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Superintendent's Bulletin



Welcome to November and National Model Railroad Month. This is the time when we can share with others this great hobby of ours. If you have a layout, open it up to friends and neighbors. Find out if your local Scouting group has a railroad merit badge and help them with their requirements. Contact your local library and ask to display some models while you sit at a table and answer questions.

Most libraries have some type of meeting room and several work stations could be set up to show interested people how to build cars, structures and scenery. Since people are allowed to attend our NMRA events as guests, invite a relative, neighbor or friend to a meeting. With T-Trak now becoming popular with younger people our Division could build a T-Trak module for display and hopefully attract some interest. Anything we can do to get Model Railroading out in the publics eye may bring us new members or bring some former members back.

There are two Model Railroad Clubs in our Division that are holding open houses. The Sebring Model Railroad Club will be open November 10, 11, 17 & 18 from 10 AM to 5 PM all four days. The Youngstown Model Railroad Association will be open November 10 & 11 and December 1 & 2 from 12 Noon to 6 PM all four days. These are excellent layouts and you will be inspired.

Our annual Christmas Luncheon will be held on December 1, 2018 from 12 Noon to 3:30 PM at Maize Valley Winery, 6193 Edison St., NE (St. Rt. 619), Hartville, OH 44632. This year the lunch will be Build Your Own sandwich served buffet style. The sandwiches can be made from an assortment of deli meats & cheeses, breads and condiments. Sides of potato salad and pasta salad will be available. Coffee, iced tea & lemonade are included. The cost is \$15.00 per person (includes tax and gratuity) and needs to be paid in advance. Please make reservations to Jim DiPaola at 330-297-5571 or Chief1RTFD@aol.com by November 20th as we need to give Maize Valley a head count.

Our November event will be held at the Kent Free Library, Kent, OH and our clinic will be given by Jeff Hartung on his modeling of the Ringling Brothers circus train. Don Bonk will present information on the T-Trak modules.

All Aboard!! Jim DiPaola, Superintendent NMRA, MCR, Division 1

Layout Tours

Next Event - The Bullet Regional 2019

- Operating Layouts Thursday, May 2
- Self-guided tour Sunday, May 5

Need more information, contact

Jim Peters Layout Chair

2018 - 2019 Division 1 Events

November 18 - Kent Free Library, Bumphrey Room December 16 - Christmas Luncheon, Maize Valley Winery January 20 - Kent Free Library, 2nd Floor Mtg. Room February 17 - Kent Free Library, 2nd Floor Mtg. Room March 17 - Jim/Luana Peters, Sagamore Hills April 28 - TBA May 2019 - MCR Convention - No Event

May 2019 - MCR Convention - No Event June 9 - Bob Ashley, Jr., Green

Interested in hosting a meeting? Contact any Division 1 officer.

AC&Y Bullet 2019 MCR Convention October 7, 2018, Ravenna Township Offices, Ohio

Attendance: Jim DiPaola, Bruce Hukill, Lloyd Horst, Luana Peters, Jim Peters, Bob Ashley Jr., Robert Ashley Sr., David Hazlett, Randy Dettmer, Michael Bradley, Rich Ramskugler, Steve Zapytowski

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.
- 2) Approval of the previous meetings minutes was moved by Rich Ramskugler, and seconded by Bob Ashley, Jr. A correction was made to Item 10 as the people were listed below were committee members and leading an area of the convention and not regular volunteer. The minutes were approved unanimously, as corrected.
- 3) Convention volunteers, Insurance issues, and IRS concerns were discussed first and the following determination was moved by Mike Bradley, seconded by Lloyd Horst, and approved by the committee with a vote of 10 to 1
 - a) Non-member volunteers will receive a complimentary Rail Pass Membership from the division, receive a volunteer name tag, and may not participate in convention activities apart from those required by their volunteer duties.
 - b) NMRA members may volunteer to serve the convention without paid convention registration, receive a volunteer name tag, and may not participate in convention activities apart from those required by their volunteer duties.
 - c) NMRA members may volunteer to serve the convention and pay their own full registration fee, receive a regular convention name tag, and participate fully in convention activities apart from those that conflict with their volunteer duties.
- 4) Mike Bradley updated the committee on various account balances and noted there was an upcoming payment due to the hotel on November 2 of \$2000. Jim DiPaola recommended that we transfer \$2500 to the convention checking account from the division's checking account to cover this expense and other incidental expenses should they arise.
- 5) Jim DiPaola reported that several clinics are already in hand for the convention.
- 6) Randy Dettmer announced that we now have 8 full registrations and 2 family member registrations.
- 7) Luanna Peters reported that the convention now has 5 volunteers for the convention beyond those committee members all ready working the convention. This is approximately 10% of the volunteers needed to run the convention.
- 8) There has been no progress yet in the recruitment of new members to the division.
- 9) The committee discussed providing a table for Ricky Rowlands at the convention to assist his efforts in the restoration of Erie Lackawanna #3639. Athern is supporting Ricky Rowlands project and they will be invited to participate in the convention.
- 10) Bruce DeMaeyer is the MCR modules coordinator and will be attending our October 21 Meeting. His major concern is T-Trak, but there will be a call for modules of all type to participate in the convention. This year's model contest will also include a judged module contest.
- 11) Bruce Hukill will investigate the possibility of a paid Facebook advertisement to support convention attendance.
- 12) Reichart industries has been removed from our prototype tour list. Rich Ramskugler will provide a list of alternative prototype tours.
- 13) The March division meeting will be at the Peters' residence and will involve stuffing registration bags and registration envelopes for the convention.
- 14) The convention registration tags will be a plain white rectangular tag in a lanyard. Volunteers listed above in items 3 a, and 3 b will have a plain colored rectangular name tag in a lanyard.
- 15) The division will print black and white maps for those attending the op sessions and layout tours.
- 16) The meeting adjourned at about 3:00 PM. Our next meetings will be at the division meeting October 21, and the Ravenna Township offices at 1:30 on November 4 at 1:30

Respectively submitted, Steve Zapytowski Secretary Pro Tempore

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes October 21, 2018 Sam Eisele's, Mantua, Ohio

- 1) Welcome: The business meeting was called to order at 2:10 pm by Superintendent Jim DiPaola.
 - a) Jim thanked Sam and his wife Trish for hosting the meeting
 - b) Guests: none present
 - c) Contest: rail trucks or MOW equipment; November is 40' or less wooden box cars
 - d) Clinic: the clinic for this meeting was going to be a presentation by Bruce DeMaeyer from Division-10 on T-Trak. However, Bruce had plane problems and could not make it so there was no clinic
- 2) Bring-n-Brag:
 - a) Matt Wood brought a diorama that he is going to use in a clinic on 3-demensional backdrops
 - b) Sam Eisele asked for some help in valuing a Lionel set that a friend has for sale
 - Jerry Kruze rode the CVSR steam run with Kurt Sanders. Jerry reported that Kurt had a light stroke and would now be doing fine but afterwards he contracted shingles
 - d) Jim DiPaola passed around an advertising flyer from Woodland Scenics on a new scenery system they have
- 3) Upcoming Events:
 - a) Division-1:
 - i) Mt Hope Train Show Saturday November 3rd and March 23, 2019
 - ii) Sir Roy's Toys N-scale in-store module setup in November
 - b) MCR: Convention in Boardman, OH May 2-5, 2019
 - NMRA: National Convention, Salt Lake City, Utah July 7-13, 2019
- 4) Division Meetings:
 - a) November 18 Kent Free Library; Jeff Hartsung will present his circus train
 - b) Christmas Lunch Saturday December 16 at Maize Valley Winery in Hartville, OH
 - c) January 20 Kent Free Library
 - d) February 17 Kent Free Library
 - e) March 17 Jim and Luana Peters, Sagamore Hills, OH
 - f) April 28 TBA
 - g) May convention, no meeting
 - h) June 9 Bob Ashley, Jr
- 5) BULLET 2019 MCR Convention Update:
 - a) December 1 is the deadline for the Kingpin submission
 - b) Our second payment of \$2,000 to the Holiday Inn is due November 2
 - c) Registration: 10 plus 3 family members
 - d) Clinics: Don Bonk -2, Steve Zapytowski 2, Bruce DeMaeyer -2, Derek Shoop 1, Sam Eisele -1
 - e) Steve asked that we reach out to non-attending members we might know and try to get them to come to the meetings
 - f) Steve passed out a draft of the convention time-table: modules can start setting up as early as 6am on Friday; there are 3 clinics in the am, 3 in the afternoon and 2 in the evening
 - g) Doris DiPaola gave an update on the non-rail activities
 - h) Josh is going to try to setup a Facebook ad; Sam Eisele said that he talked to Josh several weeks ago and he is no longer a member and his interests have switched from trains to photography
- Business Meeting
 - a) Minutes: A correction to the minutes was pointed out in that Steve Zapytowski took 1st place and not 3rd in scratchbuilt at the national convention. A motion was made to accept the corrected minutes for the September 2018 meeting as recorded in the Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded and passed.
 - b) Treasurer's Report: The report was given by Treasurer Mike Bradley. A motion was made and seconded to accept the September 2018 Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion passed.
 - c) Committee Reports:
 - i) AP Lloyd Horst presented Steve Zapytowski his merit award
 - ii) Clinics –We still need a chair for the clinic committee. Jim DiPaola has the screen and projector and is working on lining up clinics
 - iii) Peddler Freight Bruce Hukill reported that a ream of paper had been donated. He also asked us to pay our subscriptions to defray what costs we have. He is trying to high-light a layout in each month's publication.
 - iv) Membership Joe Urbanski no report
 - v) Modules Bob Ashley Sr. reported that he has had several cancellations for volunteers for the Mt. Hope show, and that if he did not get any more people, he would probably have to cancel our participation next month. Don Bonk agreed to be the division T-Trak coordinator.
- 7) Old Business: none
- New Business: none
 - a) Good of the Order: 50/50 drawing

23 people attended.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The business meeting adjourned at 3:07 pm.

Respectively submitted,

Jim Williams, Clerk

Module Group

The Mid-Central Region "Bullet" Convention planning is into full swing. Please sign-up for a volunteer position a.s.a.p. There will be Module Group planning for this May, 2019 event, also. More information will be in the upcoming issues about the Module involvement. However, we have three more shows to set up and operate in the meantime.

The next scheduled event will be the Youngstown Model Railroad Association Flea Market at Salem, OH, Sunday, January 13, 2019, at the CenterPlex Community Center, 1098 North Ellsworth Ave. This event will repeat on April 14, 2019. As before, we will set up at 1:00 pm, on Saturday, January 12. Please try to be there by 12:30 PM because we must unload the van and trailer before the trucks delivering the tables arrive. Everyone should help operate the modules regardless of the scale you model. Please mark your calendars and be sure to come help us set up and operate the modules.

We will return to Mt. Hope Train and Toy Show on Friday, March 22, 2019 and Saturday, March 23, 2019. We will be relying on our retirees to do most of the work. We will be operating the HO modules, only. Everyone should help operate the modules regardless of the scale you model. Please mark your calendars and be sure to come help us set up and operate the modules. Plan to eat here, also, because it will be catered by "Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen," the famous Amish restaurant.

<u>Everyone is a member of the Module Group.</u> We are educating the public about the enjoyment of model trains. We let them operate the trains and show them how our throttles work. This is what qualifies us to have a 501 (c)3 non-profit status. <u>Please, do your part and help.</u>

Module Group members who have added scenery to their modules should apply for the "Golden Spike" Award. The scenery is the last thing we do to finish a module.

Those of you who want a module; you need to contact me so I can order electrical components and more lumber. See my email and phone numbers below. We will schedule a date to build the module(s). The final price will be around \$110.00 for the kit. Those who build a 4' x 2' module with scenery, which is eight square feet minimum, can apply for the "Golden Spike" and other AP awards.

We are always looking for venues where we can display and operate our modules. We can be an added attraction for many events, i.e., Railroad Days, shows at event centers, library historical programs, student events, etc. Please call me or any Module Group member if you think you have a lead and make sure the event coordinator is aware of your concern

The Division portion of the 50-50 raffle is placed in the module fund. This fund is shared with the HO and Ntrak groups as needed for division owned equipment. Privately owned modules and equipment are the responsibility of the owner. All request for funds are to be presented to the Module Chairman.

Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six 50-50 raffle tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. <u>Your generosity in funding the Division 1 Module Group is appreciated. Many of our new members joined at the shows.</u>

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com HO, N & Z scales Jim Williams, Asst. Module Chairman, 330-966-5477 or jamestwilliams46@yahoo.com HO & N scales Don Bonk, NTRAK, T-TRAK 330-418-6860 or donaldbonk@gmail.com N scale

Division 1 membership as of September: 98

N-SCALE REPORT

2019 Regional Convention Rooms are available and I got mine in September. You should get your reservation as soon as possible to get your choice of rooms and aid in a demonstration of the Regional's ability to obtain room count. Further it will not cost you anything until you use it or cancel 24 hours before your scheduled arrival if necessary.

Digitrax's d nd programming feedback code means the decoder to be programmed is not drawing enough current to be reliably detected. This is found with some Lenz/ Atlas decoders. A, 1K ohm ¼ watt resistor across Prog A and Prog B or Program Tract Booster cures problem.

Tsunami 2 - vs. -Tsunami may have a number of additions and upgrades, but the biggest benefit is that you do not need a Soundtraxx PTB-100 booster or the need to revert to OPS programming to manipulate CV's with Tsunami2. Both are powerful decoders with 80 and 72 page manuals respectively.

MRC Decoders are not favored since their earlier attempts in N scale were dreadful. Their latest Steam decoder was installed in a bargain, Model Power 4-6-2 Pacific with vandy tender. While overall this decoder's performance is not that of a Soundtraxx decoder, it has number of interesting sound features; including injector, water fill, firebox door, 17 whistles available and others. Sounds are of reasonable quality. Two problems are the lack of a detailed manual(s) and the need to do OPS programming if you do use their command station or a programming track booster.

RailPro DCC system is being used by some modelers to replace other DCC systems in HO based upon reported ease of operation, decoder setup, and no CV manipulation in consist building. In N scale the decoders are too large, but Ring Engineering (RailPro) has plans to introduce smaller decoders. Word on the street is, "Don't Hold Your Breath." In any case changeover would be expensive.

The N Scale Vehicle Association's purpose is to promote the manufacture and distribution of 1:160 scale model vehicles and equipment. You can find out more at the association website; www.nscalevehicles.org.



The winner of the New N Scale Vehicle of the Year Award was the Trainworx 1956 Peterbilt 351 log truck painted to match a real truck that was once owned by N scale modeler Vern Henderson.



And the winner of the Enhanced N Scale Vehicle of the Year Award was another Trainworx model. This one a Kenworth W900 painted to match the real truck once owned by N scale modeler Mike Sabia.

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The Bullet 2019 MCR Convention Quick News

The 2019 Bullet Convention Committee has been hard at work. The website is https://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/the-acy-bullet-2019. The trifold (click left) has been printed. Pens and notepads were distributed at the MCR convention in Cincinnati. Shirts have been spotted on Div. 1 members. Layouts are being lined up for self-guided tours and operating sessions. Historical and prototype tours are falling in place. Volunteers are still needed. The next planning meeting is November 18, 2018. (see page 11)

The Bullet Convention Layouts

Home layouts open for the self-guided tour, Sunday May 5, 2018

David Hazlett's D H Rail





David H. Hazlett (above right) is the president of DHRail, a shortline layout built for operation. DHRail has over 21 scale miles of track spread over a mainline, secondary lines, numerous industries and four yards. NCE DCC is used with most being radio throttles. David has numerous custom decorated locomotives with many loaded with prototypical sound. A typical operating session draws 8 - 10 model railroaders. They usually run 2 - 3 hours between time spent in the crew lounge and running of trains. Operators are from Division 1 as well as other NMRA divisions and just plain model railroad fans.

(lower right) Al Clapp, Michael Bradley and Randy Dettmer work to solve a switching puzzle.

David (upper far right) works with Wayne Buran to solve a throttle issue.



PEDDLER FREIGHT SUBSCRIPTION FORM

Division 1 has moved to email publishing of the Peddler Freight. There is no cost for the email Peddler Freight. However, if you want to receive the Peddler Freight by regular mail, Division 1 requests that you subscribe in order to support the cost of printing and mailing. Under current rules, you will NOT be denied a copy of the Peddler Freight if you do not subscribe, but your support for Division 1 would be appreciated.

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DIVISION 1 CONTEST - Rail Car or M.O.W. Vehicle - October Category

STANDINGS 2018 - 19

STANDARD KIT

Frank Williamson - 3 pts Sam Eisele - 2 pts

KIT - BASHED

Bob Ashley, Jr. - 5 pts Steve Zapytowski - 4 pts Sam Eisele - 4 pts Matt Woods - 3 pts Jim Peters - 2 pts

CRAFTSMAN KIT

Matt Woods - 4 pts Sam Eisele - 3 pts

SCRATCH BUILT

Sam Eisele - 8 pts Matt Woods - 5 pts. Frank Williamson - 3 pts Steve Zapytowski - 3 pts

CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2018 - 19

NOVEMBER - 40' or under wood boxcars DECEMBER - no contest JANUARY - Transfer or work caboose FEBRUARY - upgraded or re-worked flea market find MARCH - Prototype photos (categories wil be modern, excursions, structures, vintage) APRIL - Baggage cars,R.P.O.'s or combines MAY - One square foot diorama of offline scene (industrial, residential, school, church, etc.- limited to 12" x 12" square)

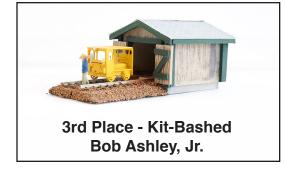
JUNE - no contest









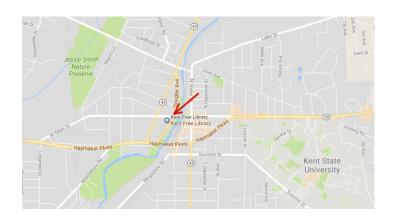












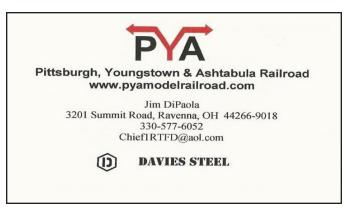
THIS MONTH'S MEETING Sunday, November 18, 2018 Kent Free Library 312 West Main St. Kent, OH 44255 2 PM

A sale table will be available.

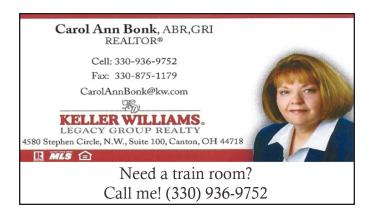
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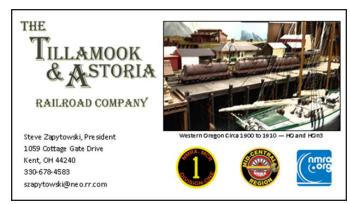






7th Year







Achievement Program

I would like to encourage everyone to work toward their Golden Spike Award. If you already have your Golden Spike, please look at the various categories in the NMRA Achievement Program. Please feel free to talk to me at any of the Divsion 1 events or give me a call at (330) 465-7402. Thank you,

Lloyd Horst AP Chair

THE BULLET - 2019 MCR Convention News

Going forward each issue of the Peddler Freight will contain information about *The Bullet*. This is the name of the 2019 MCR Regional Convention, sponsored by our division. This will take place May 2 - 5, 2019 at the Boardman Holiday Inn.

According to *Akron, Canton & Youngstown and Akron & Barberton Belt* book, "the Delphos Bullet" was a mixed train that "symbolized welcomed events for the rural Ohio communities from Delphos to Akron. Organizational meetings have begun and all are welcomed to attend. **Volunteers are needed**. Let's all pitch in to make "The Bullet" a great convention.

The minutes from the October 7th meeting are on page 2. The convention planning schedule is:

November 18, 2018 2:00 PM Division 1 meeting at Kent Free Library



Click logo to link to The Bullet webpage

Train Shows and Open Houses

2018 Model Train Open House - Nov. 10 - 11; Dec. 1 - 2
Presented by the Youngstown Model Railroad Assoc.
751 N. Four Mile Run Rd, Youngstown, OH 44515
Donation \$5.00, Under 11 free 12 PM - 6 PM

<u>Sebring Model RR Club Open House - Nov. 10 - 11; 17 - 18</u> 216 E Pennsylvania Ave, Sebring, OH 44672 10 AM - 5 PM

Erie PA Railroadiana & Model Train Show - Nov. 10

Rainbow Gardens - Waldameer Park 200 Peninsula Drive, Millcreek, PA Admission \$5.00, Children under 12 free 10 AM - 4 PM

NETS Model Train Show - Nov. 10

Highland Heights Community Center 5827 Highland Rd., Highland Heights, OH 44143 Admission \$5.00, Children under 12 free 10 AM - 4 PM



Norwalk & Western RR EHOVE Train Show - Nov. 11

EHOVE Career Ctr., 316 West Mason Rd, Milan, OH 44857 Admission \$5.00, Children under 11 free 10 AM - 3 PM

17th Annual Route 30 Express - Nov. 17

Tour of 8 model railroads, FREE NON-SMOKING event See Route 30 express on Facebook 10 AM - 5:00 PM

Mansfield Train Show - Nov. 18

Richland County Fairgrounds 750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, OH 44906 Admission \$5.00, Children under 12 free 10 AM - 3 PM

Train Collectors Assoc. Thanksgiving Train Meet - Nov. 24

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd, Parma, OH 44130 Admission \$6.00, Children Free 10 AM - 3 PM

Massillon Train & Toy Show - Dec. 09

Massillon Knights of Columbus Hall 988 Cherry Road NW, Massillon, OH 44647 Admission \$5.00, Children under 13 free 10 AM - 3 PM

Youngstown Model Railroad & Toy Train Flea Market Salem Center Plex January 13, 2019

1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH 44460 Admission \$5.00, 10 AM - 3 PM

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