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Superintendent's Bulletin



Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a nice time celebrating the holidays. With this time of the year and everyone's busy schedule it's hard to get some time for our hobby. Our annual Division 1 Christmas luncheon, which is traditionally held the first Saturday in December, is a way to combine our hobby and social time with other Division 1 members. The 2022 Christmas luncheon was held at Hartville Kitchen and attended by 28

members and guests. There were enough door prizes to have three complete rounds of give aways which is a record for give aways at our Christmas luncheon. The food and service were excellent and the Executive Committee has decided to go back to Hartville Kitchen in 2023. So, mark your calendars for the 2023 Division 1 Christmas Luncheon to be held on December 2, 2023, at 12 noon.

Division 1 Modules were set up at The Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugar creek, Ohio in December 2022. The modules were manned by Division 1 members at the times requested by The Age of Steam Roundhouse staff. Thank you, Division 1 members who helped set up, staff/operate and tear down.

Speaking of modules, the new single modules are ready to be assembled. We're planning to have an assembly clinic at the January 15, 2023 Division 1 meeting. Gary Kohler will be hosting the January meeting since his production shop, Portland Locomotive Works, has the space necessary to do this type of assembly. Portland Locomotive Works is located in the wood shop of a former school in Greenford, Ohio. The address is elsewhere in this issue of the Peddler Freight.

As always happens with me the new year brings a renewed effort to complete projects on my layout and in the train room. Not to mention my house too. My wife suggested I make a resolution to complete those projects. The resolutions I've made in the past and kept are few and far between. I now prefer to make lists as that is a written reminder staring me in the face to get "it" done. I'm the kind of person who remembers better if I physically write it down. And when I get that task

finished, I can physically check it off the list. That way I have a visual reminder that I accomplished something. So free yourself from the tiresome burden of making resolutions and make lists.

All Aboard!!
Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

T-TRAK Modules coming

HO scale single, N scale single and double T-TRAK kits are ready for assembly. Each Division 1 member can receive one free kit including Kato track and wiring. Bring your wood glue and masking tape to the January 15 meeting at the Portland Locomotive Works.



2023 Division 1 Events

January 15 - Portland Locomotive Works
February 19 - TBA
March 19 - TBA
April 16 - TBA
May 21 - TBA
June - Date and Location TBA

**Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
November 20, 2022**

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order: 2:00 PM.
- ~ By: Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
- ~ Participants: 12 members.
- ~ Location: Ravenna Township Offices.

2. Clerk: Jeff Stone:

- ~ Previous meeting minutes published in Peddler freight.
- ~ Motion to approve minutes, (Steve Zapytowski/Bob Anelli) motion carried.

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley:

- ~ Report presented by treasurer.
- ~ \$200 spent for Christmas Lunch prizes.
- ~ Received \$150 for Mt. Hope show display.
- ~ Motion to approve treasurer report, (Steve Zapytowski/Bob Gurdak) motion carried.

4. Superintendent: Jim DiPaola:

- ~ Reminder December 3rd, 12:00 Christmas Lunch.
- ~ Division will cover a portion of room cost.

5. Peddler Freight Committee: Bruce Hukill:

- ~ Still trying to reduce/eliminate mail copies.
- ~ Will be switching from Adobe to another system to save money.

6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters:

- ~ Membership at 76.
- ~ Contacted 4 non-renewed members, all said they will renew.

7. Clinic Committee: Jim DiPaola:

- ~ Today's clinic, Steve Zapytowski, Judging.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst:

- ~ Apply for Volunteer Certificate.

9. Module Committee: Bruce Hukill:

- ~ Displayed and explained various T-TRAK modules.

10. Facebook Committee: Jim DiPaola: No report.

11. Website Committee: Steve Zapytowski: No report.

12. Old Business: Jim DiPaola:

- ~ Still looking for meeting place suggestions. Libraries during winter weather.

13. New Business: Jim DiPaola: None.

14. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Bruce Hukill brought a photo of a Western Maryland SD40 that he took near the old Middlebury Road bridge.
- ~ Jim DiPaola brought an SD45 engine he entered in a contest. Started off as an undecorated Kato model, added a high nose, super details, paint and decals.

15. Good of the Order/Announcements:

- ~ 50/50 won by Jim DiPaola.
- ~ 50/50 prize (Magazine) won by Jim Peters.

15. Adjournment:

- ~ Motion to adjourn carried.
- ~ Meeting adjourned at 3:00.

**Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone, Clerk, Division 1**

**Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Module Committee
Meeting Minutes
December 6, 2022**

1. Meeting:

~ 12/6/22, Bob Ashley, Jr. home. 6:30 PM. Members present: Bruce Hukill, Bob Ashley, Jr., Jim DiPaola, Lloyd Horst, Jim Peters, Jeff Stone, Steve Zapytowski.

2. Module orders/count:

~ Bruce Hukill said many members had vague responses for module numbers, so he would put out another call.

3. Module construction:

~ 3/16" tempered masonite was agreed upon due to price, availability, durability, humidity resistance.

4. Corner size:

~ Agreed on large 2-piece corners with 34" and 31" radius curves for HO, and standard corners for N scale. Larger corners will accommodate larger motive power and rolling stock.

5. Corner scenery:

~ Matt Woods has agreed to doing a corner as a clinic. Other ideas, use as group projects at meetings. Further decisions TBD.

6. Sky Boards:

~ Optional but if present built to standard.

7. Module Paint:

~ Modules will be painted, color scheme TBD. Suggestions: consistent color, Owner road name colors, other consistent road name colors. Example AC&Y for division modules.

8. Storage for Division Owned (DOM) Modules:

~ Several ideas, no conclusion.

9. Module availability:

~ Division owned modules shall always be available for display. Division funded modules returned to Division if member discontinues use. (quits, expires, etc). Private modules 100% funded by owner are the owner's decision.

10. Rolling Command Stations:

~ Lloyd Horst presented several great options way beyond the DC Clerks ability to describe. Agreed on Option 1. Roughly \$700 per system, two systems N and HO. Info. available on request.

11. Division Modules Other than Corners (OTC Modules):

~ TBD, but definitely will include junction and yard modules. Logic is let's get corners and oval operation systems done first.

12. Module Layout Configuration:

~ Simple oval to start.

13. Division Train Show:

~ TBD. Depends on active members in Division, competition, etc.

14. Fair Price for Modules if Sold:

~ TBD. Possible sale to Age of Steam or storage at Age of Steam with many questions, example: who will maintain, will we bring "trains" and operate, etc?

15. Adjournment:

~ 8:30 PM

**Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone, Clerk, Division 1.**

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Sunday, January 15, 2022
Portland Locomotive Works
7600 South Range Road
Salem, Ohio 44460

Enter through the double doors on the west side of the building.
Bring masking tape and wood glue. The Division will have a
limited supply available.
2 PM

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HO modules at AOS

The HO modules were up and running at the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugercreek. Run dates were December 9, 10, 16 and 17. Santa made an appearance on the 10th.



(top) John Spinks (l) and Jim DiPaola place structures on the HO modules during set up at the Age of Steam Roundhouse. Bob Ashley, Sr. (above) works on a wiring issue. Bob Ashley, Jr. (above right) connects the power between the modules.

N Scale Report

Hope you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Just prior to the holidays I was looking into converting two DC Locomotives to DCC. In both cases a Gas Driven Rail-Car and an Nn3 Class 26 Ton Climax Loco are small or have limited interior space. My search for small decoders became tiresome. Therefore I contacted "Streamlined Backshop," from whom I had purchased N scale decoders about four years ago. Bryan Vianco put me in direct contact with his installer, Steven Fields. A discussion revealed that over the last four years "ZIMO" had developed a small decoder about the size of a little finger nail including the thickness. He could combine a small decoder with one of his cube speakers that he believes is small enough to fit into just about any N scale model including my Climax. Further, "ZIMO's" sound library includes: Shays, Climaxes, Heislars and Gas Driven Rail-Cars. Currently the question for me is do I have any funds after his Holiday Season.

Note: in the February 2023 "Model Railroader" in the "Ask MR" section, it states a small N scale switcher may not have space for a sound decoder speaker and suffer poor low bass. Well I guess I am not a sound guru, since I never found the Bass in my switchers lacking.

Don Bon
NTRAK/T-TRAK Chair

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