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Superintendent's Bulletin



Our bid to host the 2019 MCR Convention was formerly accepted at this year's Mid Central Region Convention in Louisville, KY. We will now put the committees in place for the various areas that are part of a regional convention. If you would like to volunteer to help please contact myself or Assistant Superintendent Steve Zapytowski.

And speaking of our Assistant Superintendent, Steve swept first through third place in black and white prototype photography and 2nd and 3rd place in structures. Congratulations Steve, very well done.

Regional and National conventions sometimes offer make and take clinics. This year's MCR Regional offered a two hour make and take scenery clinic by Fran and Miles Hale. Yours truly decided to sharpen his scenery skills and participated in the hands on instructional clinic. The clinic covered how to make the basic land form shapes from rolled up newspaper, placing wet plaster over the forms, painting the plaster a ground color, covering with various shades of Woodland Scenics ground foam and ground covering, installing and coloring a rock casting and making and installing trees. Normally doing scenery on a layout would take much longer than two hours but the Hale's had to demonstrate all this in two hours which they did very well.

We did get a helping hand from a fire alarm, fortunately false, which occurred just after the plaster cloth was installed which allowed a twenty-minute drying time before the plaster was painted. I found out that a lot of practice is needed before one becomes good at doing scenery.

Come to the June event and you can view my two-hour masterpiece. If you have the opportunity to participate in a make and take clinic please do so. It is a great way to enhance your skills and meet some fellow model railroaders.

June brings a pause in our 2017 Events until September so we can enjoy the summer months with family, friends and other interests we may have. Also in June, we'll announce the awards for Division 1's modeling contest. Official recognition will be at the September event.

Our June event will be held at my house in Ravenna on June 18. Food and drink will be provided. My layout with the completed operating signal system will be open at

12:30 pm with the business meeting starting at 2:00 pm. For the June clinic, I will share what I've learned about scenery and the products that are available.

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

Clinic Report

Since I will be spending Father's Day with my family during our June event, this would be a great opportunity for someone to step forward and get their feet wet not only as a clinician but also as the clinic chair. I'd be happy to co-chair or pass the baton fully starting next fall. I am planning on chairing only the Layout Committee in the near future and for the Regional 2019 Convention. This will give the new person experience while preparing for the 2019 convention. I have three clinicians to start off next fall to help with the transition. Please contact me to discuss. Thanks.

Jim Peters
Clinician Chair

Layout Tours

Attention Layout Owners!

There will be plenty of opportunities coming up to share your layout with fellow members in our division and region:

-Annual Spring Layout Tour 2018

-Sunday self-guided Tour – Regional Convention 2019

-Thursday Operating session – Regional Convention 2019

Contact me for details.
Jim Peters, Layout Tour Chairman

MODULE GROUP

We head into the summer with no shows scheduled for the HO modules for the remainder of the year. We are always looking for venues where we can display and operate our modules. We can be an added attraction for many events, i.e., Railroad Days, shows at event centers, library historical programs, student events, etc. Please call me or any Module Group member if you think you have a lead and make sure the event coordinator is aware of your concern. We have been invited to setup and show our modules in Sharon, PA, in early December, for two days. We have not discussed the details, yet. There will be more about this event, later.

In the meantime, maybe we can set up the modules somewhere and operate them as we do at operating sessions. We have never done that. With all the businesses on the layout, we could operate for several hours to the enjoyment of all the members. Several members and guest did operate the end modules at the Salem YMRA event, Sunday, April 9. We also had NTRAK members operating the HO modules, which is good. We are here to operate either module scales. Both are very enjoyable.

Bob Brock, from Division 2, Pittsburgh, would like to be able to adapt their Free-mo modules to our NMRA standard modules. It would be necessary to lower their modules 10" and build an interface module so they could hook-up to our layout and operate from our controls. He and I are both experienced with CAD drafting and will be designing something this summer.

Also, during the summer, we are hoping that we can build a T-module and Outside curves to allow the operation of an unused loop, or, add a yard when connected to another group. We will advise by email if we can get a work party to do that.

I hope to add scenery to my six modules and add one more module to extend my concrete plant and sand and gravel operation. I also wish to add an operating wood chip dumper to a new module. Now, we need a larger facility to set-up and operate the layout. Oh well, maybe I can, now, qualify for the Golden Spike award, once the scenery is done. Those who build a 4' x 2' module with scenery, which is eight square feet minimum, can apply for the "Golden Spike" and other AP awards.

Those of you who want a module; you need to contact me so I can order electrical components and more lumber. See my email and phone numbers below. We will schedule a date to build the module(s). The final price will be around \$110.00 for the kit.

Some of us have added on/off switches to our Digitrax throttles. This eliminates the need to remove the batteries or flip the battery sideways to turn it off and save the battery. I added a switch to my NCE Pro Cab, also, because it refused to fully shut down when not in use.

The Division portion of the 50-50 raffle is placed in the module fund. This fund is shared with the HO and NTRAK groups as needed for division owned equipment. Privately owned modules and equipment are the responsibility of the owner. All request for funds are to be presented to the Module Chairman.

Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six 50-50 raffle tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. **Your generosity in funding the Division 1 Module Group is appreciated. Many of our new members joined at the shows.**

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com HO, N & Z scales
Jim Williams, Asst. Module Chairman, 330-966-5477 or jamestwilliams46@yahoo.com HO & N scales
Don Bonk, NTRAK, 330-418-6860 or donaldbonk@gmail.com N scale

Division 1 member, William Bigler, Jr., submitted the below photos he took in Harrod, OH. According to the Auglaize Township Historical Society, the Shay, serial number 1568, was built in nearby Lima in 1905 for the Tioga Lumber Company of Nicholas County, WV. The caboose was built in 1963 and assigned to maintenance pool in Lima.



2017 Ohio N-Scale Weekend was a success. This year Div 1 attendees were Derek Shoup, Katy Steele, Kurt Sanders, Bob Vensel, and Don Bonk. The photos below cover the dinner and two modules. Dinner was catered by Schmidt's and the crème puffs filled with custard are always a hit. A "BS" secession with the Queen City N-Scalers Saturday night ended about 1 AM. Next year's the weekend will be May 18th thru the 20th.



Licking crème puff custard off Fingers

The forest on module is made up of individual implanted natural branches with net and flock applied on top of branches. Looks is very natural with open view into forest

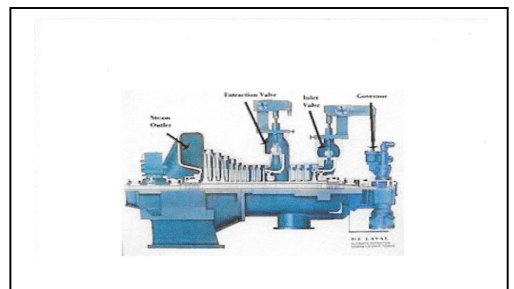
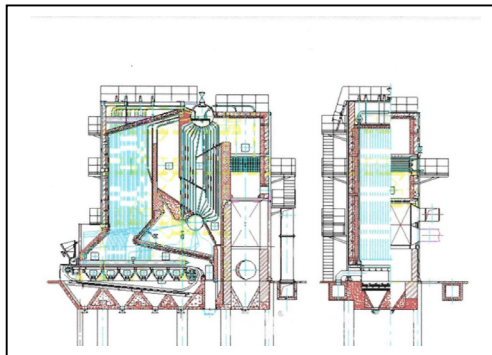
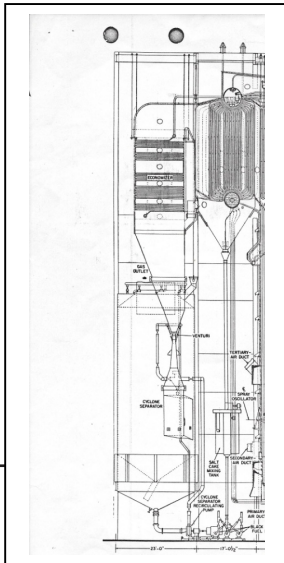


This is a standard 4 foot long module and bottom of the canyon ends about 1 foot off floor



Ramblings – Six month ago “ramblings” predicted that NMRA HQ was planning an increase in annual dues. At the Midwest Narrow Gauge show we were informed that a dues increase of \$3.00 a year is scheduled for next year. This could impact the division’s recruitment program.

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Next issue will cover pulp sale and other commodities.

Membership Report - May 2017

101 members

DIVISION 1 CONTEST - Passenger or Business Car - May Category



**1st Place - Standard Kit
Matt Woods**



**2nd Place - Standard Kit
Matt Woods**



**1st Place - Kit-Bashed
Bruce Hukill**

NMRA MCR Division 1 2016 - 2017 Final Year End Contest Results

Tabulated by Contest Co-Chairs, Matt Woods & Lloyd Horst
(NOTE: Awards to be presented at September 2017 Event)

STANDARD KIT

Mike Bradley	(1st Place)	24 points
Sam Eisele	(2nd Place)	8 points
David Hazlett	(3rd Place)	6 points
Bob Ashley, Jr.		4 points
Glenn Yoder		3 points
Matt Woods		2 points
Ray Lora		1 point
Bob Ashley, Sr.		1 point

KIT-BASHED

Mike Bradley	(1st Place)	24 points
Don Bonk	(2nd Place)	6 points
Frank Williamson	(3rd Place - tie)	4 points
Lloyd Horst	(3rd Place - tie)	4 points
Josh Cohen	(3rd Place - tie)	4 points
Ray Lora		3 points
Sam Eisele		3 points
Ryan Saltsman		3 points
Bruce Hukill		2 points
David Hazlett		1 point

CRAFTSMAN KIT

Matt Woods	(1st Place)	9 points
Don Avila	(2nd Place)	4 points
Sam Eisele	(3rd Place)	2 points
David Hazlett		1 point

SCRATCH BUILT

Matt Woods	(1st Place)	9 points
Frank Williamson	(2nd Place - tie)	2 points
Jim Peters	(2nd Place - tie)	2 points
Ray Lora	(3rd Place)	1 point

NMRA MCR Division 1 Contest Topics 2017-18

September 2017 - Hobo Camps

Small vignette or diorama with figures, makeshift shelter, fire, junk, etc. Use your imagination.

October 2017 - Small Steam

Docksiders (0-4-0), 4-4-0, 2-6-0

November 2017 - Railroad Cranes

Big hooks, burro cranes, Barnhart log loaders, etc.

December 2017 - Christmas Party - no contest

January 2018 - Atlas Water Tower

Put your own spin on this classic kit that everyone has. If you don't have one, pick one up and paint and detail it.

February 2018 - Bridges

Trestles, steel girder bridges, covered bridges, etc.
Photo or actual bridge.

March 2018 - Photos

Model only (not prototype photos)
Mounted on card stock or other material

April 2018 - Dioramas

Track long enough to hold at least one piece of rolling stock
At least one building or structure

Two Categories (Double points awarded)

Scratch Built/Craftsman Kit

Standard Kit/Kit-Bashed

See March 2017 Peddler Freight for details

May 2018 - Trees

Any species or season, in diorama or stand alone

June 2018 - Awards

N/A

- I. **Welcome:** The business meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm By Mike Bradley. Superintendent Jim DiPaola and Assistant Superintendent Steve Zapytowski are attending the regional convention in Louisville, Kentucky and were not present. We were also missing members that were attending the N-Scale Weekend in Columbus. Thanks to Mike and his wife Kim for hosting the meeting.
- II. **Treasurer's Report:** Report given by Treasurer Mike Bradley. A motion was made and seconded to accept the May 2017 Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion passed.
- III. **Minutes:** It was pointed out that there were several errors in the April minutes but no one could remember what they were. A motion was made to accept the April minutes as published in the Peddler Freight. It was seconded and passed. [the Clerk discovered in writing up these minutes that the "Minutes" section of this report has been omitted in the past several additions!]
- IV. **Membership:** No report - Larry Brown was absent.
- V. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Clinics** – Jim Peters will make a presentation at the end of this meeting on installing a lanyard on you DCC throttle.
 - B. **AP** – Members are encouraged to work on their Golden Spike and AP certificates.
 - C. **Peddler Freight** – Bruce Hukill shared that he had called people who did not have e-mails or participate in meetings. As a result, he had several conversations with members who asked for help on their layouts or invited the division to come see them as they were not able to get out of their homes. He said that he had a new perspective on why we should continue mailing the Peddler Freight out to members that did not actively participate.
 - D. **Scale Update** – No report.
 - E. **Modules** – Bob Ashley Sr. reported that there were no shows to setup at in the near future. He contacted Bob Brock from Division 2 of the Keystone Region in Pennsylvania about setting up our modules together and participating in events with them. Their modules are the Fee-Mo style and will not connect with ours. Bob sent him CAD drawings of our module setups and construction. There is a show in Sharon, PA in September that we might setup at. They also talked about the two divisions meeting.
 - F. **Web Site** – Our website is up and running. <http://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/> . Steve Zapytowski is managing the web page. If you want photos of your layout added to the web site please see Steve. We might be linking in videos in the future.
 - G. **Apparel** – See Jim Williams if you have any questions or need to order.
 - H. **Upcoming Events** –
 - A. 2017 National N Scale Convention is in Pittsburg, PA, June 21-25
 - B. MNRA National Convention is in Orlando, FL, July 30 – August 6
 - C. Steel Mill Modelers SIG is in Bethlehem, PA, August 13-16
- VI. **Division 1 Events:**
 - A. June 18, 2017 – Meeting: Jim DiPaola, Ravenna, OH
- VII. **Old Business:**
 - A. MCR 2019 Convention: Jim DiPaola and Steve Zapytowski presented our plans to host the 2019 MCR convention to the MCR BOD. Bruce Hukill reported that the plans were accepted and we were given the approval to move ahead. They are putting together a new manual on how to host a convention.
 - B. David Hazlett pointed out that there are procedures in the by-laws for changing them and we need to be sure to adhere to these rules in removing the term limits from the position of Treasurer as was discussed at the last meeting.
- VIII. **New Business:**
 - A. No new business.

The 50/50 raffle was held.
17 people attended.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The business meeting adjourned at 3:47 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Williams, Clerk

Achievement Program

Planning ahead, I would like to devote my time to chairing the Layout Tour committee for the division for both the annual Spring Tour and the 2019 Regional Convention we will be hosting. If someone is interested in putting more time into promoting the AP program, please let me know. Otherwise, if you have any questions about the Golden Spike award or the AP program in general, contact me.

Jim Peters
AP Chair



The May event was held at Mike Bradley's house. As shown in the photos, Mike enjoys collecting and kitbashing vehicles.



7th Year



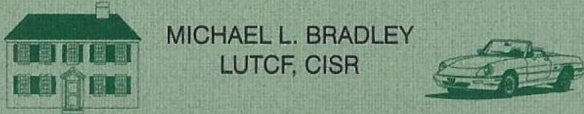
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Western Oregon Circa 1900 to 1910 — HO and HOins

THIS MONTH'S EVENT
Sunday, June 18, 2017
Host - Jim DiPaola
3201 Summit Road
Ravenna, OH 44266
2 PM

Jim will provide snacks and beverages. There should be plenty of room to park on the driveway and grass if the weather is dry. If it rains, please park on Westwood Drive which runs beside the driveway.

Jim's layout will be open for viewing beginning at 12:30 PM. His signal system is now up and running. Come early and run some trains!

Train Shows and Open Houses

National N Scale Convention - June 21 - 25

Pittsburgh, PA
www.nationalnscaleconvention.com

2017 National Model Railroad Association

National Convention - July 30 - August 6
Orlando, FL
www.NMRA2017Orlando.org

Jefferson Ohio Historical Society

Train Swap and Sale Event - July 15

Jefferson Community Center, 11 East Jefferson St.,
Jefferson, Ohio, 44047 10 AM to 3 pm
Admission \$2.00 10 AM - 3 PM
Phone 440-576-5333

The 2017 steel Mill Modeler's Meet - August 13 - 16

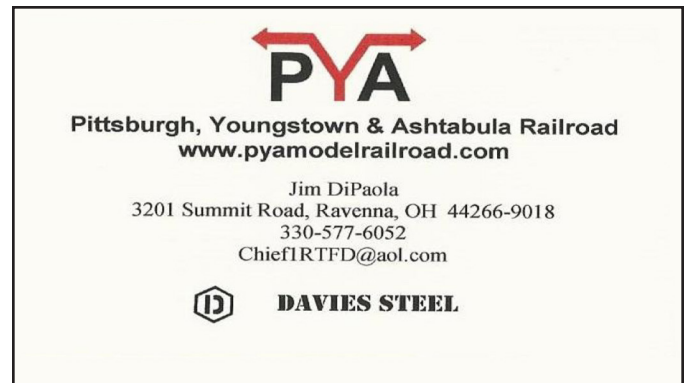
The Sands Casino Resort
77 Sands Boulevard
Bethlehem, PA (877) 726-3777
www.smmsig.org/annual-steel-mill-modelers-meet.html

2017 Railroad Heritage Days - July 29 - 30

Van Wert County Fair Grounds
1055 S. Washington Street, Van Wert, Ohio 45891
Admission \$3.00
Saturday 10 AM - 4 PM, Sunday 10 AM - 3 PM
Phone: 419-238-4207

Railroad Memorabilia Show - August 27

Painesville Railroad Museum (aka Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 5 PM
Phone: 216-470-5780



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