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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

A couple of items came up that need to be brought to your attention before the September Peddler Freight. Take a look at the opportunity for a train ride and the chance to get into the Berea show for a little work. Take a look at what this special issue of the Peddler Freight has for you. I'm adding more area to my railroad and I'm heading back to work on it. Take care for the summer.

I'll see you track side or at the next meeting.

David

Esther's of Pittsburgh - an N-scale place

This month I'd like to share a very pleasant N-Scale experience that I recently had. In January there was train show in the Pittsburgh area. This was not just any train show, this was the *World's Greatest Hobby* show, which doesn't come around every year. It only comes around every 5 to 10 years. Since I'd never been to one of these shows I decided to check it out. My wife and I took the trip to Pittsburgh. The show had a lot of train merchandise for all of the different scales. However, the one dealer that I was really impressed with was called *Esther's* from Pittsburgh, PA. Here there and everywhere in their display was N-Scale stuff. I was very impressed with *Esther's*, and with Bob, the owner of the shop. The shop is called *Esther's* because it was founded by Bob's mother, Esther, many

years ago. We talked for a while, and found out it wasn't too difficult to get to his hobby shop, and after seeing what he had at the show, we just had to take a look at the store. This is an n-scale train store like no other, you walk into this shop and all you see is wall to wall n-scale merchandise. You see counter after counter of engines, rolling stock, structures, scenery, and the list goes on and on. A lot of hobby shops only have a few counters of N-Scale items. If you don't see what you want you have to ask the owner for it and he will tell you "no, however I can order this for you, and you can have it in about 4 weeks or so." I have been to *Esther's* a few times now, and only once did I have to order an item, which was a tester for the DCC decoders from Loy's Toys. This item would have been a special order in any hobby shop. *Esther's* will do mail order, if for some reason he doesn't have what you want. So, if you're looking for a great N-Scale hobby store, check out *Esther's*, and you will be glad that you did. The web site is www.estershobby.com and the phone number is 412-821-2415.

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Take A Train Ride Back In Time
A 106 Mile Leisurely, Scenic Excursion Between
Glenwillow and Medina, Ohio and Return
Saturday August 4, 2007

Take an enjoyable and historic ride over a route that has never provided railroad passenger service. The route traveled will follow a mostly rural one through the pastoral countryside of the Tinkers Creek and Cuyahoga River watersheds. You will pass a number of small towns along the route as well as the larger city of Akron. In Akron, you will pass over the Cascade locks of the Ohio & Erie Canal on a high railway bridge. You will also have an opportunity to see an operating railyard as we pass through the Brittain Road Railyard. The trip will be a 106 mile roundtrip ride to Medina, Ohio returning over the same route. The train will depart from the historic "Falls Junction" railroad depot in Glenwillow, Ohio, which is located just south of Solon on Pettibone Road. Departure time is 9:00am with a 2 1/2 hour stop in Medina to eat lunch, shop or just stretch your legs with a walk around the quaint town square. We will arrive back in Glenwillow about 7:30pm.

The train will consist of a number of beautifully restored coaches (some air conditioned and some with windows that can be opened) and a parlor car from the 1930's and 1950's eras, sometimes referred to as the Golden Age of Railroading. They will be pulled by a Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway Diesel Locomotive and crew. The coaches are maintained to meet all Federal Railway Administration requirements. Coach number 62 was used in the movie "The Natural" starring Robert Redford.

There are three fare classes. The first is the economy fare (\$55/45 Seniors 62+) non-air conditioned coaches with windows that can be opened. The second is the standard fare (\$75/65) reclining seats & air conditioned coaches. The third is the Parlor Car (\$120). This Car has only 26 seats which are upholstered captain's chairs that swivel and are located in front of the windows. Included in the price of the Parlor Car are coffee and donuts upon boarding, a light snack just before arrival in Medina and a warm meal cooked on board and served at your chair side table on the return trip.

These excursions are sponsored by the Midwest Railway Preservation Society, an all volunteer Ohio not-for-profit 501(c)(3) corporation. For more information about us please visit our web site at <http://www.midwestrailway.org>.

Also ticket order forms are on the preceding web site.

Now for the particulars:

-The ticket price is per adult or child age 3 years and older.-Children 2 years and younger are free, except in the Parlor Car, providing they sit in an adults lap during the entire trip.

-We regret that THE TRAIN IS NOT HANDICAP ACCESSIBLE due to the historical nature of these coaches. Should you require assistance to board these coaches, you must provide personnel to assist you.

-The train capacity is limited. It is therefore recommended that tickets be purchased early as previous year's trips have sold out.

-Ticket assignment is by car number only. Seating

within your assigned car is on a first come first seated basis. There are no reserved seats, but all ticket holders are guaranteed a seat. The "holding" of seats for others not on board the train is not permitted. The exception is for your driver if he dropped you off at the depot.

-Tickets are advance sales only. There are no ticket sales at the train.

-Visa, MasterCard, checks and money orders are accepted.

-Our ticketing policy holds absolutely no refunds unless the train is canceled.

-The train will run rain or shine.

- There is no smoking on the train.
- The possession or consumption of alcohol or illegal drugs aboard the train is, of course, forbidden.
- The train will depart promptly at 9:00am. Please allow yourself enough time for parking and boarding.
- Plan to arrive in Glenwillow no later than 8:30am. Guides will direct you to the parking area and train.

-MRPS reserves the right to substitute equipment or refund money should a mechanical failure occur beyond its control. Additional questions can be directed to (330) 212-9494.

-Directions to the boarding site will be furnished with your boarding passes

Subscription Time Again!!

I want to remind all of you that your subscription to the Peddler Freight is currently DUE. Send \$15.00 to Bill Smith, Treasurer at 2786 Mansard Lane, Akron, OH 44312-5393. Your check should be payable TO Division 1 - MCR - NMRA

The following have already renewed - Carl Boltz, Bill Smith, Jim Gnagy, LeRoy Reeves, Adam Leff, Richard Kuepper, Richard Ramskugler, Donald Bonk, Jim Williams, Eugene Clayton, Richard Hixenbaugh, Jim Peters, David Hazlett, Robert Ashley, Kurt Sanders and Bill Hewitt.

What about you????

Free? - Naturally of Interest to Model Railroaders - Free ?

Well Almost . . . Division 4, who puts on the BEREA Train Show, voted to have members of other Divisions help at the Train Show. This would entitle the members **free** admission to the show. Chuck Kline, Division 4 Superintendent, indicated he would contact David Hazlett in September on how many additional hands they will be able to use.

Sooooooo, if you are interested, call David at 330-434-4565 or by email at dhazlett1@neo.rr.com and give David your name. The Show runs Sat. Oct 6 from 10 AM to 5 PM and Sun. Oct 7 from 11AM to 4 PM. Now do I have your attention? FREE???



How About a PIKE ad??

See David's pike ad above. It costs \$5.00 for the whole year from September to May, any extra issues of the Peddler Freight are FREE!

Commercial Ads!

We have had a few requests for Commercial ads. So we have established the following ad rates for next year. Based on 8 issues, additional issues free.

1/8 Page (Business card size)	\$5.00/issue
1/4 Page	\$7.00/issue
1/2 Page	\$12.50/issue
Full Page	\$15.00/issue

All Ads must be copy ready.

Subscriber Ads

Got something to sell? Model railroading stuff of course. Send me the information and I'll put it in the Peddler Freight. Size is 1/8 page. One per issue is FREE. Additional ads are \$2.00 per issue.

Such a deal!!!

All right, you know something about model railroading. You have developed a layout and you run trains. How about sharing with the other subscribers something that you have learned. Bob Ashley, Kurt Sanders and Adam Leff have shared information with us, HOW ABOUT YOU??

It would be a pleasure to hear from you!

Bill Smith, Editor