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## Superintendents Message

Elections for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer are coming this year. We will need a new Treasurer. Bill Smith has been our excellent Treasurer, but has reached the limit of two consecutive terms. Since we now have activity other than the Peddler Freight costs to occupy a Treasurer, it is imperative that we have someone who is qualified and able to do the job. Please seriously consider if you have the skills for this very important job.

I am planning on running for another term as is Ron Wigal, Assistant Superintendent. I encourage anyone who wishes to run for any of the offices to do so. It is always a good thing to have multiple candidates in an election.

An Elections Committee will be appointed at the February meeting as required by the By-Laws. This committee is composed of "three paid up NMRA members." (Section 5.2 of the By-Laws.) Volunteers for this committee are needed, so please consider accepting this job.

It was fantastic to see all of the Division 1 shirts and hats at the January meeting! If you haven't purchased a Division 1 item, please consider doing so. The shirt I wore at the meeting was a shirt I had and simply had a patch sewn onto it. (Yes, I got a little fancy and had my name applied, too.) The purchase of clothing not only shows pride in our Division, but it also is a fund raiser for Division 1. The buildings we are selling are also raising funds for Division. The buildings are the first in a series to be brought to us by our Mid-Central Region.

I had a question about membership names printed in the Peddler Freight. At the January meeting, there was a long discussion about this item. Your name is printed in the Peddler Freight when you join or renew membership in the NMRA, when the Peddler Freight subscriber's list is published and when the Roster is printed.

The Roster is voluntary and you must ask to be listed. The Roster is printed in the Peddler Freight a few times a year and is NEVER posted on our web site. If you don't see your name in the Peddler Freight, I might have missed your membership renewal, PF Editor Bill Smith may have missed listing you as a subscriber (contact Bill to subscribe or check your subscription) or you have not requested to be placed on the Roster (contact Ron Wigal).

Please read the rest of the Peddler Freight; it has to be more interesting than this!

DAVID

January Minutes  
NMRA/MCR Division #1  
January 24, 2008  
Sebring, Ohio

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Attendance – 24

Superintendent Hazlett opened the meeting at 2:10 PM  
Minutes of the October & November meeting – accepted as printed in the Peddler Freight. Treasurer's report – accepted pending audit..

Ass't Superintendent's report - Ron Wigal reported on the interest in, and willingness to, promote a voluntary list of hobbyists for all people who want to participate to show & promote their interest in this hobby.

A solicitation reminder from our Superintendent to send in articles for publication in the Peddler Freight. Especially needed are articles on Z, O and G scales. Of course articles on HO are always welcome.

Bob Ashley has spearheaded an effort on securing us Patches, Hats and Shirts. Order form is included in this issue.

A discussion on the Peddler Freight publishing names and pertinent information in our newsletter. Much discussion followed, a motion was made & seconded to publish all NMRA Membership data and require members to "OPT OUT" as they notify us. A 20 minute discussion followed with the motion being withdrawn by the originator. The decision was reaffirmed by an almost unanimous vote to leave it as was originally intended. It was first proposed that if any one wants to

participate in this volunteer list and to make their information known to others about their interest in this hobby, they should sign the "Roster" thereby releasing the information they wish people to have. It is strictly for those wishing to share information about themselves to others with whom they may share a common interest in "Model Railroading". We have currently 42 hobbyists on the list. Our total NMRA membership is at 105.

Bob Ashley displayed patches & clothing available.

Elections are coming in the near future. If you are interested in leading in any one of a number of different areas please let us know what you have in mind.

Our Mid-Central Regional convention is May 15<sup>th</sup> – 18<sup>th</sup> in Cleveland and is hosted by Division 4. Half day afternoon tours will be in the Sandusky Coal Yard and at Charter Steel. Division #4 is in need of layouts to be available for the self-guided tours in Division #1 for Sunday between the hours of 10AM and 4 PM. Registration sheets were made available. More details are available with David Hazlett.

Business meeting adjourned at 2:44 P.M.

Ron Wigal, Assistant Super.

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## N-Scale News and Views

This month I'd like to talk about something that I wrote about in June 2007, the Micro Trains Battleship Row freight car set that was due out late September 2007.

The set has 7 50' long box cars, with one of the 7 ships that were at Pearl Harbor pictured on the side of the car. There is a war poster on the other side of the car. Each poster is a reproduction of the actual poster created during WWII to encourage patriotism. Each car is very well made, the detail is outstanding and they are all very well put together. They run very smoothly and seem to just roll right along with no problems at all.

This set is of the kind of quality that one would expect from Micro Trains. The set came in a very nice tin case. On the outside of the case is a picture of the USS Arizona with the USA flag in the background. I was very happy to be able to get one of the collectible sets that was available, as only a limited number was produced by Micro Trains.

Also, to my surprise, and I didn't know that there were any to be had at the time that I put my order in for the freight car set, was an engine and a caboose. However, when I found out that these were also being produced in a limited number, it was too late to order and none were left in most hobby shops. However on Christmas Day, under the tree was a gift from my wife. When I picked up the gift to open it, my wife had a big smile on her face. It was the Micro Trains Pearl Harbor loco & caboose set. Talk about being a happy model railroader, that made my day for sure.

The loco is an FT A unit and the Caboose is a 36' riveted steel side offset cupola. Inside of the caboose box is a pin of the battleship Arizona. Both the locomotive and the caboose run great with no problems. Oh, by the way my wife was with me when I ordered the freight car set, that's how she knew about the loco & caboose. I guess she knew where to look. *She's great.*

Kurt Sanders

## 2007-2008 Meeting Schedule

February 17, 2008	Youngstown Club
March 30*, 2008	Don Bonk, Louisville
April 20, 2008	D a n W i l l i a m s , M M R Sagamore Hills
May 18, 2008	Bob Ashley, Sr., Akron
June 8**, 2008	Bill Bigler, North Canton

\* Moved due to Kirtland Show and Easter

\*\*2nd Sunday due to Father's Day

If circumstances have changed your ability to host a meeting, please contact the Superintendent.

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## MODULE REPORT

FEBRUARY 2008

The MODULE CLINIC was conducted at the January meeting held at the Sebring Model Railroad Club. Sean O'Toole and Larry Madson from Division 4 presented a wonderful Clinic and had two modules with them to illustrate the finished module. We had a partially built Division 1 module to show the details that are in the construction. **Our hats are off to them for helping us in this effort.**

There were 11 handouts retained by those present. The handouts summarized the HO, N and Z Gauge types of modules and provided information to obtain construction details for those who wish to make a module(s). There is interest in making modules that can be shown at the Berea Carnival in October, joining with Division 4's modules.

Building a module is rather simple and, working together, several can be built quickly. The

module can then be taken home for detailing by the owner. Making a module fit as part of your own layout can be done by having a separate set of legs for use at home, only. Those in the smaller scales or those with limited space might use the module(s) as their main layout. The module can be handled by one person due to their light weight, with buildings and loose details removed and in a box. Detailed modules with buildings attached are bulky and can best be handled by two persons.

HO gauge specs can be downloaded by logging on to their website at <http://www.div4.org> , scroll down to MODULE SPECS and print the HO module instructions. The specs for N gauge can be found at <http://www.ntrak.org> . These inexpensive specs must be ordered from the NTRAK organization. The Z gauge specs are called Z-BEND TRACK and can be downloaded by logging on to their website at <http://www.zbendtrack.com/> and clicking on PDF Z-BEND TRACK STANDARDS. All these specs are meeting the NMRA standards or are in committee for approval.

Please notify me ASAP at 330-644-4778, [rashleysr@msn.com](mailto:rashleysr@msn.com), or by mailing to Robert Ashley, Sr., 3365 Waterside drive, Akron, OH 44319 if you will help in the module project. This is not very time consuming, but, we need to know those who want to participate. Please state your Gauge.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Director of Modules, Div. 1

## BRIGHT LIGHTS AHEAD

February 2008

There were many areas of positive glimpses into the future of Model Railroading as evidenced by our attendance and meeting content in the January meeting of the NMRA Division #1 held in Sebring at their trackside location.

If you have never been there, you are missing something.

We were reminded of the clothing, hats & patches we now have as well as our involvement into the benefits of modular Railroad construction. Displayed were modules as discussed by two very qualified members from neighboring Division #4.

What was especially enjoyable in January was the publication of an article with photos published by Record Publishing in the Stow SENTRY and written by Ken Lahmers, the editor of the Aurora Gazette. This ran on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 2008.

Ken discusses CSX, B&O through Cleveland and eventually the Lake Erie docks. More information followed on the N&S, the Wheeling & Lake Erie becoming the Nickel Plate Road in 1949. He discussed some items I have not remembered for some time. One is that Ohio is home to 5 major “hump” yards. A major yard is not too far away in Columbus with Queensgate in Cincinnati being the largest with 50 classification tracks. Stanley in Toledo and Bellevue have 42 classification tracks, Columbus has 40 and our own CSX Engineer Chris Dimascio works often out of the Willard yard which has 32.

It seems there are more railroaders looking at trains than we had thought. A history in review reminds us that more and more people have chosen to reside not far from the tracks for whatever reason they have. Just ask Randy.

A call to Ken about his article resulted in a meeting with him, David, Bill Smith and myself to talk a little about what has happened to our hobby since those days of his youth in New Philadelphia when he used to watch trains pass and count cars.

He’s hooked. Now all we have to do is get him “On Track”.

Ron Wigal, Asst. Super.

## February Destinations Sunday February 17, 2008

2 PM

The Youngstown Model Railroad Association will host our meeting. The address is 751 N. Four Mile Run Road, Austintown, OH.

No food or drink at this meeting

From the Akron area go east on I-76 till it joins I-80. Continue east on I-80 (not the turnpike) and exit on to I-680. Exit I-680 at North Meridian Rd. Go right (south) on Meridian Rd to Crum Road (about ½ mile). Turn Right (west) on to Crum Road to Four Mile Run Road (about 1 mile). The Association is on the North-East corner of the intersection.

Allow about 1 hour drive time.

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## AHHH - MAY! Not That Far Away

Let's look forward to the month of MAY. Not necessarily because you will be golfing, doing yard work or basking in the first new days of sunshine. No, I want to focus on the Election of Officers that must take place at the MAY meeting of Division 1 - MCR - NMRA. Let's see, our MAY meeting is currently scheduled to be held at the home of Bob Ashley Sr. who lives in the Portage Lakes area, just south of Akron.

We currently have three (3) Officers in Division 1 : Superintendent - David Hazlett; Assistant Superintendent - Ron Wigal and Treasurer - Bill Smith.

All three positions are up for election. However, The Treasurer **must** be replaced with another NMRA member. Our current Treasurer has already served two terms of two (2) years each and can not continue per our Bylaws.

David has already mentioned that he will stand for election for his final two (2) year term. Ron Wigal indicated he would be available for another two (2) year term if the membership desires. But anyone who wishes to be nominated for those positions may do so. Just inform the Nominating Committee.

So the long and the short of it is that we have one (1) Officer to replace.

How do we proceed to arrive at the MAY Elections? If you don't have a copy of our Bylaws, check the web site..

So, at the February meeting, when you are called upon

to serve on the Election Committee, don't hesitate to say you will serve. Just say YES, I'll be glad to serve.

Thank You  
Bill Smith  
Editor and Treasurer

## 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.

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 (May or June meeting) the total point winner(s) will receive special recognition.

FEBRUARY-BRIDGES (PHOTOS  
ACCEPTABLE)  
MARCH-DIESEL POWER  
APRIL-GONDOLAS  
MAY-ELECTRIC POWER (INCLUDING  
INTERURBANS)  
JUNE-AWARDS CEREMONY

### CONTEST STANDING (as of 1/20/08):

Scratch-Built	Kit-Bashed	Kit-Built
Don Deakins - 2	David Hazlett - 2	Bob Ashley, Sr. - 1
Bob Vensel - 1	Chuck Boyer - 1	David Hazlett - 1
	Don Deakins - 1	
	Ivan Stasa - 1	

Names are listed by point total with ties in points listed alphabetically. Special Note: Ron Wigal, who keeps track of the voting, does not vote in The Contest. Whenever I have a model in The Contest, I do not vote. David

## Philadelphia Division of NMRA Prototype Modelers Meet

The Philadelphia Division is again sponsoring the Valley Forge Prototype Modelers meet, March 28 - 30 at Malvern PA. There will be lots of great clinics, vendors, a room for model displays, a NO speaker dinner and layouts open Sunday. For additional information please go to our web site at <http://www.phillynmra.org/>.

Dick Foley, Superintendent  
Philadelphia Division MER - NMRA

### Classified Ad

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Ron Wigal - 330-592-1800 - or - [rwigal@neo.rr.com](mailto:rwigal@neo.rr.com)

## SHIRTS, HATS AND PATCHES REPORT

FEBRUARY 2007

The sale of shirts, hats and patches has been slow; however, those who were at the February meeting had a chance to see the officers and several members wearing them. Don't they look nice? We were complimented by our Clinic guest from Division 4. The red and yellow embroidered herald on the black background really is impressive. As the weather warms up, the red T-shirts, with their yellow and black heralds are going to be just as impressive.

Due to the cold weather, many of you, like me, probably wondered why we didn't have something warmer. After sitting in the cool room at Sebring Model Railroad Club for an hour, I decided to purchase a black sweatshirt with the embroidered herald. I will be wearing this to the next meeting to show it off. If anyone wants one now, they can be available by the February meeting, but, you must act fast. Please see the order form for information. They cost more than a T-shirt and less than a polo shirt. Not bad, eh?

I WILL HAVE HATS, MESH AND TWILL, AND PATCHES AT THE MEETINGS. We have decided to stock a limited supply of hats because one size fits all, and we purchased the patches in a large volume to lower the cost.

We have sold 12 Polo shirts, 3 short-sleeve shirts, 2 T-shirts, 2 mesh hats, 3 twill hats and 12 patches. The Mid Central Regional Convention is coming to Independence May 15 through May 18. Please attend and wear Division One shirts, hats and patches. Let them know we exist. Those who have a "listed e-mail address in the roster" will have already received information on the sweatshirts.

COME TO AN OPERATING SESSION	
MONDAY - FEBRUARY 18 <sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM	
ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME (NO CHILDREN PLEASE)	
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This space is intentionally blank. I am awaiting any article written by an NMRA member on any subject pertaining to model railroading. Most written articles are accepted with little or no reduction in content. Since the space is small, how about Z scale? (Just kidding!!!)

..... Bill Smith, Editor