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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Last month I said that I would be appointing an Elections Committee of three paid up NMRA members. I have one volunteer as of now. I need two more. If you are interested, let me know before the meeting or at the meeting. The Elections Committee has the job of getting candidates for the positions of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer. In March they will receive nominations from the floor. Their job will be over then. Hopefully, you will participate in this process.

I seem to be harping on this election. Starting in April 2005, I finished 13 months of the unexpired term of Barney Gaskill. In the May 2006 election, I ran unopposed. You had a good idea of what I would be doing and let me continue. With an interpretation of the By-Laws by the men who wrote them, I was told I could run for a second term of two years. Again, in the May 2008 election, I was unopposed. I now have reached the term limit set within the By-Laws. This year you will be electing someone new to the Superintendent's position. This makes the election more critical than anytime in the last few years. You need to get involved or at least educated in the aims of whoever runs for Superintendent.

Why is this so important? According to our By-Laws, the Superintendent is the Presiding Officer, appoints all Chairpersons and Committees, may replace Chairpersons. By further regulations, the Superintendent is the only member of Division 1 who can authorize checks to be written. Most importantly the Superintendent represents Division 1 to the Mid-Central Region and to the NMRA.

I think that these are important reasons to be involved in this election.

David

Division 1 Meeting Minutes

January 17, 2010

Host: Dennis Sautters, The Sebring Model Railroad Club, Sebring, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM by Superintendent David Hazlett. Forty-four people were in attendance.

Initial Business:

- A motion was made by Ron Wigal to accept the minutes of the November meeting as published in the Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded by Chuck Boyer and passed.
- The treasurer's report was given by Bob Ashley, Jr. A motion was made by Ron Wigal to accept the report pending audit. The motion was seconded by Kurt Sanders and passed.
- Peddler Freight: 19 have signed up to receive the newsletter via e-mail.

The Meeting Schedule and Membership Report were given by Ron Wigal:

- TMRA: Daniel Riggs and Josh Rider
- Re-rails: Don Avila, Jim and Diane Bates, Ron Schumaker
- Ben Chapman, who is an NMRA member in Division-4, visited and said he will attend our meetings
- The February meeting is at Larry Brown's Portage Model Railroad in Ravenna. His layout is 20' by 80' and is located a block north of the town square on RT 44.

The Assistant Superintendent's report was given by Bob Ashley, Sr.:

- The roster was passed around for update
- Clinics: we now have a clinic for each meeting - Dennis Sautters will make a presentation this meeting on track maintenance vehicles
- Clothing: patches, hats, and shirts for sale
- The holiday dinner was well attended by 28 people out of the 33 who signed-up. This is about a third of our membership. The same restaurant has been reserved for next year.

The Superintendent's report was presented by David Hazlett:

- The webmasters are looking at updating our division web-site.
- The NMRA's library will be moving from Tennessee to California along with the building of a large model railroad in a civic center by the NMRA.

- The regional convention will be in Charleston, West Virginia May 13-16.
- You can request to have the regional Kingpin sent to you via e-mail. Forward David your request to have this done.
- David will be appointing an elections committee at the February meeting, nominations will be received at the March and April meetings, the election will be held at the May meeting. The offices of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Treasurer are up for election. The Editor and Clerk are appointed.
- The 3rd annual flea market is planned be held 11/07/2010, the first Sunday in the month, at the Akron Yacht Club where it was last year. There will be the same number of tables for rent but the number that a group or individual can rent will be limited to encourage more vendors. We will, again, only have used equipment for sale. A motion was made by Frank Williamson to have the flea market this year as planned and it was seconded by Kurt Sanders and passed. A motion was made by Robert Ashley, Sr. to pay the \$150 deposit on the Yacht Club. It was seconded by Chuck Boyer and passed. David Hazlett will spend up to \$100 on the first batch of advertising flyers and will take them to the Regional Convention in May. He will also get it mentioned in Scale Rails and e-mail our neighboring divisions and the region with the particulars.
- Eli Rantanes provided copies of railroad maps that he had for those interested.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 2:48 PM.

Respectfully,  
Jim Williams, Clerk

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## 2009-2010 Meeting Dates

Feb 21- Larry Brown - Ravenna  
Mar 14- Jim Williams - North Canton  
Apr 18- Don Bonk - Louisville  
May 23 Jim Dipaolo - Ravenna  
Jun 13- Chuck Boyer - Clinton

Meeting dates subject to change due to Holidays or hosts schedules. Contact Ron Wigal at [rwigal@neo.rr.com](mailto:rwigal@neo.rr.com)

## After Today

I just read an article on the dangers of drinking . . . Scared the heck out of me.

*So that's it!! After today, no more reading.*

## NMRA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NMRA Membership in Division 1 stands at 91. This report covers through January 2010 and was received on February 2, 2010.

### NEW MEMBERS:

November:  
NONE

December:  
Ronald Shoemaker

January:  
Timothy Reder  
Don Avila (re-railed)

### RENEWALS:

November:  
Robert Ashley, Jr.  
Robert Hixenbaugh

December:  
Robert Farkas  
Kevin Hess  
Jim & Sally Mima  
Jim Pope  
E. Rantanen

January:  
Curtis Cox  
John Lane  
George Sankey

**MISSING FROM LIST:** (These names have been dropped from NMRA membership list.)

November:  
John Pretorius

December:  
NONE

January:  
NONE

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## THE 2009-2010 CONTEST

### CONTEST WINNERS FOR JANUARY 2010:

**Scratch-Built**  
None

**Kit-Built**  
Larry Brown - 2 pts  
Bob Ashley, Jr. - 1 pt

**Kit-Bashed**  
Don Deakins - 2pts  
Chuck Boyer - 1 pt

### CURRENT STANDINGS:

**Scratch-Built**  
None

**Kit-Built**  
Larry Brown - 2 pts  
Bob Ashley, Jr. -1pt

**Kit-Bashed**  
Chuck Boyer - 5 pts  
Bob Ashley, Jr. - 2pts  
Bill Bigler - 2 pts  
Don Deakins - 2pts  
Larry Brown 1 pt

### CONTEST MODELS FOR FEBRUARY - MAY 2010

February - Depressed center flat cars with or without loads  
March - Excessively weathered and/or damaged freight cars  
April - Diesel Locomotives  
May - Cabooses

## THE LAYOUT ROOM

by David H. Hazlett

After 35 years as a model railroader, I have lately become extremely aware of a trend in the hobby concerning "THE LAYOUT ROOM." Were I new to this hobby I would be hard pressed to even contemplate building a model railroad layout. Having to prepare the room to what seems to be today's standards, leaves me frustrated. First I need to drywall the room, making sure the corners have some type of rounded surface, then I need to paint the walls (now called a backdrop) a useful color (blue). I must decide where to place my track lights in the ceiling that I must put up making sure that I can reposition them on the layout WHICH I have yet to build. At this point I have already spent the money I set aside for the bench work!

WHY? If I am building a museum quality layout, I can see the 'why'. BUT, if I am building an operating layout or one just for my own pleasure, I cannot see the 'why' of these things.

WAIT! Don't get me wrong! I like seeing these dry walled, full scenery to the ceiling, track lighted and **beautiful** layouts. They are not the type of layout I am interested in building. Nor are they the type of layout you are **required** to build; despite what you see in the magazine articles. (Be sure to build the drywalled, full scenery, etc. layout if it is what you wish - and invite me to see it!)

I have a large layout - unfinished. It is in my basement with the concrete block walls which are painted a light green. I have 2' x 4' pegboard shelves on my walls above the layout. They contain the cars and locos which I choose not to run (Aren't we all collectors?). The shelves leave only one or so feet of wall as a 'backdrop'. I have square corners.

My basement does have a drop ceiling, which I put in. The ceiling makes for a cleaner layout. Dirt does sift down from the floor above and a ceiling helps control this. My ceiling has 24 shop-lights for lighting. Notice that I said 'shop-lights' and they are hung below the ceiling and not within it. Why? Cheaper. Eighteen years ago, when I first started this layout, my operators remarked, "Man, I need sun glasses down here." They (and I) have gotten older and now they are glad for the light to be able to read the reporting marks and car numbers (if they haven't forgotten their glasses).

My layout has buildings, but not all that it will have. My switch machines are mostly Atlas and on the surface of the layout. Why? They were the cheapest at the time I started. Now that I could afford more expensive, under the layout, machines, I find that I cannot easily work under the layout. I am so proud of myself for thinking of that years ago (ha!).

I do not yet have scenery. I will, but not yet. Why? I spent the last 11 years working on DCC, OPERATING the layout and expanding the layout. It has now reached maximum size (I hope). Three areas have not been finalized. Wiring is done. Scenery seems to be in the near future.

Does anyone besides me like the layout? I think they do, as several travel from Sandusky and Youngstown to operate my layout. I travel to their layouts, too. Some of them have the type of layout described in the 'WAIT?' paragraph above. While I am operating those layouts do you know what I really see? I see the loco, cars, track and buildings I must deal with to run my train. The scenery? I don't see it! Do the men who run my layout miss the scenery? Not too much, because they see the loco, cars, track and buildings they must deal with to run their train (at least I hope they do).

You DON'T need a fully finished basement (or attic) to build a layout. Don't let the magazine articles keep you from starting your layout. Do your own thing! Build YOUR layout! Enjoy it! Have FUN!



## OPERATING SESSIONS

FIRST & THIRD  
MONDAYS

**YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE EXPERIENCED TO HAVE FUN.  
NO YOUNG CHILDREN PLEASE**

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## February Destinations

THE PORTAGE MODEL RAILROAD  
124 Chestnut St. Ravenna, OH  
February 2010

Many of us have met and spent some time with Larry Brown, the owner of the Portage Model Railroad. The location is in downtown Ravenna, Ohio. (See website)

Larry has demonstrated a willingness to get involved with the NMRA and joined our ranks. He actually joined rather than simply saying "He'd think about it".

Please note that his name says Portage Model Railroad and NOT club. His motivation, like many of us stems from being exposed to this hobby at a very young age.

His desire is to make this not so much a club but rather a place for people to visit and see what can be done with this hobby, and often rather inexpensively.

In this case his interest in the hobby has a special emphasis on young people. Can you say Teen Model Railroad Association (TMRA). You have recently seen the promo's for this organization in many national publications. These people are the future of this hobby. Larry and I have had many discussions about the growth potential and how he might have a positive effect on it. Especially on the younger people. He ran an advertisement in the "Town

Money Saver" today, 2-4-10 and by noon had received 35 calls all expressing excitement and wanting more details. GO LARRY!

Larry Brown in conjunction with Kevin Hess of Whistle Stop Hobbies are working together to bring us exposure to the hobby in a different manner. That means that for your purchases Kevin Hess will advise and place orders.

Larry Brown at The Portage Model Railroad will begin free evening clinics every Tuesday from 6pm to 9 pm. Various aspects of the hobby will be taught starting with TREES on Tuesday March 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2010 and the Tuesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> session will be on SCENERY.

This joint effort between these two hobby shops sounds great to me in that you have multiple locations working together to promote the hobby and make more information available to more people.

Check out [www.portagemodelrailroad.com](http://www.portagemodelrailroad.com) for directions to our February meeting on Sunday, February 21<sup>st</sup> at 2 PM.

***You are always welcome to bring snacks & soft drinks to share.***

Ron Wigal Meeting Chair/ Membership Chair

**(Plenty of parking across the street at the old hardware).**

# Assistant Superintendent's Report

I want to extend my thanks to Dennis Sautter for his Clinic last month at the Sebring Model Railroad Club. When Dennis presents a Clinic, it is always a great history lesson. He does some amazing research.

There will be a clinic on Operations on the Pennsylvania Southern presented by Bob Weinheimer, MMR, at the meeting in Ravenna hosted by Larry Brown, this month. Bob is the Mid-Central Region Secretary and is the NMRA, MCR "Coalfield Express" Convention Chairman of Division 9 and lives in Charleston, WV. He will also present a program on the MCR Regional Convention which will be held May 13 through 16, 2010, in Charleston, WV. Please review your last "The Kingpin" publication and ask Bob any questions you may have.

Glenn Yoder signed up for the Clinic at the meeting in May. We now have Clinics for all the remaining meetings through June. Please call me if you will help present a clinic starting next September.

I still have (2) XL Polo Shirts, Truckers and Mesh Hats and Patches and will have them at the next meeting. Please go the "div1-mcr-nmra.org" website to see the clothing available and the order form for other items. Call or e-mail me to place an order. Now is the time to order Sweatshirts. I'm sure it is still cold enough.

If you want your name in the roster, you must contact me by e-mail, regular mail or sign the roster register at the meeting. If your name does not appear on the membership list issued by the MCR-NMRA, your name will be removed. Please pay your dues before they are due to avoid being dropped from the list. Please save me from some extra work.

I have purchased the remaining connectors and components to finish the wiring for the modules. There have been recent changes to the wiring specs and we have been in limbo waiting for the info. We will have a wiring session as soon as I receive the last purchase. The module group has not done very much since last September. I have purchased a DCC system from NCE to be used with the modules and my own "N" and "Z" gauge layouts. Our next project will be making the end modules and install the wiring for both Digitrax and NCE DCC systems as well as 12 volt DC. Also, there has been interest from other members to make more modules.

I am also in the middle of revising my HO layout and doubling its size. I hope to spend more time with the module group and finish the modules since they are going to be integrated into my layout. Bob Ashley, Jr. and Rob Ashley have already integrated their modules into their layout. They really look great. Anyone wanting more information about joining the module group, e-mail, call me or see me at the meeting.

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Laws of the Natural Universe -

1. Law of the workshop: any tool when dropped, will roll to the least accessible corner.
2. Law of Probability: The probability of being watched is directly proportional to the stupidity of your act.

3. Law of Close Encounters: The probability of meeting someone you know increases when you are with someone you don't want to be seen with.
4. Law of Logical Argument: Anything is possible if you don't know what you are talking about.

# **Train Shows and Open Houses - February 2010 thru March 2010**

Submitted by Randy Dettmer

## **Toy Train Operating Society Toy Train Show February 14, 2010 B 10AM-2PM**

United Food & Commercial Workers Hall, 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Hts, MI  
\$3 Admission

## **Western Reserve Model Railroad Museum Train Show February 20 & 21 10AM-5PM**

7230 Justin Way, Mentor, OH  
\$5 Admission, \$10 family, children under 18 free with adult admission

## **Division 7 - 18<sup>th</sup> Annual Swap Meet & Flea Market March 6, 2010 - 10AM-4PM**

Lakota West Freshman Campus School, 5050 Tylersville Rd, West Chester, OH  
\$3 Adult, \$2 youth (11-16), children under 10 are free

## **Train Collectors Association March 6, 2010 10AM-3PM**

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd, Parma, OH  
\$5 Admission, \$7 family, children free.

## **Toy Train Operating Society Toy Train Show March 14, 2010 10AM-2PM**

United Food & Commercial Workers Hall, 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Hts, MI  
\$3 Admission

## **Toy Train & Model Railroad Flea Market March 14, 2010 10:30AM-3:30PM**

McMenamy=s Banquet Hall, 325 Warren-Youngstown Rd, Niles, OH  
\$5 Admission

## **Railfest 2010 March 20 & 21, 2010 10AM-4PM**

Lakeland Community College, State Rt 306 at Interstate 90, Kirkland, OH  
\$7 Admission, \$12 family including children under 18, \$12 two day pass.

## **Railroad Prototype Modelers Valley Forge March 26-28, 2010**

Desmond Great Valley Hotel & Conference Center, Malvern, PA  
See web site for more details: [www.phillynmra.org/RPMMMeet.html](http://www.phillynmra.org/RPMMMeet.html)

## **Norwalk & Western 2010 Spring Toy & Train Show March 28, 2010 10AM-3PM**

EHOVE Career Center, 316 W Mason Rd, Milan, OH  
\$3 Admission, children under 13 are free

## **Springfield Model Train Show March 28, 2010 - 11AM-4PM**

Clark County Fairgrounds, 4401 S Charleston Pike, Springfield, OH  
\$5 Admission, children under 12 are free

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