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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



**Happy New Year!** Did you make a New Year's resolution? Spending more time on the layout? Attending more NMRA meetings? Work on getting a Golden Spike? Work toward finishing or starting a MMR certificate? Learning more about operation? Starting a module?

Well if you are interested in starting a module, you are in luck. This month we will be at the Akron Yacht Club and you can see the division's modules up close. They will not be a static display but set up and running!

Our annual Holiday Dinner at The Erie Station Grill was a great success. We had 31 attendees. Sorry if you couldn't make it. We had several door prizes. One of our door prizes was an Erie lantern, donated by Dave Riggle. It now resides in at Jim DiPaola's home. As it turns out, Jim's father was the Erie station agent in Ravenna so the lantern has found a fitting home.

Again, if you are interested in any of the books from the Dave Riggle collection, let me know.

See you this month at the Akron Yacht Club in Akron, OH.

Randy Dettmer  
Superintendent

**JULY 13-20, 2014**



### Meeting Dates & Locations for 2011-2012

- January 15 - Bob Ashley Jr - Akron
- February 19 - Larry Brown - Ravenna
- March 11 - Jim Williams - North Canton
- April 15 - David Hazlett - Akron
- May 20 - Jim DiPola - Ravenna
- June 10 - Bill Hewitt - Copley

## Division 1 Meeting Minutes

November 20, 2011

Hosts: Kevin and Alva Hess, Whistle Stop Hobby Shop, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio



The meeting was called to order at 2:08 pm by Superintendent Randy Dettmer. Twenty-seven people were in attendance. Randy thanked everyone for coming and thanked the Hess's for hosting the meeting.

1. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the October meeting as published in the Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded and passed.
2. The Treasurer's report was given by Larry Brown in the absence of Bob Ashley, Jr. The results of the flea market were very positive and added to the division's coffers. A motion was made to accept the report pending audit. The motion was seconded and passed.
3. The membership report was presented by Larry Brown. There have been twelve renewals. David Post along with his wife was attending his first meeting.
4. The membership focus was given by Kevin Hess. He stated that in two weeks he will have owned the store for 6 years.
5. Committee reports:
  - A. Clinics - Jim Peters: no clinic for today's meeting.
  - B. NMRA-2014 Convention: There is a meeting at the IX-Center this evening. Bob Ashley, Sr. and Jim DiPaola will be attending for Division 1.
  - C. Achievement Program (David Hazlett, Chuck Boyer and Don Deakins are on the committee): Nothing to report.
  - D. Modules - Bob Ashley, Sr.: The setup for the flea market was delayed two hours due to an electrical problem with a throttle. Patrick and Caleb ran the trains and helped under the table with the setup and take-down. At the Dalton train show there was a problem with a locomotive shorting out the system; but once this was solved, the trains ran fine. The modules will be setup for the January meeting at the Akron Yacht Club and again in Dalton in March. The setup for the January meeting will be from 4-8 PM on Saturday, 01/14/12.
  - E. O, HO, N and Z Scales: nothing to report.
  - F. Apparel - Jim Williams: we now can offer a long-sleeved dress shirt for both men and women. Bob Ashley, Sr. was wearing one.
  - G. Holiday dinner: The dinner is on 12/17/11 at the Erie Station Grill in Tallmadge. 24 have signed up and others have until a week before this date to let David Hazlett know if they will be attending.
6. Old Business
  - A. The election committee for 2012 needs to consist of 3 people and should be assembled by February, 2012. Again, no one volunteered, so Randy will appoint a committee.
  - B. Of the items donated by Dave Riggle: three books and most of the cars sold at the Flea Market. One of the lanterns will be used as a prize at the dinner.
  - C. Randy, Larry Brown, and Jim Peters are still formulating a member survey similar to what Division 6 used. It was suggested that one of the questions should ask if the person was interested in getting the Peddler Freight; and if so, whether by mail or electronically?
  - D. There still was no interest in developing a Facebook page similar to Division 3's.
7. At 2:50 pm a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted, Jim Williams

# Members Report January 2012

## New Members

Bob Romberger - Cuyahoga Falls  
Bob Weston - Barberton  
Mike Little - Leetonia

## Renewals

Kevin Hess

### Welcome to all the new members!

I look forward to meeting you on the 15<sup>th</sup> 2:00 at the Akron Yacht Club **The membership now stands at 99** Special Thanks to Kevin Hess for renewing and his continued support to our members.

I will have printed copies of the voluntary roster available at the next meeting

Larry Brown

## Voluntary Roster Participation Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone: \_\_\_\_\_  
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You can mail this to me or send me your info via e-mail: [gemstonemine@yahoo.com](mailto:gemstonemine@yahoo.com) .  
Or fill out the Roster form that will be passed around at the next meeting.

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## Z-SCALE NEWS

by Don Avila

## Optivisors with LED

If you have a set of Optivisors, take a look at a QUASAR #6010. Made for the Optivisor and fits right on. Great lighting with 2 AA batteries (included) with 6 BRIGHT LED's. As you are working close to the model and there are 6 lights, you have an almost shadowless work area. About \$23 or so from your local hobby shop.

It doesn't quite do your wiring or kit assembling for you, but is a great step forward.

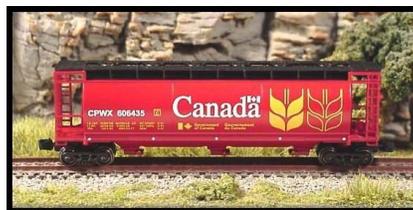
## New Product Announcement - Cylindrical Hoppers

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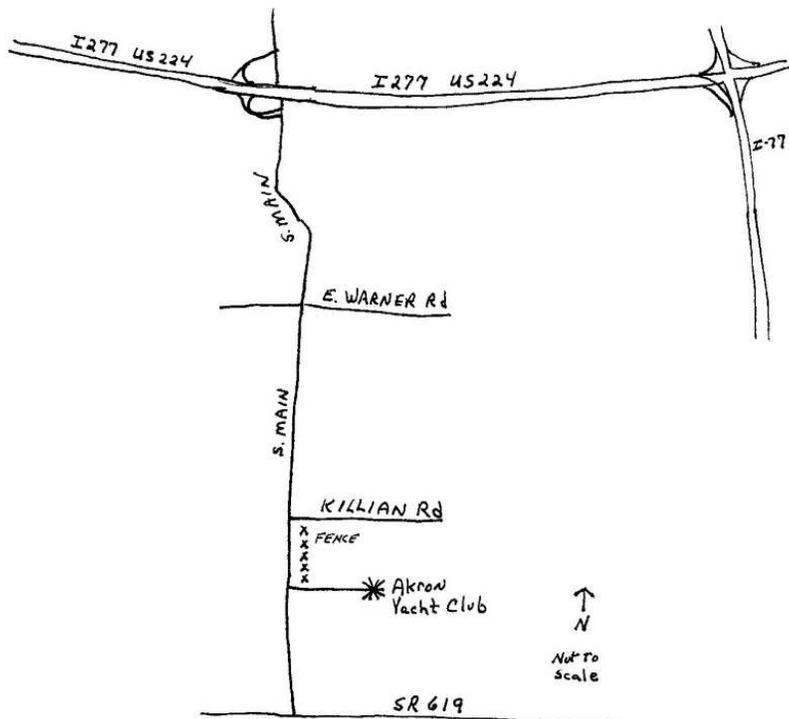
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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING  
is on  
Sunday, January 15  
at  
THE AKRON YACHT CLUB**

Bob Ashley, Jr. and his wife, Twyla,  
are our hosts for the meeting.

They are providing chili, brownies  
and drinks.

Please bring snack items and  
desserts to share.

The Division 1 Module Group  
will have the modules operating.

The contest will be Covered Hoppers.

**The meeting starts at 2 pm.**

**N-SCALE NEWS**

by Don Bonk

Last year the new and improved Bachmann line of "N-scale" DCC locomotives proved to be good values for the price. Both the "Ten Wheeler" and GP7 operate well and look realistic. The "Ten Wheeler" had to have the lead truck properly gauged, but this was a simple repair. Bachmann's "Consolidated" locomotives were great from the operational stand point and the addition of DCC in 2011 has only improved performance. Now if they only had sound!

Dave Tillman, who presented the Power Plant clinic at one of our Division meeting has produced and mailed out season greeting in the form of 18"x12" calendars this year. These illustrated 2012 calendars have a different photo of Dave's layout for each month. Seem like a great idea for some future year if I would just get to work on my scenery!

Have a Happy "N-Scale" New Year !!!

**Train Shows and  
Open Houses**

**January  
thru  
February**

Toy Train & Model RR Flea Market – January 8 – 10AM – 3PM  
McMenamy's Banquet Hall, 325 Youngstown-Warren Rd, Niles OH  
\$5 admission

Model Train Show – January 22 – 10AM – 3PM  
German's Villa, 3330 Liberty Ave, Vermilion, OH  
\$4 admission, web site: [www.norwalkandwesternrr.com](http://www.norwalkandwesternrr.com)

Medina Model RR & Toy Show – February 5 – 10AM-4PM  
Medina County Community Center, Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, OH  
\$6 adults, children under 12 free

## MODULE GROUP

Those who have helped on the modules are learning from others on the fine art of model railroading. The modules cover all aspects of the hobby. This is a great way to start to earn an achievement award. Ron Shoemaker has worked ten hours building his two modules, so far, and John and Caleb Palagyi spent six hours each building one module, so far. We have more work to finish the modules, but, we have had a lot of fun doing it. Including my hours, we have a combined fifty hours.

Our next scheduled module display is Sunday, January 15, 2012, which is the next meeting, to be held at Akron Yacht Club with our host Bob and Twyla Ashley. This will be an operating session and all members of Division 1 are asked to operate the trains. We will setup Saturday, January 14, 2012, between 4:00 PM and 8:00 PM. Please come to help us with the setup and operations. We will be using an “L” shape layout with room for about four regular modules and the Division 1 modules. We will also have a table for NMRA promotions and some space for sales of railroad merchandise. Bring something you wish to sell; however, this is only one table. Please bring a cover to secure your module for overnight.

The new track plan is working fine and it offers a serious challenge for a module operating session. The double slip switches are a challenge all by themselves. We have a sign for display above the modules. Please see the images from the Dalton train show.

Larry Brown has nearly completed the scenery on the corner modules and it is looking great. He has added a double spur off the local main and made a small town with lots of buildings. Jim Williams has started the scenery on the industrial end modules. We need more volunteers to start the scenery on the passenger and intermodal/coal yard end modules and build kits for buildings. We will have two months to work on the details before the next showing. This is a large job and should have a team effort. Contact me if you want to help.

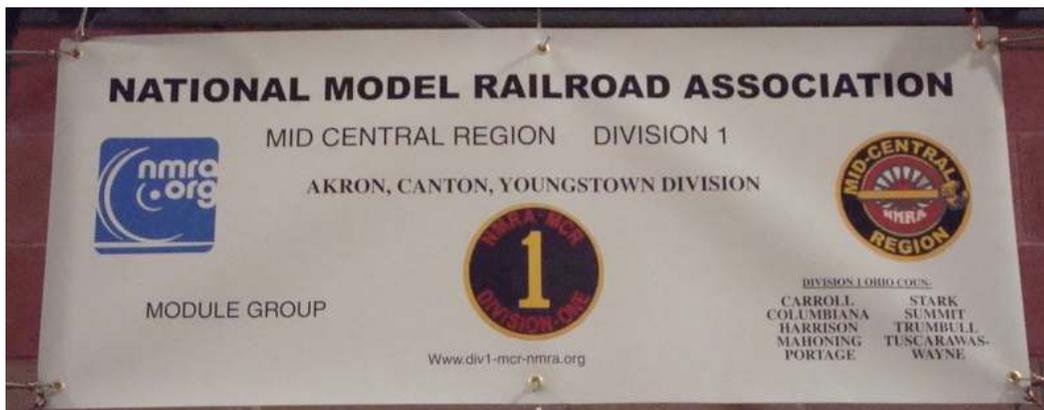
I have five modules, at my home, ready to assemble. The price per module is \$67.00 each for the materials and \$33.00 each for the wiring kit and the mandatory NCE UTP Fascia Panel Socket for plugging in your throttle is available for \$17.00 from me or at The Whistle Stop. “Come on. You know you want one”.

I am also looking for anyone who will make an N gauge module to go with Kurt Sanders and mine or Z gauge module to go with mine. I hope to have my Z gauge module in the next Buckeye Center Train Show, March 25, 2012.

The “Module Group” logo is available through Jim Williams for \$6.00 and can be added to your shirts. Please have this done before the upcoming displays. Thanks to all who have already done this.

If anyone wants to participate, under the Division 1 banner, with Division 4, at the NMRA National Train Show in Grand Rapids, MI, let me know ASAP.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com



## Clinic Report

**Wow.** Our holiday dinner has come and gone. If you were there, I'm sure you enjoyed the dinner, RR Videos, the raffle and most of all the camaraderie. Speaking of camaraderie, why not volunteer to share something you enjoy doing with model railroading. Just let me know and I will put you on the list. In January, we will be at the AYC, operating the modules! How is that for a clinic!

Jim



## CONTEST RESULTS

### NOVEMBER WINNERS: WORK TRAIN

#### ***Standard Kit***

Jim DiPaola - 1 pt

#### ***Kit-Bashed***

Jim Williams - 2 pts

Bill Hewitt - 1 pt

### CURRENT STANDINGS

#### ***Standard Kit***

Jim DiPaola - 3 pts

Jim Williams - 3 pts

Don Bonk - 1 pt

#### ***Kit-Bashed***

Jim Williams - 3 pts

Bill Hewitt - 2 pts

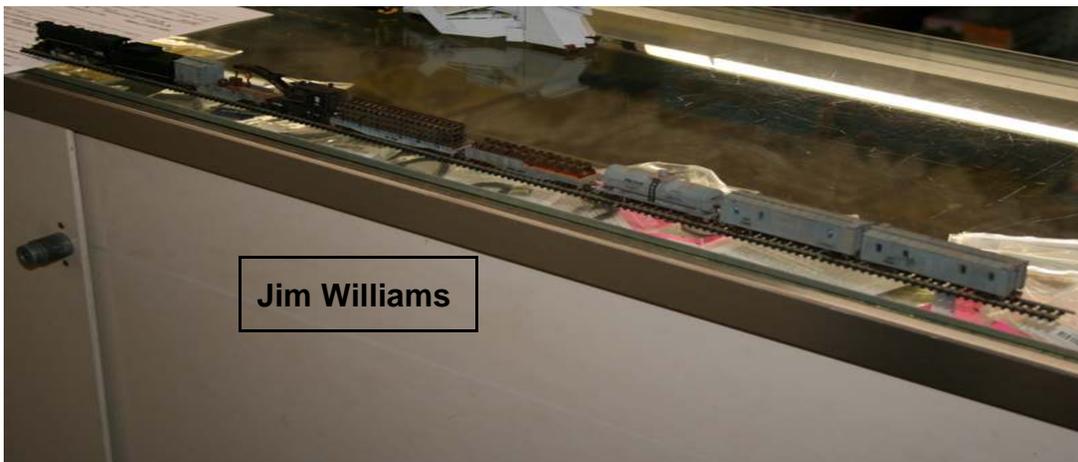
### MODEL CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2011-2012

January - Covered Hopper

February - Scale Car

March - Station

April - Line Side Structure



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