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## Superintendents Message

At the April meeting nominations from the membership will still be taken for the upcoming election. If after reading the candidate statements you think you would like to have an additional person run for any of the positions, you have the opportunity to nominate them. Yes, that also includes my position. Voting will take place via mail and/or at the May meeting using a printed ballot. Ballots will be in the May Peddler Freight. Elections are held according to the By-Laws.

My "Membership Report" in the Peddler Freight was misunderstood by some members of Division 1. Therefore, the new title is "NMRA Membership Report."

The Peddler Freight report consists ONLY of NMRA members. You are automatically a Division 1 member and a Mid-Central Region member without any further cost because you are an NMRA member. You cannot be a Division 1 member UNLESS you are an NMRA member. Non-NMRA persons may attend Division 1 meetings, but are officially considered a visitor.

Additional confusion comes from the Peddler Freight subscription. Many of us pay \$15 for a subscription to the Peddler Freight, for which the Division is most grateful. That list is occasionally printed in the Peddler Freight. That subscription does not buy a membership in the Division; it only helps us pay to print and mail the Peddler Freight. As an aside, I pay for a subscription and as does the Peddler Freight Editor, Bill Smith.

More confusion is created by the Roster, which is made up of railroaders who have given permission to have their names, phone numbers, email addresses, etc. printed to permit easy contact with others. There is no cost for the Roster; it only goes to those who receive the Peddler Freight. It is not put on the website.

There can be many reasons for failure to renew NMRA membership. Among those reasons is the economy, frustration with NMRA and/or this Division, a move out of the area, age or forgetfulness (my favorite). It can take a month or more to get renewals updated to the membership list that is sent to this Division.

**The designer of our patch is still not known to me. Please contact me.**

*David*

Our new web site is : [div1-mcr-nmra.org](http://div1-mcr-nmra.org)

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Over the past few years some have been very impressed with the level of excitement and the forward thinking that exists within Division 1 of the Mid Central Region of the NMRA. We set out to do a little rebuilding. There have been many discussions with our Superintendent concerning our future, our plans and that . . . "Outside the Box" thinking. That cliché, "If you continue to do things the way you have always done them, you can only expect the same results" comes to mind.

Things have changed.

- Our membership is up.
- Bob Ashley has volunteered to chair Modular Construction.
- We have volunteers for officer's duties.
- More contributors to the Peddler Freight for print.
- Monthly attendance has increased dramatically.
- Monthly contests for, "Kit Bashed, Kit Built and Scratch Built".
- Helpers attend Swap Meets to Promote NMRA.
- Direct Involvement from The Whistle Stop in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio.
- Clothing, Hats and Patches.
- The Roster.
- Exposure in Area newspapers.

The roster continues to be useful in that it exposes areas of the special interests of our people, especially the new people. It lets everyone know about us, who we are and where we are.

We are looking for an individual to step forward to offer to outline a schedule of meeting dates and locations for 2008/2009 season. My thoughts have been to centralize a location so the driving distance is reduced to bring some continuity and consistency to our schedule. A suggestion is to retain the invitations from those areas with larger layouts to make more available to more people.

Another idea might be to invite more of our neighboring Divisions to our meetings as we have been invited to visit them in the past. If we think about this progressively, progress is inevitable.

You will see that my name is not on the ballot for this next year. Don't think my interest has diminished. It has not. I am well aware of the fact we remain in need of a Clerk. We do however need to get others involved. There is a place for all of us here regardless of our title.

Please know that we have discussed more than once this organization being NOT about model railroads, trains and meetings. It is about people. It's about YOU! **We are wanting to hear from you.**

Ronald Wigal  
Assistant Superintendent

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## THE CONTEST

Each month the contest will have three categories for the type of model. The categories will be SCRATCH-BUILT, KIT-BASHED AND KIT-BUILT. The idea behind this is that this should allow anyone to enter anything they are proud of and at ANY skill level.

Judging will be by popular vote at the meetings. However, for anyone wishing to have a model judged by NMRA rules for the Achievement Program (AP), we will attempt to make the arrangements (since Division 1 currently has no active AP person). In all cases we will keep track of points scored as the months go by and at the end of the year (May or June meeting) the total point winner(s) will receive special recognition.

APRIL - Gondolas  
MAY - electric power (including interurbans)  
JUNE - AWARDS CEREMONY

### WINNERS FOR 3-30-08:

Scratch-Built: NONE      Kit-Bashed: Jim Peters - 1  
Kit-Built: NONE

### CONTEST STANDING (as of 3/30/08):

#### SCRATCH-BUILT

Don Deakins - 5  
Ivan Stasa - 3  
Bill Bigler - 1  
Bob Vensel - 1

#### KIT-BASHED

David Hazlett - 3  
Chuck Boyer - 1  
Don Deakins - 1  
Jim Peters - 1  
Ivan Stasa - 1

#### KIT-BUILT

Bob Ashley, Sr. - 1  
David Hazlett - 1

Names are listed by point total with ties in points listed alphabetically.

Special Note: Ron Wigal, who keeps track of the voting, does not vote in The Contest.

Whenever I have a model in The Contest, I do not vote.

*David*

COME TO AN OPERATING SESSION.

MONDAY APRIL 21<sup>ST</sup> AT 7:30 PM

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME  
(NO CHILDREN PLEASE)

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## NMRA MEMBERSHIP REPORT For April 2008

NMRA Membership in Division 1 stands at 100. The latest information was received on March 29, 2008. It usually takes 30 days for NMRA to update the membership list when you join or renew.

NEW MEMBERS : none

RE-RAILED: (Previous members who have been off the membership list for more than a month.)  
None

### RENEWALS:

David Huston      Richard Melvin  
Fred Shape      Dan Williams

MISSING FROM LIST: (These names have dropped from our membership list in the last month.)

Kevin Hess      Robert Keller  
Clinton Prettyman      Brett Reed  
Ray Wawrowski

Thank you to the members who have renewed. We appreciate your support of the hobby.

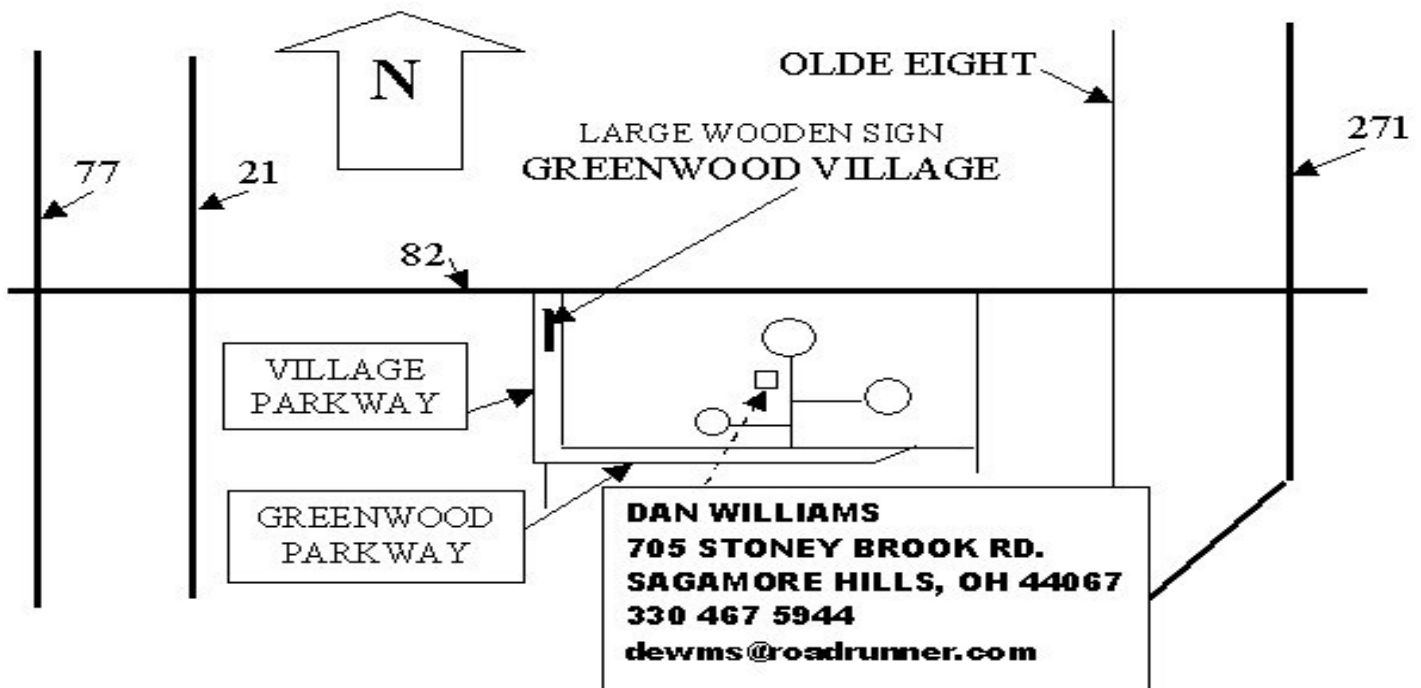
APRIL DESTINATIONS  
 SUNDAY - APRIL 20, 2008  
 SAGAMORE HILLS

Our visit to Dan Williams, MMR, in Sagamore Hills will be a new destination for Division 1. In an email from Dan he indicated he looked forward to our visit. Additionally, Dan indicated the following of what to expect . . .

“I started the layout in 1976 and the basic construction remained the same until I retired in 1991. It is 25' by 25' and the scenery is now pretty much complete. Most of the track and turnouts are scratch built as well as the turnout motors. Buildings are scratch built or kit-bashed. It is an operating layout and a crew of 13 is the norm”.

Dan hopes to have a movie of the B&CC after the meeting for those that haven't already seen it that explains the whole thing.

Dan will plan to have available snacks and beverages. Dan indicated there is room for about 6 cars in the driveway and that the neighbors are very understanding of street parking except in front of their driveways.



MCR BAGGAGE BUILDING KITS

Our second order for the Baggage building kits has been entered with the Region. They should be here shortly. HO kits are going to Jack Fithian, Al Klamert, and Bob Ashley, Jr. The N kit is going to Jim Williams. So, we are sold out again!

Thanks to all. Bill Smith

## Election Pitter-Patter

In keeping with our Bylaws a short bio is to be printed in the April "Peddler Freight". So here they are . . .

### For Superintendent - David H. Hazlett

I am again running for the Superintendent's position for Division 1. I have held this position since April 17, 2005, following the death of Barney Gaskill. If elected, this will be my last term as the Bylaws limit the number of successive terms.

During the past three years you have seen how I function as Superintendent. I have been a model railroader for over 35 years. I have an operating layout which many of you have seen, encourage model railroaders to become operators and share my limited knowledge, when asked, with other model railroaders.

Thank you.

### For Assistant Superintendent - Bob Ashley, Sr.

My name is Robert Ashley, Sr. I am a nominee for the office of Assistant Superintendent. I am a Manufacturing Engineering Consultant and am presently on assignment. I have reached the age of 70, lost my wife last May and sold my boat on Lake Erie last September. I have lived in Akron Ohio in the Portage Lakes since 1943.

I am retired from National Machine Co. where, for 22 years, was in Management positions in Manufacturing Engineering and Plant Management. I am the Past Commander of the United States Coast Guard Auxiliary Flotilla 9E 8-7 and have taught courses in Boating Safety with the Akron Power Squadron and Flotilla 8-7. I was an instructor in the U.S. Naval Reserve teaching Machinery Repairman (machinist).

Motivation, Education and Public Relations are some my strong points. I am a Brakeman/Trainman on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad, have been involved with Model Railroading since 1941 and am currently operating in HO, N and Z Gauge. I also have O-27 and G gauge which are seasonal.

I am the Chairman of the Modules and Apparel for Division 1, am a frequent contributor of the Peddler Freight and attend meetings and Operating Sessions on a regular basis. I hope to work with the Superintendent and help Division 1 become a more active organization. If I am elected, I hope to support the growth of the membership, participate in the upcoming activities, have Membership Booths at train shows and organize Clinics in the Division.

Thank You for your support.

### For Treasurer - Bob Ashley, Jr.

I'm Robert Ashley Jr. (Bob), I've been involved in model railroading for about forty years. I got my first HO train when I was eight years old. It still sits on the shelf above my present lay out that's under construction.

I build and install industrial water filtration systems for Western Reserve Water Systems.

I've been married to Twyla for almost twenty-five years. We have two children, Heather twenty-four, who is a schoolteacher in Hampton, VA and Robert S (Rob), twenty-two, who is a part time student and also builds systems for Western Reserve Water.

I'm a past fleet captain and commodore, and currently chairman of the board of governors of the Akron Yacht Club here in the Portage Lakes.

I've agreed to be treasure because in a organization like this each and every member must be willing to take his or her turn in order for it to succeed.

Thank You.

EACH OF THESE INDIVIDUALS ARE MEMBERS IN GOOD STANDING WITH THE N.M.R.A. AND HAVE AGREED TO SERVE FOR THE TWO YEAR TERM.

Bill Smith, Editor



# SHIRTS, HATS AND PATCHES

Several members have been seen wearing our new apparel at meetings, operating sessions and train shows. Superintendent Hazlett hopes to see a “Sea of Black” at the Mid-Central Convention in May. Our new outfits are receiving good reviews from the other divisions, too. Several orders were processed since the first of the year.

There is still time to order and receive apparel before the convention. Please fill out an order form and mail, e-mail, fax, phone, send smoke signals, coerce your neighbor to deliver, ride your bike, row your boat, take a hike or just stop by my house and we will expedite your delivery. Please note that the cost for shipping shirts and hats has been increased to \$9.00 because we can't ship for much less than that. Of course, you can also arrange for pick up at EmbroidMe in Montrose, my house, an operating session or at a meeting and avoid shipping charges.

Hats and patches are in stock and are available immediately and at meetings. We will be selling them at the Youngstown Train Show at McMenamy's on April 19th. We also have a limited supply of Tote Bags with the Division One Herald on the bag for \$10.00 each. Shirts must be ordered and take two weeks. We are eagerly awaiting your orders. Send them to: Robert Ashley, Sr., 3365 Waterside Drive, Akron Ohio 44319, 330-644-4778, [rashleysr@msn.com](mailto:rashleysr@msn.com).

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Bob Ashley, Sr. – Apparel Chairman

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## MODULE REPORT

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Division One will have modules. The response has been slim to almost none. However, a “very few” of us intend to go ahead with the project. We had a partially built Division 1 module to show the details that are in the construction at Sebring. We will have HO, N AND Z Gauge types of modules. Some of us are going to incorporate them into their home layouts and take them out when the time comes to set them up for display. Those of you who attended the March meeting saw how Don Bonk did just that.

We will begin construction as soon as the weather breaks because all my woodshop equipment is in my garage which is not well heated. I will e-mail or call those, who have shown any interest at all, probably in May. We will plan to work on a Saturday or Sunday or both. Please let me know if you will participate. I will schedule a Building Session at my home and have materials available. We will have time to make a module(s) and detail it so that can be shown at the Berea Carnival in October, joining with Division 4's modules. Building a module is rather simple and, working together, several can be built quickly. The module can then be taken home for detailing by the owner.

If you want a module, but, you can't attend a Building Session, we can build one for you as long as you are willing to pay for the materials. We can't price the materials yet due to the lack of response. We need some quantities to help lower the price.

HO gauge specs can be downloaded by logging on to Division 4's website at <http://www.div4.org>. Scroll down to MODULE SPECS and print the HO module instructions. The specs for N gauge can be found at <http://www.ntrak.org>. These inexpensive specs must be ordered from the NTRAK organization. The Z gauge specs are called Z-BEND TRACK and can be downloaded by logging on to their website at <http://www.zbendtrack.com/> and clicking on PDF Z-BEND TRACK STANDARDS. All these specs are meeting the NMRA standards or are in committee for approval.

Please notify me ASAP at 330-644-4778, [rashleysr@msn.com](mailto:rashleysr@msn.com), or by mailing to Robert Ashley, Sr., 3365 Waterside drive, Akron, OH 44319 if you will help in the module project. Please state your Gauge.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, Division 1

Division 1 Meeting Minutes - March 30, 2008  
The home of Don Bonk, Louisville, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Superintendent David Hazlett. 19 people were present. The minutes of February's meeting, as printed in the Peddler Freight, were approved. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted subject to audit. The Superintendent David Hazlett reported that the NMRA membership for Division 1 was down 11 people to 100.

David asked for column authors and clinic presenters. Anyone interested should contact him. We need column authors for all scales along with individual articles on member's model railroads and also on prototype railroads.

The next meeting is on April 20th at Dan Williams' home in Sagamore Hills. Dan is a Master Model Railroader. Directions will be published in the April Peddler Freight.

Bob Ashely reported on the patches and clothing that Division-1 has for sale. We now, thanks to David, have red and black totes for sale at \$10 a piece.

Bob Ashley reported on the building of division modules. Jim Bacher stated that his business owns a house in the Portage Lakes area off of Manchester Road near Coventry Plaza that the division could use as a module construction site.

Bill Smith reported on the buildings that we have for sale. Bill has placed an order and it will be here for the next meeting. Two of the HO buildings in this order are already sold. He currently has one HO scale and one N scale kit for sale.

Frank Williamson reported on the slate for the elections in May. There were no further nominations from the floor at this meeting so the candidates are

**David Hazlett for Superintendent, Bob Ashley for Assistant Superintendent Bob Ashley Jr. for Treasurer.**

The people running need to write a short, one paragraph biography for the April Peddler Freight. Ballots will be in the May Peddler Freight and need to be brought to the May meeting. The ballot can be mailed in; but if this is done, then the ballot must have the Peddler Freight address label still on it to verify who it is from.

There was discussion about the Division's web site. Ivan Baugh is our webmaster and does this for free. David had two other options: using GoDaddy.com as a host would cost \$58.20 per year or \$112.12 for two years, or a Jimmy Stockard would make and maintain a website for us for \$24.95 a month. There was a motion and a second that David and Ivan checkout the best way to have the website hosted and to grant them the authority to proceed with the recommendation that we only contract for a year and that we get a record of the site's hits. The motion carried..

Upcoming train shows were discussed.

Bob Ashley showed the group a brochure that he made up on his own initiative to advertise Division-1 and the NMRA. It contains a map showing the boundaries of division-1 and the region. He has passed it out at the Whistlestop, Nick's, and Toys and Trains along with an accompanying NMRA flyer. He has distributed 36 so far. The brochure looks very professional and he was encouraged by the group in his efforts.

David noted that the national NMRA ballot is in the February Scale Rails and must be turned in by April 15<sup>th</sup> to be counted. There are 3 issues on standards that people might want to vote on.

David also suggested that if anyone is going to the regional convention hosted by Division-4 they might want to wear some of our Division-1 attire.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Williams, Division 1 Clerk

*(Summarized by the Editor).*

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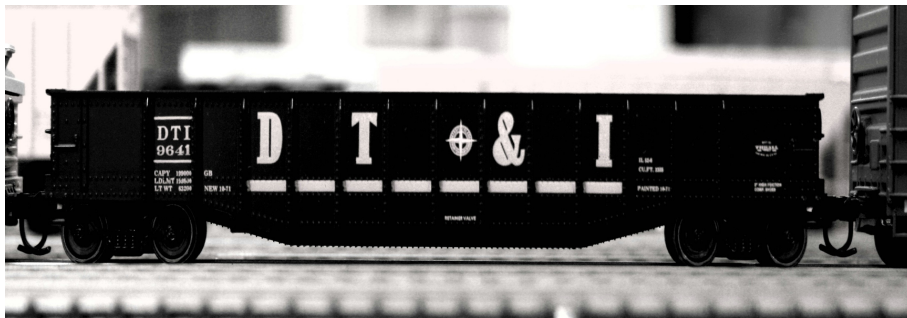
Railroad Shows . . .

Sunday - April 13<sup>th</sup> - Massillon Train & Toy Show - Knights of Cloumbus Hall 988 Cherry Rd NW

Saturday - April 19<sup>th</sup> - Youngstown Club - McMenemy Hall - 325 Warren-Youngstown Rd. Niles

Sunday - April 27 - Parma High Schools RR Show - 6285 W 54<sup>th</sup> St. - Parma

Photo Courtesy of David Hazlett



The Contest this month - Gondolas