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Superintendents Message

I think that we had a great start to the new season with our meeting at Ott Gangl's. We had a large group! I hope everyone enjoyed the meeting as much as I did. Larry Olsen took off without his passenger car model. I was all set to have it running on my layout, when Larry returned to pick it up. Oh well, maybe I'll get lucky next time.

When you read this, the Berea Show will be history. If you missed that show, don't worry! Our own Division 1 Swap Meet is just a few days away. Our next meeting is the Swap Meet. (Hope you didn't spend all your money at Berea.) Elsewhere in

this newsletter you will find the rules and other items concerning the swap meet.

We will have a short business meeting and then on to the Swap Meet. If there is no pressing business, I will move to postpone the business meeting until November.

I am looking forward to this season's meetings. The variety is, as usual, great. We have individuals who are hosting for the first time. There are to be a couple of clinics, but, as usual, we need more. Assistant Superintendent Bob Ashley is trying to set up a December party for us. The Peddler Freight is perking along. We have been selling items from the four equipment donations we have received. (Those items still remaining will be at the Swap Meet.)

See you at the Swap Meet - bring a friend.

David

COME TO AN OPERATING SESSION.

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE EXPERIENCED TO
HAVE FUN.
NO CHILDREN PLEASE**

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Each month The Contest will have three categories for the type of model. The categories will be SCRATCH-BUILT, KIT-BASHED and KIT-BUILT. The idea behind this is that this should allow anyone to enter anything they are proud of and at ANY skill level. To participate in The Contest you must be a Division 1 - MCR - NMRA member.

Judging will be by popular vote at the meetings. However, for anyone wishing to have a model judged by NMRA rules for the Achievement Program (AP), we will attempt to make the arrangements (since Division 1 currently has no active AP person). In all cases we will keep track of points scored as the months go by and at the end of the year (June meeting) the total point winners in each category will receive special recognition.

The model types for October 2008 through May 2009 are:

October - Flat cars w/load

November - Off-line structures (structures not directly connected to a railroad)

January - Snow fighting equipment

February - M of W equipment (scale cars/track maintenance)

March - Stock cars

April - On-line structures (structures which function directly with a railroad)

May - Steam locomotives

CONTEST STANDINGS:

Scratch-Built: None

Kit-Bashed: Bob Ashely, Sr. - 1

Kit-Built: *Dennis Sautters - 1 ½

*Larry Olsen - 1 ½

*The two entries in this division of the Contest each received the same number of votes. Since normally two points would have been awarded the top voted model and one point the next highest, the three points were divided between the two winners. Both of these models were craftsman kits and both were worthy of winning.

NOTE: VOTING FOR THE CONTEST MODELS IN OCTOBER WILL BE DONE AT THE DIVISION 1 TABLE. ENTRIES SHOULD HAVE A SHORT DESCRIPTION TO ACCOMPANY THE MODEL.

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October 19 - Bob Ashley, Jr. - Swap Meet, Akron
November 16 - The Whistle Stop - Cuyahoga Falls
December - No Meeting
January 18 - Sebring Model RR Club
February 15 - Jim Williams, Canton
March 29 - Youngstown Model RR Club
April 19 - David Athman - North Canton
May 17 - Randy Dettmer - Hudson
June 14 - Don Bonk - Louisville

N-Scale News and Views

One of the industries on my layout is going to be a steel mill, since I used to work at Youngstown Sheet and Tube's Campbell works before it closed in September 1977.

I worked in different departments, but the Open Hearth and the Stripper Departments are the ones that I remember the most. I only worked there for 3 ½ years, but it left a lasting impression on me, and I'm glad to have had the opportunity to have experienced it firsthand. The last department that I worked in was the Stripper, where I was a Brakeman that transported the molds to and from the pouring floors of the Open Hearth. After the molds were filled, they had to set-up and cool before they were stripped.

Once the stripping crane pulled the molds off the ingots, I would transport the ingots to the Soaking Pit Furnaces, where they would get up to the right temperature before being sent on to the blooming mill.

Whenever I'm at a train show, and/or hobby store, I'm always looking for steel mill related items. The last time that I was in Esther's Hobby Shop in the Pittsburgh area I found an N-Scale soaking pit kit. It was made by KenRay Models from Sharpsville, PA (www.kenraymodels.com). I found this kit to be very well made (from polyester resin and pewter) with close attention to detail. The instructions that came with it are very instructional and go into great detail about constructing the kit and the history and operation of the furnace. This kit will definitely make any N-Scale steel mill scene look very operational.

Kurt Sanders

NMRA Membership in Division 1 stands at 96. The information used for this report was received on September 29.

NEW MEMBERS: None

RE-RAILED: (Previous NMRA members who have been off the membership list for a few months or new to our Division.) Frank Williamson, John Miller and Joseph Urbanski

RENEWALS: None

MISSING FROM LIST: (These names have dropped from the current NMRA membership list.)

Dave Athman-Carl Boltz-Charles Evans-Ed Reagan

Thank you to the members who have renewed. We appreciate your support of the hobby.



WOW!!! Don't know where this is, but I think the railroader in the straw hat is trying to put out the fire with a hose and water. I wonder how he is going to get it back on the track? Must not have set the brakes!

Division 1 Meeting Minutes
September 21, 2008
The home of Ott and Anne Gangl Akron, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 2 PM by Superintendent David Hazlett. 24 people were in attendance. The minutes of June's meeting, as printed in the Peddler Freight, were approved. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted subject to audit.

David Hazlett presented the Superintendent's report. NMRA membership stands at 97 members. Kevin Hess Renewed. This summer Mark Miller of Columbus made a donation of model equipment for the division to sell. Also, Al Kalmert has made a donation. These items will be for sale at the swap meet which is a part of the October meeting. The Carnival of Model Railroading is October 4th and 5th and Division 4 will exchange free entrance for help, especially in clean-up and working the entrances. Division 1 has been added to the Staging Tracks website which is a site that is attempting to bring model railroaders together by connecting them with local shops, area clubs and upcoming shows. Their URL is www.stagingtracks.com. We will ask them to add a link to our website.

Bob Ashley Sr gave the Assistant Superintendent's report. Bob passed around a sheet to allow people to correct or add their e-mail addresses to the division reference list. David Hazlett has received his achievement certificate for service and Bob stated that we needed to do more to promote people attaining the NMRA certifications. Forms for the Division 6 "Tracks to the Future" regional convention 04/30 thru 05/03 are available. Division 1 apparel is still available for purchase or order.

Other Business:

- 1) The October meeting will feature a swap meet at Bob Ashley Jr's. Space will be \$5 per table. Help is needed for setup.
- 2) Buildings: All kits have been sold.
- 3) Modules: Bob Ashley Sr has the wood and hardware. He has been busy with work and has had health problems so has not been able to schedule a work date. He is hopeful that work can commence in October.
- 4) Peddler Freight: Subscription donations of \$15 need to be sent to Robert Ashley at 3656 Shikellamy Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319-3702. Make your check payable to Division 1-MCR-NMRA.
- 5) If you have never been a member of the NMRA, you can get a 6 month starter membership for \$9 which does not include a subscription to Scale Rails.
- 6) The contest was for kit-bashed or scratch-built passenger cars. Bob Ashley Sr., Dennis Sautters and Larry Olsen had entries. Results will be announced at the next meeting.
- 7) Ott gave a history of his railroad, the Cadiz and Ohio River Railroad, and then offered to the group lead sheets to be used for weights and their pick of a stack of some of his old railroad pictures. Thanks Ott!

The next meeting is on October 19th at Bob Ashley Jr's home in Akron.
The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

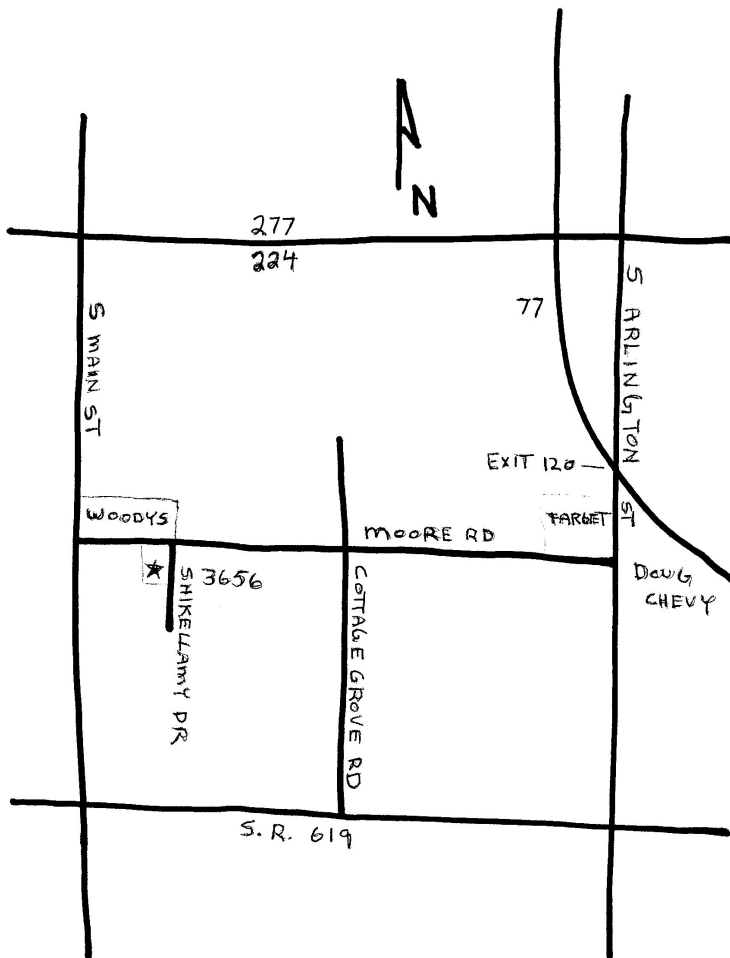
After the meeting, Ott and Anne served food and drinks, and Ott gave a tour of his railroad.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Williams
Division 1 Clerk

RULES FOR THE SWAP MEET ON OCTOBER 19, 2008

1. Sellers must be NMRA, Division 1 members as of the October, 2008 membership list. If you are a new member, your membership card will be accepted as proof of membership.
2. Sellers must register by October 13, with Bob Ashley, Jr., Division 1 Treasurer. Register via email tubtoy3656@aol.com or call 330-645-6175.
3. Tables will be provided; no electricity.
4. Cost of tables is \$5 each (a donation to Division 1). Your donation will be accepted at the swap meet. We reserve the right to limit the number of tables a seller may have.
5. The only advertising will be in the Peddler Freight and on our website. The purpose of this swap meet is for the benefit Division 1 and our membership. However, visitors are welcome.

**DIVISION 1 FIRST ANNUAL?
SWAP MEET
OCTOBER 19, 2008 2:00 PM**



The Division 1 swap meet will be held at the home of Bob Ashley jr 3656 Shikellamy Dr Akron OH 44319.

At this time, we have five tables spoken for and room for plenty more. Anybody wanting a table can contact me at 330-645-6175 or at tubtoy3656@aol.com.

Anybody wanting to set up early can come out anytime after 12:00 PM.

Snacks - Beverages and chairs will be provided

Anything Goes in the country . . .

Eli Rantanes writes: I live in the Akron - Canton area, in a small village. Most of the homes in the surrounding countryside have room for pets. Some have ponds ranging from 1/2 to 2 acres in area. Some of the

pets I have seen are ducks, chickens, peacocks, horses of all sizes, goats, sheep, cats, dogs, llamas, alpacas, buffalo (bison), cows and an ostrich. So if you want critters for your country place on your layout, the sky is the limit. Don't forget the birds and the bees with a bird feeder and a couple of hives.

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