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Superintendent's Bulletin



On May 18, 2025, we'll be meeting at the Cuyahoga Valley Terminal's new home at 1703 Bailey Road, Cuyahoga Falls 44221. CVT members will be on hand to answer questions and show us around their new home. This will be a fun time so please bring a snack to share and something to show for "Bring and Brag".

Our April 27, 2025, meeting was very interesting as we had a good

discussion about a proposed event for the module group and how future meetings should include some type of clinic on modeling, ie; scenery, structure construction, track work, wiring, rolling stock and locomotives to name a few. Everybody in our Division knows something about at least one of these topics. The discussion/clinic can even be about something that was tried and didn't go well.

Since we all do some form of work on our models, what's your work bench like? We all have limited room so how have you maximized your workspace while living within the space available? I know I'd love to have a whole room dedicated to my work bench and scratch building, but my wife sews, so we share a room for both our hobbies. This challenged us both to come up with creative ways to store our tools and supplies. I'm sure our Division 1 members would be interested in hearing, and seeing, what others use to store their tools and supplies.

Our Facebook manager, Trev Smith, would like photos to post on the Division 1 Facebook page so anything you have from the above topics I'm sure he'd welcome. And that goes for our website too, so also send photos to our webmaster, Steve Zapytowski.

Lastly, I'd like to make an observation about tariffs and the potential effects on our hobby of model railroading. There is no doubt that the tariffs will bring an increase in the price of the model railroad items that are imported, so each one of us will have to decide if we want to pay the increased prices or scale back our purchasing to the manufacturers that are based in the United States. And yes, there are some. Craig Fuller, who recently purchased the assets of Kalmbach Publishing (Model Railroading and Trains magazines), wrote a very interesting article on the situation called "[Tariffs could mean the end of the line for the model railroad industry.](#)" Search under that title and you will be able to read the full article. There are also videos regarding the effect of tariffs on model railroading

on YouTube by [Scale Trains](#) and [Athearn](#). Please read the articles and listen to the videos. The danger to our hobby is real and we cannot sit idly by. Our voices need to be heard by the manufacturers as well as the politicians for them to do all they can to minimize the effect of tariffs on the model railroading industry and hobbyists. I don't fully agree with the remarks by the manufacturers that it's too costly to move operations. This is United States; where there's a will there is way, and you can bet I'll be dropping in to chat with them at the NMRA National Convention at Novi, Michigan in July.

All Aboard!!!

Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

T-TRAK Module Event News

Gary Kohler has invited Division 1 to be a sponsor in an inaugural show that will be modules only. The show will showcase modules of all scales and varieties. Tentative plans are for the fall of 2025. Details to follow.

Membership Report

Our current membership total is 75 as of May Day. As I am writing this report, I have restricted mobility with a walker, but it is going well. I had my left hip replaced and anxious but patient to make progress. If anyone has questions about my experience, don't be afraid to ask. Otherwise, I won't bore you with the details. I won't be able to attend next meeting because of my no-driving restriction for a few weeks.

Happy model railroading!

Jim Peters, Membership Chair

2024 - 25 Division 1 Events

May 18 - CVT Model Railroad Club
June 22 - Sam & Trish Eisele

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
April 27, 2025

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order: 2:10 PM.
- ~ By: Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
- ~ Participants: 9.
- ~ Location: Ravenna Township Offices.

2. Clerk: Jeff Stone:

- ~ Previous meeting minutes published in Peddler freight.
- ~ Motion carried to approve minutes (Bob Anelli/Sam Eisele).

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley: (report by Jim DiPaola)

- ~ Report presented by treasurer. Available on request.
- ~ Income: March 50/50 (\$30), members buying tables (\$126).
- ~ Expenses: Module supplies (\$104).
- ~ Motion carried to approve treasurer report (Sam Eisele/John Spinks).

4. Superintendent: Jim DiPaola: May meeting at the Cuyahoga Valley Terminal Model Railroad Club in Cuyahoga Falls. 1703 Bailey Road, Cuyahoga Falls. June meeting at Sam Eisele's home.

4a. Assistant Superintendent: Sam Eisele: Please "RSVP" for June meeting so he can plan food accordingly.

5. Peddler Freight Committee: Bruce Hukill: No report.

6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters: (report by Jim DiPaola) Currently 75 members.

7. Clinic Committee: Jim DiPaola: Please see Jim if you are considering or willing to present a clinic.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst: No report.

9. Module Committee HO: Bob Gurdak HO Modules:

- ~ Narrow gauge show went well but exposed deficiencies in module construction and design. Modules tend to bow, making track ends difficult to connect, not all modules line up correctly, etc.
- Will work on these areas.
- ~ Gary Kohler is looking to start a "Module Show/Meet" for module groups to meet and show their module layouts. Would be done in conjunction with Division 2. Some highlights and questions of the discussion follow:
"Modules, Meets, Money, Membership....."
 - Gary, Div 1, and 2 would each chip in \$400 "seed money."
 - Vendors would be invited.
 - Will vendors donate clinic supplies?
 - If a Division backs out will the other Division be stuck "holding the bag?"
 - Will the seed money be replaced?
 - Could this be a fundraiser for Div 1?
 - Admission fee for the event? Participants or guests?
 - If we donate \$400 seed money, is that fair to all members of Division 1, or is it favoring the module members?
 - Best if Gary and a Div. 2 come to a Div. 1 meeting to present a plan.
 - How much have we spent on modules as compared to members not participating in module?
 - Has module initiative succeeded in attracting and retaining members, and will sponsoring a meet further this goal?
 - Would clinics and "The Meet" suffice our responsibilities as an educational organization?
 - Would we be better off holding a module day and open house at a library?

9a. Module Committee N: Lloyd Horst: no report.

10. Facebook Committee: Trev Smith: Facebook page up and running, administrator transferred, all set!

11. Website Committee: Steve Zapytowski: No report.

12. Old Business: None.

13. New Business: None

14. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Jim DiPaola brought some of the new Walthers safety signs.
- ~ Bob Ashley brought great brownies, if you weren't there, you missed 'em!

15. Good of the Order/Announcements: Bob Gurdak recommended an article "Tariffs could mean the end of the line for the model railroad industry" it can be found at: <https://finance.yahoo.com/news/tariffs-could-mean-end-line-133624750.html>

17. Adjournment: ~ At 3:25 motion carried to adjourn meeting (Bob Anelli/Sam Eisele).

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone
Clerk, Division 1

Railroad Fun Facts

Compiled by Sam Eisele

April 30 marked 125th anniversary of Casey Jones' legendary ride into eternity.

The once popular song, Casey Jones was written by a black roundhouse worker for which he never received a dime! The locomotive was jinxed-after Jones died in the wreck it was:

- rebuilt
- renumbered three times
- involved in a number of accidents resulting in the deaths of three more engineers
- finally scrapped-good riddance

The word **caboose** was originally a nautical term defined as "a house on deck where cooking is done..." as the story goes that's why they are known as "Crummies."

The 1969 "Centennial Celebration" of the completion of the transcontinental railroad.

A big to do list was planned. Problem was in 1969 promontory point Utah no longer had real service.

Solution:

- a two mile long section of track that went nowhere connected to nothing was built
- two replica locomotives were found and trucked to the site where they were set in place by cranes
- It gets better 81 rail fans paid \$995 to ride a train from New York to witness the celebration they were bussed to the location.

Speaking of Centennial Celebrations:

- After looking over official photographs of the original meeting, then governor Leland Stanford was "highly disturbed" at the number of whiskey bottles visible. Governor Stanford instructed the artist doing the official mural of the meeting to "leave out the bottles."

First rail of the B&O was laid on July 4, 1828 by Charles Carroll, the last living signer of the Declaration of Independence.

Focus of motion included horses on a treadmill and sails.

Editor's note: Sam's **Easy Peasy** column took this month off but will return to the Peddler Freight.



Buckeye Express Coming to Columbus

Division 6 to host MCR Convention May 15 - 18

The Mid Central Region cordially invites you to join us for the 90th anniversary of the NMRA in its original home - Columbus, Ohio. The *Buckeye Express* will feature a wide range of clinics, operating sessions, layout tours (including a trip to a 7 1/2" inch gauge scale live steam operation), photo and model contests, T-TRAK, company store, swap meet, and more. Additionally, the Columbus area features three hobby shops specializing in model trains, plus two of the premier shopping areas in the Midwest (including IKEA). Nonrail activities include tours of the Ohio Stathouse, art museum, and more. Click below for details.

<https:buckeyeexpress.div6-mcr-nmra.org>

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Sunday, May 18, 2025

Cuyahoga Valley Terminal Model Railroad Club

1703 Bailey Road

Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221

Bring a snack to share and a drink of your own.

Please bring your Bring-N-Brag items to share.

2 PM

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Train Shows and Open Houses

Great Lakes Large Scale Train Expo - May 9 -10
Metroplex Expo Center, 1620 Motor Inn Dr., Girard 44420
Admission: \$8.00 10 AM - 4 PM

Model Train Day & Flea Market - May 10
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville 44077
Admission: \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Paranormal Investigation of the Painesville Railroad Museum - May 16
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville 44077
Admission: \$30.00 9 PM - Midnight

S Spring Spree - May 16 - 17
AAA Multipurpose Building, Fairfield County Fairgrounds
157 East Fair Avenue, Lancaster, Ohio
Sspree.info Fri. 10 AM - 6 PM, Sat. 9 AM - 2 PM

History of Cleveland, Painesville and Eastern Interurban - June 8
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville 44077
Admission: Free, Donations accepted 2 PM

Model Train Flea Market - June 28
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville 44077
Admission: Free, Donations accepted 10 AM - 3 PM

Rubber City Model Train Show - July 12
Emidio's & Sons Expo Center
48 East Bath Road at State Road Cuy. Falls, OH 44223
Admission: \$8.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Hobo Day Model Train Flea Market - July 26
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville 44077
Admission: Free, Donations accepted 10 AM - 3 PM

Everett's Train Show & Swap Meet - Aug. 16
Marion Union Station
532 West Center Street, Marion, OH
Admission: Free, Donations accepted 10 AM - 3 PM

NE Ohio Historical Day - Aug. 23
Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville 44077
Admission: Free, Donations accepted 10 AM - 3 PM

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