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## Superintendents Message

### SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

NMRA membership is now at \$51 per year. That is up \$3 from last year. Since you can still join NMRA, without Scale Rails, at \$36, the increase is due to the cost of the Scale Rails. In the present economy, \$51 seems like a great deal of money. Before the latest increase by NMRA, I was able to join for two years. I saved \$6 or \$3 per year or 25 cents per month over the new rate! Which means that the new rate costs 25 cents per month. Overall, the \$51 is \$4.25 per month; the cost of a gallon of diesel and (soon, I suspect) the cost of a gallon of gasoline.

All costs are going up. I hear so much about those individuals who are on a "fixed income." I am on a "fixed income" and so are many people who are not retired. Wages don't go up as fast as costs. Is NMRA membership worth \$51? I think it is.

I was recently asked this question, "How much financial support does Division 1 receive from the NMRA." That is a very easy question to answer - NONE. Where do we get our money? This year we have gotten money from the sale of donated models, sale of clothing, a raffle and Peddler Freight subscriptions. Our costs have been for the website, gasoline reimbursement for travel to the October Regional BOD, Division 1 patches and the printing and mailing of the Peddler Freight to all Division 1 members. Subscriptions to the Peddler Freight do not pay for the total costs of publication and mailing. Changes will need to be made and will be made.

Have you been to the new website? [div1-mcr-nmra.org](http://div1-mcr-nmra.org) is the new address. Take a look at the site and ask yourself if you would like to have your Peddler Freight on-line rather than mailed. You might find that you prefer it on-line.

The designer of our patch is still not known to me. Please contact me. \_\_\_\_\_ *David*

## MCR Baggage Building Kits

The last shipment of kits have arrived and will be at the May meeting for those who have not picked them up yet.

Thanks to all who ordered them. Bill Smith

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Division 1 Meeting Minutes

March 30, 2008

The home of Dan Williams, Sagamore Hills, Ohio

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The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Superintendent David Hazlett. 20 people were present. The minutes of March's meeting, as printed in the Peddler Freight, were approved. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted subject to audit.

Superintendent David Hazlett reported that the NMRA membership had not changed since the last meeting.

David again asked for column authors and clinic presenters. The columns could be submitted in Word or Word Perfect by e-mail or posted.

The next meeting is on May 18<sup>th</sup> at Bob Ashley Sr.'s home in Akron. Directions will be provided.

Bob Ashley Sr. reported on the sale of Division-1 patches and clothing. Most everyone that comes to the meetings has a hat or some other garb. Bob got a lot of questions about Division-1 from wearing his clothing and hat at the train show at McMenemy's Hall in Youngstown the day before. Bob gave Division-1 information to 5 people at this show.

Bob Ashley Sr. reported that he has had another person express interest in the building of division modules. They will start in May. Once they have built a couple, they will be able to better establish a per module

cost. They will build modules for those who can not but would like one. They have a command module for how all modules are being operated. Don Avila showed the group the ZBEND module connectors that he had purchased. Z-scale modules use 2 sets of connectors for each end of the module. N-scale modules are built to NTRAK specs.

Frank Williamson had received no further nominations. The candidates are: David Hazlett for Superintendent, Bob Ashley for Assistant Superintendent, Bob Ashley Jr. for Treasurer. A motion was made and seconded to close the nominations. The motion passed. People should bring their ballots published in the next Peddler Freight to the May meeting. No copies are accepted and your ballot should have your mailing address label on the back of it to be valid. If it is mailed in, the same rule applies.

We have a new website (div-1-mcr-nmra.org). We will be able to monitor how many people go to the home page and where they go on the site. Pictures of the division clothing and hat offerings will be displayed. We will accept pictures of members' layouts. The pictures on the website will be in color.

A rolling twelve month's worth of the Peddler Freight issues will be maintained on the website. There was discussion around not mailing a printed copy of the Peddler Freight since it will be available on-line. We would still offer the mailing to the members who would want to pay for it, but would not subsidize mailing to all of the NMRA members in the division as is done now. Currently the active members of the division who pay \$15 a year for the mailing are underwriting this mailing to all NMRA members in the division. We are running a deficit of \$134 per mailing. We are going to be faced with raising the cost per year to continue to do this or just charge those who want a hard-copy and let the rest read it on the website. This will be decided at a future meeting.

Chuck Boyer had a box of free items that he had available on a first come, first serve basis. The box was cleaned-out. Thanks Chuck!

The regional convention is in May. Next month the contest is centered around electric powered locomotion.

Bob Ashley, Sr. brought to the group's attention that Dan was a MMR (Master Model Railroader). Dan talked about achieving this award and encouraged others to do the same.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Williams

Division 1 Clerk

*(Summarized by the Editor).*

After the meeting, Dan served drinks and snacks and showed us a video he had created about his layout, the Brandywine and Cripple Creek Railroad.

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## MEMBER ON THE LOOSE

We had a booth that was well manned, at the McMeanamy's Train Show. That gave everyone time to visit the rest of the tables and look for some thing they couldn't "live without". George Brundage wasn't there when we had our pictures taken at the Div. 1 table, however, I ran into him helping the Western Reserve Modular Railroad Club fellows on the O gauge module layout. He is a member of that group, also. George was wearing his Div, 1 shirt and was sitting there taking it all in. It looked like a perfect photo opportunity. George was a big help at our table as well as the module group.



**George Brundage helping at the Western Reserve Modular Railroad Club**

## HATS AND PATCHES

Mesh hats and truckers (no mesh) hats @\$16.00 each, and patches @ \$6.00 each, are in stock and are available immediately. Superintendent David Hazlett hopes to see a "Sea of Black" at the Mid-Central Convention. I will also have them at the convention, if anyone wishes to buy one there. I have a room and arrangements might be dependent on the activities I will be attending. Dave also has a limited supply of Tote Bags with the Division One Herald on the bag @ \$10.00 each.

Please fill out an order form or call and we will expedite your delivery. We are eagerly awaiting your orders. Send them to: Robert Ashley, Sr., 3365 Waterside Drive, Akron Ohio 44319, 330-644-4778, fax: 330-644-4796 or [rashleysr@msn.com](mailto:rashleysr@msn.com).

P.S. Come on guys, you know you want to wear something. Help us out.

Bob Ashley, Sr. – Apparel Chairman

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## McMENAMY'S SHOW REPORT

Division 1 manned a booth at the Youngstown Model Railroad Club train show, on April 19, 2008. This was well received and we had many people walk up to see what we were all about. There were brochures for the NMRA, Division 1 and the CVSR. Our new maps which show the NMRA Mid-Central Region, Ohio Divisions and Division 1 were displayed for the first time and drew much attention. Hats and patches were for sale, also.

The purpose of the booth was to let the people know that Division 1 is the local branch of the NMRA and encourage them to join. The NMRA-Rail Pass Membership was also available and for \$9.95 it is a hell of a bargain. Several people took the trial membership cards with them. We hope to see some of these people at our meetings, soon. Our intention to have these booths at more shows later this year. Please offer to man the booth and see the show, also.



LtoR—Rich Ramskugler, Karen Sanders, Kurt Sanders and Bob Ashley, Sr. Jim Pope and George Brundage were looking for treasures and missed the photo.

**Youngstown Model Railroad Club Train Show –  
NMRA, MCR, Division One Booth**



NMRA MEMBERSHIP REPORT  
For MAY 2008

NMRA membership in Division 1 stands at 97. The latest information was received on April 30, 2008. It usually takes 30 days for NMRA to update the membership list when you join or renew.

New Members - None

RE-RAIL : Earl Myers

RENEWALS: Tom Babcox George Sankey

Missing from the list:

Kevin Brown	Don Curtis
C E Lessig	Charles Nitshke
Joseph Shipman	

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

No operating session this month due to the  
Regional Convention. Sorry.

David Hazlett

THE CONTEST

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 at any skill level.

Judging will be by popular vote at 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. In all cases we will keep track of the points scored as the months go by and at the end of the year, May or June meeting, the total points winner(s) will receive special recognition.

May - Electric Power (Incl. Interurbans)  
June - Awards Ceremony

Winners for 4-20-08:  
Scratch-built - Dan Williams  
Kit-Bashed - None  
Kit-Built - None

Contest Standings (as of 4-30-08)

Scratch-built	Kit-Bashed
Don Deakins - 5	David Hazlett - 3
Ivan Stasa - 3	Chuck Boyer - 1
Bill Bigler - 1	Don Deakins - 1
Dan Williams - 1	Jim Peters - 1
Bob Vensel - 1	Ivan Stasa - 1

Kit-Built  
Bob Ashley - 1  
David Hazlett - 1

Names are listed by point total with ties listed alphabetically. Ron Wigal keeps track of the voting, but does not vote. When I have a model in the contest, I do not vote.

David

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## N-Scale News and Views

This month I'm going to talk about the reason that I wasn't at the March Division 1 meeting. My wife and I had a trip scheduled to visit my brothers who live in the Lancaster County, PA area. In February, I read an article in our local paper, *The Vindicator*, about Carter Reese, a railroad enthusiast, who planned on restoring an 1888 rail car.

Since we were in the area, we had to see if we could get to see this car which is in Ephrata, PA. This car is one of only six, numbers 90 through 95 that still exist today. The cars were built by the Jackson and Sharp Company of Wilmington, Del., for Henry M. Flagler for his private train.

Flagler was a business partner with the millionaire John D. Rockefeller of Standard Oil and also went on to be the founder of the Florida East Coast railroad. The railroad operated rail service in the southern part of Florida all the way to the Keys. It was found in the Wilkes-Barre Pa. area, where it had at one time been used as part of a night club. It had to be transported by two semis, with some special rigging for the rail car. The rear of the rail car had to be placed on trailer trucks, and the front of the car was placed on a truck that could be towed by the semi. The other semi was used to carry the rail cars trucks and the couplers. Also transported on that trailer were some rails and ties to set the rail car on.

The car was headed to Andrew Stauffer's place in Ephrata, Pa. Stauffer, who is the owner of Lindenhof Blacksmith Shops. Stauffer and his crew are all train enthusiasts, and every day at 9 am and 5:30 pm, he blows a train whistle mounted on his barn.

The blacksmith shop is located at 202 Parkview Heights Road in Ephrata, Pa. 17522, so if you're ever in that part of the world, stop and see it. Andrew loves to talk about his project and was quite happy to give us many details and to visit with us for well over an hour, telling us all sorts of interesting details about the restoration. This is not exactly N-Scale related, but since most of us model railroaders are also rail fans, I thought it would be of interest to many!



Kurt Sanders

# OFFICAL DIVISION 1 BALLOT

## MCR - NMRA

Check the Box to indicate your vote for each of the following NMRA members in good standing:

1. DAVID HAZLETT - Superintendent
2. ROBERT ASHLEY SR. - Assistant Superintendent
3. ROBERT S. ASHLEY JR. - Treasurer

The Nominating Committee has recommended the above NMRA members for Officers for a two (2) year period.

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No copies will be accepted.

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or ***bring this page to the MAY 18 meeting.***