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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

With the extreme weather conditions over the past several weeks, I am sure you have worked on all of those projects that have been stacking up over the past year. Did you complete your flatcar with load for the contest this month?

This extreme weather plays havoc on railroads as well as other transportation. With bad roads, crews have problems getting to trains. Extreme cold causes train length to be cut due to reliability of the air brakes. Ice and snow can collect in switches and cause derailments if not cleared. Add this all up and what do you get? Yard congestion, delayed shipments and upset customers.

With the coming national convention, several local layouts will be featured in the national magazines. One of clubs within our division, The Sebring Model Railroad Club, is in the March issue of Model Railroader. We will get to see them in person next Month.

As a reminder, this is an election year. I will be reaching out to you, the membership, for folks to participate in an election committee. Eventually, we will be seeking out candidates to run for office. Remember, this is your division. The more you participate, the more you will get out of the NMRA.

This month we will be at Youngstown Model Railroad Club in Austintown, OH. I talked to Jim Pope and they will have tables available to sell any personal items at this month's meeting. See you there.



Randy Dettmer, Superintendent
Division 1, MCR, NMRA

CONVENTION 2014

Convention 2014 Layout Committee Report

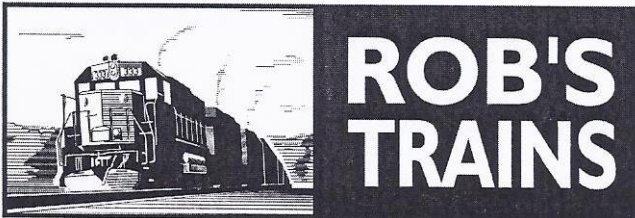
The Convention is only a few months away! Visit the convention website <http://www.2014cleveland.org/> and check out your information. If you see anything about your layout that is not in order, email the corrections to me immediately and I will do my best to get everything corrected. The more eyes the better! Also, don't forget to be forgiving. It really is a monolithic task!

Thanks!

Jim Peters, Layout Committee Co-Chair



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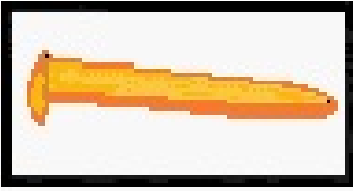
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Clinic Report



Thank you Jim Williams and Larry Brown for an excellent clinic on scenery. I am sure everyone agrees that the modules have come a long way. The scenery in my opinion is some of the best I have seen in the country and will be a terrific part of the upcoming collaborative venture at displaying many modules at Convention 2014 in Cleveland.

Next month the Youngstown Model Railroad Association will be hosting our meeting. There will be two phenomenal layouts to view and I am sure we will be provided with a historical background, including the actual building that houses both layouts. You do not want to miss out on this one!

Looking ahead, we have the following clinics confirmed:

March 30 – Bob Beatty, author of the MR article featuring the SMRRC and layout. Jim Smas, photographer, will discuss how he took photos for the article.

April 27 – Glen Yoder at Rob’s Trains, discussing “Fitting Buildings on Backdrop.”

May 18 – Matt Woods at Mike Bradley’s, Modeling Buildings.

June 15 – TBA at Jim DiPaola

Anyone ready to submit their paperwork in for the scenery certificate to be presented at the convention? This is a great opportunity.

Jim Peters, Clinic Chair

Fro m the Editor.



Ever debate the fate of a diesel that took a nosedive from the workbench, desk, or mainline of your layout? As this Bartlett Grain GP7 demonstrates, a broken off pilot step is not necessarily the end for useful service. This classic EMD Geep started out in full black and red **Rocket** dress in Rock Island service, complete with steam generator. Later in life, this locomotive was a member of Chicago & North Western's motive power fleet. Now, life is fairly quiet and simple for this veteran with an occasional movement of grain hoppers around an industrial spur in St. Joseph, Missouri.

N-SCALE REPORT

Checking on Athearn.com, there are a few N-Scale Challengers with DCC & sound still available. The heart breaking part is the price and the fact I did not get enough gift certificates for Christmas to buy one. Last month David Hazlett was complaining about the cost of models for the young, what about us old retired guys. Cash flow is not what it used to be.

After the last foray into module setup and operation, Bob Vensel suggested that some “Rerailers” be included in the setup. Therefore; some “Jiffy-Railers” have been acquired. Per “Jiffy-Railer” ads “just clear area of debris, drop them in place and tack them down”. I found this to be true and best of all the area does not look like a road crossing. “Jiffy-Railers” are available in both HO and N.

In the October 2013 Peddler Freight I reported on the 128 module layout at the NMRA train show in Atlanta which incorporated N-TRAK/Bend Track/oNe Track due to formal standards. Some purist object to this blending of modules, while other desire even wider access. The following portion of a Letter from the N-TRAK President that puts things in the proper perspective, especially with lost of the last founding member of N-TRAK.

“Getting back to NTRAK, while there are formal specifications, most of us have been to shows with large layouts that have included modules that sometimes went beyond a liberal interpretation of the standards. Yet I have never seen a module being denied participation in a show. I’m sure that there must be at least one case, but most of us want to see everyone participate and the main purpose of our involvement is to have fun.

What binds us together is that we enjoy N scale trains and we need to continue to promoting the hobby and N scale NTRAK, T-TRAK, fremo-N, Bend Track, oNe Track and any other forms

NTRAK is starting on a new phase with new faces and new ideas are sure to come alone. The NTRAK board invites your thoughts and suggestions and we hope that people from all forms of N scale model railroading mentioned above will feel free to the newsletter and contribute ideas and share. And let’s continue to have fun talking about modeling and running trains.”

The last sentence is a great reminder for all model railroaders.

Don Bonk

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CONVENTION SHIRTS



For Division 1 members who would like to purchase 2014 Convention shirts to wear before the July Convention you must follow these steps. Print the order form that appears on the convention website. Fill out what shirts you want to order.

Make out check to: **2014 NMRA National Convention. No Credit Cards.**

DO NOT SEND TO CHATTANOOGA! Send to: Chuck Klein
11531 Barrington Blvd.
Parma Heights, Ohio 44130

All orders will be processed by February 28th for availability to members in March.

Regards,
Chuck Klein

MODULE GROUP

We set up and operated the Division HO modules and one straight module at the regular division meeting, in January, at Bob Ashley, Jr.'s. I handed the throttles to the ladies who were watching and they were surprised how easy it was to control the trains. The modules will remain assembled for a few weeks so we can make repairs to the curved turnouts on the right end and install several Tortoise switch machines.

The next showing of the modules is at Dalton's Buckeye Event Center, March 23, 2014. We will setup on Saturday, March 22, 2014. The time will be announced in the next 'Peddler Freight' and by email.

The National Train Show in Cleveland, in July, will have many, many modules. Larry Madson is hoping to get an area of 60' x 100' for the modules from several NMRA divisions. We are committing six straight modules. Larry does not think they will need our end or corner modules. I'm not happy with that. There will be more to come.

I am concerned that several module members have lost interest or cannot make the events. We need more members to join in with more modules. I am going to add two more modules to my coal mine and concrete/cement scenes. Those, of you, who have modules that you cannot use, please offer to sell them to someone who wants to join us. Jim Williams has three constructed and wired modules for sale. Dave Madden is considering making a yard with at least three modules for staging. I have not seen his plans for this, yet.

I have partially ordered the Digitrax electronics for a new command station panel from The Whistle Stop. We hope to have this ready for the next Dalton show and it will be mounted on the backside of the modules instead of underneath, where it is difficult to troubleshoot. Digitrax is going to provide a banner and literature to display when we are operating with Digitrax. I have sent three throttles to them for conversion to the Duplex update. The Duplex will operate without interference with the cell phone repeaters and is not limited to one frequency, like the Digitrax Simplex and NCE or Lenz systems.

We have had some cases where locomotives have hesitated and suddenly speeded up. The cause of this is the decoders seeking the signal and switching to DC mode. They see the DCC 14.5 volts AC and think it is DC. DC is variable voltage and it makes the locomotive go wide open. This usually makes the operator panic and he will try to physically grab the runaway train. We will supply "toilet paper" to anyone who may experience this. To stop a train with the throttle, press "Pwr" then "N -" to kill the track power. The locomotive will run normally after restoring the track power. Digitrax recommends disabling the DC mode in the decoder to prevent a runaway.

The "Module Group" logo is available through Jim Williams or Nils Sunberg 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 is placed in the module fund. Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. We also receive \$100.00, or more, for our display at the Dalton shows. Your help in funding the Module Group is appreciated. We are buying a DCC system with this money to replace my personal DCC system.

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

2014 MEETINGS

February 16 - Youngstown Model
Railroad Club - Austintown, OH
March 30 - Sebring Model Railroad
Club - Sebring, OH
April 27 - Rob's Trains - Alliance, OH
May 18 - Mike Bradley - Ravenna, OH
June 15 - Jim DiPaola - Ravenna, OH

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If you decide to go email, contact the
editor at dhazlett1@neo.rr.com .

THIS MONTH'S MEETING
SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16TH
Hosted by The Youngstown Model Railroad Club
Location: 751 N. Four Mile Run Road, Austintown, OH

The Youngstown Club is providing drinks and snacks. **The Meeting begins at 2 pm.**

If you don't have a GPS unit, here are my directions for getting to the meeting. (Editor)

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 Club is on the North-East corner of the intersection. The building is a former church, which the Club owns.

Allow about 1 hour drive time.

FLEA MARKET AT THIS MEETING

There will be a flea market at this meeting. A table for sale items will be provided. The Division may also have items at this meeting.

We started the flea market at the meeting in Wooster and we will now continue it here. The members at the Wooster meeting decided that we would only hold the flea market at meetings NOT held at clubs or hobby shops. However, the Youngstown Club is permitting the flea market at this meeting.

Members may bring items for sale. It is hoped that they will donate a small portion of their sales to the Division. The items on the Division table have been donated and are "free" to members, but it is hoped that a donation for the item will be made to the Division.

Train Shows and Open Houses – February thru March

Wolverine Railroad Club Toy Train Show – February 9 – 10 AM – 2 PM

United Food & Commercial Workers Hall – 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights, MI

Admission \$3 adults, children under 12 free

Toy Train and Model Railroad Flea Market – March 9 – 10 AM – 3:30 PM

McMenamy's Banquet Hall – 325 Youngstown-Warren Rd, Niles, OH

Admission \$5 adults

Wolverine Railroad Club Toy Train Show – March 9 – 10 AM – 2 PM

United Food & Commercial Workers Hall – 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Heights, MI

Admission \$3 adults, children under 12 free

Railfest 2014 – March 15 & 16 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Lakeland Community College – State Rt 306 at Interstate 90 exit 193 – Kirtland, OH

Admission \$7 adults, two day pass \$12, family \$12, children under 18 free

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes
January 19, 2014
Host: Bob Ashley Jr., Akron, Ohio

- a. The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Bob Ashley Jr. for hosting the meeting.
- b. **Minutes:** A motion and a second to accept the November 2013 Minutes as printed in the Peddler Freight. The motion passed.
- c. **Treasurer:** Chuck Boyer gave the Treasurer's report for January 2014. A motion and a second to approve the Treasurers report as submitted subject to audit. The motion passed
- d. **Membership:** Larry Brown gave the Membership report for January 2014. Division 1 currently has 112 members. There are three (3) new members and thirteen (13) renewals/rerails.
- e. **Committee Reports:**
 - a. Clinics – Jim Peters announced that we are continuing with the scenery theme. After the meeting we will be looking at the modules that are set up in the garage.
 - b. AP – Nothing to report at this time.
 - c. Peddler Freight – David Hazlett reported on the expenses and savings to date with the Peddler Freight and passed out a spread sheet showing expenses from September 2013 to the present.
 - d. Scale Update – Randy Dettmer has a few 2014 Convention Cars for sale at \$21.60 per car.
 - e. NMRA 2014 Cleveland Convention – Randy has forms for the OP-Sig participation and urged members to register for the convention. The forms to purchase prototype and layout tours are now available. The forms can be downloaded from the NMRA 2014 Convention website or the forms will be published in the February NMRA magazine.
 - f. Modules – Bob Ashley, Sr. reported the Module Group will participate at the Dalton Show on March 24, 2014.
Setup will be at 5:30 pm on March 23rd.
 - g. Apparel – Jim Williams reported that he still has several items in stock for sale or items can be ordered. No price increase anticipated in 2014.
- f. **Meetings:**
 - a. February 16 – Youngstown Model Railroad Club
 - b. March 23 – Sebring
 - c. April 27 – Rob's Trains
 - d. May 18 – Mike Bradley's
 - e. June 15 – Jim DiPaola's
- g. **Old Business:**
 - a. Our 501c3 status remains in suspension. Superintendent Randy Dettmer has given Jerry Krueger power-of-attorney to work on behalf of Division 1 with the IRS in resolving this issue.
- h. **New Business:**
 - a. Jim Williams has three (3) modules for sale.
 - b. The Flea Market will be held at the Akron Yacht Club in November 2014. The committee will be looking for a larger venue to hold the Flea Market.
 - c. An Election Committee will be needed in February 2014. There will be three (3) offices open for election. Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer.
 - d. It was decided to hold the 2014 Christmas Dinner at the Pufferbelly in Kent.
 - e. Bob Ashley Jr. won the 50/50 drawing and donated part of his winnings to the module fund. Bob also gave information about a track cleaning car that he purchased from MNP. The car is operating on his layout.
 - f. It was reported that Chip Syme's layout was heavily damaged from a water pipe break as was Chip's house. It is unknown at this time if the layout will be rebuilt. Chip's layout was scheduled to be on the Cleveland 2014 NMRA Convention layout tour.

Motion and a second to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.
The meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim DiPaola, Clerk

CURRENT STANDINGS

STANDARD KIT

Jim DiPaola - 14 pts
Don Bonk - 9 pts
Jim Williams - 5 pts
Bob Anelli - 4 pts
Frank Williamson - 3 pts
Bruce Hukill - 2 pts
Glenn Yoder - 1 pt

CRAFTSMAN KIT

Don Avila - 6 pts
Jim Williams - 5 pts
Bob Weston - 2 pts

KIT-BASHED

Mike Bradley - 12 pts
Matt Woods - 6 pts
Jim DiPaola - 4 pts
Ray Lora - 4 pts
Don Bonk - 2 pts
Jim Williams - 1 pt

SCRATCH-BUILT

Matt Woods - 4 pts
Roy Lora - 2 pts

DIVISION 1 CONTEST

STANDARD KIT

1st Place - Jim DiPaola



2nd Place -
Frank Williamson



3rd Place - Bob Anelli



First Place - **SCRATCH BUILT** - Matt Woods



First Place - **CRAFTSMAN** - Jim Williams



CONTEST
continued

KIT-BASHED

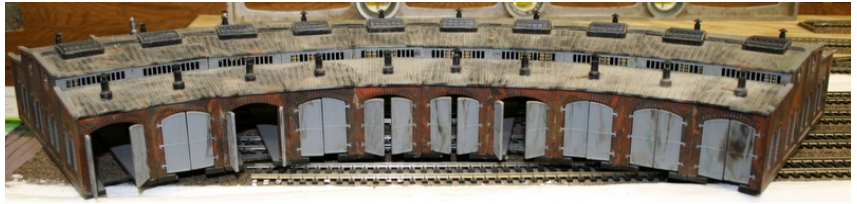
1st Place - Matt Woods



2nd Place - Mike Bradley



3rd Place - Don Bonk



Show - Jim Williams



CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2013-2014
FEBRUARY - FLAT CAR W/LOAD
MARCH - 34' TO 42' COVERED HOPPER
APRIL - INDUSTRIAL BUILDING
(a photograph is allowed if the building cannot be transported)
MAY - TANK CAR
JUNE - AWARDS CEREMONY

LINKS TO MISSING FORMS FROM CONVENTION INSERT

Many of you have received the February issue of *NMRA Magazine* with the 2014 Convention insert. Because of a printing problem, three registration pages were not printed. These pages included the merchandise order forms for men's and ladies' shirts, convention cars and other items, and the Extra Fare order form for ordering banquet tickets and registering for Modeling With The Masters clinics.

You can register online and purchase any of the items mentioned through the NMRA Company Store without the missing forms. For those that want to print out the forms and mail them in with payment you can follow these links to access and print the forms.

Completed forms and payment should be mailed to: NMRA

- [Merchandise Order Form 1](#)
- [Merchandise Order Form 2](#)
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Or you can print them from the 2014 Convention website: <http://www.2014cleveland.org/registration.htm>

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