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## Superintendent's Bulletin



Welcome back from the Summer Break! To me it seemed like a very quick two months, and I hope you all enjoyed doing whatever you did to make your time relaxing and fun. If there was model or prototype railroading involved, then that's an added good time. If you worked on a model railroad project we'd like to hear from you and see photos of what you're working on. It doesn't have to be a completed model railroad

project. Under construction photos are very welcome and shows others the steps and techniques you're using. This sharing will encourage others to try different ways of doing something and help others to become better modelers. This is just another way to have fun and further the hobby of Model Railroading.

Great news for the Cuyahoga Valley Terminal Model Railroad Club. The CVT has found a new home and has invited Division 1 to have our September event at their new home. It's a two-story house with a full basement. The CVT will share this house with two other civic organizations and will have full use of the basement for the CVT layout. The former living room on the first floor is an open room which can be used for meetings. That is where we will meet and the details can be found on page three in this issue of the Peddler Freight. Congratulations CVT.

The NMRA has published a Master Code of Conduct. A copy of this is posted on the Division 1 Website and included in the September 2024 Peddler Freight. Please familiarize yourself with this document as this is what Division 1 will follow for all future local, regional and national events. The need for this Code of Conduct is explained in the document.

Your Division 1 Executive Board met to discuss our Division's activities for the upcoming 2024-2025 year. It was decided to include more modeling presentations after the brief business meeting. To meet that goal we need presentations that are about a half-hour long showing a modeling technique. The presentation can be PowerPoint

or hands on. It was also discussed about returning to holding our business meetings at a residence so the host can share their model railroad.

See you at the September 15, 2024 Division 1 event and business meeting.

All Aboard!!

Jim DiPaola, Superintendent  
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

## T-TRAK Module Event News

The HO T-TRAK modules will again run at the Age of Steam Roundhouse. This year we are only scheduled for December 14. This is the Saturday that Santa will be in the gift shop. So the modules will be set up, trains run and modules taken down - all in one day. Set up will start at 6:30 - 7:00 AM. Trains will run from 9:00 AM to 3 PM. Teardown will begin immediately.

The N scale T-TRAK modules have no dates in 2024.

## 2024 - 25 Division 1 Events

Sept. 15 - Cuyahoga Valley Terminal Model RR Club  
Oct. 20 - TBD  
Nov. 17 - TBD  
Dec. 7 - Div. 1 Holiday Banquet, Hartville Kitchen  
Jan. 19 - TBD  
Feb. 16 - TBD  
March 16 - TBD  
April 20 - TBD  
May 18 - TBD  
June 22 - TBD

# T-TRAK— Module Information Sheet

## Module Name or ID

Code \_\_\_\_\_

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_

Module Description: \_\_\_\_\_

## Module Design (place an "X" in the appropriate spaces):

Single		Double		Triple		Quad	
Corner		Inside Corner		Junction		180 Degree Corner	
Crossover		Siding		Skyboard			
Other							

Are ALL your modules displayed as one unit: NO \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_ Only some \_\_\_\_

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

Do modules need to be displayed with another person's modules? NO \_\_\_\_ YES \_\_\_\_

Explain \_\_\_\_\_

## Electrical Information:

Kato/Tamiya Power Connectors	Y / N	Accessory Power Required	Y / N
Specify required volts/amps		UTP	Y / N
DCC Accessory Decoder	Y / N	Specify Type	
Date Constructed		Date of Certification	
Date of Major Alteration or Rehab		Date of Re-certification	

## Module Condition (Place an "X" in the appropriate spaces):

	<b>Excellent</b> — scenery complete; no issues with scenery, wiring, track, etc.
	<b>Good</b> — scenery not complete; no issues with scenery, wiring, track, etc
	<b>Fair</b> — Under construction, nothing that prevents running trains.
	<b>Unserviceable</b> — major issues that are fixable; add estimated date for repairs
	<b>Other comments on Module Configuration</b>

Please attach front photograph, top-down photograph and track plan if available.

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# Division 1 Meeting

Sunday, September 15, 2024  
New home of the Cuyahoga  
Valley Terminal RR Club  
1703 Bailey Road  
Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221  
2 PM

## Membership Report

By the time September's event arrives, I will have ridden through the Alps from Zurich, Switzerland to Lake Como, Italy. I know the Alpine scenery and the speed and comfort of the train will be breath-taking. However, I will not forget my responsibility for my report.

Membership as of August 1 stands at 75, up by 3 since our June meeting. Please introduce yourself to the division and send me an email. See you in October.

Ciao!

Membership chair,  
Jim Peters

13<sup>th</sup> Year

## September 2024 Module Report

How was your summer? Mine disappeared before I got everything done on my list. One of those is the Rolling Command Station (RCS) that Bob Ashley, Jr. was working on. He gave it to me to finish and my goal was to have it done for the September meeting. I'm not sure that will happen. I also have more cables to make.

As of now Division 1 is committed to one T-TRAK display. The Age of Steam will host the HO T-TRAK modules on December 14. Setup will start at 6:30 - 7 AM as the gift shop opens from 9 AM to 3 PM. This gives us two hours to get set up and running. As you may remember, Bob Gurdak agreed to be my assistant and is looking into shows in the eastern part of the division. This year's event will only be one day with setup, show and tear down all in one day.

The Division will be buying 6 foot folding tables to use at events that do not provide tables.

Please have an awareness of places that would welcome a train layout for the day, such as libraries, etc. For small spaces we have an N scale layout that will fit on one 8 foot table in length and two tables in width. The HO layout's smallest footprint is an 8 foot square.

Submitted by,

Lloyd Horst  
Division 1 Module Chair



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Northwestern Oregon Circa 1912 — HO and HO<sub>n</sub>3



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# Train Shows and Open Houses

## **TCA First of Fall Train Meet - September 21**

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Cleveland 44130  
Admission: \$6.00, Family \$10.00 10 AM - 3 PM

## **Fostoria Rail Festival - September 28**

Fostoria Junior/Senior High School, Fostoria, Ohio  
Admission: \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

## **The Great Berea Train Show - October 5 - 6**

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds  
19201 E. Bagley Rd. Middleburg Heights, OH 44130  
Admission: \$10.00, Saturday/Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM

## **Canfield Train and Toy Show - October 13**

Canfield Fairgrounds  
7265 Columbiana, Canfield, OH 44406  
Admission: \$7.00 10 AM - 3 PM

## **Medina Train and Toy Show - October 27**

Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, OH 44256  
Admission: \$6.00 9 AM - 3 PM

## **TCA First of Fall Train Meet - Nov. 2 - 3**

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Cleveland 44130  
Admission: \$10.00 Sat. 11 AM - 4 PM Sun. 9 AM - 3 PM

## **Erie Model Train Show - November 3**

Rainbow Gardens - Waldameer Park, PA  
Admission: \$5.00 10 AM - 4 PM

## **Akron Train & Toy Show - November 10**

Emidio's & Sons Expo Center  
48 E. Bath Road at State Rd, Cuyahoga Falls 44223  
Admission: \$5.00 9 AM - 3 PM

## **NETS Model Train Show - November 23**

in memory of Bob Orlando  
Highland Heights Community Center  
5827 Highland Rd., Highland Heights, OH 44143  
Admission: \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM

## **Collectible Toy & Diecast Show - Nov. 24**

Highland Heights Community Center  
5827 Highland Rd., Highland Heights, OH 44143  
Admission: \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM

## **TCA Thanksgiving Train Show - Nov. 30**

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Cleveland 44130  
Admission: \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM

## **Medina Train and Toy Show - December 8**

Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, OH 44256  
Admission: \$6.00, Family \$10.00 9 AM - 3 PM

## **Massillon Train & Toy Show - December 15**

K of C Hall, 988 Cherry Rd. NW, Massillon 44647  
Admission: \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

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# **National Model Railroad Association, Inc.**

## **Member Code of Conduct**

### Introduction

This Code of Conduct (“Code”) has been developed to set expectations for the behaviors, conduct, communication, and interactions between you and other members, officers and directors of the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. (“NMRA”). This Code applies to all such persons when engaging with other NMRA members, participating in any event, social media platform or other sponsored extension of the NMRA (for example, the NMRA Interchange or an NMRA-sponsored online meeting) and attending NMRA meetings, events, or activities (whether National, Regional, Division or other subset). This Code also includes general guidelines on the appropriate use of social media for NMRA matters at any level.

### Why do we need a code of conduct?

We join the NMRA and participate in its activities for one common reason – we enjoy the model railroading hobby and the fun, challenges, personal growth and camaraderie that it provides. It is imperative that we keep our common bond of model railroading “front and center” and rise above the inevitable differences that exist among us in personalities, opinions, experience, gender, age, race, nationality, or any of the other factors that make each of us unique individuals. Our collective goal is to enjoy and promote the hobby of model railroading, so we must strive to avoid “distractions” that interfere with or obstruct our common purpose. Collaboration and co-operation are vital for the success of our hobby and our enjoyment of model railroading and everything it has to offer.

### What does the NMRA expect of members?

The NMRA expects all members to conduct themselves in a respectful, responsible, and mature manner, and demonstrate courtesy and kindness toward other individuals. Constructive and healthy discussions and interactions are encouraged and in fact are vital to the success of our hobby. However, certain other verbal and nonverbal behaviors and actions are not consistent with the NMRA’s values and hurt our hobby and relationships, such as the use of disparaging language, shouting, profanity, confrontational, intimidating or threatening behavior or language, and immature and disrespectful behavior or language. It is imperative that we interact in a polite and professional manner.

The NMRA does not condone abusive, threatening, or aggressive behavior toward anyone at an NMRA event or in an NMRA forum (such as social media and other forms of electronic and digital interaction). This includes other participants, event organizers or sponsors, judges, or other officials.

You should be welcoming to newcomers and remember they may not have the benefit of experience and information that you have enjoyed. Be constructive in helping to make their entry into the hobby an enjoyable one.



## Harassment

NMRA events and functions are meant to be fun, educational, and inclusive. No one should be subject to intimidation, made to feel unwelcome, or put in fear of reprisal. Harassment may include behavior or language that causes alarm, distress, anxiety, fear of physical violence, offensive statements, verbal abuse, and threats. Members should be sensitive to others.

## Non-Retaliation

The NMRA relies on you to identify potential issues and raise concerns that the NMRA may need to address. The NMRA prohibits acts of retaliation against any person who reports an issue honestly and in good faith, and retaliation can constitute misconduct that could subject a member to discipline. This commitment to non-retaliation assures you that raising concerns, reporting misconduct, or cooperating in any investigation will not result in adverse consequences. The NMRA prohibits retaliation in any form, at any level of the organization, recognizing that retaliatory behavior contributes to an environment of mistrust and diminishes the willingness of individuals to be collaborative and transparent. During the investigation of any matter, the NMRA makes every reasonable effort to maintain the confidentiality of those involved.

## Use of social media

The rapid growth of social media combined with ease of use and pervasiveness make it an attractive channel for communication. Use of social media for communication also creates the possibility of a host of unintended consequences. To help you identify and avoid potential issues, we are providing some examples of best practices that are meant to help you understand, from a wide range of perspectives, the implications of participation in social media. Any postings that you make as a representative of or participant in NMRA sanctioned activities will reflect on you and the NMRA.

*Understand Your Personal Responsibility:* You are personally responsible for the content you publish on user-generated content forums, such as blogs or social media sites. Remember that what you publish will be public for a long time. Protect your privacy.

*Be Accurate:* Be sure that you have all the facts before you post. It's better to verify your sources first than to have to post a correction or retraction later. If you do make a mistake, admit it and correct it. Post a retraction, edit your post, make any necessary apologies. If you are editing an earlier post, make it clear that you have made a correction.

*Respect Others:* You can catch a whole lot more flies with honey than vinegar. If you are constructive and respectful while seeking advice, asking for help, or discussing a disagreement or bad experience, you are far more likely to reach an understanding. In some instances, you may not be able to reach an understanding or agreement, but it is your responsibility to be constructive and address the problem rather than attacking the person.

*Respect Your Audience:* Don't use personal insults or disparaging conduct or language toward others. Show proper consideration for others' privacy and for sensitive topics. Users are free to discuss topics and disagree with one another but be respectful of others' opinions. You are more likely to achieve your goals if you are constructive and respectful while discussing a bad experience or disagreeing with an idea or a person. Harassment is not acceptable.

*Think Before You Post:* There's no such thing as a "private" social media site. Search engines can turn up posts and pictures years after publication. Comments can be forwarded or copied, and screenshots are easily available. Archival systems save information even if you delete a post. If you feel angry or passionate about a subject, it's prudent to wait until you are calm and clear-headed before posting.

*Does it Pass the Publicity Test?* If the content of your message would not be acceptable for face-to-face conversation, over the telephone, or in another medium, it is not acceptable for a social networking site. Do not use the anonymity afforded by a social media screen name or handle to post something that you wouldn't say if you could be identified.

*Take the High Ground:* You are more likely to build a high quality following if you discuss ideas and situations civilly. Don't pick fights online. Remember that as a participant in NMRA programming, you are representing the NMRA, and the organization supports the principles of fun, respect, and inclusion.

*Do not post information that you know (or reasonably should know) is private, confidential, or proprietary.* Some information that becomes available to you may be considered private, confidential or proprietary by the owner or source of such information – think before you post and if you are unsure, check with the owner or source before posting. Do not post anything in a private forum that you would not present in any public forum because there is no true privacy on the Internet. Ask yourself if you would want to see this published in the newspaper or posted on a billboard tomorrow or ten years from now? Additionally, ask yourself if you would want to see screenshots posted to the person or persons about whom you are speaking or writing.

*Be Aware of Liability:* You are responsible for what you post on your own site and on the sites of others. Be sure that what you post today is not something that you will regret in the future and that you are not violating any legal guidelines. Postings on social media sites can be, and have been, the subject of lawsuits alleging defamation, slander, or libel. In such a lawsuit, a court can compel the social media platform to disclose your account information; you won't be anonymous.

#### How does the NMRA enforce this code?

The NMRA can enforce this code of conduct independently, or in response to a complaint, after notice to affected members and due process including an opportunity to be heard. Proceedings include gathering facts, interviewing witnesses, conducting a hearing, and imposing discipline or dismissing the matter. The NMRA is a private membership organization; membership, member benefits, and the use of NMRA trademarks and intellectual property are not free or public. Therefore, the NMRA's leadership can determine that a violation of this code of conduct justifies a disciplinary action. Examples of actions include censure (a warning the similar conduct could cause termination), removal from an elected office, disqualification from elected offices or leadership, and termination of membership. The NMRA's Corporate Policies & Procedures Manual (CPPM), and Ohio state law applicable to nonprofit membership corporations such as the NMRA, governs the enforcement of this code and member discipline.

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