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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

What is a model railroad Training Day?

Take all of the elements of being a model railroader, wiring, scenery, history, track layout design, kit building, programming decoders and operating out into the public that is what a Training Day is all about. It is a tool to get model railroading in front of the public, making people aware and interested. Most of all it gets people interested in being possible members.



Last year, Division 4 had 99 people visit their Training Day, their largest turnout since it began about five years ago. One thing that draws attention is having the module layout present. In addition, hands-on clinics such as kit building, car weathering, basic car maintenance or even tree making engage the participants. Having something they can take with them has an even greater impact.

This month we are meeting at Rob's Trains in Alliance. See you there.

Randy Dettmer, Superintendent

DIVISION 1 2012-2013 MEETINGS

April 21, 2013 - Rob's Trains - Alliance

May 19, 2013 - Jim DiPola - Ravenna

June 9, 2013 - Rich Ramskugler - Columbiana

CONVENTION 2014


Did I miss your interest in sharing your layout? Do you know someone who has a great layout and needs encouragement to share? We are collecting names of interested layout owners who are willing to open during the national convention in 2014. Thanks!

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Jim Peters, Co-Chair Layout Committee





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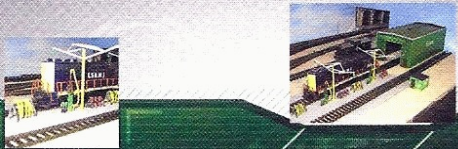

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Jim Williams - 7.5 pts
Glenn Yoder - 2 pts
Don Deakins - 1.5 pts

KIT-BASHED

Glenn Yoder - 5 pts
Jim Peters - 4 pts
Mike Bradley - 3 pts
Jim DiPaola - 3 pts
Bill Hewitt - 2 pts
Don Deakins - 1 pt

CRAFTSMAN

Don Deakins - 1 pt
Jim Williams - 1 pt

SCRATCH-BUILT

Jim Williams - 1 pt

DIVISION 1 CONTEST

MARCH WINNERS

Hand Cars, Speeders

CRAFTSMAN

Jim Williams - 1st Place - 1 pt

**MODEL CONTEST TOPICS
FOR 2012-2013**

April --- Slag cars, Hot metal cars
May ----- Re-purposed cars

Craftsman

Jim Williams



Train Shows and Open Houses – April thru May

Bucyrus Model Railroad Assoc Train Show & Swap Meet – April 13 – 10AM-4PM

Crawford County Fairgrounds, Whetstone St, Bucyrus, OH \$4 adults, children 12 and under free

Buckeye Model Trains & Railroad Artifacts Show & Sale – April 20 – 9AM-4PM

Ohio Expo Center, Lausche Building, Columbus, OH

Midwest Railway Preservation Society Open House – April 27 – 12PM – 4PM

Historic B&O Roundhouse, 2800 W 3rd St, Cleveland, OH

Firelands Model Train & Toy Show – April 28 – 10AM-4PM

Erie County Fair Grounds, 3110 Columbus Ave, Sandusky, OH \$5 adults, children 18 and under free

Spring Spree Train Show – May 4 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Quaker Square, 135 S Broadway, Akron, OH \$6 adults, children under 12 are free

Cuyahoga Valley & West Shore Railroad Depot Train Show – May 4 & 5 – 11AM-4PM

Olmsted Falls Depot, 25802 Garfield Ave, Olmsted Falls, OH Admission \$3 donation, children under 6 free

The Painesville Depot Railfanning Day – May 11 – 10AM – 5PM

475 Railroad St, Painesville, OH

Midwest Railway Preservation Society Open House – May 18 – 12PM – 4PM

Historic B&O Roundhouse, 2800 W 3rd St, Cleveland, OH

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Historical Society Western Mini-Conference May 18

St Wendelin Catholic Church, 313 North Wood St, Fostoria, OH For more info visit www.borhs.org

Durand Railroad Days – May 19 – 11AM-4PM

Durand Middle School, 9550 E Lansing Rd, Durand, MI Admission \$4, children under 10 are free

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THESE MEMBERS HAVE SUBSCRIBED FOR 2012-2013.

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C.J. Burroughs	Don Deakins	Jack Demain	Jim DiPaola	Todd Dulaney
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Robert Weston	Jim Williams	Frank Williamson	Glenn Yoder	

SHOP ADS: Carol Bonk Rob's Trains The Whistle Stop Andrews Shopping Center

PIKE ADS: Don Bonk David Hazlett Jim Peters DONATIONS: Mrs. Chuck Boyer, Joe Urbanski

THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!

CONSIDER GETTING YOUR PEDDLER FREIGHT BY EMAIL

THIS MONTH'S MEETING will be on Sunday, April 21, at

Rob's Trains

333 East Main St, Alliance, OH 44601

Our meeting will be hosted by Rob and Nils. The meeting will begin at 2 PM. Come early and view the layout. Rob and Nils are providing snacks and beverages. If you are in need of detail parts or building materials, this is the shop.(Ed.)

If you can't find a parking spot on the street, there is parking behind the shop. You may enter the shop (a light tan brick building) using the left door. There are stairs to the shop level. You can also walk through the alley to the left of the building to the front entrance to avoid the stairs.

Directions: From the West you can travel, I-76 to SR14 East to SR 183 South to Alliance. You can travel SR 224 or SR 619 both of which intersect SR183. When you get to SR 183 you go South. When you get into Alliance, you will NOT be able to go under a blue RR bridge with red, yellow and orange stripes on it. As a detour follow the TRUCK ROUTE for SR 183. You go about two blocks East and then turn South. That takes you to Main Street. Turn left. You will shortly see Rob's on the right. As stated, there is parking in a lot behind the building.

You can also travel via SR 62. Do not get off SR 62 until it ends at SR 225. Turn RIGHT. You will come to the detour mentioned above. Then follow those directions.

From the East you can make your way to SR 183 via roads of your choice (I don't know the best route from the East. Ed.). You can also follow the signs toward the AMTRAK Station which is about two blocks East of Rob's Trains.

CLINIC REPORT

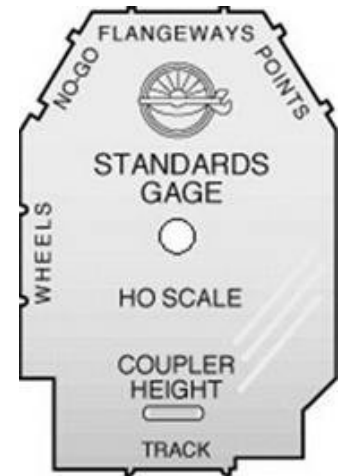
Thank you Dennis Sauder for the interesting clinic on speeders as well as hosting our meeting. I always enjoy seeing the progress on the club layout!

In April, I will share some basics for maintaining my rolling stock. Now, where is my gage. Time to dust it off!

For May, the club requested a clinic on Mountain building. Hey Larry Brown and Jim DiPaolo, let's talk at the next meeting about May's clinic!

Happy modeling!

Clinic Chair, Jim Peters



N-Scale News

Many model railroaders have considered including a timber/lumber operation on their layouts. N-Scalers should not be deterred from making this type of layout addition a reality. Most of the articles we see in the model RR magazines cover western mountain timber, mining and local rail operations, but there were many standard and narrow gauge mountain RR in the eastern US.

Shays, Climaxes, and narrow gauge Mikados plied the hills of ME, VT, NH, NY, PA, VA, WV, KY, TN, and Ohio including Division 1. The East Broad Top and Cass RR are the most famous. Classic industrial locomotives are available in both N-Scale and Narrow Gauge N-Scale (Nn3) which can be used for operation on credible timber/lumber, mining or local narrow gauge section on your layout. Standard "N" gauge Shays have been marketed by Bachmann at reasonable prices (see below) and brass Climax locos are available from Aspen Models as a kit or R-T-R at inflated European prices that include at least 19% in taxes. If you desire narrow gauge operation, Nn3 Shays (see below) and equipment are available for sections or complete layouts where 1.77 inch radius curves are possible. The steel mill modeler should be aware that narrow gauge equipment was used internally and one of the narrow gauge diesels from US Steel Lorain, Ohio has been purchased by the Durango-Silverton for use on its heritage trains.

Nn3 vendors exist and the Nn3 Alliance has a 140 page handbook available for \$25.00. In addition the N-Trak newsletter includes Nn3 articles and the N-Trak module manual provides specifications for including Nn3 into N-Scale modules or stand-alone Nn3 modules. So if you are really space limited you could consider a layout based upon K25 narrow gauge Mikados or Shays. Finally, remember that Nn3 is N-Scale with a 6.5 mm gauge track and some of the kits marketed to Nn3modelers, like the McCabe Sawmill, have fantastic detail.



Nn3 ImageReplicas

N Bachmann

Nn3 Republic Locomotive Works

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes
March 10, 2013
Host: Sebring Model Railroad Club, Sebring, Ohio

- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked the Sebring Club for hosting the meeting. Twenty-three people were in attendance.
- II. A motion to accept the February Minutes as printed in the Peddler Freight was made and seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Chuck Boyer gave the Treasurer's report for February. A motion to accept the report, subject to audit, was made and seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - A. Membership – Larry Brown was not present due to a death in the family. No report was given.
 - B. Clinics – Dennis Saunders will do a presentation on speeders after the meeting. Next month Jim Peters will do a clinic on freight car maintenance. Jim Williams showed the group how his local True Value Hardware store took a sample of scale coat paint and mixed a quart of latex to match and then put 3oz of the latex into an aerosol spray can.
 - C. Peddler Freight – David Hazlett was absent but Randy gave his report: we have one new subscription; \$605.87 has been spent so far; there have been \$665 of income from ads and donations; and we have gleaned \$109.22 from rewards and discounts.
 - D. NMRA 2014 Cleveland Convention – Jerry Krueger presented Jeff Mitchell who is the convention's PR person. They are looking for articles for the different publications and for clinicians for the convention. They really want to be able to present something other than HO scale. He reminded the group to get their registration in before the rates go up.
 - E. Modules – Bob Ashley, Sr. told the group that Ron Shoemaker's daughter has donated boxes of old Model Railroader magazines to the division and Bob invited anyone interested in them to help themselves. We will setup the modules at the Dalton train show on Saturday, March 23 from 5 to 8 pm. The show is on Sunday, March 24. We will also setup the modules for the Supply Train Manufacturer's Organization at the John S. Knight Center May 14 and 15, a Tuesday and Wednesday.
 - F. Apparel – Jim Williams had sweatshirts and hats for sale.
- V. Meetings:
 - A. April 21 – at Rob's Trains in Alliance. The modeling project is slag cars and hot metal cars. B. May 19 – at Jim DiPaola's in Ravenna. The modeling project is re-purposed cars.
 - C. June 9 – at Rich Ramskugler's in Columbiana.
- VI. Old Business:
 - A. 501c3 tax update was given by Randy: we have failed to convince the IRS of our educational status and they have denied our 501c3 status. Jerry Krueger is working on a rebuttal to the denial. He suggested that we hold a train day to show people the different aspects of model railroading. It was suggested that we do this in November during model railroading month since we will not have a flea market this year. There was positive feedback from the group. Robert Ashley, Sr. is going to check into the availability of the Coventry Township Hall.
- VII. New Business:
 - A. It was reported that Bill Hewitt fell and broke a hip. He is in a nursing home for rehab but is not doing well. We were all asked to keep him in our prayers.

The meeting adjourned at 2:36 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim Williams, Clerk

MODULE GROUP

The Supply Train manufacturer's organization requested that the Module Group display at the John S. Knight convention center. We are still working out the details and will notify everyone. The show is in May 14 & 15, 2013, on a Tuesday and Wednesday, during the day. We will not be showing at the CVSR "Day out with Thomas" event, this year, due to the problems with our location near the tracks which caused excessive dirt and constant maintenance.

We have a large number of model railroad magazines, which were donated by Ron Shoemaker's widow, for sale. There are at least six full years of Model Railroader with the MR binders. Please see me for details.

Divisions 1, 2, 4 and 5 are going to have a joint meeting to discuss making commitments to be able to join all our modules together and be able to run trains over the entire layout. We are still waiting for when we will meet.

The first "Ron Shoemaker" module is available for use. Roadbed, track and wiring are in place and ready for scenery. If you are interested in doing this, please contact me. It has been suggested that Patrick Wamsley, my grandson, be allowed to finish this module. Lloyd Horst has the second module and has mounted roadbed, track and electrics. We have used it at the Dalton Train Shows. He hopes to be adding scenery before the November Dalton Show.

I am concerned that a few of our modules have not progressed. We need to be finishing the track work and scenery. Please make an attempt to complete the modules. Those of us who do not have completed modules may not be allowed to participate at the 2014 convention.

Jim Williams has started the scenery and re-laid the track on the passenger and freight yard, left end modules. We need help building kits for buildings. This is a large job and should have a team effort. Contact me or Jim Williams if you are willing to help. Thanks to the efforts of Ed Tringhese, Jim DiPaola and Dave Maddon, we have a very large train station and hotel on the elevated level above the passenger yard and a scratch built icing facility. We received many compliments at the Dalton Show.

I am still looking for anyone interested in making an N gauge module to go with Kurt Sanders, Don Bonk and mine, per NTRAK standards or Z gauge module to go with mine, per Z Bend Track standards. Our module kits are suitable for this. Only the wiring is slightly different. We were hoping to have them ready for the Dalton train show, but, the show promoter had to cancel our space for the NTRAK modules. Kurt, Don and I will need to connect our modules to check for electrical problems before the Dalton show.

Due to the use of cell phone boosters inside the Buckeye Event Center, our Digitrax UR91 simplex radio receivers were totally wiped out. We had to use tethered throttles, again. After talking to Dave at Digitrax Technical department, we will be using the new UR92 duplex radio receivers and the new UT4D and DT402D throttles. They are not affected by cell phones or any other DCC system. They use 2.4 gigahertz technology which seeks out an unused frequency. This is similar to cordless phones. He claims it is bulletproof at the shows where they have tested extensively. Users of the DT400R throttles can have their throttles converted, at Digitrax, for \$65.00 and the UT4R for \$50.00. We will still use the UR91 simplex receiver at shows that do not have interference and it will be daisy chained with the UR92 receiver so the new throttles will also work.

We still need more UTP's on the front of the modules. When we use Digitrax, don't forget to use your batteries to power your throttle. We can not rely on the power from the UTP. Never use a NCE coiled cable with the Digitrax due to NCE using four wires, only. Digitrax uses six wires. Look at the wires in the connectors to see the number of wires.

The "Module Group" logo is available through Jim Williams for \$6.00 and can be added to your shirts. Please have this done before the upcoming displays. Thanks to all who have already done this.

The Division portion of the 50-50 raffle was placed in the module fund. THANK YOU!! Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. We also received \$100.00 for our display at the Dalton show. Your help in funding the Module Group is appreciated.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com

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Several times this year **Bill Smith**, previous Peddler Freight Editor, has donated Staples Rewards vouchers to be used in the printing of the Peddler Freight. His donations have allowed us to extend the funding of the Peddler Freight.

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