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WOW! What a fantastic turnout for the September meeting! Twenty-one attendees! This is one of the largest groups we have had in a long time. I hope we can keep it up.

We had a number of ideas proposed at the meeting and Ron and I will be looking at those. I'm thinking of trying to get a map done showing where our members are located. I would also like to indicate primary railroad scale on the map. I don't have that information and I may be asking for that information in the future from all of you. That way you might be able to contact local members who work in your scale. Who knows where that could lead.

Thanks to the attending members at the September meeting, we will be going to Dean Freytag's and Ken Heyl's layouts on November 5th. The directions to those layouts, in Ashland, are found in this issue of the Peddler Freight. There will not be a November Peddler Freight. We will combine the October and November issues. Our subscriptions call for eight issues and the June issue will be the eighth issue. June is an added meeting for this "season" and we will have the meeting in Ravenna.

We had some interesting Bring & Brag items in September. The next Bring & Brag will not be until February, due to the locations of our meetings in October, November and January. Take a look at the B & B topics in this issue and try building one or more of them. While seeing what has been done in the past is good, the idea of B & B is to expand

our skills. It is as important to try something new as it is to be a master of something old. We only grow by trying. Failures at something new would be as instructive as seeing the achievements. So don't be afraid to try. If it doesn't go well, bring it anyway! (I'm sure I can provide some failures.)

Model railroading is fun! You can't have fun without trying. So, HAVE FUN!

David

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MEETING SCHEDULE
2006-2007

October 15	Coshocton Club & Live Steam
<u>November 5</u>	Dean Freytag & Ken Heyl
January 21	Sebring Club - Sebring
February 18	open
March 18	Don Bonk - Louisville
April 22	Frank Williamson - Hudson
May 20	Bill Heylock - Hudson
June 17	Jim DiPaola - Ravenna

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

from the Super

Each month I get a membership report. I thought you might like to see some of the information.

RENEWALS

Our thanks for maintaining your membership in the NMRA.

- David Athman - North Canton
- Carl Boltz - Akron
- Nick DiCarlo - Hiram
- John Emmons - Canton
- Dennis Hetzner - Canton
- William Hewitt - Copley
- Al Klamert - Akron
- Adam Leff - Kent
- Lewis Mines - Warren
- Larry Olsen - Dalton
- Ed Reagan - Youngstown
- Kurt Sanders - Vienna
- Thomas Schlueter - Akron
- Bill Smith - Akron

Some of these people have not been to a meeting recently. If you know them, get them to a meeting.

NEW MEMBERS

Welcome to:

- Mark Gless - Mantua
- Kathryn Lommier - Mantua
- Gary Motts - Canton
- Karen Sanders - Vienna

30-DAYS LATE ON RENEWAL

- William Vannice - Stow

DROPPED FROM OUR ROLLS

- Floyd Hammar - Uniontown
- George Safrauek - Akron
- Daniel Williams - Sagamore Hills
- Sam Woodburn - Dover

If you know any of the individuals who have failed to renew or who have been dropped from our rolls, give them a call.

Visit our web site at:

www.trainweb.org/division-1-mcr-nmra/index.html

AGAIN . . . Route 30 Express

For the *Fourth Year* in a row the Route 30 Express tour of 12 model railroad layouts is up and ready to go. Please check the web site, for available dates and locations.

Route30express.org



Looking to Car Pool????

David Hazlett is willing to organize car pools to the October meeting in Coshocton, OH and the November layout tours in Ashland, OH. If you are interested in joining in a car pool to these locations please contact David by phone at 330-434-4565 or at his email address dhazlett1@neo.rr.com

Another thought is we can't all be at the same place at the same time. So let's give consideration as to who is going where first.

BRING & BRAG

October	NONE Due to
November	NONE Location of
January	NONE Meeting
February	Passenger Car - scratch, modified or multi-piece kit (not Athern-type)
March	Tank cars - scratch, modified, odd road name
April	Country-side/small town structures
May	Hoppers - scratch, modified, odd road name
June	Wrecked or damaged cars

The idea of B & B is for you to try building something new. However, we will not turn away previously built items. It is always good to see something to strive toward and previously built items do just that thing.

Assistant Super Says . . .

WOW! Where did the year go? Can you believe Thanksgiving is in about 5 weeks? Unbelievable! Did the year seem to have flown by far too quickly? It sure did for me. This issue of the *Peddler Freight* will be the last one for 2006.

I first want to wish you, your entire family and all of your friends the happiest of Holidays this season.

It has been another year of unprecedented news both good and some we'll suffice it to say "other news". Whatta a year! Please know that both David and I are very open to your thoughts, ideas and comments concerning our hobby, its people and most importantly how to improve it to bring more of the hobby to more of you.

We have had a huge growth in recent months with our attendance considering within this past year we were hosting meetings with 3 or 4 people present to now having 21 attend the September meeting. Who cares what their reasons were for coming. The fact is they did and we were elated with the turnout. Our job is to provide meeting content that will encourage, promote and make fun a hobby which has in recent years undergone a transformation unlike any time in its history. You simply can't imagine all that's happened in this "The World's Greatest Hobby." These changes are not to be feared. They are for the most part additions to a hobby which continues to grow immensely.

Take a look at a current publication of Model Railroader, Model Rail Road News or Scale Rails. You will quickly notice items you cannot imagine available today for this hobby. Some very expensive, some not. Many more

companies manufacturing numerous items never before seen, all to peak your interest and give you more choices. Isn't that what we're all about, more choices?

One of the choices I personally made this year was to avail myself to the hobby to become an Ambassador to do a little public speaking on your behalf about this hobby. Kept hidden away for later use as hand outs are numerous back issues of the hobby's various publications. All free of charge, all meant to further knowledge and interest in the hobby. I will speak to you, your youth organizations, Scout groups, schools, retirement communities and any group of people with interest in exploring all the benefits of this hobby - Model Railroading - all free as charge. Call or email me now for a time to get together. You'll be glad and so will I.

Lastly, thanks to Bill Smith for his willingness to be our Treasurer and as well our newsletter Editor. What an awesome job he does and I want him and you to know his efforts do not go unnoticed. They are most appreciated.

Enjoy the Holidays and Be Safe.

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Eli Rantanes writes . . .

In our area there is a small chemical company served by a rail line. It is a simple operation and could fit into most any model railroad layout.

The firm receives tank cars of liquid chlorine from another state. The chlorine is cut with water and a bit of caustic (received by truck in lined 55 gallon drums) and lo and behold we now have a household bleach. A building for the mixing and bottling and a siding holding 4 or 5 cars is all you need. The shipping can either be by rail or truck or both. The product in gallon jugs or on up to larger drums. A boxcar or two for the empty containers coming in to the plant and possibly the same box cars can be used to ship out the product.

A small building for use as an office would round out this small industry. The chlorine is at a comparatively low pressure in the tank car and air is put into the tank to raise the pressure for easier handling. The nice thing about the tank cars is the fact there is no loads in/empties out to deal with. The same thing with the open box car door . . . are they loading it or unloading it??? By the way, for safety, put up a wind sock so you will know which way to run!

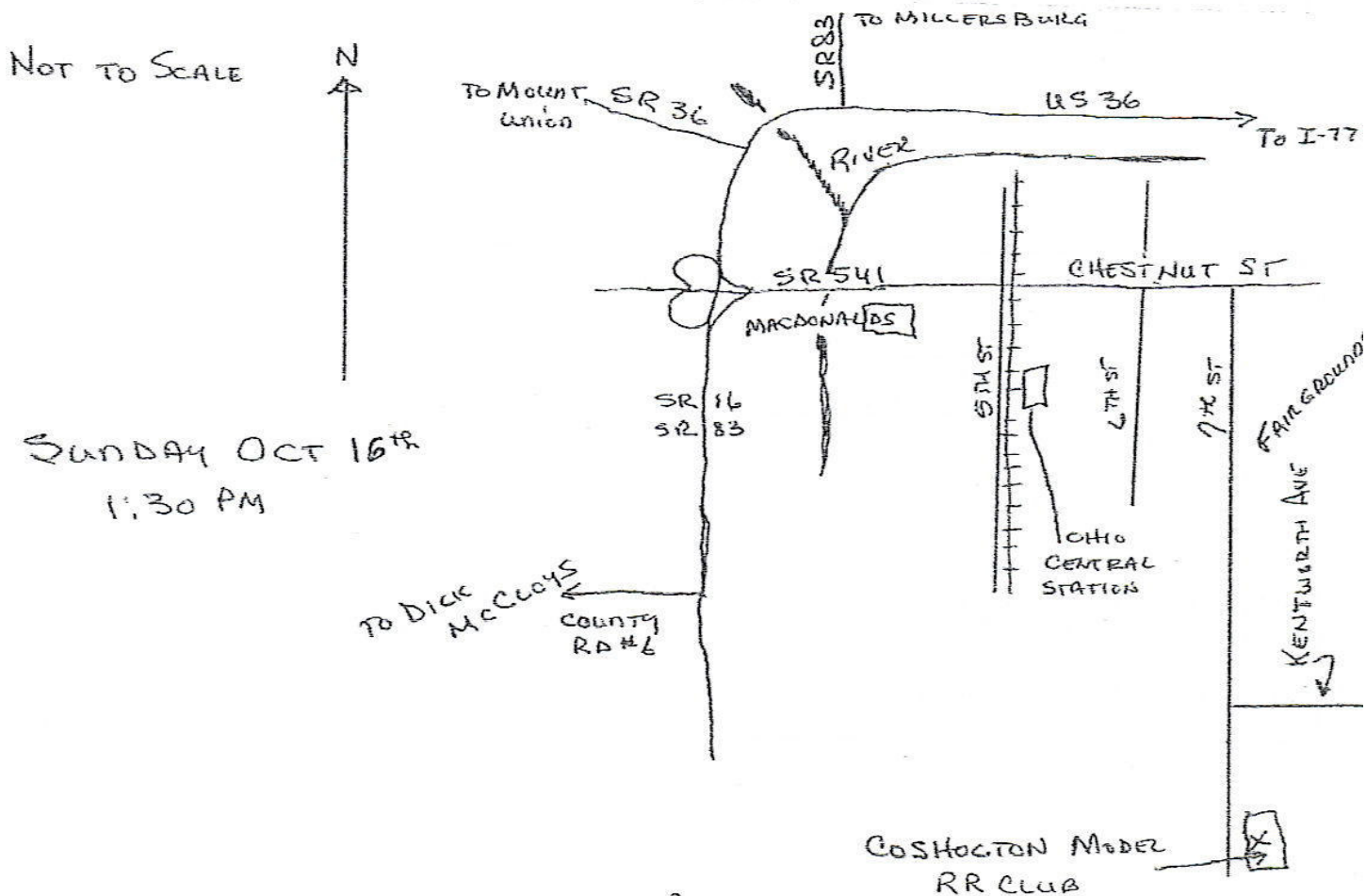
October Destinations - Sunday, October 15 - 1:30 PM

As usual we will meet the third Sunday of the month. Our first stop will be a visit to Associated Model Railroad Engineers of Coshocton and their fantastic layout. It is a treat to visit this really great layout as it expands and takes on new dimensions. They have taken great pride in hand laying track on spline roadbed.

Our meeting will be abbreviated so there will be plenty of time to view the layout and ask questions of the members as they dispatch movements and run the really long trains. Don't forget there is a jar for "donations" to the club to further their project. Just a small way to say *thanks* to our hosts.

Then we will be off to Dick McCloy's south of Coshocton on SR 83 to County Road 6. Since we were there last year the expansion has been tremendous. Dick and several of his 1 1/2" "scalars" have been busy on the upper level developing yards and adding rail to expand the delight of "riding the rails". We really had a lot of fun last year and look forward to doing so again.

Just a reminder - bring plenty of snacks and beverages because the outdoors will make you hungry and we need to feed the engineers, conductors and yard birds that make the day so much fun. Also, it will be a long time till you eat dinner. You may want to bring a few lawn chairs just to be safe.



Division 1 Meeting Minutes
September 17, 2006

The meeting was called to order at 2 PM by Superintendent Hazlett at the home of Pat and Al Klamert. Beautiful people with an even nicer home.

Announcements were made by David about the Regional Convention in Louisville on April 12 through April 15, 2007. Sooner than that is the great train show in Berea October 7 and 8, 2006.

Minutes of the April and May meetings were approved as printed in the Peddler Freight as well as the current Treasurer's Report.

We currently have 94 members and hopes to build on that. Hopefully we can select some workable ideas at our National Convention in Detroit in July 2007, if not before. Of course your thoughts and ideas are always welcomed anytime. You can email yours to dhazlett1@neo.rr.com or rwigal@neo.rr.com.

Discussed were the suspension of the November 2006 Peddler Freight due to the early Nov 5th junket and the November 2006 business meeting as we are outside the area. A unanimous vote followed.

The November get together is at the one and only Dean Freytag residence on November 5th and at Ken Heyl,s the same day from 10 Am to 3 PM. Both in the Ashland, OH area. This day should not be missed. PLAN IT!

21 people were present and much food and camaraderie followed by new acquaintances being forged.

Ron Wigal
Acting Clerk

DIRECTIONS TO NOVEMBER LAYOUT TOURS

Directions to Dean Freytag's layout:

From I-71 using either the northbound or southbound exit for State Route 250 turn right at the end of the ramp. Travel for about 1.8 miles (shorter for those using the northbound ramp) to the 4th road on the right. This is Township Road 523, it is near the crest of a hill. Turn right. Dean's house (white) is the first one on the left.

Directions to Ken Heyl's layout:

From I-71 using either the northbound or southbound exit for State Route 250 turn left at the end of the ramp. Travel for 3 miles and turn left on Broad Steet (the Life Gospel Church is on the far left corner). Hyel's Funeral Home is just up a short way on the left. The layout is upstairs. Parking is on the side of the building as is the entrance to the layout.

If you like counting traffic lights, Broad Street is one block beyond the 13th light for those using the southbound exit ramp and 14th light for those using the northbound ramp. NOTE: DO NOT follow route 250 when it joins 42 and takes off north. Follow the sign toward Ashland. This route is Main Street and also Ohio 96 West.

COME TO AN OPERATING SESSION.

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME.

OPERATING SESSIONS EVERY THIRD
MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

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Food for thought . . . Does moving train cars with your fingers qualify as **Digital Control** ???

Dear Friends . . .

Yes, we don't know one another, but are we not interested in the same hobby? Isn't that what friends have in common.

While we promote membership in the NMRA, you don't have to be a member in the NMRA to attend our meetings and layout visits or our out door activities. Just an interest in model railroading.

We try to promote the hobby by visiting layouts to see what others have done or are working on. We exchange ideas and "How did you do that?" type of atmosphere.

Join us, bring a friend, you'll be glad you did.

Editor