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## Superintendents Message

Before I get started on my editorial, I have a request. I am looking for the member **who designed the Division 1 patch**. I was told you were at the November meeting, but I have had a lapse in remembering to find out who you are. **Will you please contact me?**

Now for the main event - **VOLUNTEERS !!**

At the last meeting there was a huge lack of VOLUNTEERS. The three-member Elections Committee was reduced to ONE, Frank Williamson. Since the meeting, Rich Ramskugler has

VOLUNTEERED to help out on the Elections Committee.

When I asked for VOLUNTEERS to staff the Division 1 display table at the Youngstown Model Railroad Club's May 9<sup>th</sup> show (for which I am very grateful), a finger was pointed at me and the owner of that finger said, "You do it." Bob Ashley, Sr. and Rich Ramskugler VOLUNTEERED to staff the railroad show table.

While I am one of the larger "physical entities" in Division 1, I am only .93% of the membership, even though I'm the Superintendent. By the way, each of you is also .93% of the membership.

Many of you VOLUNTEER time or money or ideas to the Division, and I really appreciate that. Bill Smith is Treasurer and Editor, but he is still .93%. Bob Ashley does several jobs, but he is still .93%. Kurt Sanders writes a Peddler Freight column - .93%. Ron Wigel, Assistant Superintendent - .93%. Randy Dettmer monitored the Contest at the meeting - .93%. Frank and Rich are .93% each. Forty (40) of you VOLUNTEER your money by subscribing to the Peddler Freight, that totals 37.2%; an extremely valuable and an extremely important way to VOLUNTEER. Everyone who has hosted or will host a meeting is a VOLUNTEER, but each is .93%

I have people reacting to and thinking of the NMRA as a corporation. They tell me they are going to quit or not join because NMRA isn't meeting their needs. If it is not meeting your needs, write a letter to the Scale Rails editor and express your needs. You will find others with those needs. Then you can VOLUNTEER to meet those needs for others as well as yourself. NMRA is a VOLUNTEER group.

How can you VOLUNTEER? I've seen great kit-bashed and scratch-built models in our contest. Why not VOLUNTEER to present a clinic or write an article? I VOLUNTEER my layout by opening it to people interested in operations. Why not give that a try? Some of our members have VOLUNTEERED by wearing their Division 1 shirts and hats to railroad and non-railroad events (might be dangerous in some Divisions; too bad for those Divisions). I'm wearing mine whenever I go to anything involving railroading.

I am sure that I have missed someone who VOLUNTEERS. Sorry about that. So just VOLUNTEER as you are able.

VOLUNTEER = DO SOMETHING = YOU'LL BE SURPRISED WHAT YOU GET BACK!

*DAVID*

DIVISION 1, MCR, NMRA  
MEETING MINUTES  
February 17, 2007

The meeting of Division 1 at the Youngstown Railroad Club was called to order by Superintendent David Hazlett at 2 p.m. Twenty-one people were in attendance. Minutes of the January meeting were accepted as printed. The Treasurer's report was accepted subject to audit.

Superintendent Hazlett reported that the membership is at 107. As always, we are in need of column authors for the Peddler Freight as well as for single articles for the Peddler Freight. The need for a clerk was discussed.

The next meeting is at Don Bonk's in Louisville and is on the 30<sup>th</sup>. This late date is due to the Kirtland Show and Easter. This date was previously passed by a vote of members at the January meeting.

Bob Ashley, Chairman of Modules and Clothing, gave a report on the clothing sales to date. Orders for shirts, hats (which are available at meetings) and patches (also always available) are to be sent to Bob Ashley on the order forms provided in the February Peddler Freight. Bob also discussed the current achievements with the modules. He is disappointed in the actual response to modules, which is very minimal at this time. Again, contact Bob Ashley if you are interested in creating a module or just learning what they are all about.

Bill Smith, Treasurer and Editor, gave a report on building sales. All current buildings have been sold. Orders will be taken by Bill, so contact him if you wish to purchase a building. It was suggested that this be done soon as the buildings are a limited production.

An Elections Committee was appointed. Only one member volunteered, Frank Williamson.

Superintendent Hazlett mentioned that an article supporting model railroading, Division 1 and his layout was published on March 17 in several local newspapers including those distributed in Tallmadge, Hudson and other towns in the area.

Under Business it was decided that a sign-in sheet be used at each meeting to verify attendance numbers. This sheet will not be published.

Discussion concerning how to increase membership and attendance in and from the "East Side" of Division 1 was held. It was pointed out that the January meeting at Sebring and today's meeting in Youngstown were for that purpose. This discussion lead to an idea to promote Division 1 at railroad shows. Jim Pope offered a part of the Youngstown Railroad Club's table at their railroad show on March 9<sup>th</sup>. When volunteers were requested to man the table, only Bob Ashley volunteered.

Bob Ashley informed the group of changes in the CVSR schedule for 2008. Five days per week you will be able to travel from Rockside to Akron and then on to Canton for about \$15 per person.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 p.m. Contest results are to be reported in the March Peddler Freight.

David H. Hazlett, Superintendent  
Acting as Clerk (I really do need a clerk!!!!)

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## THE CONTEST

Each month the contest will have three categories for the type of model. The categories will be SCRATCH-BUILT, KIT-BASHED AND KIT-BUILT. The idea behind this is that this should allow anyone to enter anything they are proud of and at ANY skill level.

Judging will be by popular vote at the meetings. However, for anyone wishing to have a model judged by NMRA rules for the Achievement Program (AP), we will attempt to make the arrangements (since Division 1 currently has no active AP person). In all cases we will keep track of points scored as the months go by and at the end of the year (May or June meeting) the total point winner(s) will receive special recognition.

MARCH	-	DIESEL POWER
APRIL	-	GONDOLAS
MAY	-	ELECTRIC POWER (INCLUDING INTERURBANS)
JUNE	-	AWARDS CEREMONY

### WINNERS FOR 2-17-08:

Scratch-Built: Don Deakins 3 points; Ivan Stasa 2 points; Bill Bigler 1 point

Kit-Bashed: David Hazlett - 1

*A special thank you to member Randy Dettmer for managing the contest.*

### CONTEST STANDING (as of 2/17/08):

#### SCRATCH-BUILT

Don Deakins - 5

Ivan Stasa - 3

Bill Bigler - 1

Bob Vensel - 1

#### KIT-BASHED

David Hazlett - 3

Chuck Boyer - 1

Don Deakins - 1

Ivan Stasa - 1

#### KIT-BUILT

Bob Ashley, Sr. - 1

David Hazlett - 1

Names are listed by point total with ties in points listed alphabetically.

Special Note: Ron Wigal, who keeps track of the voting, does not vote in The Contest.

Whenever I have a model in The Contest, I do not vote.

David

COME TO AN OPERATING SESSION.

MONDAY MARCH 17<sup>TH</sup> AT 7:30 PM

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME  
(NO CHILDREN PLEASE)

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### MID Central Region Kits

Our Division ordered four (4) HO and two (2) N scale kits for sale. We are sold out of our initial order.

At the Youngstown meeting I had one NMRA member ask for another HO kit. Then I got an email from one of our NMRA members wintering in Florida and he also wanted an HO kit.

I emailed the Region contact and he responded that O scale kits were sold out, S and N were still available. Fifty (50) additional HO scale kits were on order and expected the end of February.

I have ordered three (3) HO kits and one (1) N scale kit. Two (2) HO kits are reserved. So there will be one HO kit and one N kit available at the March meeting.

Get em' while they're HOT.

Bill

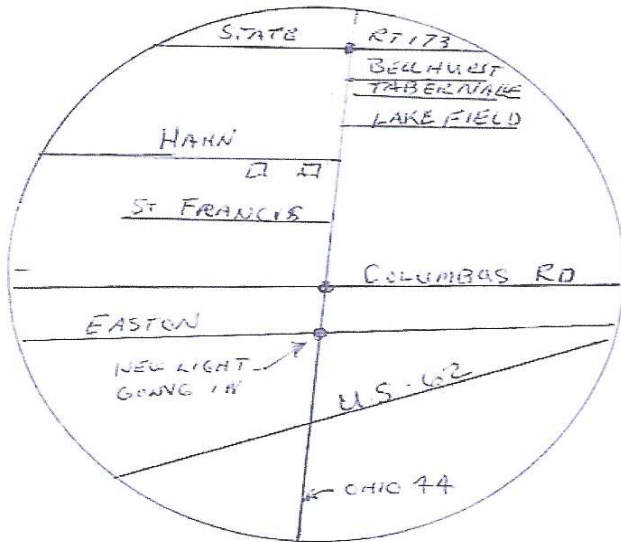
MARCH DESTINATIONS  
SUNDAY MARCH 30, 2008  
LOUISVILLE, OHIO

Don Bonk will host our 2 PM meeting for March. Don lives at 7354 Hahn St. in Louisville, OH.

As the map indicates Hahn Street is WEST off of State Route # 44 north of Columbus Rd. and south of State Rd. (Rt 173).

Don will provide snacks and beverages. He always has something planned - you never know what it is- so you're just going to have to be there.

Don is in N Scale and long runs!!



2008 Meeting Schedule

April 20	Dan Williams, MMR Sagamore Hills
May 18	Bob Ashley, SR. Portage Lakes
June 8**	Bill Bigler, North Canton

\*\*2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday due to Father's Day

If circumstances have changed your ability to host a meeting, please contact the Superintendent.

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N-Scale News and Views

In January I was in the train room working on an N-scale freight car at my work bench. When I'm doing some maintenance on some rolling stock, I like to have a lot of light to see what I'm doing. On my work bench under the top shelf, I have a small florescent light to help light up the area to see better. Sometimes I even put up clamp lights if I need some more light to help me see. When you get up in years you can use all the light you can get a hold of to help you see. It just doesn't seem to be enough light or it's not in the right place. I like to move things around in the work area, and when I do, the light always seems to be in the wrong place for what I'm doing. So, I always have to adjust the lights to see better. After doing this over and over again, I said to myself, there has to be a better way! I know that they sell a cap that has some LEDS on the end of the bill, putting the light where you need it. I thought about the cap, however, I don't wear a hat that much and didn't think that I would like it. Also, they have a set of glasses with LEDS, however, I already wear glasses and didn't want to wear two pair.

Then one day, while at the mall, we went into the Sears tool department. (Guys and Tools, just go together.) As we were walking around, I found just what the doctor ordered to take care of the light problem that I have. Sears sells LED anywhere clip on lights. These are so cool; they have alligator style clips and also have a magnetic base on the clips. If you want to put them on a cap, you can. If you want to use them on your glasses you can. It will put the light where you need and want it. They even come with a small nylon zipper



case to store them when you're not using them. The LEDs are very bright for whatever you may want to use them for. You can find them in the Tool Department at Sears, # 34-93340. *LED Lighted Anywhere Clip-Ons*. These are a definite must for us N-Scalers and our tiny rolling stock, engines, etc. They also would be good for those who model any scale who want to shed a lot of light on the subject!

Kurt Sanders

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**MEMBERSHIP REPORT**

**For February 2008**

Membership stands at 105.

**NEW MEMBERS :**

Todd Dulaney                      Sanford Sexton

RE-RAILED: (Previous members who have been off the membership list for more than a month.)

Larry Olsen                      LeRoy Reeves

**RENEWALS:**

Don Deakins                      Robert Farkas

Dennis Hetzner                      David McNeil

Rich Ramskugler                      Mike Shelley

Frank Williamson

MISSING FROM LIST: (These names have dropped from our membership list in the last month.)

Don Avila                      John Brumley

James Hanshew                      Charles Lattin

David McPeek                      George Sankey

Welcome to the new members and thank you to the members who have renewed and re-railed. We appreciate your support of the hobby.

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**DIVISION ONE BOOTH**

We will have a NMRA, MCR, Division One Booth at the **Youngstown Model Railroad Association Train Show**, March 9, at McMenemy's Banquet Hall, 325 Warren-Youngstown Road in Niles, Ohio, 44446 from 10:30 am to 4:00 pm. Admission is \$4.00 per person. Tables are \$20.00 each. For reservations call Jim Pope, 330-547-3614 or Ed Williams, 330-539-4786. Take exit 227-off I-80 and go three miles west on route 422 (towards Warren). See their website at [www.youngstownmodelrailroadassn.org](http://www.youngstownmodelrailroadassn.org).

This is a first for many of us. We are going to be promoting the Division activities; since most people

do not know about the local Divisions One, Four and Five. We will have applications for membership, Regional and Division maps, photos and more. We will be selling hats and patches.

Please be sure to stop by and say, "HI". If you wish to lend a hand and man the booth for a while, so some of us can see the show, it will be appreciated.

**The sale of apparel is a Division 1 fundraiser.**

**Bob Ashley, Sr. (See January Peddler Freight for FLYER)**

**SHIRTS, HATS AND PATCHES**

**REPORT**

Once again, the sale of shirts, hats and patches has been slow. Those who were at the meeting in Youngstown had a chance to see the officers and several members wearing them. We have patches and both kinds of hats in stock. We nearly sold out the hats and we have, since, added to the inventory. They will be available at all meetings and operating sessions. The red and yellow embroidered herald on the black background really is impressive. As the weather warms up, the red T-shirts, with their yellow and black heralds are going to be just as impressive.

Due to the cold weather, we now have a black sweatshirt with the embroidered herald. If anyone wants one, or anything else, now, they can be available by the March meeting, but, you must act fast. Please see the order form in the last February Peddler Freight for information or call or e-mail me.

We have sold 12 Polo shirts, 4 Port Authority shirts, 2 T-shirts, 4 mesh hats, 5 twill hats, 14 patches and 3 sweatshirts. The Mid Central Regional Convention is coming to Independence May 15 through May 18. Please attend and wear Division One shirts, hats and patches. Let them know we exist.

We will have a NMRA, MCR, Division 1 booth at the Youngstown Model Railroad Association Train Show, March 9, at McMenemy's Banquet Hall, in Niles. We will be selling hats and patches there, also.

**The sale of apparel is a Division 1 fundraiser.**

**Thank you for your help.**

Bob Ashley, Sr., Apparel Chairman

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## MODULE REPORT



The MODULE CLINIC was conducted at the January meeting held at the Sebring Model Railroad Club. We had a partially built Division 1 module to show the details that are in the construction. There were 11 handouts retained by those present. The handouts summarized the HO, N AND Z Gauge types of modules and provided information to obtain construction details for those who wish to make a module(s). There is interest in making modules that can be shown at the Berea Carnival in October, joining with Division 4's modules.

Building a module is rather simple and, working together, several can be built quickly. The module can then be taken home for detailing by the owner.

We have not set a date for constructing modules, yet, due to the lack of response. We had a unanimous response at the meeting at the Whistle Stop to pursue the project, but, only three members have said they want to do this. Please let me know if you will participate. I will schedule a Building Session at my home, probably on a Sunday afternoon, as soon as we get a few more names. If you want a module, but, you can't attend a Building Session, we can build one for you as long as you are willing to pay for the materials.

We can't price the materials yet due to the lack of response. We need some quantities to help lower the price.

HO gauge specs can be downloaded by logging on to Division 4's website at <http://www.div4.org>. Scroll down to MODULE SPECS and print the HO module instructions. The specs for N gauge can be found at <http://www.ntrak.org>. These inexpensive specs must be ordered from the NTRAK organization. The Z gauge specs are called Z-BEND TRACK and can be downloaded by logging on to their website at <http://www.zbendtrack.com/> and clicking on PDF Z-BEND TRACK STANDARDS. All these specs are meeting the NMRA standards or are in committee for approval.

Please notify me ASAP at 330-644-4778, [rashleysr@msn.com](mailto:rashleysr@msn.com), or by mailing to Robert Ashley, Sr., 3365 Waterside drive, Akron, OH 44319 if you will help in the module project. Please state your Gauge.

..... Bob Ashley, Sr., Director of Modules, Div. 1



## Nominating Committee Report

The Committee reports the following NMRA members have agreed to serve if elected to the following positions:

Superintendent ..... David Hazlett  
 Assistant Superintendent ..... Bob Ashley Sr.  
 Treasurer ..... Bob Ashley Jr.

Frank Williamson, Chairman  
 Rich Ramskugler, Comm. Member

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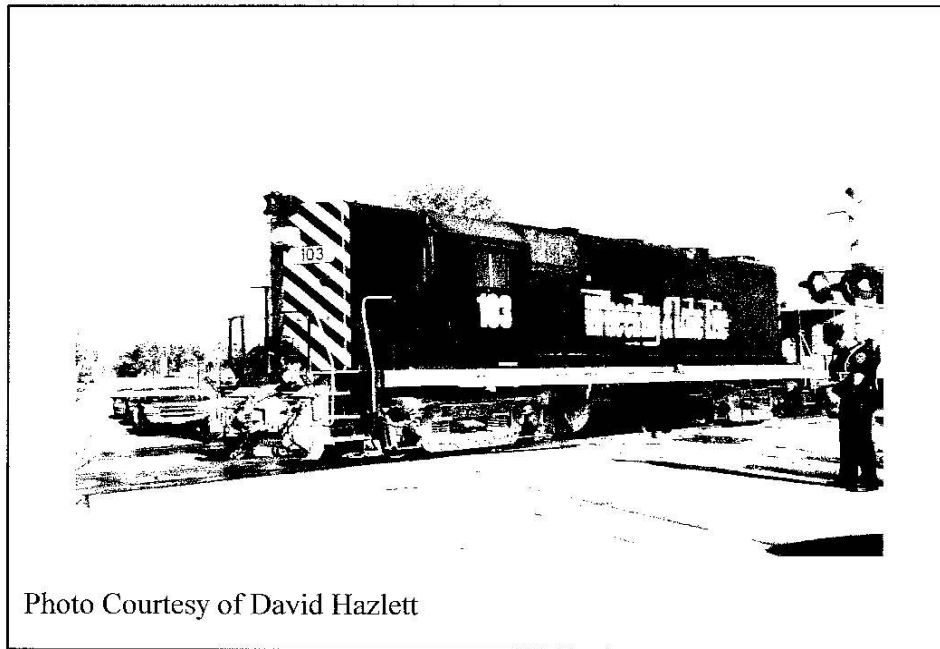


Photo Courtesy of David Hazlett

The Contest this month - Diesel Power