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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

The 2014 National Convention in Cleveland will be here before you know it. Have you registered yet? Please register soon, before the rate goes up.

How you participate with the annual convention is up to you. There are several ways you can help. Jim Peters is looking for layouts to add to the layout tours. Scott Benson (Division 4) and I are looking for layouts for the OpSig sessions during the convention. In addition, Dave Neff (Division 5) is looking for clinicians. Do you have a clinic that may be of interest? If you do, let me know and I will get you connected with him.



It is getting close to the end of the 2012-2013 meeting season. We have the following meeting months open for the 2013-2014 meeting season; October 2013, January 2014, February 2014, March 2014, May 2014 and June 2014. If you have an interest in holding a meeting or have a venue suggestion please let me know.

This month we are meeting at Jim DiPaola's in Ravenna. See you there.

Randy Dettmer  
Superintendent  
Div 1 - MCR - NMRA

**Bill Hewitt** passed away on April 28.  
Our condolences to his wife, Joyce.

## CONVENTION 2014

Did I miss your interest in sharing your layout? Do you know someone who has a great layout and needs encouragement to share? We are collecting names of interested layout owners who are willing to open during the National Convention in 2014.

Thanks!


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**DIVISION 1 2012-2013 MEETINGS**  
May 19, 2013 - Jim DiPaola - Ravenna  
June 9, 2013 - Rich Ramskugler - Columbiana



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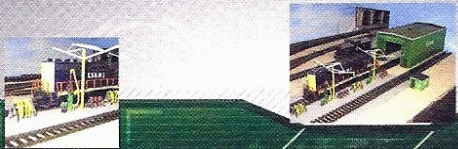

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**STANDARD KIT**

Jim DiPaola - 13 pts  
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Glenn Yoder - 2 pts  
Don Deakins - 1.5 pts

**KIT-BASHED**

Glenn Yoder - 5 pts  
Jim DiPaola - 4 pts  
Jim Peters - 4 pts  
Mike Bradley - 3 pts  
Bill Hewitt - 2 pts  
Don Deakins - 1 pt

**CRAFTSMAN**

Don Deakins - 1 pt  
Jim Williams - 1 pt

**SCRATCH-BUILT**

Jim Williams - 1 pt

**DIVISION 1 CONTEST**

**APRIL WINNERS**

**Standard Kit**

Jim DiPaola - 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> Place - 3 pts

**Kit-Bashed**

Jim DiPaola - 1<sup>st</sup> Place - 1 pt.

**MAY CONTEST**

**Re-Purposed Cars**



**KIT-BASHED - 1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE - JIM DIPAOLA**



**STANDARD KIT**

**1<sup>ST</sup> PLACE**

**JIM DIPAOLA**



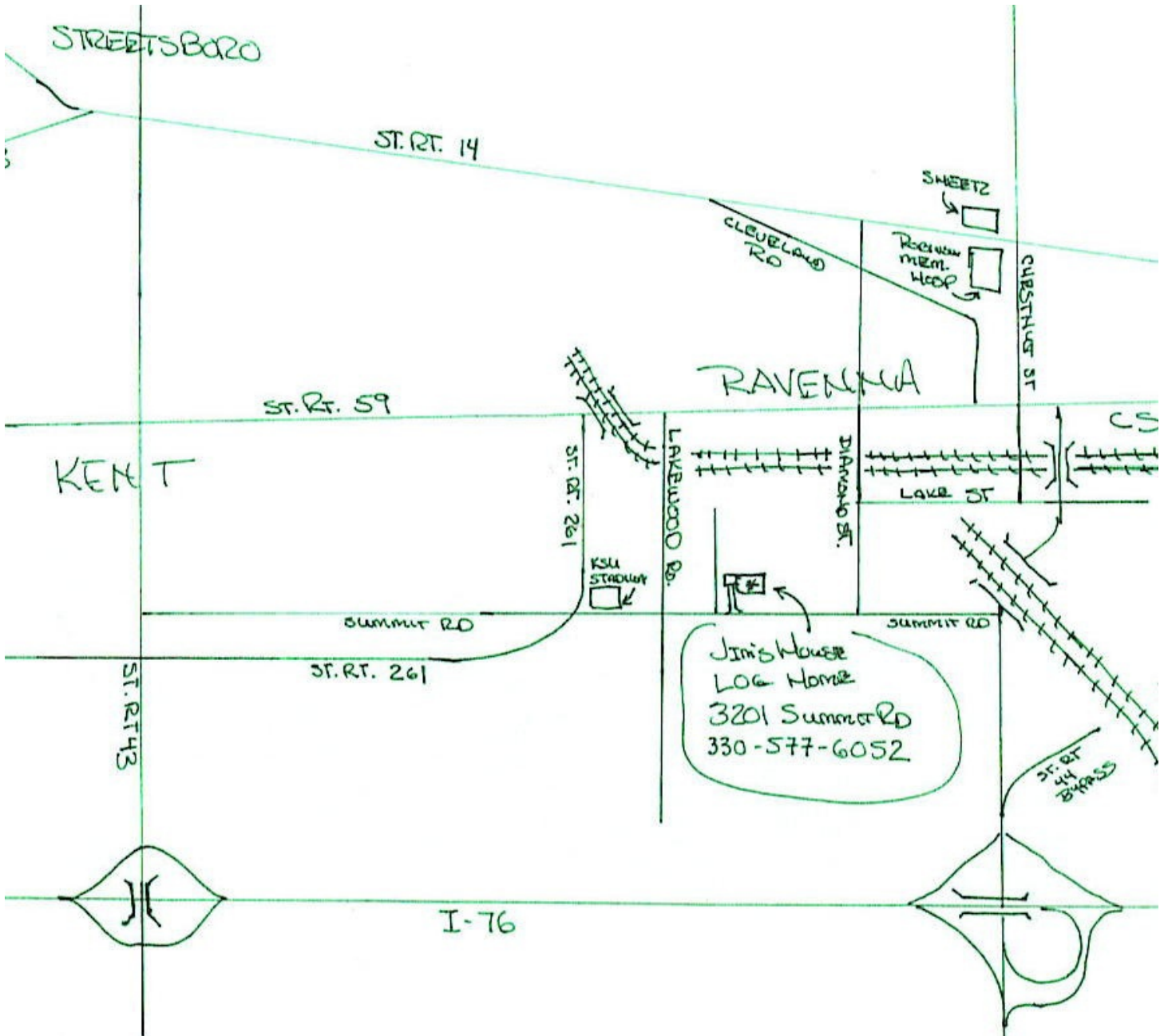
**STANDARD KIT**

**2<sup>ND</sup> PLACE**

**JIM DIPAOLA**

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING**  
will be on **Sunday, May 19**, at  
**Jim DiPaola's in Ravenna**

Jim lives at 3201 Summit Road, Ravenna OH. 44266 and can be reached at 330-577-6052.  
The 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 the property.



**Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes**  
**April 21, 2013**  
**Host: Rob's Trains, Alliance, Ohio**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Rob and Nils for hosting the meeting. Twenty-eight people were in attendance.
- II. A motion to accept the March Minutes as printed in the Peddler Freight was made and seconded. The motion passed. Chuck Boyer gave the Treasurer's report for March. A motion to accept the report, subject to audit, was made and seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Committee Reports:
  - A. Membership – Larry Brown reported that the division now has 103 members. We have 5 new members: Larry Somerwill from Aurora, Ray Lora from Salem, Doug Hardtmayer from Hudson, Robert Balsley from Salem, and Norm Aguredades from Malvern. We also had one "re-rail," David Bitte from Rittman. Division-6 has sent a letter to the NMRA members in the Wooster area who might transfer to Division-1. We should know by next meeting if these transfers will occur.
  - B. Clinics – Jim Peters will put on a clinic on freight car maintenance after the business meeting.
  - C. Peddler Freight – David Hazlett stated that \$655.06 has been spent so far and we have gleaned \$131.22 from rewards and discounts. It costs \$1.22 per subscription to publish the hardcopies and David urged people to receive it via e-mail if at all possible.
  - D. AP Chair: David reported that there is nothing active and asked again to be replaced as the chair. David told the group that a CAT scan he had last week showed that he is now cancer free.
  - E. Scale update: Ken White has an N scale collection of locomotives and cars, mostly Amtrak passenger cars, that he would like to sell (see Randy). Jim Williams asked Nils to inform the group about the models their companies build and have available for sale: Diamond Scale Products manufactures turntables and engine facilities and Helix Humper Motors manufactures replacement motors for sale. You can see these offerings if you go to their web site [www.robstrains.com/](http://www.robstrains.com/) and look in the products section.
  - F. NMRA 2014 Cleveland Convention – Jim Peters and Jim DiPaola attended a meeting in Cleveland last week. The convention preparations are progressing per plan.
  - G. Modules – Bob Ashley, Sr. told the group that we will setup the end modules only for the Supply Train Manufacturer's Organization at the John S. Knight Center May 14 and 15, a Tuesday and Wednesday. Ron Shoemaker's daughter has donated boxes of old Model Railroader magazines to the division and Bob offered them to anyone who might want them. If he does not get any takers he will recycle them. We are still waiting on a meeting to be called with the module groups from divisions 2, 4, and 5 to plan for the 2014 convention setup.
  - H. Apparel – Jim Williams had sweatshirts, hats, and a T-shirt for sale.
- IV. Meetings:
  - A. May 15-18 – MCR Annual Convention (emphasizing operations) in Dayton
  - B. May 19 – at Jim DiPaola's in Ravenna. The modeling project is re-purposed cars.
  - C. June 9 – at Rich Ramskugler's in Columbiana.
  - D. June ? – Division-4 picnic
- V. Old Business:
  - A. December dinner discussion: As far as we know, the Tallmadge restaurant where we have had our last dinners is permanently closed. Jim DiPaola said that the Pufferbelly in Kent can accommodate us and he needs to let them know if we want to make a reservation. It was said that the B&O restaurant in Youngstown is open again. Also, Jim Williams and Don Avila suggested Paul's Italian restaurant in Columbiana as an option. We need to make a decision at the next meeting.
  - B. Training days discussion: We need to have an educational element available to the public to qualify for non-profit tax status. It should be at no cost to the participants. We need an operating layout and can use the division modules. We need to provide clinics and have the public participate.
  - C. Discussion was entered into about forming a group to encourage members to accomplish the requirements for the Golden Spike Award and the sections of the Achievement Program. This group needs a person to get it started.
  - D. Division 501c3 tax exempt status: Our new IRS contact, Justin Palmer, needs us to file a 990 tax return for 2012. We might be granted this status in the next 2 or 3 months.
- VI. New Business:
  - A. Jim Williams made a motion that Bob Ashley's grandson, Patrick Wamsley, be allowed to finish the remaining Shoemaker module. The motion was seconded and passed.

The meeting adjourned at 3:09 pm.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Williams, Clerk

## MODULE GROUP

The Supply Train manufacturer's organization requested that the Module Group display at the John S. Knight convention center. We will be operating with a select few members due to the limitations placed on us for parking and for entry into the show. The show is May 14 & 15, 2013, on a Tuesday and Wednesday, from 9:00 AM to 5:00 PM, during the day. We will setup on Monday, May 13 and tear down, Wednesday, May 15, between 4:00 PM and 6:00 PM, each day, unless notified otherwise by e-mail. We will be showing the end modules and one straight module, only, due to space constraints. We will not be showing at the CVSR "Day out with Thomas" event, this year.

We have a large number of model railroad magazines, which were donated by Ron Shoemaker's widow. There are at least six full years of Model Railroader with the MR binders, included. Please see me for details.

Divisions 1, 4 and 5 will have a joint meeting, for the 2014 Convention, 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 meet sometime in the next two weeks.

It has been approved by the membership that Patrick Wamsley, my grandson, be allowed to finish the first "Ron Shoemaker" module. Lloyd Horst has the second module and has mounted roadbed, track and electrics. He will be adding scenery. We will use them at the Dalton Train Shows in November. Please make an attempt to complete the scenery on all modules. Those of us who do not have completed modules may not be allowed to participate at the 2014 convention, about one year from now.

Jim Williams still needs help building kits for buildings. This is a large job and should have a team effort. Contact me or Jim Williams if you are willing to help. Thanks to the efforts of Ed Tringhese, Jim DiPaola and Dave Maddon, we have a very large train station and hotel on the elevated level above the passenger yard and a scratch built icing facility. We received many compliments at the Dalton Show.

Jim Williams has purchased, and we built, the last five module kits. I have enough pieces to start one more module.

I am still looking for anyone interested in making an N scale module to go with Kurt Sanders, Don Bonk and mine, per NTRAK standards or Z scale module, to go with mine, per Z Bend Track standards. Our module kits are suitable for this. Only the wiring is slightly different. We will be ready for the November Dalton train show. The show promoter has promised space for the NTRAK and Z scale modules. Kurt, Don and I will need to connect our modules to check for electrical problems before the Dalton show.

I have purchased a Digitrax UR-92 receiver and a DT402D throttle. We tested it at the CV&T, below The Whistle Stop, and it works great. It eliminates having to plug in to select a locomotive or consist. The use of cell phone boosters, inside the Dalton Buckeye Event Center, totally wiped out our Digitrax UR91 simplex radio receivers. We had to use tethered throttles. After talking to Dave at Digitrax Technical department, we will be using the new UR92 duplex radio receivers and the new UT4D and DT402D throttles. They are not affected by cell phones or any other DCC system. They use 2.4 gigahertz technology which seeks out an unused frequency. This is similar to cordless phones. He claims it is bulletproof at the shows where they have tested extensively. Users of the DT400R throttles can have their throttles converted, at Digitrax, for \$65.00 and the UT4R throttles for \$50.00. We will still use the UR91 simplex receiver at shows that do not have interference and it will be daisy chained with the UR92 receiver so the new throttles will also work.

We still we need more UTP's on the front of the modules. When we use Digitrax, don't forget to use your batteries to power your throttle. We can not rely on the power from the UTP. Never use a NCE coiled cable with the Digitrax due to NCE using four wires, only. Digitrax uses six wires. Look at the wires in the connectors to see the number of wires.

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.

The Division portion of the 50-50 raffle was placed in the module fund. THANK YOU!! Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. We also received \$100.00 for our display at the Dalton show. Your help in funding the Module Group is appreciated. Unfortunately, we have missed a few raffles, this spring.

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

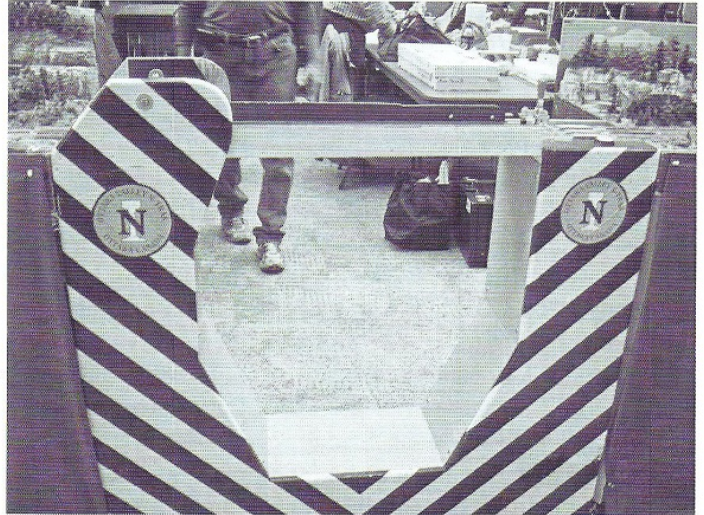
**An amendment to the By-Laws is included in this month's Peddler Freight. Be sure to read it. The amendment will be discussed at the May meeting and voted on at the June meeting.**

## N-SCALE NEWS

In case you missed it in the NMRA Magazine "THE 5<sup>th</sup> Ohio N-SCALE WEEKEND" is May 17<sup>th</sup> to 19<sup>th</sup> at the Franklin County Fairground in Hillary, Ohio (Columbus). If you're attending the Regional Convention in Dayton this event would make a great intermediate stop on the way back to the Division One Area. Check [www.centralohiontrak.org](http://www.centralohiontrak.org) or call Craig Sonnen, 614-871-2601 or email [ohionscaleweekend@yahoo.com](mailto:ohionscaleweekend@yahoo.com).

National N Scale Conventional is June 26-30 in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The joint N Scale Collector Convention is at the same location and time. Activities start with a pre-convention tour of the Case Tractor Factory and Larsens Bakery at 8:00AM on Tuesday June 25<sup>th</sup>. Details, including the activities schedule are found [www.nationalscaleconvention.com/](http://www.nationalscaleconvention.com/)

Thanks to Bill Erwin the plans for the "Ottawa Valley N-Trak Lift Bridge" shown below will be available shortly and fabricated in the couple weeks for use with Division One members N-scale modules.



Lift Bridge in Layout

Don Bonk

### Train Shows and Open Houses – May thru June

**The Painesville Depot Railfanning Day – May 11 – 10AM – 5PM**  
475 Railroad St, Painesville, OH

**2013 Mid-Central Region Convention – Operations Dayton**  
May 15 – May 18

Wyndham Gardens Hotel, 31 Prestige Plaza Dr, Miamisburg, OH  
<http://www.mcr2013convention.com/>

**Midwest Railway Preservation Society Open House**  
May 18 – 12PM – 4PM

Historic B&O Roundhouse, 2800 W 3<sup>rd</sup> St, Cleveland, OH

**Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Historical Society Western**  
Mini-Conference May 18

St Wendelin Catholic Church, 313 North Wood St, Fostoria, OH  
For more info visit [www.borhs.org](http://www.borhs.org)

**5<sup>th</sup> Annual Ohio N-Scale Weekend 2013 – May 18–19–10AM–3PM**  
Franklin County Fairgrounds, 4100 Columbia St, Hillard, OH

**Durand Railroad Days – May 19 – 11AM-4PM**  
Durand Middle School, 9550 E Lansing Rd, Durand, MI  
Admission \$4, children under 10 are free

**OC&T Railroad 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Train & Hobby Show**  
June 15 – 16 – 9:30AM – 4PM  
409 South Perry St, Titusville, PA

**8<sup>th</sup> Annual Miami Valley Rail Festival – June 22 & 23**  
Carillon Historical Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, OH  
Admission \$8, children \$5 [www.cpress.org](http://www.cpress.org) or  
[www.railfestival.com](http://www.railfestival.com)

### Clinic Report

I hope you enjoyed my short clinic on the basics of rolling stock maintenance in April. Time to move on to bigger things! In fact, Larry Brown, Jim DiPaolo and I plan to share some ideas on how to build mountains on your layout in May.

Will there be a picnic in June? Let me know your ideas for June and it is will also be time to sign up for clinics next year.

Happy modeling!

Clinic Chair, Jim Peters



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## **PROPOSED CHANGE TO THE BY-LAWS OF DIVISION 1, MCR, NMRA, INC**

In our efforts to obtain tax exempt status known as 501c3, it has become necessary to change Section 1 of the By-Laws.

*The current section of the By-Laws state:*

### **SECTION 1: Name and Purpose**

1.1 This organization is formed to promote fellowship among members of the National Model Railroad Association in the Division 1 area, to promote the hobby of model railroading in the Division 1 area, to provide a common meeting ground for social activities, and to engage in any and all activities which pertain to and will enhance the hobby of model railroading through educational opportunities at meetings, clinics, tours and fellowship.

1.2 The organization shall be known as Division 1, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

*The proposed amendment would be as follows:*

### **Section 1: Name and Purpose**

1.1 The organization shall be known as Division 1, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

1.2 The purposes of the Division1, Mid-Central Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc. are, in part, to promote, stimulate, foster and encourage by all manner and means the art and craft of model railroading; to preserve the history, science and technology thereof; and to advance the Division 1 model railroading community through education, advocacy and social interaction. The corporation is organized for charitable, educational, literary and scientific purposes consistent therewith included for such purposes. These purposes include but are not limited to:

- A. To encourage the use of the Model Railroad Standards established by the NMRA for better interchange and operation of model railroad equipment.
- B. To develop the technical skills of persons engaged in the art and craft of model railroading and to promote fellowship among model railroaders.
- C. To educate persons engaged in model railroading in prototypical railroad practices and in methods of building and operating model railroad equipment.
- D. To advance the hobby of model railroading wherever and whenever possible by publications, meetings, communications and all things necessary or incidental to the foregoing purposes.

*A vote will be taken at the regular June meeting. As per the By-Laws, "75% of the members attending the meeting must approve" for the amendment to pass.*