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Superintendent's

Summer Trains - Big & Small



All aboard! It's that time already. Can you believe three months have flown by? Three months of grass mowing, sweating, more grass mowing and more sweating. Although I'm pretty sure there's more grass cutting and sweating in our future, the one thing we can look forward to is model train season.

Hopefully you had a chance to do something railroad related. With Union Pacific 4014 in our area you had plenty of opportunity. I'm looking

forward to seeing everyone's photos and hearing all of the great stories of how you were able to overcome the hoards of people to get that perfect shot. Plenty of bring-n-brag material there.

Our first meeting will be very busy. My intent is to have meeting dates and locations for the whole season so everyone has an idea of what's in store. Also, we are working on clinics, speakers and field trips. My goal is meetings are something you look forward to. We will be taking our show on the road with potential meeting locations all around our vast Division 1. Be thinking of carpooling with a friend or two to the meetings. Car rides are a great opportunity for some additional "train talk." I am very interested in your participation. Everyone is good at something and/or has a question. You get out of this what you put into it. I look forward to hearing from you. I have a sign over my bench that says, "challenge yourself, do something you're not good at or something you're not interested in." That's how you get better. I have some ideas on bringing back, in a sense, some of our old features to try to elevate your modeling skills that you didn't know you had! Should be fun. I'm talking about "monthly contests." A monthly theme that the twist is – no winners and no losers. No fabulous prizes, just sharing your experience with the group. More at the meeting.

Looking forward to a great season of gluing my fingers together and paint fumes! Let the games begin!

All Aboard!
Sam Eisele
Superintendent, Div. 1



(above) Big Boy No. 4014 pauses in Fostoria as it heads east on June 6. The Big Boy again passed through Fostoria as it headed west.



(left) Maine Narrow Gauge No. 1, in its America 250 paint scheme, was built in 1949 by General Electric. The two foot Maine Narrow Gauge runs along the waterfront in downtown Portland, Maine.

2026 -27 Division 1 Events

Sept. 27 - Kent Free Library
Oct. 18 - Youngstown Steel Heritage Museum
Nov. 21 - Wayne County Library, Wooster
Dec. - Div. 1 Christmas Banquet (TBD)
Jan. - TBD
Feb. - TBD
March - 33rd Annual Narrow Gauge Show, Salem
April - TBD
May - TBD
June - Div. Annual Picnic (TBD)

**Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
June 14, 2026**

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order: 3:08 PM.
- ~ By: Jim DiPaola, Superintendent.
- ~ Participants: 24.
- ~ Location: Eisele Acres, Mantua, Ohio.

2. Clerk: Jeff Stone:

- ~ Previous meeting minutes published in Peddler freight.
- ~ Motion carried to approve minutes (Steve Zapytowski /Bob Gurdak).

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley:

- ~ Available on request.
- ~ Expense: None.
- ~ Income: May 50/50 (\$36).
- ~ Hazlett Award funded to \$71.50 max.
- ~ Motion carried to approve treasurer report (Bob Anelli / Bob Gurdak).

4. Superintendent: Jim DiPaola:

- ~ Thanks to Trish and Sam Eisele for hosting and catering the meeting.
- ~ Thanks to all who have helped during his term as Superintendent.
- ~ Jim announced he will be having a garage sale for his excess items on 18 & 19 July. 10-4. His address: 3201 Summit Road, Ravenna.

4a. Assistant Superintendent: Sam Eisele:

- ~ Recognized Trish for her hard work putting together today's meal.
- ~ Chip & Kathy Symmes were introduced and welcomed.
- ~ Ron Morgan, outgoing Superintendent of Division 4, and his friend Kathy were introduced and welcomed.
- ~ Announced Lloyd Horst as winner of the 2026 Hazlett Award.
- ~ Ron Morgan spoke about the MCR Board of Directors meeting. Average age of NMRA 73, (At this point your Clerk ran out to help Sam take down the canopy before the storm did it for him, and did not take notes.)

5. Peddler Freight Publisher: Bruce Hukill: No report.

6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters:

- ~ Current membership 80.

7. Clinic Committee: Sam Eisele: No report.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst: Not present, no report.

9. Module Committee N: Lloyd Horst: Not present, no report.

9a. Module Committee HO: Bob Gurdak.

- ~ Work evening Saturday June 27, 4PM, Over Easy in Kent.
- ~ Set up at Over Easy in Kent for Heritage Day, 10:00 AM July 3.

10. Facebook Committee: Trev Smith: Not present, no report.

11. Website Committee: Steve Zapytowski: No report.

12. Old Business: None.

13. New Business: None.

14. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Patrick Wamsley showed off 765 bling.

15. Good of the Order/Announcements:

- ~ 50/50 cash won by Jim DiPaola.
- ~ Cuyahoga Valley open house Saturday June 20, 10-4.
- ~ B&O museum open house Saturday June 27.

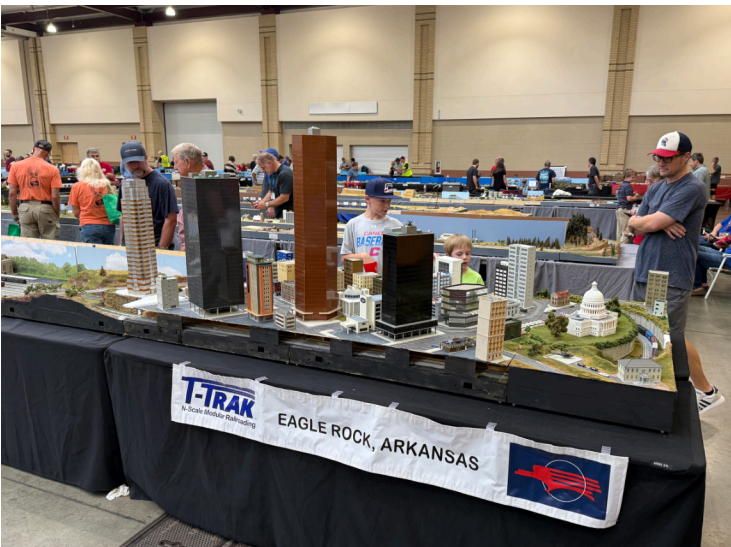
16. Adjournment: At 3:48 motion carried to adjourn meeting.

Post meeting: layout visit, rain runs, and storm watching.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Stone, Clerk, Division 1.

Steve Kaplan of Division 4 has passed away. His daughter is selling off all of his railroad stuff. Included: Walthers kits, built up buildings, freight cars, scenery items, code 85 and 100 flex track and switches. Sale will be Sept. 26 and 27. Hours 10 AM - 4 PM.
Location: 151 Kempton, Berea, OH 44017.

NMRA National Convention in Chattanooga



(clockwise from top left) Pelle Søbørg presented *Realistic Scenery Composition* to a packed clinic room; a unique N scale T-TRAK module on display during the National Train Show; Chickamauga and Chattanooga National Military Park was a short drive from the convention hotel; one of the many peninsulas making up the record breaking T-TRAK layout at the National Train show. Your editor's train took just over two hours to circuit the entire 93 scale miles of track.

September Meeting

Sunday, September 27, 2026

Kent Free Library
312 West Main Street
Kent, OH 44240

Bring a snack to share and a drink of your own.
Please bring your Bring-N-Brag items to share.
Meeting begins at 2 PM

14th Year



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Train Shows and Open Houses

Depot 150 (Olmsted Falls Depot) Sept. 12 -13

A celebration of the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Olmsted Falls Depot
Olmsted Falls Depot and Model Railroad Museum
25802 Garfield Ave., Olmsted Falls, OH 44138
Admission: Free 10 AM - 4 PM

Canfield Train and Toy Show Oct. 11

Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana, Canfield
Admission: \$8.00, 10 AM - 3 PM

TCA - Fall Train Meet September 19

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
164 Eastland Rd., Middleburg Heights 44017
Admission: \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Fundraiser Dinner October 17

Painesville RR Museum
475 Railroad St., Painesville 44077
Admission: \$30 pre-sale, \$35 at door 3 PM - 8 PM
Dinner served at 4 PM
<https://painesvillerrailroadmuseum.org/>

Case-Barlow Farm Fall Harvest Fest Sept 20

featuring Cuy. Valley Scenic RR Large Scale Train Display
1931 Barlow Rd., Hudson 44236
Admission: \$10.00, Children \$8.00 12 PM - 5 PM

Coshocton Train Show October 17

Coshocton County Career Center
23640 Airport Rd., Coshocton 43812
164 Eastland Rd., Middleburg Heights 44017
Admission: \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Iron and Steel Autumn Train Show Sept. 26

Saxon Club, 710 Meridian Rd., Youngstown 44509
Admission: \$8.00, 9 AM - 2 PM

Medina Train and Toy Show October 25

Medina Fairgrounds, Medina 44256
Admission: \$8.00 9 AM - 3 PM

Fostoria Rail Festival Sept. 26

Fostoria Jr/Sr HS, 1001 Park Ave., Fostoria
Admission: \$6.00, 10 AM - 4 PM

8th Annual NMRA Division 6 October 25

Pritchard Laughlin Ctr., 7033 Glenn Hwy., Cambridge
Admission: \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

The Great Berea Train Show Oct. 3 - 4

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
19201 E. Bagley Rd., Middleburg Heights, OH 44130
Admission: \$10.00, 10 AM - 4 PM

Guernsey Valley Model RR Open House Oct. 26

3rd Floor of Colley Building
648 Wheeling Ave., Cambridge 43725
Admission: \$2.00 12 PM - 5 PM
Not ADA compliant

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