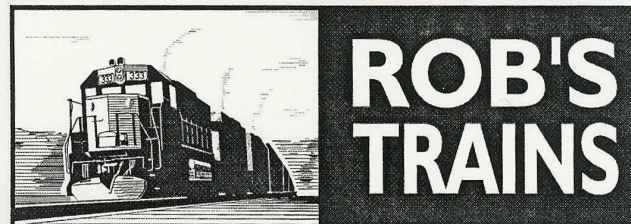
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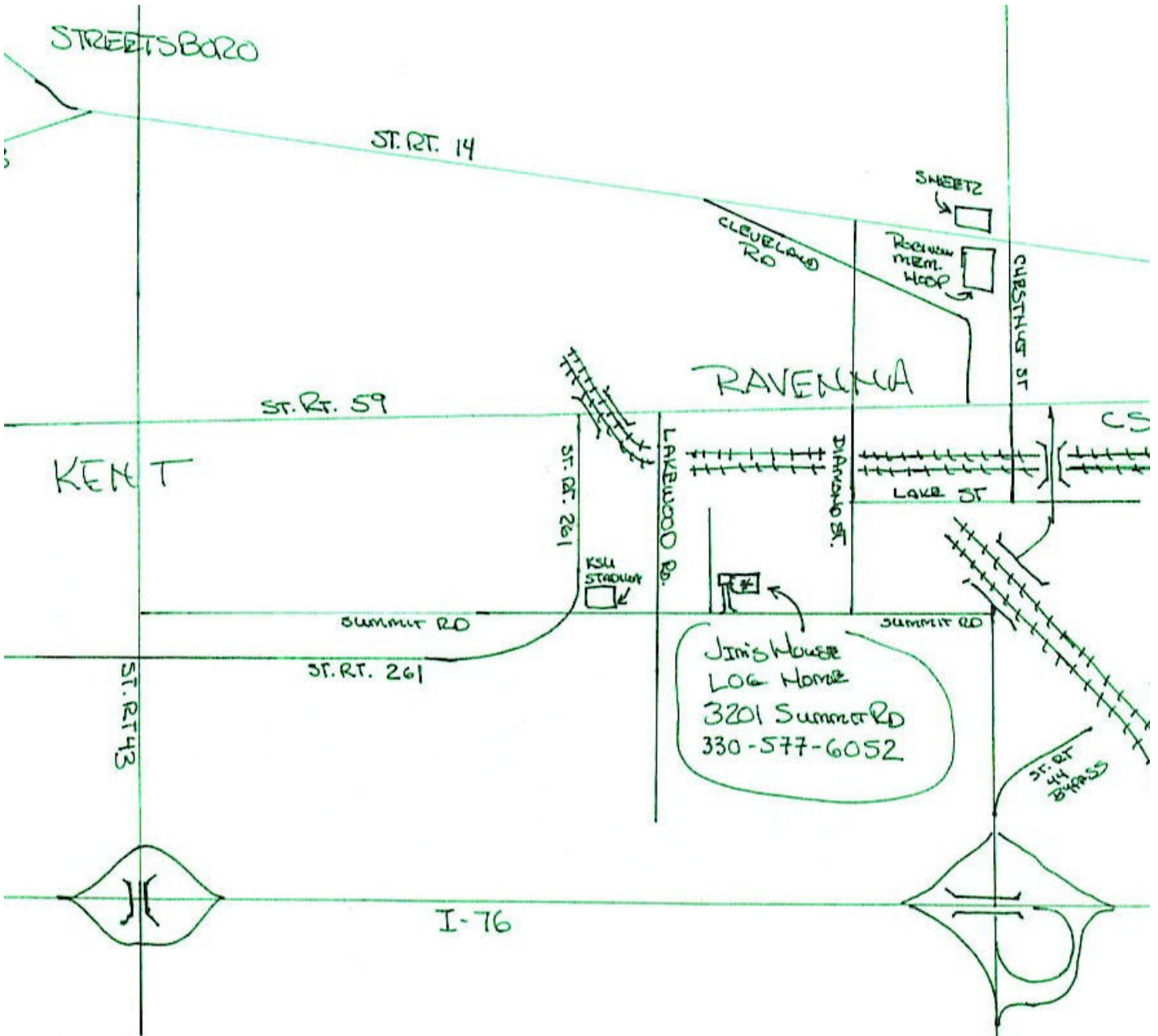
You, too, can have a Pike Ad like the two above. The price is \$5 per year. Contact the Editor.

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING  
is on Sunday, May 20  
at Jim DiPaolo's in Ravenna**

Jim is at 3201 Summit Road, Ravenna OH. 44266 and can be reached at 330-577-6052.

Meeting will begin at 2:00 PM. Jim will provide snacks and beverages.

There should be plenty of room to park on the driveway and **grass if the weather is dry.**  
If it rains, people may have to park on Westwood Drive which runs beside my property.



**APRIL RESULTS**  
**LINE SIDE STRUCTURE**

**Standard Kit**

Jim DiPaola - 3 pts  
 Bill Hewitt - 2 pts  
 David Hazlett - 1 pt

**Scratch-Built**

Don Deakins - 2 pts  
 Don Bonk - 1 pt

**Craftsman Kit**

Don Deakins - 1 pt

**Scratch-Built**  
**Don Deakins**



**Scratch- Built**  
**Don Bonk**



**Standard Kit**  
**Jim DiPaola**



**Standard Kit**  
**David Hazlett**

**Standard Kit**  
**Bill Hewitt**



**DIVISION 1 CONTEST**

**MODEL CONTEST TOPICS**  
**FOR 2011-2012**

May - Steam Locomotive  
 June - Awards Program



**CURRENT STANDINGS**

**Standard Kit**

Jim DiPaola - 10 pts  
 Don Deakins - 3 pts  
 Bill Hewitt - 3 pts  
 Jim Williams - 3 pts  
 Don Avila - 2 pts  
 Frank Williamson - 2 pts  
 Don Bonk - 1 pt  
 Randy Dettmer - 1 pt  
 David Hazlett - 1pt

**Kit-Bashed**

Jim Williams - 5 pts  
 Bill Hewitt - 2 pts  
 Don Deakins - 1 pt  
 Glenn Yoder - 1 pt

**Scratch-Built**

Don Deakins - 2 pts  
 Don Bonk - 1pt  
 Jim Williams - 1 pt

**Craftsman Kit**

Don Deakins - 1 pt  
 Bill Hewitt - 1 pt



## MODULE GROUP

The Ron Shoemaker modules are now available for use. Roadbed, track and wiring were added to one module. Lloyd Horst took the second module and he is mounting roadbed, track and electrics. He will also add scenery. The first module is ready for scenery. If you are interested in doing this, please contact me.

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. We also realize we need more UTP's on the front of the modules. This will be done before the next Dalton Show.

Our next scheduled module display will be a joint meet with Divisions 1 and 4 at the "Day Out With Thomas" event at the CVSR. We will set up the modules on Thursday, 5-17-2012 at 4:00 pm. The event dates are Saturday and Sunday, May 19 and 20, and Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 25, 26 and 27, 2012, from 8:30AM to 5:00 PM, at the Boston Mills Ski Resort parking lot north of Peninsula, Ohio on Riverview Road. We will be using the Division 4's NCE Power system. David Hazlett and I have offered the use of our NCE throttles, again, for this event. Scott Benson, Div 4, module coordinator, is working out the details of the layout and it is pending. Security will be in force starting Tuesday, 5-15-2012 through Monday 5-28-2012.

Please sign up to work the above dates. On the event dates, we will be working two shifts, from 8:30 AM to 1:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 5:30 PM each day. We will also have a manned Promotional Table with NMRA information for all the divisions. Call me or send an e-mail with the date and times you will be willing to work. Our hours also will be helping the Cuyahoga Valley National Park earn funding to operate the park. Our May meeting is also on Sunday, May 20. We will be able to leave the event long enough to attend the meeting and vote for the 2012/2014 officers.

Come on guys, this is the last big event for the 2011/2012 season and we need your help. Ask anyone who worked last year about the good time we had working with Division 4. You won't believe the smiles on the 30,000 parents and children who pass through this event.

We 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 all summer to work on the details before the next showing. This is a large job and should have a team effort. Contact me if you are willing to help.

I have five modules, at my home, ready to assemble. The price per module is \$67.00 each for the materials and \$33.00 each for the wiring kit and the mandatory NCE UTP Fascia Panel Socket for plugging in your throttle is available for \$17.00 from me or at The Whistle Stop. This is a great summer project. "Come on. You know you want one".

I am also 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. We are hoping to have them ready for next November, at the Buckeye Event Center along with the HO modules.

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.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or [rashleysr@msn.com](mailto:rashleysr@msn.com)

## N SCALE NEWS

[http://www.zcentralstation.com/index.php?option=com\\_kunena&func=view&catid=34&id=13676&Itemid=212#13676](http://www.zcentralstation.com/index.php?option=com_kunena&func=view&catid=34&id=13676&Itemid=212#13676)

**This company/David K Smith produces pressure molded building Z-Scale kits and along with another company producing all the laser cut parts. The results are buildings with detail better than seen in any other scale. David is well known in the Z Scale community and has done things in the Z Scale not done in other scales and is nearly a Wikipedia of detailed and exacting information not available elsewhere. He is almost always 3 steps ahead of any potential competition.**

**Last week there was a Z-Scale convention in Denver and this new style coupler was announced. Admittedly it seems to be far in the future, but based on past announcements and availability - the couplers will be here looooong before 2014.**

**Don Avila**

## F9s Still Rules in 2012

At 3:00 PM March 16, 2012 I thought I had fallen down the rabbit hole. While working on a friend's farm next the double track main north of Orrville I looked up and saw an F-Unit approaching from the East. In fact it was 4 F9s (A-B-B-A) pulling beautifully finished passenger cars including a vista dome car. One troubling thing was the lead F9 sported the Norfolk-Southern Horse. Found a photo of locomotive consist taken March 17, 2012 at [www.TheDieselShop.us/NS.html](http://www.TheDieselShop.us/NS.html). Also found out that this is the Norfolk-Southern Executive Train and there are many photos to be found under that title on the internet. Seems I've been asleep. This train has been running around northeastern Ohio for years based upon Akron Railroad Club photos. The best point of this whole experience is that if you model the era starting around the year 2000, a classy passenger train based upon the NS Executive could be run on your layout. How about a great tour for 2014 National Convention.

Don Bonk

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Welcome to the April 2012 InfoNet News eblast! ***What's going on at National!***

Fundraising has begun for the **"Magic of Scale Model Railroading" gallery** at the California State Railroad Museum in Sacramento, CA. As your members will probably recall, this gallery will introduce the Museum's 600,000 annual visitors to the hobby, as well as give them a sense of its history. One of the highlights of the gallery will be actual portions of the finest model railroads ever built. The Museum has donated the space rent-free to the NMRA for the purpose of promoting the hobby. It's estimated that the cost to build the exhibit will be approximately \$750,000, and no NMRA dues or monies will be used; instead, it will be entirely funded by donations. To date, over \$100,000 has been raised, and an anonymous donor has agreed to match donations, up to \$250,000.

Any NMRA member (or non-member, for that matter) who would like to donate to the funding of the gallery should send his or her tax-deductable donation to NMRA Headquarters at 4121 Cromwell Road., Chattanooga, TN 37421-2119, and mark it "Gallery donation."

In the February edition of the *InfoNet News* we reported the **agreement of cooperation between the NMRA and the Hasea.com Model Railroad Association of China**. This July we'll be seeing the first fruits of that "Hands Across The Ocean" agreement as a group of teenage Chinese modelers and railfans visits California with the purpose of seeing layouts, prototype trains, and the California State Railway Museum. Several Pacific Coast Region members are helping to organize this 2-week event.

Grand Rails 2012, the upcoming NMRA national convention, has announced their **commemorative convention car**. Grand Rapids, Michigan, was once known as The Furniture Capital of the World, and appropriately the model was inspired by a postcard photograph of a turn-of-the-last-century furniture manufacturer's wood-sided boxcar. This replica, produced by Accurail, comes complete with a Grand Rails 2012 logo "poster" which can be applied by the modeler. Visit [www.gr2012.org](http://www.gr2012.org) to see a shot of the prototype.

The folks at Grand Rails 2012 have posted a **preliminary clinic schedule** for the convention in PDF format, downloadable at their website. Among the clinicians are NMRA Worldwide Director Tony Koester, Jim Six, Jim Sacco, and a group of clinics by the Layout Design Sig.

**Grand Rails 2012 is looking for volunteers** who'd be willing to donate an hour or two of their time at the convention doing things like contest room security, helping with registration check-in, silent auction set-up and tear-down, and bus loading. If you're interested and have an hour or two you'd like to donate, contact Mark Baldwin, Vice Chair of Volunteers. Just use the "Contact Us" link on the Grand Rails 2012 website at [www.gr2012.org](http://www.gr2012.org).

*If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You'll find those addresses at [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) or in NMRA Magazine.*

-Gerry Leone, MMR, NMRA Communications Director



**OFFICIAL BALLOT OF DIVISION 1, MCR, NMRA, INC.**

**FOR SUPERINTENDENT:**

**Randy Dettmer**

**FOR ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT:**

**Jim Peters**

**FOR TREASURER:**

**Chuck Boyer**

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Above is the OFFICIAL BALLOT for this year's election. Under the By-Laws only full members are allowed to vote. If you are a FAMILY member or a RAILPASS member you do not have voting rights. You are to vote for one candidate in each of the three races. No write-in votes are permitted by the By-Laws.

You may bring your ballot to the May 20<sup>th</sup> meeting or you may mail your ballot to:

**Jim DiPaola**  
**3201 Summit Road**  
**Ravenna, OH 44266-9018**

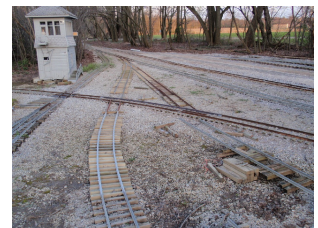
Mail ballots must arrive by May 19 to be counted. Cut on the dotted line to remove your ballot from the Peddler Freight and bring it to the meeting or mail it in.

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**Division 1 & 4 Picnic**

Are you interested in live steam? Division 4 has invited us to NEOLS for a picnic and day of fun with live steamers, on Saturday, July 21. Let Jim Peters know if you are interested and if you will be bringing family members. More details to come.

<http://livesteamohio.homestead.com/LiveSteamOhio.html>



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**LET US KNOW**

The Contest Committee would like to know your ideas on next season's contest models. Categories available are Steam Locomotives, Diesel & Other Locomotives, Traction, Passenger Car, Freight Car, Caboose, Non-Revenue Car, On Line Structure, and Off Line Structure. Within each of the categories, we can specify a specific type of car, structure, etc. You need to let us know. Talk to one of us about this at the meeting or email us. Chuck Boyer, Don Deakins, David Hazlett

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