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## Superintendents Message

It has been a long summer. I hope you are ready to get back to model railroading. When I taught school, I always did more work on my model railroad in the summer than during the rest of the year. Now that I am retired, I railroad all of the time.

I am looking forward to this year's meetings. We start out at Ott Gangl's layout in September. It is quite a layout and Ott is a great guy. Ron Wigal, Meeting Chairman, has much to say about Ott and his layout, so I will let him tell you more.

On October 19 we have our first "swap meet" at the home of our Treasurer, Bob Ashley, Jr. I hope all of you attend and bring your friends. There is more information about the rules for sellers in this Peddler Freight issue.

The meeting dates were quickly filled for this season. We will meet at some new places this year and return to others. So plan on attending as many as possible.

See you on the 21<sup>st</sup>.

*David*



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## 2008-2009 MEETING SCHEDULE

- September 21 - Ott Gangl, Akron area
- October 19 - Bob Ashley, Jr. - Swap Meet, Akron
- November 16 - The Whistle Stop - Cuyahoga Falls
- December - No Meeting
- January 18 - Sebring Model RR Club
- February 15 - Jim Williams, Canton
- March 29 - Youngstown Model RR Club
- April 19 - David Athman - North Canton
- May 17 - Randy Dettmer - Hudson
- June 14 - Don Bonk - Louisville

## RULES FOR THE SWAP MEET ON OCTOBER 19, 2008

1. Sellers must be NMRA, Division 1 members as of the October, 2008 membership list. If you are a new member, your membership card will be accepted as proof of membership.
2. Sellers must register by October 13, with Bob Ashley, Jr., Division 1 Treasurer. Register via email [tubtoy3656@aol.com](mailto:tubtoy3656@aol.com) or call 330-645-6175.
3. Tables will be provided; no electricity.
4. Cost of tables is \$5 each (a donation to Division 1). Your donation will be accepted at the swap meet. We reserve the right to limit the number of tables a seller may have.
5. The only advertising will be in the Peddler Freight and on our website. The purpose of this swap meet is for the benefit Division 1 and our membership. However, visitors are welcome.
6. The swap meet will be at the home of Bob Ashley, Jr. 3656 Shikellamy Dr., Akron OH 44319. The meet will replace our usual business meeting.

## 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 and at ANY skill level. To participate in The Contest you must be a Division 1 - MCR - NMRA member.

Judging will be by popular vote at the 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 (since Division 1 currently has no active AP person). In all cases we will keep track of points scored as the months go by and at the end of the year (June meeting) the total point winners in each category will receive special recognition.

### **The model types for September 2008 through May 2009 are:**

September - Passenger cars

October - Flat cars w/load

November - Off-line structures

(structures not directly connected to a railroad)

January - Snow fighting equipment

February - M of W equipment

(scale cars/track maintenance)

March - Stock cars

April - On-line structures

(structures which function directly with a railroad)

May - Steam locomotives

COME TO AN OPERATING SESSION.  
***YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE EXPERIENCED TO HAVE FUN.***  
***NO CHILDREN PLEASE***

NEXT SESSION ON  
MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22<sup>ND</sup>

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**HELP OUT - GET IN FREE** - Again this year Division 4 is accepting offers from Division 1 members to work at the Berea Show. Contact David Hazelett at 330-434-4565 or [dhazlett1@neo.rr.com](mailto:dhazlett1@neo.rr.com) for details.

## NMRA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

For JUNE - AUGUST 2008

### Division 1 Officers

Super. - David Hazlett 330-434-4565  
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### Division 1 Appointees

Clerk - Jim Williams 330-996-5477  
Editor - Bill Smith 330-644-1434

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Web Page Coordinator -  
Membership - Ron Wigal 330-592-1800  
Apparel - Bob Ashley Sr. 330-644-4778  
Achievement Program -  
Modules - Bob Ashley Sr. 330-644-4778

### Mid-Central Region

President - Dick Briggs  
e-mail MCRPREZ@HQ.NMRA.ORG

### National Model Railroad Association

President - Michael Brestel  
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Vice President - Allen Pollock  
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the Treasurer - 3656 Shikellamy Dr Akron OH 44319

NMRA Membership in Division 1 stands at 97. The information used for this report was received on June 3, July 3, and August 30, 2008.

**NEW MEMBERS :** Tim Lassar

**RE-RAILED:** None

**RENEWALS:**

Thomas Gradijan Kevin Hess David Gould  
Dennis Sautters Tim Vaughan Michael Bradley  
Ron Wigal Robert Ashley, Jr.

**MISSING FROM LIST:** (These names have dropped from the NMRA membership list in the last three months.)

Rick Gable Frank Williamson  
Rick Muir Eugene Clayton

**PREVIOUSLY DROPPED FROM LIST DUE TO NMRA  
COMPUTER ERROR AND SINCE REINSTATED:**

Dr. C.E. Lessig

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

### Division 1 Meeting Minutes

June 8, 2008

The home of Bill Bigler., Canton, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 2 PM by Superintendent David Hazlett. 16 people attended. The minutes of May's meeting, as printed in the Peddler Freight, were approved. The Treasurer's report was presented and accepted subject to audit. The books have been presented to the auditor and will then be passed on to the new Treasurer, Bob Ashley Jr.

David Hazlett presented the Superintendent's report. NMRA membership stands at 98 members. Kevin Hess Renewed. The June issue of the Peddler Freight will be the last issue until September. There are no meetings in July and August. David strongly recommended that all members use our website (**div1-mcr-nmra.org**) and view the Peddler Freight there where most pictures are in color. The NMRA had a press release which stated that the deadline for Real Rail Effects, Ltd. (RRE) to respond to an NMRA patent challenge had passed with not response from RRE. The NMRA was hopeful that a favorable decision would now be announced and that RRE' patent for sound with DCC would be rescinded.

Bob Ashely Sr gave the Assistant Superintendent's report. Bob has put the roster on his computer so that it is easier to keep updated. He needs to be informed of any e-mail address changes. The September's meeting will be at Jim Williams'. The October meeting will be at Bob Ashely Jr's and will feature a swap meet. . The only open meeting date next year is in February. A motion was made to move the March meeting date from the 29<sup>th</sup>

to the 22<sup>nd</sup>. The motion was seconded and approved. The items that David Riggle donated last meeting have raised \$75 with another \$45 yet to be collected.

Old Business:

- 1) Clothing: From April to the present \$117 worth has been sold. Year-to-date \$1016 worth, less expenses, has been sold. The division has made approximately \$300. Clothing will be shown on the web-site and can be ordered through Bob Ashley Sr. Turnaround on orders is about 2 weeks.
- 2) Buildings: Bob Ashley Jr has one HO and one N scale passenger for sale. Each kit makes two passenger shanties. The HO kit runs \$25.98 and the N kit is \$19.98.
- 3) Modules: Bob Ashley Sr has bought lumber to build 10 modules and will next purchase the necessary hardware. He hopes to start their construction in 2 weeks. Each module will cost \$60-85. He will send out an e-mail when he is ready to start.
- 4) **Peddler Freight: Subscription donations of \$15 need to be sent to Robert Ashely at 3656 Shikellamy Drive, Akron, Ohio 44319-3702. Make your check payable to Division 1–MCR-NMRA.**
- 5) It was moved, seconded, and passed to destroy the election ballots from last month.
- 6) Contest awards: Certificates of achievement and a Division #1 patch were presented to
  - a. Bob Ashley Sr for kit built models
  - b. David Hazlett for kit bashed models
  - c. Don Deakins for scratch built models.

New Business:

- 1) Don Avila asked if anyone knew of a Carl Freeman in Magadore or Ellet. He was advertising a hydrostatic grass master for sale. No one had heard of him.
- 2) David Hazlett said that he had found our patch designer was Ed Kirstatter, a former NMRA member who lives in Cuyahoga Falls and designed the patch in the early '70's.
- 3) The national convention is in California and the Division 6 web-site can now be reached through our web-site.
- 4) Bill Bigler showed us the CN railroad crest he had laid into his basement floor and then he gave each two NMRA Division #1 pens as a memento for the meeting at his house. Thanks, Bill!

The next meeting is on September 21 at Jim Williams' home in North Canton.

*(Change in schedule, see page 1. Ed.)*

The meeting was adjourned at 2:40 PM.

After the meeting, Bill and his wife served finger food and desserts and drinks.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Williams

Division 1 Clerk

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**Mahoning Valley Railroad Historical Society and OGR Publishing** is sponsoring an interesting program on Saturday, November 1, 2008 at the Western Reserve United Methodist Church at 4580 Canfield Road, Canfield, Ohio.

**An evening with Union Pacific Steam Operations Manager - Steve Lee.** You will enjoy a dinner with guest speaker. Doors open at 6 PM. Dinner served at 6:30 PM. Tickets are \$29.95 each - Advance orders only - NO SALES AT THE DOOR. Seating is limited. By mail- MVRH, P O Box 3055, Youngstown, OH 44511 or by phone 1-800-980-6477 (9AM - 5 PM weekdays). Online [www.ogaugerr.com](http://www.ogaugerr.com)

Destinations September 21, 2008, 2 PM

## The Cadiz & Ohio River Railroad

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**Sunday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, 2:00 p.m. Don't miss this one !**

Ron Wigal, Meeting Chair.

**P.S. David Hazlett & I will both be bringing soft drinks & ice.**

**Hopefully others will again bring snacks to share.**

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## ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT REPORT

It's time to dust off the layout and start preparing for the fun times. I hope we all had a nice summer. Well, most all of us. Around the first of May, I developed Spinal Stenosis and spent most of the summer sitting or on my back. I have been in physical therapy and have been going to a Chiropractor since early June. I was returned to near normal in August and I was able to start Conductor Training on the CVSR.

As a result of my lay-up, all I accomplished on the Module Program was to spend over \$300 purchasing material. I hope to get the program going, soon. I have all the lumber and hardware in my garage. The wiring will be available through Div. 4, or, if we have an electrical minded person, we can make our own per the samples I purchase from Larry Madson of Div. 4. I am also involved with Larry; I'm proof reading his internet module specs.

I am looking for a place to have a group get together like we did last year, just before Christmas, at the Barn in Smithville. Please be prepared to offer suggestions at the next meeting.

I will have hats and patches on hand at the meeting. Please go to our website at [www.div1-mcr-nmra.org](http://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org) and see the clothing available by order. Fill out a form and e-mail or mail it or give it to me at the meeting with your check or cash. I usually have the orders filled in two weeks or less. There is time to have your order filled by the meeting or the upcoming train shows if you hurry.

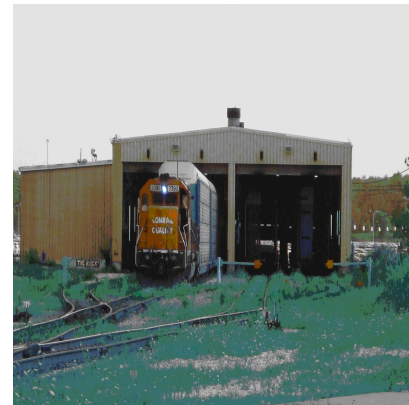
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### N-Scale News & Views

Working for the auto industry, I can go behind the scenes to see how they do things. I like to take walks on my breaks. Where else would a rail fan like to walk, but past the loading docks of the NS auto carriers. There I can see firsthand how the switching is done. The building is large enough to hold 2 cars deep, plus the ramps to load the cars, and is 4 tracks wide. Each car can hold 15 cars, 3 rows of 5. That gives the building the nickname "Tri Level". On tracks 1 and 2, the cars are loaded at one end and are driven all the way though to the end of the second car. After the car is secured in place with chains, and/or straps, the process is repeated until all three levels are done. Meanwhile, on tracks 3 and 4, the auto carriers are switched by NS. First, the NS brakeman checks to make sure that all is secure for moving. Only after everything is fine the blue signs on the tracks are removed to switch the cars on tracks 3 and 4. This process goes on and on throughout the day. I plan on modeling this industry on my layout and since I work in N-scale, it should all fit nicely.

Kurt Sanders



### Is your label tagged?

Tagged? Yes, tagged with an asterisk? I wish to thank those who have sent in their subscription for the *Peddler Freight*. If you don't remember, I have put an asterisk on the label of those who have sent the Treasurer \$15.00 for a subscription.

No asterisk on you label? Make out a check for \$15.00 payable to Division 1 - MCR - NMRA and mail it to : Treasurer, Division 1, 3656 Shikellamy Dr., Akron 44319-3742. Thanks!

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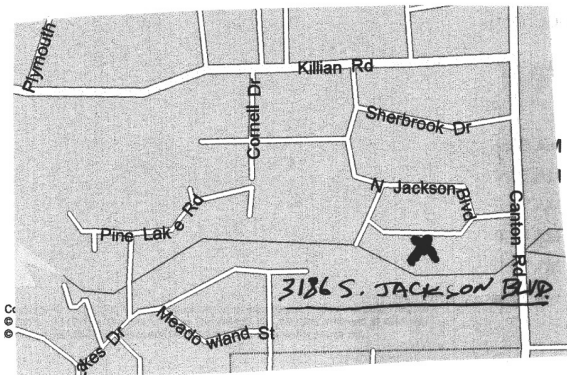
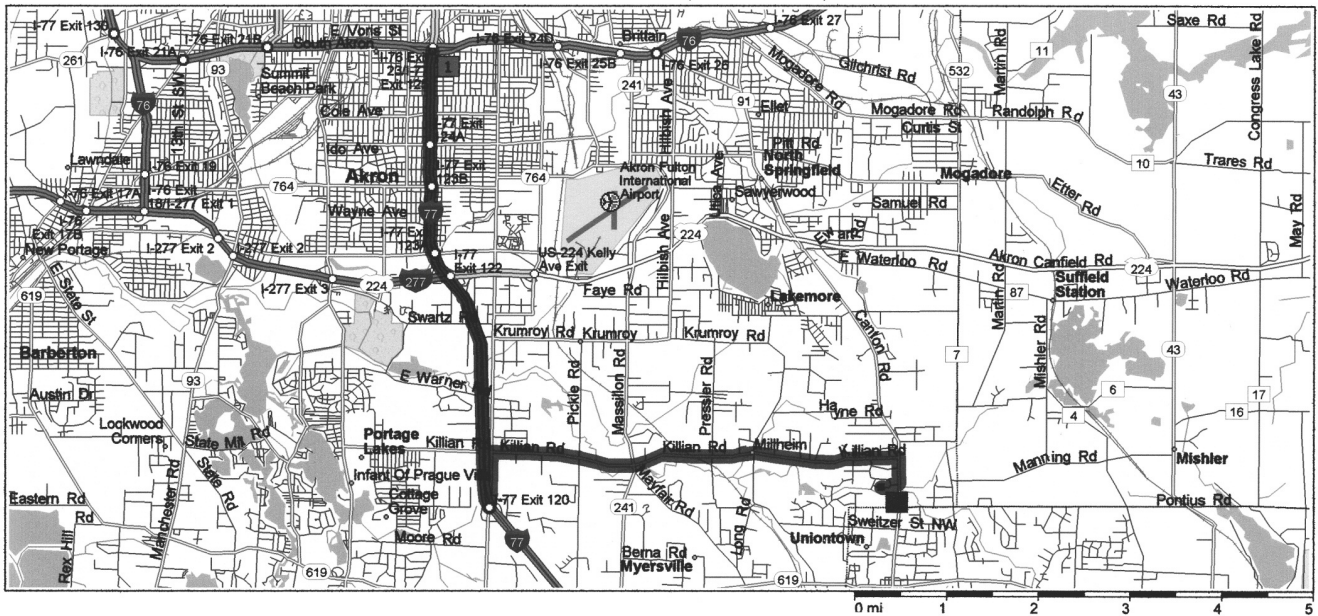
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10.9 miles; 18 minutes

- 0.0 mi ■ Depart I-77 on I-77 (South) for 5.2 mi
- 5.2 mi At I-77 Exit 120, turn LEFT (North) onto S Arlington St [S Arlington Rd] for 0.6 mi
- 5.8 mi Turn RIGHT (East) onto Killian Rd for 4.6 mi
- 10.4 mi Turn RIGHT (South) onto Canton Rd for 0.3 mi
- 10.7 mi Turn RIGHT (West) onto (S) Jackson Blvd for 0.2 mi
- 10.9 mi ■ Arrive 3186 S Jackson Blvd, Uniontown, OH 44685