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Superintendent's Bulletin



Finally we may be seeing a dramatic slowdown of the scourge of Covid 19. Finally time to get back to "normal." I think we can all agree, its been a long haul.

I am excited to announce something fun for Division 1. We are going to have our May meeting on Saturday, May 14 at the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugar Creek, Ohio. Spouses/friends are invited

to join us. We will take a one hour tour of the roundhouse and grounds, with a short meeting to follow. The final details have not been finalized in time for this issue of the Peddler Freight, but stay tuned.

Division 1 will also have an opportunity to showcase our modules this summer at the Age of Steam. This will help fulfill our 501c tax exempt status requirements. Watch for the final details/instructions in the near future.

They say spring is right around the corner, get those "train projects" going or completed before you wake up one day and it's summer! Looking forward to seeing you soon.

Sam Eisele, Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

Age of Steam Roundhouse

The following description is from the Age of Steam website: <https://www.ageofsteamroundhouse.org>. Click the image below to link directly to the website.

The Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum is more than just a museum and collection. It is a living, breathing roundhouse where talented restoration specialists work to preserve the locomotives, railroad cars, tools and machinery of the glory days of railroading. Public tours are offered seasonally (April thru November) on Thursdays, Fridays, & Saturdays.

Needing a place to safely store and restore his fleet of railroad old-timers, our founder Jerry Jacobson acquired 34 acres of farm land located immediately adjacent to the Ohio Central Railroad main line track, and right alongside a road named Smokey Lane. Today the site consists of storage tracks, a store house, coal dock, wood water tank, ash pit, back shop and the jewel of the site, a complete, working, 18-stall, brick roundhouse surrounding a 115-foot turntable and turntable pit. Other than a few, small roundhouses recently built for railroad museums, we believe that this is the first full-sized, working roundhouse built in the U.S. since 1951.

The Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum was constructed and is maintained with private funds donated by the Jerry and Laura Jacobson Foundation, Inc., a tax-exempt 501(c)(3) entity.



photo by Jeff Stone

2021 - 2022 Division 1 Events

March 20 - Kent Free Library

April 24 - Location TBD

May 14, **Saturday** - Age of Steam Roundhouse

June - TBD

Interested in hosting a meeting?

Contact any Division 1 officer.

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2022

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order: 2:10 PM
- ~ By: Superintendent Sam Eisele
- ~ Participants: 12 members
- ~ Location: Kent Free Library

2. Clerk: Jeff Stone

- ~ Previous meeting minutes (Bruce Hukill) published in Peddler freight.
- ~ Motion to approve minutes, (Bob Ashley, Sr., Lloyd Horst) unanimously approved.

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley

- ~ Checking account balance \$4,923.88.
- ~ Module Fund balance \$1,713.57.
- ~ CD balance \$3,195.41.
- ~ Money Market balance \$10,030.13.
- ~ Total assets \$18,149.42.
- ~ Expenses: Insurance bill \$610.00.
- ~ Motion to approve treasurer report (Lloyd Horst, Jim Peters) unanimously approved.

4. Superintendent: Sam Eisele:

- ~ Nothing is set for a 2024 convention, Division 4 has not agreed to host, therefore no need to make decisions now.
- ~ Led discussion on increasing attendance and making monthly meetings worth the drive time for the distant members.

5. Peddler Freight Committee: Bruce Hukill:

- ~ February 23 deadline for Peddler Freight.
- ~ Contacting members who receive PF by mail. Three of the ten are no longer members.

6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters:

- ~ Membership at 81.

7. Clinic Committee: Jim DiPaola: No report.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst:

- ~ Time planning convention counts toward Volunteer certificate.
- ~ Contact certificate holders for help/advice when working on a particular certificate. Chief aim of the program is to learn from each other.

9. Module Committee: Lloyd Horst:

- ~ Mt. Hope (18-19 March) is on, set up on Friday 3:00 to 8:00 PM.
- ~ Really need help for set up and tear down.
- ~ Need to figure out a faster way to set up.

10. Facebook Committee: Jim Dipaola: No report.

11. Old Business: Sam Eisele: none

12. New Business: Sam Eisele:

- ~ Possibility of May meeting at Age of Steam. Ideas for discussion: Division to possibly pay tour admission for members. Spouses welcome. Possibly cater a meal at AoS. Discussion followed.
- ~ Motion (Lloyd Horst/John Spinks) carried to move May meeting to May 14.

13. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Jim DiPaola displayed and talked through a rusting system he is using.
- ~ Glenn Yoder showed a freight car he used a fruit sticker on.
- ~ Sam Eisele brought roof vents made from applesauce nozzles.
- ~ Bruce Hukill brought an N scale T-TRAK module he has been working on, with bridges and track.

14. Good of the Order/Announcements:

- ~ Bruce Hukill has some HO scale Märklin available for sale.
- ~ Bob Ashley Sr. needs parts for a Bowser E-6 4-4-2.
- ~ Canfield train show was a good show.
- ~ Independence show coming up March 5th.
- ~ Lakeland Railfest will require masks.

15. Adjournment:

- ~ Meeting adjourned at 3:30.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone, Clerk, Division 1



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The Roots of My Obsession

by Matt Woods

As model railroaders, we all have a sentimentality for our early introduction to the hobby and those companies and products that we were first exposed to and purchased. If we began in the hobby as youngsters, we had not yet developed the discerning and critical eye of a skilled craftsman and we were not afflicted by a compulsion towards a specific prototype. In the late 1970's, nearly every young boy, or even teenager, had a starter train set, either Tyco, Lifelike, or AHM, and where they went from there dictated their future in the hobby.

Like many boys of my generation, I had the Tyco starter set, complete with a Santa Fe war bonnet F-7 and was also introduced to my Dad's Lionel collection from his youth. The majority of my elementary years were dominated by a series of 4'x8' layouts and admiring the seemingly unobtainable modeling found in the hobby magazines. You could go into any discount store, particularly Woolworths, and find an aisle of inexpensive ready-to-run train stuff, AHM and Tyco. At that time, most freight cars were \$2-3 and even the top end AHM steam locomotives were between \$30-50. On rare occasions, my Dad and I would go to a real train or hobby shop which opened up a whole other world of brands, products, and level of quality. At that time, the quality of a train shop was pretty much dictated by how many brass engines they had in the display case and how many Athearn blue box and Roundhouse kits. A really good shop would have revolving cases of detail parts and Woodland Scenics products.

From this early age, I had a strong desire to be part of that upper echelon of modelers that were featured in the modeling press (Model Railroader or Railroad Model Craftsman). I wanted to acquire those basic skills that de-

finied the craftsman modeler. As a 10 year old, the notion of scratch building, airbrushing, decaling, and weathering seemed very elusive. These were the skills that seemed like the domain of the elite. Regardless, I soldiered on as a wanna-be model railroader attempting to improve my skill set and modeling arsenal.

It wasn't until many years later and a long absence from the hobby that I finally resolved to acquire those necessary but elusive skills. Through a long period of trial and error, practice and failures, I gradually became much more of my youthful vision of a model railroader. No longer was I intimidated by certain tasks or tools and I didn't feel anything was completely beyond my capabilities, if I practiced. Although I believe I have come a long ways and thoroughly enjoy the hobby, I still harken back to those early days and those mainstay companies that make up the majority of the treasures, or junk, depending on your perspective, at a



An AHM Water Tower kit that was easily found at Woolworths and many other discount stores in the 1970's. Matt Woods describes how these affordable kits helped many boys get their start in model railroading.

typical train show.

In recent times, I have had a desire to revisit some of those early plastic kits and see what my improved skill set will allow me to do with them. Although the molding may be crude and the materials hard to work with, the challenge of trying to paint a plastic kit to disguise its humble origins takes me back to those early days in the hobby. What defines realistic and quality modeling is so dependent on color and weathering. The level of detail and even the accuracy of the design is not as critical in selling the illusion of realism as the quality of the finish. As I go through this winter, I may pick up some of those old kits that nearly everyone had on their layout and just see what I can do with them. At this point, I may prefer craftsman kits or scratch building, but still like the challenge of

trying to make a presentable model out of one of the old classics.

Unfortunately, the hobby has priced itself beyond the means of many newcomers and kids in particular. A return to the simple days of inexpensive structures and rolling stock could give the hobby a boost. For

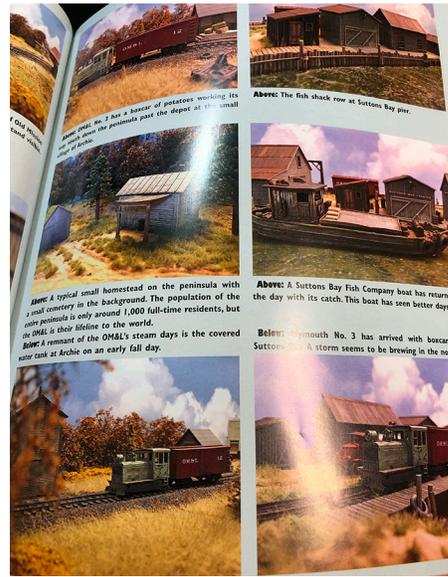
the newcomer, train shows offer the most accessible and affordable means of getting into the hobby and many of the treasures are in new and unused condition.

As of this writing, I am advising my 14 year old nephew in his entry into the hobby and I will encourage him to visit train shows as a means of obtaining products. For his basic needs, DC locomotives are adequate and he can buy a whole train of freight cars for the cost of some ready-to-run models. I will encourage him to develop his skill set and not be intimidated by more advanced techniques or skills. Developing those basic skills are what separates a model railroader from a train collector.

As committed and longtime modelers, I would encourage all of you to bring new people into the hobby and help demystify it for them. The awareness and familiarity of model railroading for today's kids is much different than



Matt Woods' article "Shortline on a Mission" was published in the 2021 HOn3 Annual. Matt plans to write more articles as he continues his quest toward becoming an accomplished modeler.



40 or 50 years ago, but that fundamental intrigue with trains has not changed. With some exposure, many kids will develop an interest and excitement for modeling. I personally attribute my presence in the hobby to my Dad, but my artistic nature has driven me to pursue it on a higher level

and approach it as an artistic endeavor.

In closing, I would encourage all modelers to take chances, don't be afraid to fail, and build something, no matter how small or simple. Build something that gives you satisfaction and challenges your current skill set. Recently, I have convinced my wife to attempt building a couple of small laser kits and incorporate them into a diorama. So far, she is doing quite well with it and seems to like the challenge.

Finally, after 40+ years in the hobby, I experienced the thrill of being one of those published modelers that I had aspired to be. I had an article published in the 2021 HOn3 Annual. This whet my appetite for doing future articles and trying to develop a reputation as an accomplished modeler. So, as a side note, through persistence, dedication, and some luck, you never know where this hobby can take you!

Bring and Brag



Sam Eisele (far left) holds a roof vent he painted and weathered. The vent began its life as a twist off cap to a pouch of applesauce. Glenn Yoder (left) displays a Pacific Fruit Express boxcar with a sticker he applied that was taken from a real piece of fruit. Both are fine examples of using everyday items that are usually thrown into the trash.

N-Scale Report

Wanted to attend the January meeting, but weather reports indicated that I should get my snow blower ready for Monday morning. After 44 years in this home I learned



that living at the end of the Chardon snow band I needed a 60" John Deere. Monday morning we had 33" of snow on the table on my backyard deck and the Deere cleared the driveway.

At the October 2021 meeting I indicated that since a replacement

camera was no longer available for my computer I opted out of internet meetings. Five members indicated I should buy a new computer. I took this under advisement. After due consideration, I decided putting pictures of my ugly mug on the internet could scare the weak of heart and small children. Since I hate Windows 10 which Carol has on her computer and Windows 11 was just coming on line I decided to obtain a more entertaining computer called a 4-6-4 Hudson with Soundtaxx capable of over 22 adjust-



able sound options. New laptop can wait.

N scale Big Boy with smoke was announced by Broadway Limited. It should be available in late summer with payment being required now. I told them an EM-1 with smoke might be of more interest in the eastern U.S.

Registration for the 28th Annual 2022 National N-Scale Convention in Nashville is available now. Dates for convention are June

15 to the 20th. As usual the day before the convention, June 14th, there is a day trip from Nashville to Chattanooga for the museum and a ride on the Tennessee Valley Rail Road. For details check web site, www.nationalscaleconvention.com. The Sheraton Music City is the convention hotel.

Don Bonk
NTRAK/T-TRAK Chair

February Clinic

Link to AMMO by MIG Jimenez - click below



Jim DiPaola presented a clinic showing how he used the AMMO U-Rust products by MIG Jimenez. Jim displayed a hot metal bottle car and other items he weathered with heavy applications of rust. AMMO OF MIG JIMENEZ SL. is located in Villatuerta, Spain and specializes in weathering of military models.



Module Report

I believe that Division 1 has a good Module Group who likes participating in train shows while displaying our modules. However, I see a few problems that I think need to be addressed:

*Since Covid, our Division 1 membership has decreased as well as the numbers in the Module Group. We need more active Module Group members.

*We need more individual module ownership so we have more people with a vested interest in being an active Module Group member.

*Some of the modules have more trackage on them that is not used much, but requires a lot of time to set up and take down. The public wants to see trains running, not switching. The extra track can be non-operating displays.

*It takes too long to set up. The goal should be to set up in 3 hours with trains running, then worry about the scenery. Eight hours of set up and still not able to run trains is too long.

*Is there a better and faster way to join the modules together that automatically lines up the track and module surfaces?

*Is there a better method for joining the track? Do we need rail joiners?

*How can we make the modules lighter?

*Are HO T-TRAK modules the answer? Would the track arrangement need to be modified? Is anyone interested in building them? All that would be needed are tables at the show to set the modules on.

*If we don't make some changes, will the Module Group survive?

The Division needs your input, ideas, and active participation for in order for the Module Group to survive. What is your view on all of this? Give me, Sam, Bob Jr., or Mike your comments.

Lloyd Horst
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Membership Report

No new members this month to report. So, let's talk it up! Let's follow Sam's idea and make our division more entertaining. Less business-talk and more mini-clinic as Jim DiPaola did last month at our monthly event!

I am working on a mini-clinic but in the meantime for my part, I will invite all new members to an LS&MJ operating session! Run trains or watch an op session. Get to know some of the guys!

The following members will be cordially invited to join in the March & April op session: Leonard Bossart, Timothy Fox & well-overdue John Spinks, David Six, Gary Ryan and Stanley McNeel Jr. I'll take three in March and again three in April.

Finally, membership stands currently at 80 as of Feb. 25, 2022.

I hope to see you at the next event on March 20 at the Kent Free Library.

Jim Peters
Membership Chair

Spring is Coming



Do not fret. Warmer weather is coming. This photo was taken last summer under the Route 8 bridge in Akron where there are stacks of tracks. In the foreground is the abandoned Erie followed by the CSX and the Wheeling & Lake Erie.

Train Shows and Open Houses

Independence Train Show - March 5

Independence High School Fieldhouse
6001 Archwood Rd., Independence, OH 44131
Admission - \$7.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Akron Train & Toy Show - March 13

Emidio's & Sons Expo Center
48 E. Bath Rd. at State Rd., Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44223
Admission - \$3.00 9 AM - 3 PM

Mt. Hope Train & Toy Show - March 19

Mt. Hope Event Center
8076 St. Rt. 241, Mt. Hope 44666
(for GPS use Millersburg, Oh 44654)
Admission - \$5.00 10 AM - 4 PM

Div. 1 HO Modules will be running!

Div. 5 Railfest - Model Railroad Show - March 19 - 20

Lakeland Community College
7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, Ohio 44094
Admission - \$8.00 10 AM - 4 PM

Div. 5 Railfest - Dinner - March 19

Painesville RR Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission - \$24.00 5:30 PM
Guest speaker will be Tom Pescha presents:
Cleveland, Painesville and Eastern Railway (CPE interurban)
This dinner is open to anyone who is a railroad enthusiast,
not just our Railfest vendors. Phone Tom at 216-470-5780

Train Collectors Assoc. - Spring Show - March 26

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
Admission - \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Iron and Steel Spring Rail Fest - April 2

All Gauge Model Train Show and Expo
St. Mary's Assumption Social Center
356 S. Belle Vista Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio 44509
Admission - \$7.00, 12 and under free 10 AM - 3 PM

Youngstown Model Railroad Association - April 3

Toy and Train Flea Market
Salem Center Plex, 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, 44460
Admission - \$5.00 10 AM - 3:30 PM

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