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Superintendents Message

Today most children don't have the connection with trains as there were forty years ago. Instead of taking a train to visit relatives or go on vacation they take an airplane. Yes Thomas the Tank Engine has helped increase interest but will it have a long term effect on model railroading or NMRA membership?

In addition, most adults don't have a good relationship with trains either. The extent of the interaction is, damn, the crossing gates are going down! In commercial world, when I tell individuals I meet that my employer ships railcars, a strange look comes upon their face like I am a pink elephant.

So how do we generate interest in model railroading let alone the NMRA?

One way to get more members is to have a public presence. How do we do this? Would a sign at railroad crossings work? "If you enjoyed waiting for this train to pass, call your local hobby shop, train club or NMRA." I don't think this campaign would work. In addition, the traditional layout is usually hidden in the dark caverns of our attics, cellars, garages and in some cases our minds. These traditional layouts are not mobile or easily accessible. I think we may have a solution at hand. Modules could be a way to have a public presence.

This month we will visit Bob Ashley, Jr. and see the progress of our module group. See you there on March 27.

Randy Dettmer, Superintendent
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Thanks for your support -

William Bigler. Canton

Editor

MODULE REPORT

Bob Ashley, Jr. is having a three hour surgery as I write this report. He will be having more in the coming weeks. This will slow him down, somewhat. Jim Hogue, Jim Williams, Bob, Kurt Sanders and I have accomplished quite a lot on the modules.

All the wiring is in place and is soldered to the 50% of the track. Some of the yard track is not laid due to lack of turnouts. We need eight more turnouts and one double slip switch to complete the layout. However, we will have the modules operational with several modules from our members. Larry Madson, from Division Four, will be there with a check module which will be used to verify that our wiring is in good order and to help tune in any problems.

I have taken on a design consulting job which is tying me up for the next three weeks during the day. This also was delayed by a failure of the prototype, which I was asked to evaluate for improvement.

Bob and I will be working on the modules on random evenings as our schedules and his health permit. We hope to continue to work on them on Saturdays during the day. If you can help, let us know which evenings or days you can be available. We are still planning, at this time, to have the modules ready for his March meeting. Because of the surgery, this could change.

I expect we will need additional money or donations to complete the yards and electrical for the layout. We have received additional money or donations from Jim Hogue, Jim Williams, Jim Peters, Kurt Sanders and me. I have ordered the remaining turnouts and double slip switch due to a long lead time. Please break your piggy bank before you come to the next meeting. We appreciate any contribution you can afford. If nothing else, pray for us. We need all the help we can get.

We had a meeting with the NMRA 2014 Cleveland Convention committees and Division One will be part of a surprise module display for your pleasure. This could one for the record books

I have had several requests for kits or finished standard modules. I will be ordering limited supplies and you must pay for your module prior to taking it with you. The price is \$67.00 each for the materials and \$33.00 each for the wiring kit. This does not include the mandatory NCE UTP Fascia Panel Socket

for plugging in your throttle which is available for \$17.00 from me or at The Whistle Stop. This works with Digitrax or NCE. A module can be built without a UTP. These prices are subject to change; as I must order more materials and wiring supplies.

After I finish the design consulting job, anyone who wants to pay in advance and are willing to come to my house to construct the module please call me. I will be willing to help build their module(s). We are also looking for new module members. Please call me for information.

I want to thank the division for investing in the module program. If we have the same success that Divisions 4 and 5 have had, this will provide a lot of entertainment for the members and the communities. It will also provide a way for each member to earn the AP awards.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman
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(Late word has it that Bob Jr. came through the surgery OK, *Ed.*)

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2010-2011 MEETING DATES

March 27 - Bob Ashley, Jr. - Akron (Date changed due to Kirtland Show.)

April 17 (Palm Sunday) - Jim DiPaola - Ravenna

May 15 - Bill Hewitt - Copley

June 12 - Randy Dettmer, Hudson

DIVISION 1 MODEL RAILROAD FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2011

11 AM - 4 PM

THIS IS THE PLACE FOR YOU TO SELL OR TRADE YOUR ITEMS.

The Flea Market will be held at the Akron Yacht Club.

Tables (@6 feet) are \$10 each.

Contact: Bob Ashley, Jr.
3656 Shikellamy Dr.
Akron, OH 44319-3742
330-645-6175 evenings
tubtoy3656@aol.com

25 tables available. Request your tables early. Setup starts at 9 am.

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Phone: _____

email: _____

Number of tables: _____ x \$10 = _____

Limit of 4 tables.

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2014 CONVENTION REPORT

The 2014 Convention committee met on March 2 at the Cuyahoga Falls Library. There were about twenty-one people at the meeting. Division 1 was represented by Randy Dettmer, Jim Peters, Bob Ashley, Jr., Bob Ashley, Sr. and David Hazlett.

The focus of the meeting was to make committee assignments, specifically to assign Chairpersons. Chairs are needed for Tours, Layout Design SIG and Railroad Prototype Modeling committees.

Progress has been made on the informational folder for the 2014 NMRA Cleveland Convention. Progress has also been made on the design for the Convention logo. Plans were also discussed for representation at the National Convention in California where we will have a booth promoting the 2014 Convention.

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Division 1 Meeting Minutes
February 20, 2011
Host: Larry Brown, The Portage Model Railroad, Ravenna, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Superintendent Randy Dettmer. Twenty-six people were in attendance. Randy thanked Larry and his wife for hosting the meeting.

1. A motion was made by Frank Williamson to accept the minutes of the January meeting as published in the Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded by Chuck Boyer and passed.

2. The Treasurer's report was given by Chuck Boyer for Bob Ashley, Jr. who could not attend. A motion was made by Bill Hewitt to accept the report pending audit. The motion was seconded and passed.

3. The membership report was made by Larry Brown. The division's membership stands at 98 with two new members: Robert Lee and John Palagyi. Renewals were Curtis Cox Donald Deakins, Jim Dipaola, John Emmons, Kevin Hess, and Jim Williams. Elmer Johnson became an inactive member.

4. Meetings:

- a. March 27th at Bob Ashley, Jr.'s. The modules will be on display.
- b. April 17 at Jim Dipaola's
- c. April 28 thru May 1, MCR Rail of Ages sponsored by Division 5.

5. Committee reports:

- a. N Scale – Kurt Sanders / Jim Williams nothing to report
- b. HO Scale – Chuck Boyer nothing to report
- c. Z Scale – Don Avila demonstrated Z Scale which he models. He had a DCC loop of track running two trains. He also showed several buildings, vehicles, and rail cars that he had built and weathered. Don's quote: "If you can build a garage in HO, you can build a Z scale house."
- d. Modules – Bob Ashley, Sr.
The modules have been moved to Bob Ashley, Jr.'s garage for further work and for the March meeting. Several people have made donations of time and money to get the modules as far as they are. Bob recognized Jim Hogue, Jim Williams, Chuck Boyer, Ron Shoemaker, Doc Scarponi, and Bob Ashley Jr. Also, Bob Ashley, Jr. donated a model of an industry which Randy Dettmer volunteered to build. Bob Presented a list of items that he has had to purchase that was not covered by the first \$600 allocation. A motion was made by Jim Williams and seconded by Jim Dipaola for the division to reimburse Bob the \$400 that he had spent. The motion passed.
- e. Achievement Program – David Hazlett
David presented Chuck Boyer a certificate for the Golden Spike Award.

6. Old Business

- a. 2014 NMRA Convention
David Hazlett and Jim Peters reported that there is an organizational meeting on March 2nd at the Cuyahoga Falls Library. They are working on designing a patch and a brochure. Jim passed around a sample of the brochure. Jim will be assessing layouts for tours and showed the assessment sheet he will be using.
- b. Clothing/EmbroidMe – Jim Williams
New sizes, baseball style hats, and two additional sweatshirt weights are available. Prices were reviewed. Orders can be called into EmbroidMe or given to Jim. They can be either shipped directly to the customer or Jim will pick them up and deliver them at the next meeting.
- c. Membership roster
Jim Peters reported that Division-4 prints their roster in their newsletter and it is composed of name, county, city, ZIP, telephone number, and e-mail (no addresses are carried). It is for division members only and is not sold. Jim Peters also pointed out that our division covers 10 counties and it would be nice to know where people are and how to get in touch with them. This information can also be used to update the regional information which is often out of date. Bob Ashley, Sr. made a motion that a membership list of all members' names be kept with members able to opt-in to add additional information like Division-4's and also to opt-out of the list all together. After discussion, the motion was withdrawn for a lack of a second. Jim Williams made a motion that was seconded by Larry Brown that the Membership Chairman would maintain the current roster and disseminate it once a quarter. The motion passed. After more discussion it was decided that the Membership Chairman will determine the best way to disseminate the roster.

7. New Business
 - a. We have been asked to display our modules at CVSR's Thomas-The-Tank-Days. However, they will not be ready by then.
 - b. Bob Ashley, Sr. had new NMRA data sheets for a P&WV USRA 50 ton, 2-bay hopper offered by Division-2. The form to order the car was on the sheet.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
 Jim Williams, Clerk

FEBRUARY 2011 CONTEST

CONTEST WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY:

The February Contest was: "Open loads for flat cars (all types)"

There were only ***Kit-Bashed*** entries.

Chuck Boyer - First place 3 pts. and Third Place 1 pt. .

Glenn Yoder - second place 2 pts.

CURRENT STANDINGS:

Scratch-Built

Larry Brown - 2 pts

Kit-Built

Don Deakins - 8 pts

Larry Brown - 3 pts

Jim Williams - 2 pts

Bill Biggler - 1pt

Jim DiPaola -1 pt

Kit-Bashed

Chuck Boyer - 11.5 pts

Don Deakins - 9.5 pts

Don Bonk - 2 pts

Glenn Yoder - 2pts

Larry Brown - 1 pt

Bob Ashley, Sr. -1 pt

CONTEST FOR 2010-2011

March - Snow plows & spreaders (Hope we don't need them to get to the meeting.)

April - pulpwood & wood chip cars

May - Caboose

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Membership Report 3/8/2011

Active Members: Division 1 = 100

3 NEW MEMBERS:

| | |
|----------------|-----------|
| Chance Ayers | Ravenna |
| Brittany Wyles | Rootstown |
| Janice Brown | Ravenna |

RENEWALS:

Donald Avila, James Bacher, Larry Brown
Charles Burroughs, Tim Lassan, James Pope

INACTIVE:

E. Rantanes, George Sankey

"parking in the rear" open 7 days

The Whistle Stop Hobby Shop
Trains Plastic Models Remote Control

| | |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------|
| Kevin M. Hess | 2146 Front Street |
| Owner | Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221 |
| whistlestopobbies@sbcglobal.net | (330) 928-8984 |

New Members

To Receive Division One Gift Packs

Nils Sundberg, Terry Woods, James Hogue, Robert E. Lee, John Palagyi, Chance Ayers, Brittany Wyles

I would like to thank all the new members since I started the Welcome to the Division gift pack. These packs are now ready and will be available at the March meeting. Packs will be mailed to those not present and then mailed each month to new members along with a welcome letter from the Division 1 Superintendent.

Special thanks to all those who have renewed their memberships and to the Vendor Sponsors of the Membership Drive.

Larry Brown/Member Chair

Train Shows and Open Houses –March 2011 thru April 2011

By Randy Dettmer

Train Collectors Association Show – March 5 – 10 AM – 3 PM

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd, Parma, OH

\$5 admission

Erie Train Show – March 6 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Rainbow Gardens, Waldameer Park, PA

\$4 admission

Youngstown Model Railroad Assn Show – March 13 – 10 AM – 3:30 PM

McMenamy's Banquet Hall, 325 Warren-Youngstown Rd, Niles, OH

\$5 per person, children under 12 are free with adult

Railfest 2011 – March 19 – 20 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Lakeland Community College, State Route 306, Kirtland, OH

\$7 admission, \$12 two day pass, \$12 family (max)

Greater Wayne County Train & Toy Show – March 27 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Buckeye Event Center, 624 Henry St, Dalton, OH

\$5 admission, children 12 and under free with adult

Erie Lackawanna Historical Society – Western Spring Meeting – 2:30 PM – 9 PM

Italian American Club, 644 South Chestnut St, Ravenna, OH

\$35 admission includes dinner

Medina Model Railroad & Toy Show – April 3 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Medina County Fairgrounds, Community Center, 735 Lafayette Rd, Medina, OH

\$6 admission, children under 12 are free with adult

Model Training Day – April 3 – Noon – 4 PM

St Christopher's Church, 20141 Detroit Rd, Rocky River, OH

Free admission

Bucyrus Model Railroad Assoc Train Show – April 9 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Crawford County Fairgrounds, Whetstone St, Bucyrus, OH

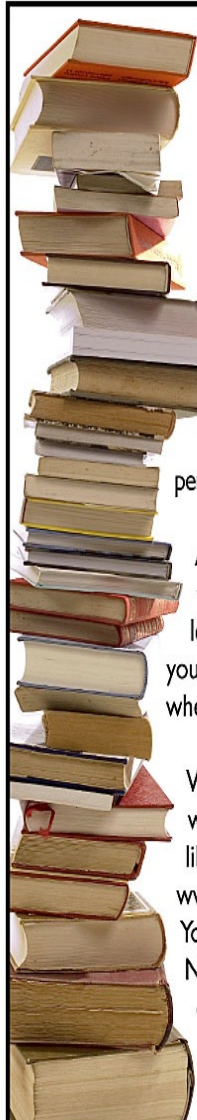
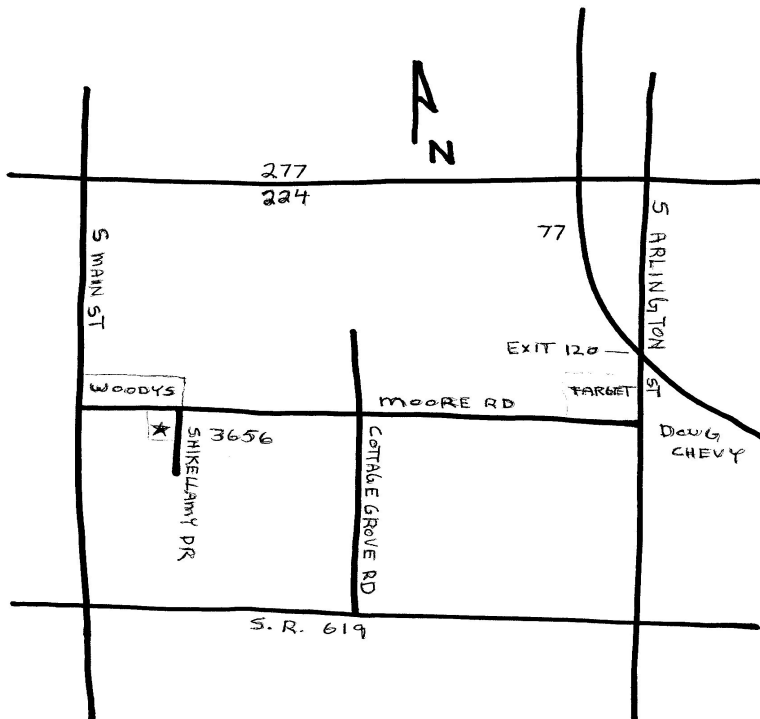
\$4 admission, children 12 and under free with adult

Western Reserve Model RR Museum – Spring Open House – April 16 – 17 – 10AM – 6 PM

7230 Justin Way, Mentor, OH

**Next stop on the tour -
MARCH 27, 2011 2:00 PM**

Our meeting in March will be held at the home of Bob Ashley Jr. located at 3656 Shikellamy Dr Akron OH 44319. Dress for 65 to 68 degrees as we will be meeting in the garage. Please enter through the walk in door. Bob may be reached at 330-645-6175 or tubtoy3656@aol.com. Snacks - Beverages and chairs will be provided



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