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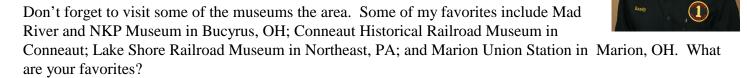
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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

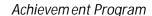
For most, model railroading takes a back seat now to other interests or activities this time of year. Do you include model railroading in your other interests?

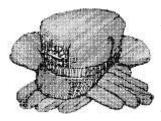


It is the end of another meeting season. Do you have any suggestions for next season? If you have an interest in holding a meeting or have a venue suggestion, please let me know.

This month we will meet at Larry Brown's in Ravenna, OH. See you then!

Randy Dettmer, Superintendent Division 1, MCR, NMRA





Wow! There is a lot to report on this month! Congratulations go out to Don Avila for earning the Golden Spike Award! Wait...there is more. Both Kurt Sanders and Steve Zapytowski earned merit awards and placed 1st at the MCR Convention. Please bring in your entries to share with the division at our June event! Thanks and, once again, congratulations!

I have not forgotten my promise to promote the AP, but will have to postpone filling out a form together until fall. I apologize but I will be out of town once again, attending my aunt's 80th birthday party. See you in the fall.

Jim Peters, AP Chair

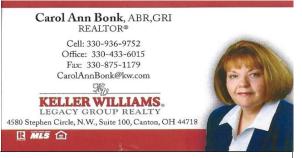


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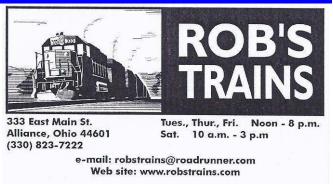
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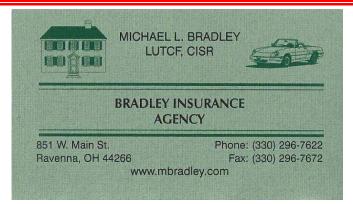


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THIS MONTH'S MEETING will be on Sunday, June 21. at The Portage Model Railroad 124 Chestnut St. Ravenna, OH

Our meeting will be hosted by Larry Brown. The meeting will begin at 2 PM. Come early and view the layout. You are welcome to bring a small DCC engine to run on the layout (18 inch radius min.). Larry runs NCE Radio if you want to bring your own cab.

Larry will provide chicken & jojos, pizza and drinks. If you would like to bring something, desserts are welcome.

Check out www.portagemodelrailroadclub.com for directions or try the Editor's below.

From I-76: Take Rt 44 north (not Rt 5 bypass). Turn left on Rt 59 (Main St) and go 1 block. Turn right on Chestnut Street. The shop is on the right in the 1st block. 124 N. Chestnut St. Free parking lots in the rear and across the street at the old hardware store. Enter from the front or rear.

FLEA MARKET TABLE AT THIS MEETING!

The meeting begins at 2 pm.

Clinic Report

Thank you Randy Dettmer for discussing Covered Hoppers at the May meeting at Mike Bradley's while I was at the MCR Regional Conference. The convention featured many clinics and included several on operations and JMRI. We have one clinic on ops scheduled for next year, and I feel it would be beneficial to hear a beginner's clinic on obtaining and using Decoder Pro for simplifying setting CVs. I am just getting started and will be working with Tom Buehler to get my JMRI up and running.

At our next division event (new language for meeting by Charlie Getz) Paul Chapple will be discussing *Card Modeling* at Larry Brown's in Ravenna. If you are interested in adding structures, this is your chance to learn a new technique. Paul and I were both former members of Division 4 and operated regularly with the Ratpack. If I may say, he is quite the accomplished modeler. You do not want to miss his clinic.

Wow. That concludes another great NMRA season. So now is the time to secure a clinic opening for the 2015-16 year. Volunteer and share your talents, your RR enjoyment. Just pop me an email or give me a call!

September – Benchwork by Steve Zapytowski at Don Bonk's.

October - Planning an OP Session by David Hazlett. (Location TBA)

November – Ethanol Refinery by Ron Morgan (Div. 4 Guest) at the Whistle Stop

December - Christmas Dinner at Pufferbelly

January – Updates on the Bacher North RR by Frank Smith

February – open (how about something on "not all DCC RTR locomotives are the same")

March - Beyond the Golden Spike by Jim Peters

April - open at Rob's Trains

May – MOW Trucks by Mike Bradley at his residence.

June - open

Thanks for all your help!

Jim Peters, Clinician Chair



DIVISION 1 CONTEST

CURRENT STANDINGS

STANDARD KIT

Mike Bradley - 16 pts Jim DiPaola - 7 pts Matt Woods - 3 pts Bill Bigler - 2 pts David Hazlett - 2 pts Glenn Yoder - 2 pts Lloyd Horst - 1 pt

CRAFTSMAN KIT

Matt Woods - 8 pts Don Avila - 5 pts Bob Ashley, Sr - 2 pts Jim Williams - 2 pts Steve Zapatowski - 2 pts

KIT-BASHED

Mike Bradley - 21 pts
Josh Cohen - 7 pts
Matt Woods - 7 pts
Bob Ashley, Sr - 3 pts
Jim DiPaola - 3 pts
Jim Williams - 2 pts
Glenn Yoder - 2 pts

SCRATCH-BUILT

Matt Woods - 11 pts Steve Zapytowski - 7 pts Josh Cohen - 2 pts

MAY CONTEST - Depots SCRATCH-BUILT

1st Place Steve Zapatowski



2nd Place Matt Woods



3rd Place Josh Cohen



Show Matt Woods



Show Matt Woods



DIVISION 1 CONTEST - continued

CRAFTSMAN KIT



1st Place - Matt Woods



2nd Place - Don Avila

CONTEST TOPICS FOR THE 2015-2016 SEASON

September - Residence or House

October - Re-purposed Railroad Car (coal hopper to coke hopper, boxcar to wood chip car, etc.)

November - Caboose (any era)

January - Steam Loco (any era)

February - City or Downtown Building (shop, restaurant, business office, etc.)

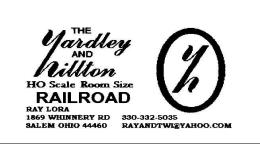
March - Water Tanks (Not tank cars, but any era water tank for steam locos, cities, industries, etc.)

April - Billboard Box Car or Reefer (any size or era, industrial brands, food products, etc.)

May - Critters (weird little locos such as GE45T, Plymouth, shop-built, etc.)

Pictures of your models are acceptable, if the model cannot be removed from your layout.

Complete Contest Rules are found on the website www.div1-mcr-nmra.org





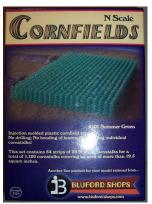


N-SCALE REPORT by Don Bonk



May 16 and 17, 2015 Columbus. Thirteen N-clubs setup and operated layouts at this event. Clubs were from Cleveland, Columbus, Canal Winchester, Dayton, and Cincinnati Ohio; Huntington WV; Fort Wayne IN; Collingswood NJ; Bloomington IL: Brooklyn NY; and 2 Clubs from the Pittsburgh PA area. Over 30 vendors were there with products from Athearn to Zimo. There were lots of bargains available. The participants numbered over 150 with an additional 200+ visitors.

May 1, 1896 --- Canton residents of Petersburg suburb want Street Railway. May 13, 1910 --- Ohio Governor Sign's bill, all Streetcars must have safety brakes. April 2, 1924, Generally a Bad Day --- Man killed when train hits He started across tracks while signal was operating. --- Services in Canton for train victim who appears to not have heard the train. The Darwin theory has not been successful, since humans still try to beat trains at crossings. --- Engineer killed, Fireman injured by derailment of speeding 8 car ACL passenger train in Virginia. This matches headlines from May 13, 2015. ---PRR preparing to build Bayard Cutoff connecting Louisville to East Rochester. May 14, 1910 --- Illinois Officers lock 30 prisoners in box car pulled by switch engine to escape a thousand man mob because of a murder case. All prisoners were section hands on the CB&Q.



Bruce Hukill's Door Prize



View of Hall One



View of Hall Two



Burning River's New Gorge Module

The *Canton Repository* has been running past front pages from the 1880's to 1955. The following are some interesting headline *stories associated with railroading*. Based upon these stories you could model the opening of your new streetcar line, stage wreaks, model building a cutoff, or even an escape from an angry mob on your layout.

May 13, 1910 --- Charles E. Dettmer an express messenger describes wreck on C&P (Cleveland & Pittsburgh) and his aid to the injured Fireman. Picture quality is poor, but it might be one of Randy's ancestors.



A REQUEST FROM THE WEBMASTER:

Since early April when our new website became active, I have counted over 400 visitors to www.div1-mcr-nmra.org, and during that time we've also added the following to our pages: an instructional Golden Spike Award slide show – all digital editions of the Peddler Freight – layout photos from Matt Woods, Lee Adkins, Jim Peters, and Don Avila – the Division 1 Activities page – and finally a copy of our revised by-laws. I'd like to add a page of prototype research links to the site and will post there the links I presented in my April clinic at our meeting. If you have links that you use for prototype research, please send them to me and I'll gladly add them to our site.

Steve Zapytowski

Train Shows and Open Houses June thru September

June 27 & 28 – 2015 Rail Festival at Carillon Park

Carillon Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, OH \$8 admission, \$7 senior (60+), \$5 child (3-17), children under 3 are free

July 11 & 12 – 2015 Railroad Heritage Weekend

Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 South Washington St, Van Wert OH

\$3 admission, children 12 and under are free

$\frac{\textbf{August 8 - Railroad Show and Sale \& Summerrail at}}{\textbf{CUT}}$

Cincinnati Union Terminal, 1301 Western Ave, Cincinnati, OH

Visit website for further details: www.cincinnatirrclub.org/

August 15 - Orrville Railroad Day - Noon - 4 PM

Orrville Railroad Heritage Society, 245 McGill St, Orrville, OH

\$3 admission, children 12 and under \$2

September 11, 12, 13 - Nicholson Bridge 100th

Anniversary Celebration

Visit website for further details: www.nicholsonbridge100th.com

September 19 – Firelands Model Train & Toy Show

Richland County Fair Grounds, 750 N Home Rd, Mansfield, OH

\$5 admission, children 18 and under free

2015 - 2016 DIVISION 1 MEETINGS

2015

September 20 - Don Bonk - Lewisburg October 18 - open November 15 - open

2016

January 17 - Frank Smith - Akron

February 21 - open

March ?? - open (need dates of Dalton & Kirtland shows)

April 17 - Rob's Trains - Alliance

May 15 - Mike Bradley - Rootstown

June 19 - pending

SPECIAL NOTICE

Former member, Bill Heylock, contacted me with an offer for our members. He is selling his model railroad collection and thought of Division 1.

You may contact him at 330-655-2353 if you are interested is seeing his collection.

Editor

Members Report June 2015 The Membership now stands at 118.

New Members

Kenneth Boehnlein Ravenna

Renewals & Re-Rails

Dennis Anstine

Josh Cohen

Matthew Falkowski

Sanford Jacobs

Rick Montgomery

Joseph Urbanski

John Walczyk

Frank Williamson

Todd Wynn

Special thanks to all those for renewing.

Tales of a Shay: From Wreck to Reincarnation

Part 6: Finishing the End Beams

Steve Zapytowski

For the last issue of Volume 22 of the Peddler Freight I'll complete the end beams for the new Shay #6. As numerous small parts were added to the assemblies, I ask that you recall the discussion of solders and solder fluxes that were part of this series in Issue 8 last month. By changing solder types and the temperature of my soldering iron, the rest of the brass parts were added without damaging any of the previous work. The next steps in the process are most easily explained by photos. (Figures 44 to 49)



Figure 44: An assembly fixture made from scrap wood to hold the end beams and foot boards in place for soldering.

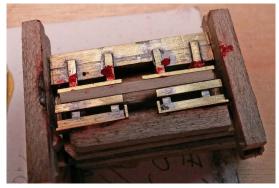


Figure 45: The same fixture was used to hold the horizontal braces on the floor board hangers in place while being soldered. Scale lumber was used to accurately space the parts. The horizontal braces were then cut and filed to length.

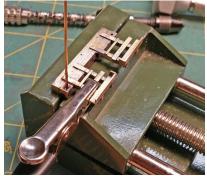


Figure 46: Holes were drilled for the coupler lift bar stanchions and the centers of the pole pockets. Note: these latter holes were drilled straight through the end beams as the end timber braces will be mounted in them. 0.032" diameter rod was soldered into the hanger side of the hole and then cut and filed to length. This created centering pins used in the next step.



Figure 47: 1/16" diameter brass tubing was soldered over the centering pins made in the last step. The tubing was then cut and filed to length. Finally, the open end of the tube was drilled with a #55 drill to create the contour of the pole pocket.

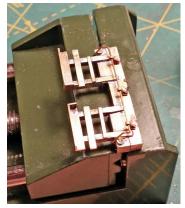
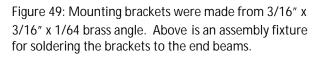
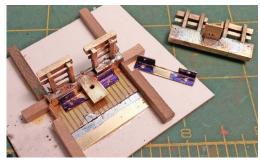


Figure 48: The coupler lift bar and stanchions were soldered into place. These are from Cal-Scale, catalog number 476.





The two brass plates in the photo (Figure 49) are spacers that account for the thicknesses of the sub

and finish decks on the frame. This will allow the bracket to hold the end beams flush with the top of the Shay's finish deck when they are attached to the frame. I mentioned the Trix Anti Flux earlier in Issue 8 of the Peddler Freight, and this is where it was used. Anti Flux prevents solder from flowing on and adhering to the parts coated with it. In this manner I prevented the end beam assemblies from accidentally being soldered to the spacing plates on the fixture. To finish the end beams, a number of holes were drilled and plastic nut/bolt/washer fittings were set into them. They were attached using a CA adhesive. (Figure 50) The bottoms of the foot board hangers were made from scale 2" x 6" pieces of styrene, again attached with CA adhesive. (Figure 51)



Figure 50: Plastic nut/bolt/washer fittings were glued into holes drilled in the end beam assembly.



Figure 51: The bottoms of the foot board hangers were cut and filed to size after being glued into place.

The Shack was then drilled and tapped to accept 0-90 machine screws which were then used to mount the end beams to the deck. (Figure 52)

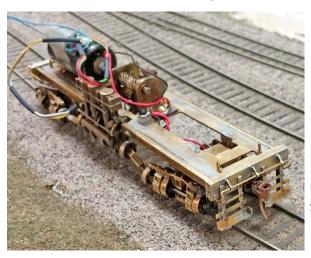


Figure 52: Shay #6 as it currently exists on my layout. The end beam mounting screws still protrude through the deck as seen above. These will be cut and filed to length as the finish deck is installed.

Th e undercarriage fittings have yet to be installed. This process will start in the first issue of Volume 23 of the Peddler Freight.

To be continued...

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THE NEXT ISSUE OF THE PEDDLER FREIGHT WILL BE IN SEPTEMBER.

ALL subscriptions for 2014-2015 have expired.

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes May 17, 2015

Host: Mike Bradley - Rootstown, OH

- Welcome: The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Mike Bradley for hosting the meeting. Today's contest is freight/passenger Depot.
- Minutes: A motion was made and seconded to approve the April 2015 minutes as printed in the Peddler Freight. The motion passed.
- III. Treasurer: Report given by Treasurer Mike Bradley. As of today's meeting the balance in our checking account is \$12,476.30. A motion was made and seconded to accept Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion passed.
- IV. **Membership:** We currently have 119 members.

Committee Reports:

- <u>Clinics</u> Today's clinic is Covered Hoppers by Superintendent Randy Dettmer.
- \overline{AP} No Report as Jim Peters is attending the MCR Convention. B.
- **Peddler Freight** The deadline for submissions to the June 2015 edition is June 5, 2015. Cost of the May 2015 edition was \$74.00 with the use of a \$15.00 coupon. C.
- D. **Scale Update** – No report at this time.
- Modules Report by Bob Ashley, Sr. Next scheduled setup is November 2015 in Dalton, OH. The DCC that was purchased by the E. Division was passed on to Don Bonk for the N scale modules. All Division 1 property will be inventoried and marked.
- F. <u>Web Site</u> – Our website is up and running. http://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/. Check it out.
- G. Apparel – See Jim Williams if you have any questions or need to order. Time to get your summer gear!!
- Other Events: Thomas the Tank Engine at CVSR in June. Lincoln Funeral Train on June 6 & 7, 2015 at the Painesville Railroad Museum.

VI. Division 1 Meetings and Events:

- June 21, 2015 Larry Brown Ravenna, OH Division 1 Meeting
- B. September 20, 2015 - Don Bonk - Lewisburg, OH - Division 1 Meeting
- October 18, 2015 Open Division 1 Meeting C.
- November 1, 2015 Division 1 Flea Market Akron Yacht Club D.
- November 15, 2015 Whistle Stop Cuyahoga Falls, OH Division 1 Meeting E.
- F. December 5,2015 – Pufferbelly – Kent, OH – Division 1 Christmas party
- January 17, 2016 Frank Smith Division 1 Meeting G.
- February 21, 2016 Open Division 1 Meeting
- I.
- March 20, 2016 Open Division 1 Meeting April 17, 2016 Rob's Trains Alliance, OH Division 1 Meeting J.
- May 15, 2016 Mike Bradley Rootstown, OH Division 1 Meeting K.
- June 19, 2016 Open Division 1 Meeting

VII. Old Business:

- Jaite Building Project Matt Woods gave an update on the Jaite station and freight house laser kit project. The project is back on track after Matt met with the manufacturer. We will need to purchase plastic bags so the parts can be packaged.
- The N scale car project was discussed in length. Costs were presented and discussed. The idea of having 2 projects going at the same time В. was discussed as this is our first venture into special projects. There was a proposal to have someone from another MCR Division come to our next meeting. Jim DiPaola volunteered to contact Dave Neff from Division 5. There was a motion and a second to table the N scale car project till we speak with another Division. Motion passed.
- C. The Bylaws Amendment to Section 4:Financial was read a second time. There was a motion and a second to approve the Amendment. Motion passed.
- D. Mike Bradley, Jim Williams and Jim DiPaola will continue to work to inventory and mark all Division 1 property. Items will be engraved as tags can fall off or be removed.

VIII. New Business:

- The 2014 were filed with the IRS and went through fine. A.
- The sales tax is being setup for when we start selling our projects.

The 50/50 drawing was held. \$43.00 was collected with the winner getting \$22.00 and \$21.00 going to the Module Fund. The winner donated \$10.00 back to the Module Fund.

26 persons attended the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed. The meeting adjourned at 3:05 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim DiPaola, Clerk

MODULE GROUP

The Module Group, which includes HO and NTRAK, will be preparing our modules for the show at the Buckeye Event Center in November. Our summer should be spent on improving the scenery and operation of our existing modules. We are reaching a saturation point in our growth due to the limited area we have at the show. I can only hope that Jon Albright, the promoter, will be allowing us to have as much space as in the past. He has been gracious in allowing us to expand on some occasions. It would be nice if we could add more venues which might offer more space, though.

The Module Group can participate in events that are well planned and requested on a timely basis. We do not advertise or go looking for places to show the modules. Do not ask us to go show at an event, but rather, ask the promoter of the show to ask us. Please see a module group member to bring it to our attention. We also need a place that would allow us to setup the modules so we could work on or operate them. Maybe someone who has connections with people who have buildings with extra space might allow us to use that space.

For our next scheduled event, we will show our modules, NTRAK and HO, at the Buckeye Event Center in Dalton on Sunday, 11/8/2015. Setup will be on Saturday, 11/7/2015, starting at 5:00 PM.

We owe many thanks to those who helped setup and operate the modules at various events. To those who have not come to one of these events, the module group is in need of more participants. You do not need to bring anything. We welcome everyone to use our throttles, engines and rolling stock. If you have equipment that you want to run, bring it. It must be DCC ready and we can help program a new locomotive to get you started. If we can get you to do that, we sometimes can convince you to join us regularly. We are also looking for new ideas and those who build a 4' x 2' module, eight square feet minimum, and add scenery, can apply for the "Golden Spike" and other AP awards.

At our last meeting, Bob Ashley, Jr. presented a Digitrax DCC system and a power supply to the NTRAK module group. The four utility throttles, to be shared with the HO and NTRAK groups, had not arrived, yet. Several members, who also purchased total systems or throttles, received their systems, also. Anyone who regularly operates the modules should eventually purchase his own throttle.

Bob, Jr. and I are considering purchasing an enclosed trailer for the modules. We need something 7' x 12', or larger, with a side door, brakes and maybe dual axels for a smoother ride. This would not be division property. Due to,the cost of a trailer like this; a "fixer-upper" would be considered. We have experience in maintaining and hauling large trailers.

Bob Ashley, Jr. and Jim Williams are working on a date to start adding Tortoise switch machines to the left end passenger modules. We will advise using email and telephone.

Please advise me if you have made any changes to your wiring, track layout or have a new module. We must not hook up any wiring to the layout until it has been tested for shorts. I have a meter that will test the CAT-5 wiring harness, and we can setup the power control box with your module(s) to test for shorts in the track. All new modules must be tested before use. We have lost many hours at previous shows trying to find a problem. It is time to get smart and find the problem before the show. Do not test any DCC equipment by powering the track using 12 volts DC. Reversing units and command stations can be seriously damaged.

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. Your help in funding the Module Group is appreciated. Enjoy your summer!!

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com Jim Williams, Asst. Module Chairman, 330-966-5477 or jamestwilliams46@yahoo.com Don Bonk, NTRAK, 330-418-6860 or donaldbonk@gmail.com

DIVISION 1 MODEL RAILROAD FLEA MARKET SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2015

Tables (@6 feet) are \$15 each.

Contact: Bob Ashley, Jr.
3656 Shikellamy Dr.
Akron, OH 44319-3742
330-645-6175 evenings
tubtoy3656@aol.com

20 tables available. Request your tables early. Setup starts at 9 am.

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