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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

I have a couple of updates for you. The Division's application for 501 c 3 (tax exemption status) was received by the IRS in May 2012. I would like to thank David Hazlett, Bob Ashley Jr. and Jerry Krueger from Division 4 for the help in getting this processed initiated. As of now, we have not received a ruling from the IRS. As it turns out, they are backlogged. As of February 2013, the IRS is working on those applications that were received in March 2012. Don't you just love the bureaucratic machine? At this rate, we may not receive our tax exempt status until June or July.



It has come to my attention that our favorite spot for the annual Christmas Dinner will be changing ownership. The Erie Station Grill has three partners. One of the partners is buying out the other two. As a result, the staff and immediate future of the restaurant are in question. There is a possibility that our reservation for December may be in jeopardy as well. We do have time until December; let's think of a possible backup location just in case. I will keep you apprised of any further developments on this front.

See you this month at the Larry Brown's in Ravenna, OH.

Randy Dettmer
Superintendent
Div 1 MCR NMRA

THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Sunday, February 17

at The Portage Model Railroad

124 Chestnut St. Ravenna, OH

Our meeting will be hosted by Larry Brown. The meeting will begin at 2 PM. Come early and view the layout. You are welcome to bring a small DCC engine to run on the layout (18 inch radius min.). Larry runs NCE Radio if you want to bring your own cab. Please dress warmly as the old storefront can be chilly.

Larry will provide chicken & jojos, pizza and drinks. If you would like to bring something, desserts are welcome.

Check out www.portagemodelrailroadclub.com for directions or try the Editor's below.

From I-76 Take Rt 44 north (not Rt 5 bypass). Turn left on Rt 59 (Main St) and go 1 block.

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JANUARY WINNERS
COIL CARS

STANDARD - 1ST - Jim DiPaola - 3pts
 2ND - Jim DiPaola - 2 pts
 3RD - Glenn Yoder - 1 pt

KIT-BASHED - 1ST - Jim DiPaola - 3 pts
 2ND - Glenn Yoder - 2 pts
 3RD - Glenn Yoder - 1 pt

MODEL CONTEST TOPICS
FOR 2012-2013

September - Gondola w/scrap load
 October - - - - - Flat car w/load
 November - - - - - M of W Trucks
 January - - - - - Coil cars
 February - - - - - Camp Cars
 March - - - - - Hand cars, Speeders
 April - - - - - Slag cars, Hot metal cars
 May - - - - - Re-purposed cars

CURRENT STANDINGS

STANDARD KIT

Jim DiPaola - 10 pts
 Jim Williams - 7.5 pts
 Glenn Yoder - 2 pts
 Don Deakins - 1.5 pts

KIT-BASHED

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

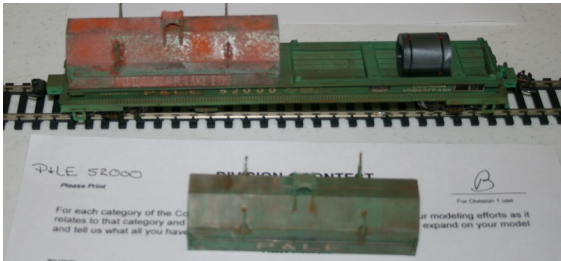
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Don Deakins - 1 pt

COMPLETE RULES AND EXAMPLES ARE POSTED ON THE WEBSITE.

STANDARD KIT

1st Place
 Jim DiPaola



2nd Place
 Jim DiPaola



3rd Place
 Glenn Yoder



KIT-BASHED



1st Place
 Jim DiPaola

2nd Place Glenn Yoder



3rd Place Glenn Yoder



Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes
January 20, 2013
Host: Bob Ashley, Jr., Akron Yacht Club, Akron, Ohio



- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Bob and his wife Twilla for hosting the meeting. Twenty-six people were in attendance.
- II. A motion to accept the November Minutes as printed in the Peddler Freight was made and seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Chuck Boyer gave the Treasurer's report for November. A motion to accept the report, subject to audit, was made and seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - A. Membership – Larry Brown was absent due to the flu. Randy reported that our membership stands at 99, down 1. A guest, Ms. Deming, was introduced. She and her company are doing demonstrations to manufactures in May at the Knight Convention Center in Akron. They are presenting to manufactures in the area what resources are available to them and who they might network with. The meeting has a railroad theme and they would like us to setup or modules as part of the background for it. Bob Ashley, Sr. said that we would consider this and let her know.
 - B. Clinics - Jim Peters was also out sick, but reported through Randy that the clinic at the next meeting would be on modeling water.
 - C. AP Chair David Hazlett reported that there was nothing new.
 - D. Peddler Freight – David Hazlett reported that year-to-date contributions were \$600, expenses were \$400+, and we had realized \$70+ in Staples coupons rewards. He also reminded the group that e-mail was faster than hardcopy and was in color.
 - E. NMRA 2014 Cleveland Convention – Jerry Kreuger from Division 4 was in attendance and reported that they are canvassing for a PR Chairman and volunteers to man an information table at the Atlanta convention which runs July 14 through 20. He relayed that if you went to the internet site "2014Cleveland.org" you could still get a 20% discount but this will very shortly be changed to 10%. By August there will be no discounts available. He also stated that volunteers for the 2014 convention had to register but that he did the registration for them and they did not have to go through the regular registration process. He also said that the site of the convention, the new Med-Center, would be completed by this July and was the least of his worries.
 - F. Apparel – Jim Williams had some hats and a sweatshirt for sale. More hats and sweatshirts will be ordered to have on-hand at the next meeting.
- V. Meetings:
 - A. February 17 - at Larry Brown's in Ravenna. The modeling project is camp cars.
 - B. March 10 - tentatively at Sebring Model Railroad Club. The modeling project is hand cars and speeders.
 - C. April 21 – at Rob's Trains in Alliance. The modeling project is slag cars and hot metal cars.
 - D. May 19 – at Jim DiPaola's in Ravenna. The modeling project is re-purposed cars.
- VI. Old Business:
 - A. Flea Market – the group had no input about this year's market. A decision will have to be made at the next meeting.
 - B. Previous discussion:
 1. Should we still have it?
 2. Should it be on Saturday instead of Sunday?
 3. Should we look for a larger or different venue?
 4. We need to push the fact that it is a flea market where people can sell their own surplus stock.
 5. We might consider limiting the number of tables one person can rent if the interest is great enough – therefore, allowing more vendors.
 6. We might poll past vendors and see if they have a preference for Sunday or Saturday.
 7. We might also poll the past vendors to see what scale they would be selling – there are some customers who are just interested in O-scale and will not come unless this is offered.
- VII. New Business:
 - A. Modules
 1. All of the modules, less Joe Urbanski's and one of the division's, were setup and available to be operated by all and any attendees.
 2. Bob Ashley, Sr. brought in a module built to N-Trak standards. It used Kato unit track and showed a mainline refueling facility similar to Norfolk Southern's in Euclid.
 3. Discussion for storing the division modules: climate controlled storage units run \$35/mo for a 5x5 and \$64/mo for a 5x10; a 10' or 12' box trailer like Division-4 used could also be used but would incur insurance, registration, and parking costs. A tandem axel trailer would be smoother riding.
- VIII. The meeting adjourned at 3:43 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Williams, Clerk

MODULE GROUP

At the last meeting, Mary Kay Denning, President of the Supply Train manufacturers organization, requested that the Module Group display at the John S. Knight convention center. She explained the purpose of the organization and the Supply Train theme. We are still working out the details and will notify everyone as soon as we know if we will participate. The show is in May, 2013, on a Tuesday and Wednesday, during the day.

We will have the modules on display Sunday, March 24, 2013, at the Dalton Train Show. Setup will be Saturday, March 23, 2013, from 6:00 PM until 9:00PM. This will not be a joint Division 1 and 4 meet since Division 4 has decided not to join us this time due to the distance from their division. Anyone from Division 4 who wishes to join us can still participate. Divisions 1, 2, 4 and 5 are going to have a joint meeting to discuss making commitments to be able to join all our modules together and be able to run trains over the entire layout. We hope hold this meeting soon.

The first "Ron Shoemaker" module is available for use. Roadbed, track and wiring are in place and ready for scenery. If you are interested in doing this, please contact me. This module was used at the Dalton and the "Thomas" events, last spring. Lloyd Horst has the second module and has mounted roadbed, track and electrics. We used it last November and at the last meeting. He hopes to be adding scenery before the Dalton Show.

I am concerned that a few of our modules have not progressed. We need to be finishing the track work and scenery. Please make an attempt to complete the modules. Those of us who do not have completed modules may not be allowed to participate at the 2014 convention.

We still need more volunteers to start the scenery on the passenger and intermodal/coal yard (?) left end modules and build kits for buildings. We will have a little time to work on the details before the Dalton show. This is a large job and should have a team effort. Contact me if you are willing to help. Jim Williams and Bob Ashley, Jr. are still fine tuning scenery on the right end modules. Larry Brown and Ed Tringhese are fine tuning the scenery on the corner modules. Both of these jobs look great.

The Akron Yacht Club allowed us to leave our modules in place so we could work on debugging the problems with poor operation. Some of the problems were caused by the ballast glue and paint getting into rail joiners, turnout moving parts, poor design (Shinohara curved turnout contacts which short due to overlapping contact with the rails when switching) and used Peco turnouts that needed fine tuning. As we learn from our mistakes, I hope we do not repeat the errors. Most of the problems were found by running a small locomotive very slow over the layout. The biggest problem with the ballast is to keep the ballast and glue away from the turnout moving parts and soldering rail joiners, if you paint the rail. Do not paint the rail near rail joiners if they are not soldered, or, near moving parts on turnouts. The paint causes problems with electrical continuity.

I am still looking for anyone interested in making an N gauge module to go with Kurt Sanders, Don Bonk and mine, per NTRAK standards or Z gauge module to go with mine, per Z Bend Track standards. Our module kits are suitable for this. Only the wiring is slightly different. We are hoping to have them ready for the Dalton train show along with the HO modules. I had my NTRAK module on display at the last meeting. Kurt, Don and I will need to connect our modules to check for electrical problems before the Dalton show.

We still we need more UTP's on the front of the modules. Try to have this done, if you have multiple modules, before the next Dalton Show since we must use tethered throttles. We will be using Digitrax and 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. Your help in funding the Module Group is appreciated.

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

DIVISION 1 2012-2013 MEETINGS

March 10, 2013 - Sebring Club - Sebring

April 21, 2013 - Rob's Trains - Alliance

May 19, 2013 - Jim DiPola - Ravenna

June 16, 2013 - Rich Ramskugler - Columbiana

Clinic Report

Many thanks to Bob Ashley, Sr. for co-ordinating setting up modules and providing an update in January.

If everything falls into place, Larry Brown and Chuck Boyer will present a clinic on making water at Larry Browns' in February.

Happy modeling!

Clinic Chair, Jim Peters



Convention 2014

As always, we are looking for layouts. If interested, send or leave me a message. Thanks!

Email: jpeters711@yahoo.com Phone: 216-402-8507 (anytime)

Jim Peters, Co-Chair Layout Committee

N-Scale News

by Don Bonk

Almost one year to the day the Bonk RR received the six pack Pennsylvania Merchandise Service box cars from the Brooklyn N-Trak Club ordered last January. They are Intermountain cars with micro-train couplers. Printing and color are excellent. 300 of these 20th anniversary cars were built. Some may still be available, contact John at Valley Trains n Hobbies, metrotow81@hotmail.com.

The new Bachmann "Alco" 2-6-0 review indicates this DCC Mogul loco runs well and considering overall features is reasonable priced at \$179. Top speed at 12 volts was determined to be ~62 smph. Test locos were able to haul 15 Micro-Train 33' hopper on a level surface. Locos may be available in PRR, NYC, CN, ATSF, UP, and B&M.

Train Shows and Open Houses – January thru February

Model Train Show – February 9 & 10 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Lodi Station Outlet Mall, 9911 Avon Lake Rd, Burbank OH \$3 admission, under 11 free with adult

Ann Arbor Model Railroad Club Show - February 16 & 17 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Saline Middle School, 7190 N Maple Rd, Saline, OH \$6 admission, 10 and under free with adult

Toy Train & Model Railroad Flea Market – March 10 – 10 AM – 3:30 PM

McMenamy's Banquet Hall, 325 Youngstown-Warren Rd, Niles, OH \$5 admission

Railfest 2013 – March 16 & 17 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Lakeland Community College, St Rt 306 at I-90 exit 193, Kirtland, OH \$7 admission, \$12 family, \$12 2-day pass

Railroad Prototype Modelers Seminar – East – 1 PM March 22 thru 11 PM March 23

Ramada Hotel, Route 30 East, Greensburg PA \$35 registration fee, www.keystonedivision.org

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PHOTOS OF THE MODULES AT THE JANUARY 20 MEETING

by Joe Urbanski



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