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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Believe it or not, we have almost made it through another winter. Spring is just around the corner. Time to finish that structure you started back before Christmas that needs signs and windows. Weather that contest model before the next contest. Program that new locomotive you got last fall. We start a lot of projects and time passes us by, but, above all, have fun with model railroading.

This month is one of the better shows of the year. The Kirtland show will be held March 16th and 17th. Where else will you find so many things that can crowd out your workbench and make your basement look like a hobby shop? I am sure I will see you there. So now is a good time to work on your wish list!

The division's application for 501 c 3 (tax exemption status) was received by the IRS in May 2012. This past week, the IRS has responded to our tax exempt status. The IRS is requiring more information to make a final decision so more work is ahead of us.

See you this month at the Sebring Model Railroad Club in Sebring, OH.

Randy Dettmer, Superintendent



DIVISION 1 2012-2013 MEETINGS

April 21, 2013 - Rob's Trains - Alliance

May 19, 2013 - Jim DiPola - Ravenna

June 9, 2013 - Rich Ramskugler - Columbiana*

***Note: This date was changed.**

We received the news that Life-Member **David Riggle** passed away in May, 2012. We did not know of this until the latest Peddler Freight was returned. At that time the Superintendent was notified and he discovered the sad news.

David Riggle donated a great number of items to the Division in the past. We are still selling his books. He also made donations of equipment which were sold to the benefit of the Division. Several years ago, David Riggle donated another group of items. Notable in that donation was a bridge which we called the "Bridge on the River Kwai".



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Jim DiPaola - 10 pts
Jim Williams - 7.5 pts
Glenn Yoder - 2 pts
Don Deakins - 1.5 pts

KIT-BASHED

Glenn Yoder - 5 pts
Jim Peters - 4 pts
Mike Bradley - 3 pts
Jim DiPaola - 3 pts
Bill Hewitt - 2 pts
Don Deakins - 1 pt

CRAFTSMAN

Don Deakins - 1 pt

SCRATCH-BUILT

Jim Williams - 1 pt

DIVISION 1 CONTEST

**MODEL CONTEST TOPICS
FOR 2012-2013**

March - - - - - Hand cars, Speeders
April - - - Slag cars, Hot metal cars
May - - - - - Re-purposed cars

**JANUARY WINNERS
CAMP CARS**

SCRATCH-BUILT

Jim Williams - 1st Place - 1 pt

Scratch-Built

Jim Williams



Train Shows and Open Houses – March thru April

Toy Train & Model Railroad Flea Market – March 10 – 10 AM – 3:30 PM
McMenamy's Banquet Hall, 325 Youngstown-Warren Rd, Niles, OH \$5 admission

Railfest 2013 – March 16 & 17 – 10 AM – 4 PM
Lakeland Community College, St Rt 306 at I-90 exit 193, Kirtland, OH \$7 admission, \$12 family, \$12 two day pass

Railroad Prototype Modelers Seminar – East – 1 PM March 22 thru 11 PM March 23
Ramada Hotel, Route 30 East, Greensburg PA \$35 registration fee, www.keystonedivision.org

Wayne County Train & Toy Show – March 24 - 11 – 10 AM – 4 PM
Buckeye Event Center, 624 Henry St, Dalton, OH \$5 admission, children \$12 and under free

Medina Model Railroad & Toy Show – April 7 – 10 AM – 4 PM
Medina County Community Center, Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, OH \$6 admission, children under 12 free

Springfield Model Train show – April 7 – 11 AM – 4 PM
Clark County Fairgrounds, 4401 S Charleston Pike, Springfield, OH \$5 admission

Bucyrus Model Railroad Assoc Train Show & Swap Meet – April 13 – 10AM-4PM
Crawford County Fairgrounds, Whetstone St, Bucyrus, OH \$4 adults, children 12 and under free

Firelands Model Train & Toy Show – April 28 – 10AM-4PM
Erie County Fair Grounds, 3110 Columbus Ave, Sandusky, OH \$5 adults, children 18 and under free

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THESE MEMBERS HAVE SUBSCRIBED FOR 2012-2013.

Robert Anelli	Bob Ashley, Jr.	Bob Ashley, Sr.	Don Bonk	Chuck Boyer
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THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

THIS MONTH'S MEETING Sunday, March 10 at the Sebring Model Railroad Club

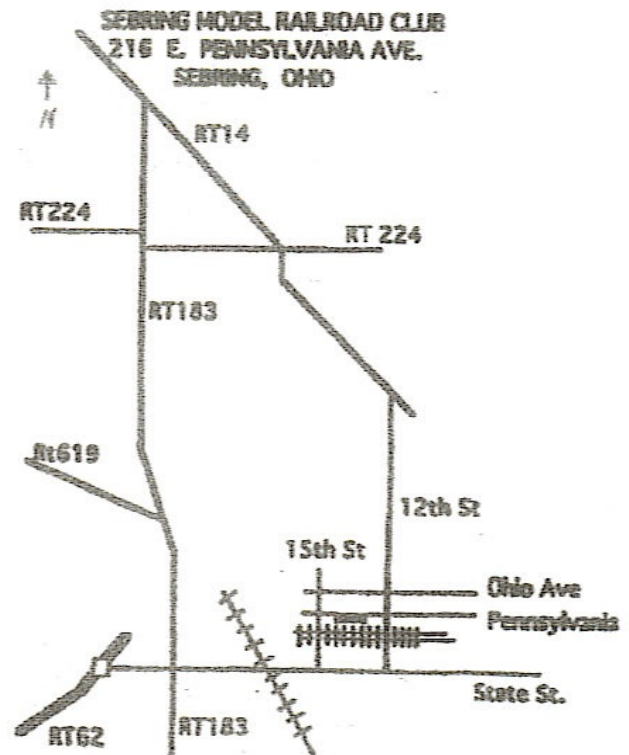
We will begin the meeting at 2 PM at the Sebring Club.

Arrive early and view the great club layout which always has improvements being made by the members. Former Division 1 Super. Dennis Sautters is President of the club.

Bring snacks and beverages to share with our hosts and for ourselves.

The contest is hand cars & speeders.

Dennis Sautters will present a clinic on speeders.



Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes
February 17, 2013
Host: Larry Brown, Ravenna, Ohio

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Larry and his wife for hosting the meeting. Twenty-two people were in attendance.
- II. A motion to accept the January Minutes as printed in the Peddler Freight was made and seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Chuck Boyer gave the Treasurer's report for January. A motion to accept the report, subject to audit, was made and seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - A. Membership – Larry Brown reported that we have 3 new members: Gavin Esposito, Randy Geis, and Lloyd Shankland. Our membership now stands at 100.
 - B. Clinics - Jim Peters stated the clinic this month is on modeling water and will be put on by Chuck Boyer and Larry Brown. Next month, the clinic will be on speeders and will be presented by a member of the Sebring Railroad Club.
 - C. AP - Chair David Hazlett reported that there was nothing new.
 - D. Peddler Freight – David Hazlett stated that since next month's meeting is on the 10th, submissions to the Peddler Freight have to be in by February 24th. The reserve of subscription monies has been depleted and the next issue's expense will come out of the general treasury.
 - E. NMRA 2014 Cleveland Convention – Jim Peters stated that they are still soliciting for volunteers for the 2014 sign-up table at the Atlanta convention in July.
 - F. Apparel – Jim Williams had additional sweatshirts and hats for sale.
 - G. Modules – Bob Ashley, Sr. was not present but Jim Williams stated that he needed several buildings for the left division modules: one or two buildings with a lot of truck doors, a yard tower for the passenger yard, and an icing platform.
- V. Meetings:
 - A. March 10 - at Sebring Model Railroad Club. The modeling project is hand cars and speeders.
 - B. April 21 – at Rob's Trains in Alliance. The modeling project is slag cars and hot metal cars.
 - C. May 19 – at Jim DiPaola's in Ravenna. The modeling project is re-purposed cars.
 - D. June 9 (it was voted to move the meeting up a week because the 16th was Father's Day) – at Rich Ramskugler's in Columbiana.
- VI. Old Business:
 - A. Flea Market – the group voted to not have the flea market this year due to the low attendance last year and the fact that most people have sold off most of their excess items. David Hazlett asked to be replaced as the co-chair for the flea market in 2014.
 - B. Modules – Randy reported that the trailer that Division-4 uses for their modules was donated by a member and was used primarily for their steel mill. We will still need to raise about \$1400 for DCC stations, boosters, and power supplies for the division modules.
- VII. New Business:
 - A. 501c3 tax update was given by Randy: we filed in May of 2012 and we will probably not have a response until July of this year.
 - B. Randy reported that the Erie Station Grill in Tallmadge where we have had our previous December dinners has been sold and is currently closed. We will have to wait to see if we can use this venue again this December. Jim DiPaola said we might consider the Puffer Belly in Kent and Joe Urbanski also suggested Charlies in Norton.
 - C. Jim DiPaola said that he has a new printing of HO Davies Steel decals. There are two sheets per set and a set runs \$8.00.
 - D. Larry Brown recommended the wheel-axle reaming tool that Micro-Mark sells.
- IX. The meeting adjourned at 2:25 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Williams, Clerk

Clinic Report

Thank you Larry Brown and Chuck Boyer for your How-to clinic on modeling water. They shared some sound advice by telling us to seal up the area extremely well before pouring any of the agents. I will certainly keep that in mind!

Thank you Randy for arranging for Dennis Sautters to do a clinic on speeders next month out in Sebring. I don't know much about modeling one, but sure would love to ride one!

Upcoming in April, I will present a short clinic on how I do routine maintenance on my freight cars. If anyone would like to join me, just let me know. Of course, be sure to leave some time to shop at Rob's Trains, too!

Happy modeling!

Jim Peters, Clinic Chair



N-Scale News

The week of February 12th "Farm and Dairy" newspaper had a great article on grain barges being loaded by trucks from Ohio, Pennsylvania, and West Virginia. With a little effort this type of operation could be recreated based upon an Ohio River rail car siding. The photos in the article show a fairly simple setup. Trucks dumped soybeans into loading dock hoppers with chutes directing grain into the barge compartments. The total facility could be comprised of a loading dock, barge or two, small wood office with sign, and rail scales. This would be a great small seasonal or a large broker's subsidiary loading facility. The small size operation could work on home layout or module and in any scale.

Don Bonk

Convention 2014

Did I miss your interest in sharing your layout? Do you know someone who has a great layout and needs encouragement to share? We are collecting names of interested layout owners who are willing to open during the national convention in 2014. Thanks!

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Jim Peters, Co-Chair Layout Committee



MODULE GROUP

I just returned from a nine day vacation at The Villages in Florida. While I was there, I attended the meeting of the The Villages Railroad Club. I was introduced as a visitor and was ask to share some of our module methods. They do not have the luxury of enough space to have home layouts and need the modules to operate their trains. Their modules are unique, since they can only be set up as a portable layout for shows, and are not interchangeable. They are interested in looking at the NMRA module design since we have so much flexibility.

Carolyn and I also took a trip on the Orange Blossom Cannonball Express in Tavares, FL. The Mogul, 2-6-0, locomotive has been in many movies and still burns wood. We rode the caboose cupola and had a great view of the scenery. I just might model this train.

The Supply Train manufacturer's organization requested that the Module Group display at the John S. Knight convention center. We are still working out the details and will notify everyone. The show is in May 14 & 15, 2013, on a Tuesday and Wednesday, during the day.

We will have the modules on display Sunday, March 24, 2013, at the Dalton Train Show. Setup will be Saturday, March 23, 2013, from 6:00 PM until 9:00PM. This will not be a joint Division 1 and 4 meet since Division 4 has decided not to join us this time due to the distance from their division. Anyone from Division 4 who wishes to join us can still participate.

Divisions 1, 2, 4 and 5 are going to have a joint meeting to discuss making commitments to be able to join all our modules together and be able to run trains over the entire layout. We are still waiting for when we will meet.

Bruce Hukill and I will be building modules, soon. There are four kits still available. Please advise asap if you want to join us. I will not be stocking any more kits after these are gone. They can be used for HO, N and Z scale.

The first "Ron Shoemaker" module is available for use. Roadbed, track and wiring are in place and ready for scenery. If you are interested in doing this, please contact me. This module was used at the Dalton and the "Thomas" events, last spring. Lloyd Horst has the second module and has mounted roadbed, track and electrics. We used it last November and at the last meeting. He hopes to be adding scenery before the Dalton Show.

I am concerned that a few of our modules have not progressed. We need to be finishing the track work and scenery. Please make an attempt to complete the modules. Those of us who do not have completed modules may not be allowed to participate at the 2014 convention.

Jim Williams has started the scenery and re-laid the track on the passenger and freight yard, left end modules. We need help building kits for buildings. We will have a little time to work on the details before the Dalton show. This is a large job and should have a team effort. Contact me or Jim Williams if you are willing to help.

I am still looking for anyone interested in making an N gauge module to go with Kurt Sanders, Don Bonk and mine, per NTRAK standards or Z gauge module to go with mine, per Z Bend Track standards. Our module kits are suitable for this. Only the wiring is slightly different. We are hoping to have them ready for the Dalton train show along with the HO modules. I had my NTRAK module on display at the last meeting. Kurt, Don and I will need to connect our modules to check for electrical problems before the Dalton show.

We still we need more UTP's on the front of the modules. Try to have this done, if you have multiple modules, before the next Dalton Show since we must use tethered throttles. We will be using Digitrax and don't forget to use your batteries to power your throttle. We can not rely on the power from the UTP. Never use a NCE coiled cable with the Digitrax due to NCE using four wires, only. Digitrax uses six wires. Look at the wires in the connectors to see the number of wires.

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.

The Division portion of the 50-50 raffle was placed in the module fund. THANK YOU!! Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. Your help in funding the Module Group is appreciated.

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

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2014 CONVENTION UPDATE

from Jerry Krueger

I just want to give an update to the group. In the last few weeks Chuck and I have had an opportunity to meet with each committee or committee heads. Overall, we are very pleased with where things are at and with the plans developed by each committee for moving forward. I truly believe that we can offer one of the best conventions in the past few years.

We are making excellent progress with Prototype/Industrial tours. Jeff Lauren and Ron Burkett are working on getting these tours arranged. If we are able to line up a few more tours that were discussed during our meeting we will have some excellent tours to offer. Be on the look out for more news in this area.

Jim Peters and John Hemsath continue making progress getting layouts for tours. While one of the comments I've heard from people outside the area is the NE Ohio doesn't have any "big name published" layouts may or may not be true, we have some excellent layouts in the area and the tours will showcase them and in many cases get them some long delayed recognition.

David James' committee had an excellent meeting regarding general interest tours. We probably have a situation where we won't be able to offer tours to all the places mentioned, there's just too many places we can go to.

Scott Benson has taken on the job as OpSig coordinator. If you know of someone who wants to host an OpSig session please contact Scott.

We will begin hitting deadlines in just a few weeks for submission of articles to be published in the NMRA magazine. We still have slots for articles to be filled. For those who have not heard, Model Railroader magazine has already approved a layout article on the Sebring Model Railroad Club. MR and Sebring have agreed to delay the publication of that article until Spring 2014 so it can be used to promote the 2014 Convention. MR has also agreed to give us 2 pages of Trackside Photos in a Spring 2014 issue to spotlight convention layouts.

We also received a suggestion that we should start asking Division members to think about and to pledge time for volunteering during the convention. We'll probably start this after the Division meetings start again after their summer breaks.

Chuck and I have also been busy filling up our calendars with trips to promote the Convention. Among the places we'll be going are: Michiana Division's School of Model Railroading (Middlebury, IN); MidWest Regional Convention (Indianapolis, IN); MidCentral Regional Convention (Dayton, OH); MCR Div 2 Jamboree (Moon Twp, PA) and then we're planning on going to division meetings in the fall.

While planning is moving forward, now is not the time to sit back and relax. To meet various deadlines, we need to have most of the tours finalized by the end of summer. That includes determining what layouts/attractions are included in a tour package, the day and time of the tour, the cost etc. Keep up the hard work.