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It's been a long time since we were together as a group. Ron Wigal (Assistant Superintendent) and I have been busy with attempts to set up our meeting schedule for this year. We took a trip to the Coshocton Club and set up that meeting for October as this was requested by you, the membership, at our last meeting. Contact with Dick McCloy was finally made and the arrangements for our visiting his outdoor layout are set to coincide with the Coshocton Club date.

With the help of Rich Ramskugler, Ron and I had the privilege of meeting Dean Freytag. If you don't know who Dean is, he is a longtime modeler who has written books on steel mills. In addition, he was the main source of knowledge for the Walthers Steel Mill design. Dean's layout is dominated by "scratch-built" steel mill buildings, including interiors where appropriate. I was enthralled by the buildings.

A tour of Dean's layout has been set up for early November, in place of a regular meeting. Of course, since his layout is outside of Division 1 territory, we will need to vote on this at the September meeting. In addition to Dean's layout, another large layout, which belongs to Ken Heyl, is also on the agenda for the same date. Both layouts are in Ashland. While this is a bit of a trip, it is well worth it.

I have had some contact with Division 4. They would be willing to accept workers for the October 7-8 train show at Berea. I also hope to get volunteers from Division 1 to help man the NMRA table at Berea and offer a discount to anyone in the Division 1 area who joins NMRA at the Berea show. This will also be discussed at the September meeting.

David

The following is a tentative meeting list:

September 17	Al Klamert - Akron
October 15	Coshocton & Live Steam
November 5	Dean Freytag & Ken Heyl
December	No Meeting
January 21	Sebring
February 18	Open
March 18	Don Bonk - Louisville
April 22	Frank Williamson - Hudson
May 20	Bill Heylock - Hudson
June 17	Open

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This issue of the "Peddler Freight" is being mailed to all NMRA members in Division 1.

Working on a new railroad!!!

We are in the throws of those "Dog Days of Summer". Heat in the nineties, humidity above that and the coolest place on earth is you basement. Need I say more?

I have the luxury of living with my wife, (did I say that the way she told me?), who recently said, "The basement is all yours". WHATTA WOMAN!

This is the first time in over 25 years that I have had a basement. Does she truly understand my needs or what? Kathy and I have recently purchased a place where the below grade DOMAIN is dedicated to the hobby. Before we had moved in I have epoxied the floor and am thinking of the layout size, it's configuration and how accessible and conducive it will be to our people, all of our people for designing, building, sessions of operation, scenicing, landscaping, finishing and what ever else we feel the need to do.

With over 1300 sq. ft. of space available, (exclusive of the furnace room and bathroom), the possibilities are endless. A suggested layout has already been offered for consideration. It, in & of itself, contains over 4 scale miles of track providing wide isles for guests (some almost 6 ft. wide), workshop, paint booth connections, lounge w/TV, full bath, (when finished) and room to spare.

It's exciting to consider all that is available today for this endeavor that has never been available before. Those 2x4's, 3/4 " plywood, fence wire, plaster of paris, power packs, transformers, brass rail and many other items have been upgraded to items making this effort more clean to construct, easier and simpler to operate and more fun for more people.

"Being careful what you wish for. You might get it. " is an adage ever present in mind. It would be helpful to have your thoughts and ideas about this. Some have already offered great ideas. More are needed. All are welcome and encouraged. Any ideas of changes will be accepted even those as constructive criticism. They all have merit and worth. That's what this is, a constructive construction program for a model railroad.

You do not have to be a member of any organization or group. Just provide a thought or idea and it will be evaluated fairly. Again all of them are needed and welcomed.

If you have ideas, contact me and I will provide you with a scale drawing and dimensions of the space available. This is so exciting!

Kathy even announced she doesn't even have to go to the basement to do her laundry, it's on the first floor! I love that woman!

You can reach me at 330-592-1800.

Ron Wigal, Asst. Super.

Attention N-Scalers!!

Have you ever wanted to share your interest in N-Scale with others? I would like to share my interest with anyone from the Division by perhaps forming a very informal club. We could discuss our layouts, visit each others' layouts, help each other out, share common information, maybe even have operating sessions or make a modular layout to take to shows and community events. Basically, we could do whatever the group wants to do. Since so many of us are busy or working during the week, I was thinking that we could meet one day of one weekend most months. I'm in the eastern part of our Division, in the Youngstown-Warren area and invite anyone from the Division to join. If you are interested, or if you know anyone who might be interested, please contact me and we will see if we can get something started!

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MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

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Eli Rantanes, veteran model railroader and Great Lakes seaman writes:

For those of you who would like to have a logging railroad and without all the "saw mill" equipment needed to justify such a railroad here is a suggestion . . .

Have the railroad line terminate at a dock . . . a nice wooden piling affair. A body of water large enough to hold a large number of logs. The logs can be lashed into log booms for shipment to the saw mill located somewhere off the railroad layout. Often small tugs are used to jockey the logs into position so they can be made into a raft. The logs on the outer edges of the raft are chained together to keep the raft intact. A somewhat larger tug can be available for the actual towing job.

How can you go wrong with a logging railroad PLUS a harbor scene???

**MEETING MINUTES
DIVISION 1, MCR, NMRA
LOUISVILLE, OH DON BONK - HOST
MAY 21, 2006**

**September Destinations
Sunday, September 17, 2:00 PM**

- 17 people were in attendance. Minutes of the April meeting were printed in the Peddler Freight. No vote was taken to accept.
- Superintendent reported that membership is holding at 97.
- Treasurer reported that we just broke even on costs this year, including the Peddler Freight. Peddler Freight subscriptions are due.
- The meeting schedule was discussed. All but two dates are filled. It has been suggested that in place of a November meeting we attend the Youngstown Club's train show.
- New Business - The ballots from the election were counted. Chuck Boyer moved and Don Bonk seconded that the election be certified. Motion passed.
- Dates and/or places of the 2007 Regional Convention (Louisville, KY in April), 2006 National Convention (Philadelphia, PA in July) and 2007 National Convention (Detroit, MI in late July) were given.
- BRING & BRAG - Don Deakins, Jack Miller and David Hazlett presented their work on loads for gondolas and flats. Bill Bigler also presented a "Caboose Living" scene.
- Business Meeting adjourned.
- Don Bonk presented a slide show of the George's Gorge RR. An N-gauge layout in Morgantown, WV that he has cooperated in building. Don also provided a wonderful meal, a raffle and the opportunity to operated his N-gauge layout. A great time was had by all.

Respectfully Submitted
David H. Hazlett, Superintendent

Have you ever noticed - - - *Flexible people never get bent out of shape.*

We will meet at the home of Pat and Al Klamert at 717 Robins Gate. Exit I-77 at Arlington Rd. (exit 120). Go South on Arlington Rd to Moore Rd. about ½ mile on the right. (Chevrolet dealer on left) Turn right on to Moore Rd. The Robins Trace development will be on your right. Turn in to Robins Trace and go to the stop sign. Turn right an go to the first street, Robins Gate on the right. Pat and Al's will be on the left.

Pat and Al will provide food and beverages. I hear this time we will have Bar-B-Q beef, potato casserole and dessert, plus beverages.

Al continues to work on his layout so there will be something new see.

From the Editor

Got some news to share? Contact your Editor at 2786 Mansard Ln. Akron OH, 44312-5393 or call me at 330-644-1434 or email at encore88@aol.com.

Your comments, ideas and suggestions are welcome.

For those of you who have RFD-TV (Direct TV satellite) there are a variety of model and full size railroad shows that appear regularly. (Ed.)

Visit our web site at:

www.trainweb.org/division-1-mcr-nmra/index.html

Eli Rantanen writes -

Most homes and business and or apartment buildings on model railroads do not have inside plumbing. How do I know this?? It's very simple and obvious - - there are no soil pipe vents on the roof!!

Solve this problem by cutting a short piece of a small diameter "straw" or coffee stirrer and place it on the roof at a point where the bathroom(s) would be. Most vents are painted black.





Third Quarter, 2006

SCALE RAILS

President's Message

by Howard Smith MMR

Thank you, Mon Valley Model Railroad Club and Division 2 for a great convention in Morgantown.

What a great convention in Morgantown, WV. All that I talked to enjoyed the clinics, tours and fellowship. It was good to see old friends and to make some new ones. The clinics I attended were well presented and as always I brought back some new ideas for my own modeling. So, it's on to Louisville, Kentucky for "The South Wind" convention April 12-15, 2007. Plan to attend.

I have appointed a Nominations Committee Chairperson for the upcoming election in 2007. Richard Briggs MMR has indicated he will form a committee. Please contact him with nominations or if you are willing to serve on the Nominations Committee. Dick's address is 4397 Hidden Street Grove City, Ohio 43123. His phone number is 614-871-0500. Email rbriggs261a@aol.com. The procedure for nominations is indicated in Article X of the MCR Regulations. Candidates are needed for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Also several positions remain to be filled on the MCR committees. We need an Education Chairperson, Estate Counsel, Historian and Special Projects Distributor. All these positions will earn point for the Association Volunteer certificate in the AP program.

Minutes of the MCR BOD meeting April 28, 2006 will soon be posted on the MCR web site. I urge all to read the important items there that affect the region.

The next BOD meeting will be October 15, 2006 and will be held at the Reynoldsburg, Ohio Library. I have asked the BOD for their recommendations for the Director's Award and the Russ Wenderfer Award for that meeting.

At the NMRA convention in Philadelphia, a meeting was held with the various Division newsletter editors and representatives of the various NMRA publications.

One of the subjects discussed was the NMRA "Scale Rails" magazine. New editor Stephen Priest was present, and while he didn't bring along samples of the reformatted magazine, everyone who's seen pre-production copies of it has said it'll be very impressive. He was asked how he sees the magazine being different from the newsstand publications. (His first issue is the September issue.) He answered that he wants to change the image of "Scale Rails" from being a "5-minute magazine." Because the NMRA is an organization of people, not objects, he plans to focus on model railroading and peoples' relationships to it - why people do what they do in our hobby. He plans to include more Recommended Practices in the magazine, too, and will report oh how well new products meet existing NMRA RP's. This will help give "teeth" to the RP program again.

Publisher Larry De Young emphasized that the magazine will run negative product reviews if the product warrants it, even at the risk of losing an advertiser.

Special Announcement

This is the last KingPin that will be included in the Division Newsletters! Starting with the Fourth Quarter issue, the KingPin will be published and distributed by the Region. It will be mailed to each member's home by bulk mail.

By doing so, the newsletter can be much more responsive to the membership. But, it will also require a much larger input from the membership. We will be seeking articles to be published. Anyone with a how-to tip, an interesting modeling technique, prototype information, an events announcement or any other item of interest to the membership, please submit it to the Newsletter Editor.

Web Master Report

by Ivan Baugh

Our Region web site continues to increase in usage. Since the report provided for the Board of Directors at their meeting, April 28, 2006, 66 days have passed. During this time our web site has experienced 13,992 sessions; the software tracking the usage defines a session as “a series of Hits to your site over a specific period of time by one visitor.” Our site averaged 212 sessions per day. We had 41 days during this period that exceed 200 sessions per day with 25 days having less than 200 sessions per day. The highest number of sessions for one day was 292 with 284 being the second highest number of sessions.

During this same period of time 25,455 pages have been viewed; the tracking software defines a pageview as “a request to the web server by a visitor's browser for any web page.” This is an increase of 193 pages over the previous period. Our site averaged 389 pageviews per day. We had 8 days when there were over 500 pageviews. The highest number of pageviews for one day was 774 with 722 being the second highest number of pageviews.

The total number of hits during this period is 48,296; this represents “Any successful request to a webserver from a visitor's browser.” Our site averaged 732 hits per day. We had 8 days with over 1,000 hits for the day. The highest number of hits for one day was 1,327 with 1,232 being the second highest number of hits for one day.

These frequently visited pages helped generate the above traffic: 2000 Contest winners, Layout tours, Scouting Merit Badge pages, Board of Directors' page, Schedule, Fallen Flags, and Divisions each had over 150 pageviews each during this period; 48 pages had over 100 pageviews during this time.

As you can see, our web site continues to enjoy good use. Thank you for contributing to the site and making it even better. When you find a good site, please send the webmaster an email that includes the web address. I will gladly add it to our web site in an appropriate place. I would also like to add additional layout tours to our web site. They are quite popular. Please send me your layout tour. If you need help developing it, please send me an email. I will gladly assist you. A layout tour earns author points in the NMRA Achievement program.

Have You Registered Your Pike?

by Gerry Leone, MMR

The Pike Registry, part of the NMRA's Membership Services and Promotion Department, is one of the lesser known services of the NMRA, yet it's been around almost as long as the organization itself. By sending in an application to program manager Dick Schneider, along with a \$10 donation, NMRA members can register the name and reporting marks of their model railroad in the Official Register of Model Railroads (ORMRR) for two years. In return they receive an official registration certificate along with a CD of the current ORMRR. (Printed versions are also available to those without computers.)

The ORMRR is a tremendous resource for those who travel and would like to visit model railroads during their trip. The Register lists names, addresses and phone numbers of registrants, along with visitation preferences.

Studying the ORMRR is fun in and of itself. Currently it contains well over 500 pikes, some of which are as yet unbuilt. Among those appearing are prototypical names such as Union Pacific and Burlington Northern. But others have registered more whimsical names, such as the Kneedy & Lackamoney and the Downe & Owlte. It makes for great reading.

The Pike Registry was updated and streamlined last year and is now a self-supporting volunteer-run part of the NMRA Membership Services and Promotion Department. Besides the fun of receiving an official certificate and the ORMRR, it gives members a great way to make a small donation to the NMRA.

For details on how to get your pike registered, visit the NMRA website at <http://www.nmra.org/pikereg> .

KingPin Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the fourth quarter newsletter is October 5, 2006. Please send your articles and announcements to: KingPin Editor, 6322 Mid Pines Court, Grove City, OH 43123-9505 or e-mail logandj@earthlink.com .

Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers

The Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers are open to the public for free train rides in Medina Park. The railroad is at 3654 Lester Road adjacent to the Lester Rail Trail (Old B&O right of way) in York Township (Medina County), half a mile north of State Route 18. A 4,260 ft 7 1/2 inch gauge mainline loop and a 1,200 sq. ft. station style clubhouse/meeting building are complete along with passenger loading platform.

Public Run Dates are:

Saturday	Sept 16 th	12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Friday	Oct 20 th	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm
Saturday	Oct 21 th	6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

(October runs are Halloween Runs)

Website :

www.livesteamohio.homestead.com/LiveSteamOhio.html

A note from the Editor . . .

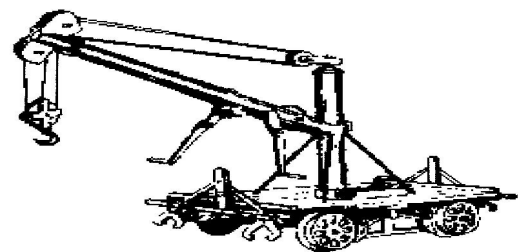
Every one of you NMRA members have something to share. Some technique that you have mastered, some short cut that you found, or something that really works well for you in some facet of model railroading. Some of you have developed a layout for your kids and grand kids to run trains. Some of you are in to operations. Some of you build dioramas.

Is this a great hobby or what?

Please write an article for the "Peddle Freight". Share some of your thoughts with others.

BRING & BRAG

September	MOW Equipment - scratch-built or modified
October	NONE \ Due to
November	NONE \ Location of
January	NONE / Meeting
February	Passenger Car - scratch, modified or multi-piece kit (not Athern-type kit)
March	Tank cars - scratch, modified, odd road name
April	Country-side structures
May	Hoppers - scratch, modified, odd road name
June	open category - your choice



What is it? When and how was it used? Who used it and what is the purpose of this piece of equipment?

Write to the Editor in 50 words or less.

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Looking Down The Track

Date	Where	Clinic or Activity
Sep. 17	Al Klamert's Home	Meeting, view Layout and Bring and Brag.
Oct 7	Division 4 - Berea Cyuahoga County Fairgrounds	Carnival '06 10 AM - 5 PM
Oct 8	Division 4 - Berea Same	Carnival '06 11 AM - 4 PM
Oct 15	Coshocton Model Railroad Dick McCloys Live Steam	Meeting and view layout Ride the Rails
Nov 4-5	Youngstown Model RR Club	50 th Anniversary Open House Noon - 6 PM
Nov 5	Ashland, OH area	Dean Freytag & Ken Heyle Layout tours
Jan 21	Sebring Model Railroad Club	Meeting and view Layout