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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year! Did you make a New Year's resolution? Spending more time on the layout? Attending more NMRA meetings? Work on getting a Golden Spike Award? If you attended our last meeting, you would have had the pleasure of hearing Bruce Brintnall MMR of Division 4 talk about the Golden Spike Award. If you are interested in pursuing this award and need help, please see David Hazlett or me.

This is the time of year that flea markets and shows are at their zenith. I try to list as many shows that I pick-up fliers or get emails about. If you do not see a regular show that you attend on the list, please share with the group at the next meeting or send me an email. Or if you attend a show that has flyers for other shows, pick up an extra copy to share with the group at the next meeting.

Our annual holiday dinner at was held at The Pufferbelly in Kent this year. We had 38 attendees. Sorry if you couldn't make it. We had several door prizes. One of our door prizes was a PRR lantern, donated by Dave Riggle. It now resides in at Jim DiPaola's home. Congratulations Jim! This is three years in a row for railroad lanterns going to him.

As a reminder, this is an election year. I will be reaching out to you, the membership, for folks to participate in an election committee. Eventually, we will be seeking out candidates to run for office. Remember, this is your division. The more you participate, the more you will get out of the NMRA.

This month we will be at Bob Ashley Jr's in Akron, OH. See you there.

Randy Dettmer, Superintendent
Division 1, MCR, NMRA

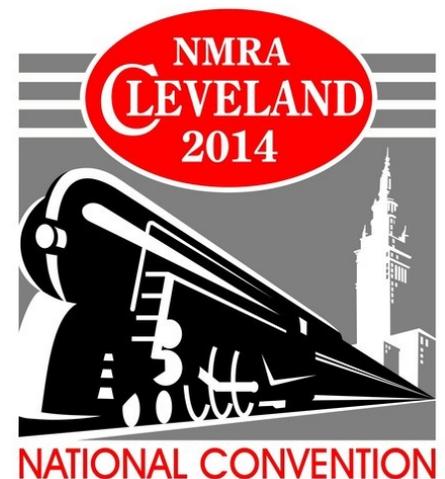


CONVENTION 2014

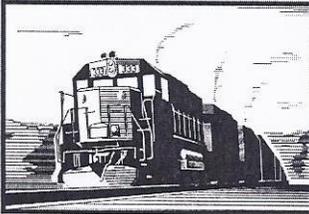
Convention 2014 Layout Committee Report

The Convention committee is beginning to add details to the convention website: <http://www.2014cleveland.org/>. It will be exciting to see the changes and additions as they occur. The layout committee is now collecting and/or passing the pictures of layouts to the Webmaster Ben Lanza from Division 1. I do not upload them directly, so do not fear if you don't see your photos. We are looking to post at least two photos per layout. Many of you have supplied photos, so thanks! Also, feel free to also contact Rich Ramskrugler as he has been helping me out for a couple months now! Thanks!

Jim Peters, Layout Committee Co-Chair



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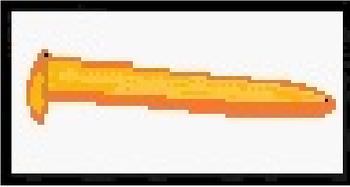
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Clinic Report



As I write this short report, Christmas is still a few days off. Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays to all. I had to cancel out on the Christmas Dinner at the Pufferbelly because I am now attending professional development classes on Saturdays for several weeks. I can't wait to retire. I hope everyone had a good time.

If you can remember back to November's meeting at the Whistle Stop, I hope Bruce Brintnall inspired you to improve your modeling skills by discussing the Achievement Program.

Along those lines, in January we will be hearing from Jim Williams and Larry Brown on model-building, reflecting the current theme of scenery in preparation for the 2014 National Convention in Cleveland. This would be a good time to print out the forms for the Scenery Certificate and take notes at the meeting in January.

Happy New Year!

Jim Peters

MODULE GROUP

The showing of the modules at the Greater Wayne County Train & Toy Show, on Sunday, November 10, 2013, was a success. The show included the NTRAK and HO modules. Don Bonk had teething problems with the NTRAK modules, due to a crossed wire in a new connector, but, he found the problem and was able to operate the layout. Thank you to those who came to help us because we were short handed.

We will setup and operate the Division HO modules and two or three straight modules in January at the regular division meeting at Bob Ashley, Jr.'s home in his big garage. The setup will be announced by email, if help is needed. The modules will remain assembled for a few weeks so we can make repairs to the curved turnouts on the right end and install several Tortoise switch machines. The March 23, 2014 showing of the modules, at Dalton, conflicts with the regular Sunday meeting. The meeting date is expected to be changed, because, we either miss the meeting or cancel the show and loose \$100.00, or more. (The meeting date has been changed to March 30. Ed.)

I am concerned that several module members have lost interest or cannot make the events. We need more members to join in with more modules. I am going to add one or two more modules to my coal mine and concrete/cement scenes. Those of you who have modules that you cannot use, please offer to sell them to someone who wants to join us. We are also considering making a yard with at least three modules for staging.

We expect to start purchasing the electronics for a new command station panel. We hope to have this ready for the next Dalton show. The panel will be mounted on the backside of the modules where it will be easier to troubleshoot.

The "Module Group" logo is available through Jim Williams or Nils Sunberg 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 is placed in the module fund. Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. We also receive \$100.00, or more, for our display at the Dalton shows. Your help in funding the Module Group is appreciated. We hope to buy a DCC system with this money to replace my personal DCC system, soon.

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

THIS MONTH'S MEETING
SUNDAY, January 19TH
Hosts: Twyla & Bob Ashley Jr.
Location: 3656 Shikellamy Dr Akron OH 44319

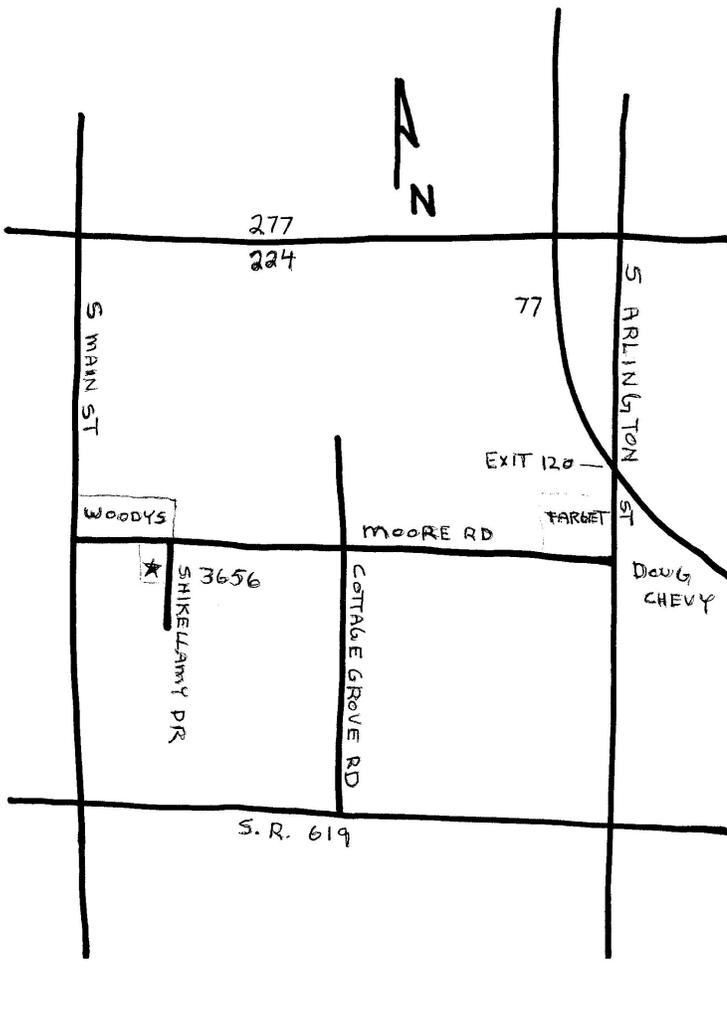
Please enter the house through the
ATTACHED GARAGE.

The meeting will be held in the basement.

NOTE: The Division Modules will be set up inside the unattached, large garage. Be sure to dress for the weather, if you plan on visiting the modules. Bob says the garage temperature should be about 65 degrees.

Bob & Twyla are providing food and drinks.

Bob may be reached at 330-645-6175 or at tubtoy3656@aol.com.



FLEA MARKET AT THIS MEETING

Bob reminded me that we will have the flea market at this meeting. He will have a table for sale items. The Division will also have items at this meeting.

We started the flea market at the meeting in Wooster and we will now continue it here. The members at the Wooster meeting decided that we would only hold the flea market at meetings NOT held at clubs or hobby shops. This is the first time since October that we are holding the flea market.

Members may bring items for sale. It is hoped that they will donate a small portion of their sales to the Division. The items on the Division table have been donated and are "free" to members, but it is hoped that a donation for the item will be made to the Division.

Editor

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes
November 17, 2013

Host: Kevin Hess (Owner), Whistle Stop Hobby Shop, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:01 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked the Kevin Hess for hosting the meeting. Thirty-one people were in attendance.
- b. Minutes: A motion by David Hazlett to accept the September 2013 Minutes as printed in the Peddler Freight. Seconded by Don Bonk. The motion passed.
- c. Treasurer: Chuck Boyer gave the Treasurer's report for November 2013. A motion by Bob Anelli to accept the Treasurer's report subject to audit. Seconded by Don Bonk. The motion passed
- d. Membership: Larry Brown gave the Membership report for November 2013. Division 1 currently has 118 members. There are two (2) new members and twelve (12) renewals/rerails.
- e. Committee Reports:
 - a. **Clinics** – Jim Peters announced that today's clinic is on the NMRA AP Program presented by Bruce Brintnall, MMR.
 - b. **AP** – Nothing to report at this time.
 - c. **Peddler Freight** – David Hazlett reported on the expenses and savings to date with the Peddler Freight. David Hazlett requested that the Peddler Freight be a line item like the modules.
 - d. **Scale Update** – Randy Dettmer has a few 2014 Convention Cars for sale at \$21.60 per car.
 - e. **NMRA 2014 Cleveland Convention** – Randy has forms for the OP-Sig participation and urged members to register for the convention.
 - f. **Modules** – Bob Ashley, Sr. reported on the Dalton Show. HO modules operated good and ran the entire show with the duplex equipment. This was the first show for the N Trak modules. A short was found and repaired on the N Trak modules. Division 1 received a check in the amount of \$175.00 for participating in the Dalton Show. The Module Group will participate at the Dalton Show in March 2014.
 - g. **Apparel** – Jim Williams reported that he has several items in stock for sale or items can be ordered.
- f. **Meetings:**
 - a. December 7 – Holiday lunch at the Puffer Belly in Kent
 - b. January 19 – Bob Ashley Jr.'s
 - c. February 16 – Youngstown Club
 - d. March 23 – Sebring
 - e. April 27 – Rob's Trains
 - f. May 18 – Mike Bradley's
 - g. June 15 – Jim DiPaola's
- g. **Old Business:**
 - a. Our 501c3 status is still in suspension. Superintendent Randy Dettmer has given Jerry Krueger permission to work on behalf of Division 1 with the IRS in resolving this issue.
- h. **New Business:**
 - a. The curved switches in the end modules need replaced and new switch machines are needed. Motion by Bob Ashley Jr. to spend up to \$158.00 for switch machines. Seconded by David Hazlett. Motion passed.
 - b. The Flea Market was discussed. It was decided to have a small show in 2014. A committee was formed to seek locations for a bigger show in 2015. Bob Ashley Jr., Larry Brown and Jim DiPaola are the committee.
 - c. An Election Committee will be needed in February 2014. There will be three (3) offices open for election. Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer.

Motion by Joe Urbanski to adjourn,
seconded by Don Bonk. Motion
passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim DiPaola, Clerk

Consider receiving the **PEDDLER FREIGHT** via email. Mailing costs are going up again. If you would like to see what a color issue looks like, go to the website at www.div1-mcr-nmra.org and download one of the past issues. I suggest the November 2013 issue due to the color pictures it contains.

If you decide to go email contact the editor at dhazlett1@neo.rr.com .

CURRENT STANDINGS

STANDARD KIT

Jim DiPaola - 10 pts
Don Bonk - 9 pts
Jim Williams - 5 pts
Bob Anelli - 2 pts
Bruce Hukill - 2 pts
Glenn Yoder - 1 pt

CRAFTSMAN KIT

Don Avila - 6 pts
Jim DiPaola - 4 pts
Jim Williams - 3 pts
Bob Weston - 2 pts

KIT-BASHED

Mike Bradley - 9 pts
Ray Lora - 4 pts
Matt Woods - 2 pts

SCRATCH-BUILT

Roy Lora - 2 pts

DIVISION 1 CONTEST

KIT-BASHED

1ST PLACE

JIM DiPAOLA



2ND PLACE

MIKE BRADLEY



3RD PLACE

MATT WOODS



CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2013-2014

JANUARY - ENGINE HOUSE
FEBRUARY - FLAT CAR W/LOAD
MARCH - 34' TO 42' COVERED
HOPPER
APRIL - INDUSTRIAL BUILDING
(a photograph is allowed if the building
cannot be transported)
MAY - TANK CAR
JUNE - AWARDS CEREMONY

SHOW

RAY LORA



DISPLAY CAR

DALE KUCHENBECKER



STANDARD KIT

DIVISION 1 CONTEST
(continued)

1ST PLACE - JIM WILLIAMS



2ND PLACE

DON BONK



3RD PLACE

JIM DiPAOLA

2014 MEETINGS UPDATE

January 19 - Bob Ashley, Jr - Akron, OH

February 16 - Youngstown Model Railroad Club - Austintown, OH

March 30 - Sebring Model Railroad Club - Sebring, OH (this is a change from prior listings)

April 27 - Rob's Trains - Alliance, OH

May 18 - Mike Bradley - Ravenna, OH

June 15 - Jim DiPaola - Ravenna, OH

Train Shows and Open Houses – January thru February

Train Show & Sale 2014 – January 12 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Michigan State University Pavilion – 4301 Farm Lane, East Lansing, MI

Admission \$6 adults, children under 12 free

Wolverine Railroad Club Toy Train Show – January 12 – 10 AM – 2 PM

United Food & Commercial Workers Hall – 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights, MI

Admission \$3 adults, children under 12 free

Toy Train and Model Railroad Flea Market – January 12 – 10 AM – 3:30 PM

McMenamy's Banquet Hall – 325 Youngstown-Warren Rd, Niles, OH

Admission \$5 adults

Train Collectors Association – January 18 – 10 AM – 3 PM

U A W Hall – 5615 Chevrolet Blvd, Parma, OH

Admission \$6 adults, \$8 families, children free

Greenburg's Train & Toy Show – January 18 -19 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Monroeville Convention Center – 209 Mall Blvd, Monroeville, PA

Admission \$8 adults, children under 12 free

Norwalk & Western RR Model Train Show & Swap Meet – January 19 – 10 AM – 3 PM

German's Villa – 3330 Liberty Ave, Vermilion, OH

Admission \$4, children under 10 free

Medina Model Railroad & Toy Show – February 2 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Medina County Community Center, Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, OH

Admission \$6, children under 12 free

NOT AN N-SCALE REPORT

Don Bonk informed me that he didn't have an N SCALE article for this issue, so you get an article from me. HO has gone wild with new units and new number issues of locos. I've seen many new items offered from practically everyone. I have also noted Z Scale is offering many items. OOPS! I missed S Scale - new items there. O Scale - I haven't noticed (sorry). Moving on . . .

I have seen many articles on WHY model railroading isn't attracting new people, especially young people, to our hobby. Take a look at the prices of the new locos, cars and track and you have an answer. This is, of course, just my opinion. But, I am worried. I saw a nice car offered the other day for just \$21.95 and said to myself, "That's not bad." THAT'S why I am worried. A \$22 car and that's not bad!!! It may be too late for me! I've got \$1 cars operating on my layout and I'm looking at a 34' covered hopper thinking that \$22 isn't too bad!

At the last meeting a 2015 Division Flea Market was discussed. We need it just to combat prices! Be thinking about that flea market idea, we, and model railroading, need it.

David Hazlett

Membership Report January 2014

The membership now stands at 112.

New Members

*Don Shankel East Canton
Josh Cohen Stow
Jan Orbin Ravenna*

Welcome to all the new members!

Renewals and Rerails

Randy Dettmer Karl Emler
Jim Mima William Feth
Sally Mima Karen Mc Million
Sanford Sexton David McMillion
Don Shankel George Sankey
Donald Deakins Nils Sundberg
Todd Dulaney

Special Thanks to all those for renewing

MODELING TIP

NEVER

be afraid to try something new.

REMEMBER,

amateurs built the ark.

Professionals built the Titanic.

A few words from the President of the NMRA

In my last column, I outlined a number of initiatives and where we stand on those. I received far more responses than normal, with many supportive messages. By far, the sale of Headquarters building to the Tennessee Valley Railroad Museum (TVRM) garnered the most reaction. Of the over-70 comments received by deadline, only three were opposed. The majority of our members understand that after 30 years and changes in conditions and technology, the large building on Cromwell Road was no longer vital to our needs. How wonderful that it fulfills the needs of our neighbor, the TVRM. The building will continue to honor all of you who helped build it so many years ago and continue to serve railroading. A fitting tribute. Like some of you, I felt a pang at the change but know in my heart it is the right thing to do as we go forward. As with Bob Bast's basement, the NMRA's "home" for many years, Cromwell Road served our needs and now enjoys a new life with TVRM.



Charlie Getz
NMRA President

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