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Superintendent's Bulletin



Hello and welcome back from the summer break. I hope everyone had a relaxing, fun summer and in some way shape or form enjoyed the hobby of model railroading. I use the summer break to take a look at my layout and get an idea of what I want to do in the coming winter months when we spend a lot of time indoors.

It's also time to resume our monthly meetings and September's meeting will be at the Sebring Model Railroad

Club which resides in a former Pennsylvania Railroad station that the club owns. Inside is a meeting space and an operating 30 foot by 70 foot HO scale layout. And as a bonus the club's building is located next to a very busy Norfolk Southern double-track main line. Come enjoy some fellowship and trains

This time of year also starts the train show season. The first show is the Great Berea Train Show on October 7th and 8th at the Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds. This show is sponsored by our great friends in Division 4. They will also be hosting the NMRA MCR Regional Convention in 2024. We received a notice from Jon Ulbright that he's retiring from the train show business. Jon put on the very popular Mt. Hope show where we set up our modules. Not having this show puts a void in the train show schedule and there is no replacement show as of today. We wish Jon well and thank him for all his hard work at putting on the train shows.

All Aboard!!

Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

More Bike Trail Views



The Towpath Trail passes under The Akron Barberton Cluster Railway (ABC) just south of Barberton. SW1500 #1501 is throttling up for the big U-turn that will take its train over the CSX main.

T-TRAK News Modules to be featured in PF

Jerry Kruse's T-TRAK module is the first to be featured in the Peddler Freight. Jerry's HO single with a bike trail theme can be seen on page 4. If your T-TRAK module is completed, let the PF editor know so it can be featured in an upcoming issue.

The T-TRAK layouts were to debut at the annual November train show in Mt. Hope, but the show is canceled. This should give all us procrastinators a chance to, well, procrastinate a bit more.

2023 - 24 Division 1 Events

September 17 - Sebring Model Railroad Club
October 15 - TBD
November 19 - TBD
December - Luncheon at Hartville Kitchen, Date TBD
January 21 - TBD
February 18 - TBD
March 17 - TBD
April 21 - TBD
May 19 - TBD
June - Date and location TBD

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
June 25, 2023

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order: 2:05 PM.
- ~ By: Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
- ~ Participants: 15 members.
- ~ Location: Ravenna Township Offices.

2. Clerk: Jeff Stone:

- ~ Previous meeting minutes published in Peddler freight.
- ~ Motion to approve minutes, (Bob Gurdak/Steve Zapytowski) carried.

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley:

- ~ Report presented by treasurer. Available on request.
- ~ Income: \$100 Modules, \$200 Division One merchandise.
- ~ Expenses: \$246.50 Module supplies (Chuck Altwies), \$360 Module supplies (Gary Kohler), and \$461.00 Module supplies (Lloyd Horst.)
- ~ Motion to approve treasurer report, (Lloyd Horst / Bob Gurdak) carried.

4. Superintendent: Jim DiPaola:

- ~ Announced July NMRA Magazine article by Division One members Jasmine and Frank Trocchia. Steve Zapytowski will link article to our website.

4a. Assistant Superintendent: Sam Eisele:

- ~ Davis Hazlett's layout has been purchased for resale by Harry Builder. Harry has offered a private sale of DH Rail equipment to Division One members. Contact Sam to be included.
- ~ Division One has been contacted about another estate liquidation in Ravenna. Contact Sam for number to arrange an appointment.

5. Peddler Freight Committee: Bruce Hukill: No report.

6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters: No report.

7. Clinic Committee: Jim DiPaola: Today's clinic, Jerry Krueger (Division 4) common household supplies for model RR.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst: No report.

9. Module Committee: Lloyd Horst:

- ~ (HO) We have enough modules for a 37' oval.

10. Facebook Committee: Jim DiPaola: No report.

11. Website Committee: Steve Zapytowski: No report.

12. Old Business: Jim DiPaola: None.

13. New Business: Jim DiPaola: None.

14. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Sam Eisele brought floor sweepings from garage that he sifted through various tea strainers and ended up with weathering/scenery supplies.
- ~ Jim DiPaola brought lever wire connectors 1 to 1 and 5 to 1 he found on Amazon.
- ~ Bob Ashley Sr. brought his module with a paper cover he fashioned to aid in planning the layout of the module. He also brought a bridge he kit-bashed from 2 single track bridges to a double track, and some docks he acquired and built for the future lake on the module.

15. Good of the Order/Announcements:

- ~ Dave Neff, President of the Mid Central Region, presented plaques to Division One members:
 - Sam Eisele for service as Division Superintendent.
 - Bob Ashley, Jr. for service as Division Superintendent.
 - Steve Zapytowski for five years service as the Region Contest Chairman.

16. Adjournment:

- ~ Motion to adjourn carried.
- ~ Meeting adjourned at 2:40 PM.
- ~ Clinic followed meeting.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone, Clerk, Division 1

Module Report

With Summer over and all of its activities, we can think about and do some things that have to do with model railroading. The biggest news is that there will be **NO MT. HOPE SHOW**. Jon Ulbright is retiring from putting on this train show. Below are some excerpts from the letter he sent me:

Dear Dealer:

I have some bad news! The Mt. Hope Train and Toy Show, scheduled for Saturday, November 4, 2023, has been canceled! I hated to do this, but my doctors, my wife, and my family members strongly advised me to finally make this difficult decision after suffering through doubt and confusion concerning the plausibility of trying to go through with the show. I have been experiencing several bouts with heart problems and a lack of energy and strength since March and April of this year!

I have had two heart cath, stents, an EKG, Echo, Stress, and other tests, and several visits to the Cleveland Clinic, here in Wooster and in Akron. The results are that I am better than I was in previous months, BUT the experts do not feel that I should risk my health by trying to pull off that very stressful and physically-demanding show at Mt. Hope. Therefore, here is my plan:

The Massillon Train and Toy Show will be kept on the schedule. It is much smaller and easier to run for my family. And, by the time it rolls around, I should be that much stronger and healthier!

It has been a good run for the show at Mt. Hope, but I will not attempt to sponsor any more shows at that facility. If you booked a room at one of the area motels/hotels, it will be your responsibility to cancel that room as soon as possible.

My wife and I have thoroughly enjoyed our opportunity to sponsor the Mt. Hope show and others throughout the years since 1984. We have treasured the chance to get to know and respect you and your family through hosting these shows all over the Ohio and surrounding states. However, it appears that in the future our efforts will be limited to Massillon, but that depends upon how I feel after December 10, 2023! I will keep you posted about the future!

Thank you so much for your support, cooperation, and friendship through the years!

Jon Ulbright
Owner of CJ Trains, LLC

The RCS (Rolling Command Station) that I built for the N Scale layout is operational. It needs labels on the jacks and switches. Bob, Jr. is building the one for HO. I am in the process of making all the cables needed to set up both layouts.

Since the Mt Hope show is gone, I am looking for other venues where we can set up our layouts. Libraries and communities have events where it may be possible for us to set up one or the other of our layouts. If you know of an event, let me know. Keep in mind that we can adjust the size of the layout to meet the space in two ways:

1. by the number of modules, or
2. by which layout we take, HO or N.

Also, keep in mind that we have the capability to set up at two different events at the same time.

Along that line, Age of Steam Roundhouse Museum, "...would love to have your group back this year for the holiday events!" (excerpt from email from Dan Condo Age of Steam Coordinator).

I committed us for the event. They want our HO layout. Since the room is small, the display will consist of the end modules and enough modules for about a 20 foot total display length. At the September meeting, I need to update my notes on which modules have to be displayed together.

If we can schedule 2-3 times to practice setting up the layout, to find out how smooth and quickly we can set up, I think we should be able to go the morning of the first day and be set up before the gift shop opens. If we can't set up in 2 hours, we will have to pick a date to set up before the first day the gift shop is open.

Here are the dates and times:

December 8	10 AM to 3 PM
December 9 (with Santa)	8:30 AM to Noon
December 15 and 16	10 AM to 3 PM

Age of Steam will furnish the tables.

I have also sent Jon Ulbright a letter asking if he had space for our N Scale layout at the Massillon show.

Between the September and the October meetings, I want to schedule a time where we practice setting up both layouts and run trains.

Submitted by,

Lloyd Horst
Module Chair

Membership Report

Having just received the latest numbers from the NMRA headquarters via our regional membership chair Paul Novak, Jr., I am looking forward to volunteering for the Oktoberfest at the Berea Fairgrounds. You may be asking why I am writing about Wienerschnitzel and Dachshund races. Well, that is easy. We have not had our first event for the season. Anyway, membership stands at 77 as of September 1, 2023.

Jim Peters
Membership Chair

Division 1 T-TRAK Modules

Jerry Kruse's rail trail themed HO single



Life is filled with contradictions. For example, I hate to see the demise of railroads, but I love the bike trails (i.e. – “Rail Trails”) built on abandoned rail lines. One of the trails I enjoy is the run from Lisbon up to Leetonia where the bike trail ends beside the Norfolk Southern tracks.

My module is loosely based on the Leetonia trail head combined with elements of the Sunside Trailhead in Champion.

The highway, parking lot, and bike path are made of 2mm foam sheets. The abandoned tracks are made from code 83 flex track weathered with a Floquil Enamel Paint Marker (rust).

The arborvitae trees are made from segments of brown chenille stems, liberally covered with spray glue and dipped in Woodland Scenics medium green course turf.

As I mentioned at one of our recent meetings, the kiosk was a custom 3D print job by a friend of mine who teaches technology for the Boardman School System. I hand painted the kiosk and made the map from a photo of an actual trail map which I then reduced and printed on blank label and attached to the kiosk.

In short, this module combines diverse elements of places and experiences that are special to me.

Jerry Kruse



THIS MONTH'S MEETING
Sunday, September 17, 2023
Sebring Model Railroad Club
216 E. Pennsylvania Ave., Sebring 44672

Members of the club will share the recent progress made on the layout.
A sale table will be available.
2 PM

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Train Shows and Open Houses

Amateur Radio Ham Radio Day - Sept. 23

Model Train Flea Market

Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad St., Painesville, OH 44077
Admission: Free, Donation accepted 10 AM - 3 PM

Iron and Steel Autumn Railfest - Sept. 23

In memory of Anna Mamone
National McKinley Memorial Museum
40 North Main St. (RT 46) Niles, Ohio
Admission: \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

The Great Berea Train Show - Oct. 7 - 8

Model Train Show NMRA Div 4
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
19201 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130
Admission \$8.00 10 AM - 4 PM

Canfield Train and Toy Show - Oct. 15

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

Fundraiser Dinner - Oct. 21

Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission: pre-sale \$30.00, at door \$35.00
Phone: 216-470-5780 3 PM - 8 PM

Model Railroad Demonstrations & Displays

NMRA MCR Div. 5 - Oct. 21

Thompson Public Library
6645 Madison Rd., Thompson, Ohio 44086
Admission: Free 10 AM - 3 PM

T.C.A. - Halloween Train Meet - Oct. 28

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

Medina Train and Toy Show - Oct. 29

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

2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet - November 4

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
Admission: \$7.00 9 AM - 2 PM

NETS Model Train Show - November 11

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

Akron Train & Toy Show - Novmeber 12

Emidio's & Sons Expo Center
48 East Bath Road at State Road
Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223
Admission \$4.00 9:30 AM - 4 PM

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