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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE



It is getting close to the election of officers for the 2012-2014 term. We have one member that has stepped forward to help on the election committee, Lloyd Horst. We will need a total of three full time members to complete the election committee.

We have three elected offices that will need filled; Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer. Jim Peters and I will be running for our respective offices but we will need to replace Bob Ashley, Jr. as Treasurer because he has reached term limits. Anyone interested to run for any of these offices will need to notify the election committee.

We lost another member, Ron Shoemaker in January. We have two modules that he started on but didn't finish them. If you are interested in working on these, let Bob Ashley, Sr.

Again, if you are interested in any of the books from the Dave Riggle collection, let me know.

See you this month at Larry Brown's in Ravenna, OH.

Randy Dettmer
Superintendent
NMRA MCR Div 1

JULY 13-20, 2014



Meeting Dates & Locations for 2011-2012

- February 19 - Larry Brown - Ravenna
- March 11 - Rob's Trains - Alliance
- April 15 - David Hazlett - Akron
- May 20 - Jim DiPola - Ravenna
- June 10 - Bill Hewitt - Copley

Division 1 Meeting Minutes

January 15, 2012

Hosts: Bob and Twyla Ashley, Akron Yacht Club, Akron, Ohio



The meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm by Superintendent Randy Dettmer. Thirty people were in attendance. Randy thanked everyone for coming and thanked the Ashley's for hosting the meeting.

1. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the November meeting as published in the Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded and passed.
2. The Treasurer's report was given by Bob Ashley, Jr. A motion was made to accept the report pending audit. The motion was seconded and passed.
3. The membership report was presented by Larry Brown. There have been seven renewals. New members this month are Bob Romberger (Cuyahoga Falls), Bob Weston (Barberton), Mike Little (Leetonia), Glenn Rowland (West Salem), and William Ramage (Louisville).
4. The membership focus was not filled by anyone. However, Bob Ashley, Sr. asked the membership to open our railroads to others to promote interest in the hobby, especially among young people.
5. Committee reports:
 - A. Holiday Dinner – Randy reported that we had 30 people attend. The food and fellowship was good and several door prizes were awarded.
 - B. Clinics – Bob Ashley, Sr. presented the construction of a module - showing its components and how they are put together.
 - C. Apparel – Jim Williams reminded the members that there were 3 weights of sweat shirts available. Chuck Boyer said his, which is the heavier weight, was comfortable in this cold weather.
 - D. Achievement Program (David Hazlett, Chuck Boyer and Don Deakins are on the committee): Nothing to report. The contest today was covered hoppers.
 - E. Reports on different scales – nothing to report. However, Jim Williams told the group about the consignment sale of a local modeler's HO collection that Doug Nichols would be conducting on e-Bay. Jim presented the steps to see what Doug had listed for sale on e-Bay. Larry Brown said he would email the steps to the people on the roster and Jim Peters suggested that they be published in the Peddler Freight.
 - F. NMRA-2014 Convention: Jerry Krueger from Division 4 spoke. He said there had been an organizational meeting at the IX-Center in December. The committee plans on taking registrations at the national convention this summer in Grand Rapids, Michigan. They are starting to line-up clinics. They will meet again next month. The Cleveland Medical Convention Center is to be completed in June, 2013 and its construction is currently ahead of schedule.
 - G. Modules - Bob Ashley, Sr.: The modules were setup for this meeting with the intent for people to operate trains after the meeting. Bob stated that up to 4 trains could be running at one time and encouraged everyone to pick-up a throttle and give it a try. The next module setup will be for the Dalton show on March 25th. We will setup with Division 4 and will use their corner module so that the layout will be a large U-shape. Our division could use our own corner module, but storage is going to become a problem that will need to be addressed in the future
 - H. Next shows: Kirtland, Saturday and Sunday March 17-18; and Dalton, Sunday, March 25.
6. Old Business
 - A. Membership survey - Randy reported that they will have the results at the next meeting.
 - B. The election committee for 2012 needs to consist of 3 people and should be assembled by February, 2012. Again, no one volunteered, so Randy will appoint a committee next meeting.
 - C. Peddler Freight – David Hazlett reported that there are 26 people who have paid a \$15 subscription to underwrite our expenses and 8 of these have opted to receive e-mails instead of snail mail.
7. New Business
 - A. Randy talked about public relations. He said that he had a list of 10 local newspapers that would accept free ads for community events and wanted to know if the division was interested in pursuing this type of advertising. It was suggested that we not advertise the addresses of the meetings but give a phone number to call to find out where the meeting would be or put in the URL of our website which had the meetings posted.
 - B. Discussion of the meeting sites led to further discussion on where to have meetings that would accommodate our growing attendance. Meeting in people's homes is becoming cramped. It was suggested that members look at their communities to see what public meeting areas are available. We could meet at a public space in different areas and then travel to see the layouts of members in that area after the business meeting and snacks. An example was given by Jim DiPaola of a place where we could meet in Ravenna and then we could view his and Larry Brown's layout which are both in Ravenna. This idea had favorable reaction by the members.

C. A motion was made to have this year's flea market at the Akron Yacht Club on Sunday, November 4, 2012. The motion was seconded and passed. This enables the Treasurer, Bob Ashley, Jr., to pay the \$150 deposit to hold the space for us.

8. At 3:05 pm a motion was made to adjourn. It was seconded and passed.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Williams



Clinic Report

Great news! For those of us who consider model railroading strictly a winter hobby, the ole groundhog in Punxsutawney, PA saw his shadow. We have at least six more weeks of winter! It wasn't much of a winter in January, but we sure did enjoy the module clinic out at AYC. Thank you Bob Ashley, Sr. and all the module group for putting on an entertaining clinic. In Feb., I'm looking forward to the clinic on British and American Railroad Development by Jim Williams. I hope you are too.

Your Clinic Chair, Jim Peters



Why not open your layout for review?

Contact: Jim Peters
jpeters711@yahoo.com

Members Report January 2012

Renewals

Donald Deakins
Robert Farkas
James Williams

Welcome to all the new members!

I look forward to meeting you on the 19th 2:00 at the My place in Ravenna.

The membership now stands at 95 Special Thanks to all those for renewing.

I will have printed copies of the voluntary roster available at the next meeting

Larry

Voluntary Roster Participation Form

Name: _____ Phone: _____

City: _____

eMail: _____ Scale(s): _____

Roadname(s): _____ Comments: _____

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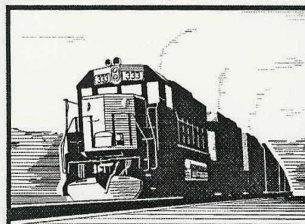
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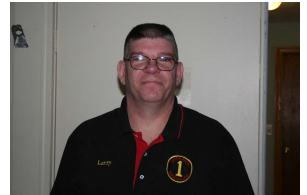
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THIS MONTH'S MEETING
will be on Sunday, February 19 at
The Portage Model Railroad
124 Chestnut St. Ravenna, OH

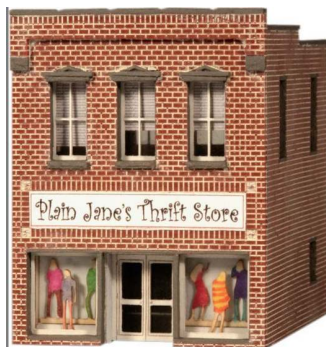


Our meeting will be hosted by Larry Brown. The meeting will begin at 2 PM. Come early and view the layout. Larry will provide chicken & jojos, pizza and drinks. If you would like to bring something, desserts are welcome.

Check out www.portagmodelrailroad.com or <http://portagmodelrailroad.com/Driving%20Directions.htm> for directions to the meeting 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 Chesnut Street. The shop is on the right in the 1st block. 124 N. Chesnut St. Free parking lots in the rear and across the street at the old hardware store. Enter from the front or rear.

**Z SCALE
NEWS**



Some new [over the last 2 months and coming up] items of interest in Z. These "Town Builder Systems" buildings are Z scale and are a combination of High Pressure Casting, and laser cut windows and other detailed parts. The detail is about the highest I have seen in any scale. The LIST price of \$49 is for the current item which will be released in a week or so. I have assembled "Plain Jane's" and the bank is partially done. I do not know of any buildings in any other scale that is producing kits as a combination of molded materials and laser cutting. I suspect once the word gets around you will begin to see this type of kit in other scales such as N or HO. Should any Division 1 member care to see these, call me at 330-645-4223 and let me know before the meeting at Larry Brown's and I will bring them along. More information can be found at STONEBRIDGEMODELS.COM.

Here is a Z Scale operating at night: <http://vimeo.com/35784618>

In addition on the same page there are numerous other Z Scale videos showing some large layouts.

A month ago Jim Williams got me a small vial of FUTURE GLUE. It is a variation of Super Glue. Two pluses I have found is that it has a brush applicator for applying very small amounts of the glue and setting time is very fast. Another great item is that appears it may not frost clear plastic such as used as window glass. So far the only local seller I have found is Tru Value Hardware in Middlebranch. Don Avila

N-Scale News

January/February N-TRAK New Letter has a Page - 10 Headline, “Brooklyn N-Trak to Celebrate Its 20th Anniversary with Special Offer for N-Scalers”.

A1947 PRR Merchandise Service Paint scheme with a small 20th Anniversary emblem will be available in the fall of 2012. The Merchandise Service Cars were very distinctive and are one of PRR classic designs. The 300 limited edition cars will probably be collector items. Cars will have 6 separate numbers and can be obtained in single, double or six packs. Pre-orders can be placed at www.valleytrainsnhobbies.com or Brooklyn N Track, P.O. Box 290196, Brooklyn, NY 11229-0196. The good news is that you have at least 8 months to save up the \$99.99 needed for a 6 pack.

In the January Peddler Freight Bob Ashley Sr., was looking for additional N gauge modules to go with his and Kurt Sander’s at the Buckeye Center Train show in March. Based upon discussion with Bob, Kurt and Jim Williams I decided to finish the carpentry on 2 -3 foot corner modules and install at least a Yellow Line track on the 4 - 3 foot corner modules I will have available by March.

Don Bonk

JANUARY CONTEST RESULTS

COVERED HOPPER

Standard Kit

- Jim DiPaola - 3 pts - 1st Place
- Frank Williamson - 2 pts - 2nd Place
- Bill Hewitt - 1 pt - 3rd Place

Kit-Bashed

- Jim Williams - 2 pts - 1st Place
- Glenn Yoder - 1 pt - 2nd Place

CURRENT STANDINGS

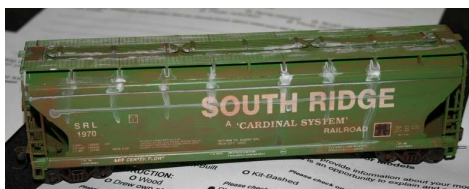
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Standard Kit



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Kit-Bashed



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MODULE GROUP

The Module Group was saddened to learn of the death of a hard working member, Ron Shoemaker. Ron spent many hours helping to build the end modules. More recently, Ron just finished his own two modules. Ron's widow and family have donated the modules back to the Division. We intend to place a tag on each module reading "In Memory Of Ron Shoemaker". We will discuss the use of the two modules at the next meeting.

The setup and operation of the modules at the January meeting went like clockwork. The NCE Power Pro failed to work, again, which caused us to use the Digitrax DCS 200. However, everything ran great. The work performed on the corner modules by Larry Brown and his team was nearly finished and looked great. The work performed by Jim Williams on the industrial end modules was started and was excellent. Jim hopes to have about two thirds of the work finished by the Dalton show. Larry hopes to have his corners finished by then, also. The items, brought to be sold, were all sold out by the end of the meeting.

The NCE Power Pro was returned to the factory where it was inspected and two circuit boards were found to be warped which caused the main chip to loose contact. This is a common problem with the boards made in 2010. I have been using the NCE, since, to operate my modules at home and everything works. Hooray!

Our next scheduled module display will be a joint meet with Divisions 1 and 4 and is Sunday, March 25, 2012, from 10:00AM to 5:00 PM, at the Buckeye Event Center Train Show in Dalton Ohio. We will be using the NCE Power Pro. David Hazlett and I have offered the use of our NCE throttles, again, for this event. I intend to bring the Digitrax DCS200 as a backup, so, bring your Digitrax throttles, just in case.

We will setup Saturday, March 24, 2012, the time will be announced in the next Peddler Freight. Please come to help us with the setup and operations. The floor space is going to be much larger this time using a "U" shape layout with room for about fifteen regular modules, combining the Division 1 modules and Division 4's modules. We will also have a table for NMRA promotions and some space for the sales of railroad merchandise. Bring something you wish to sell. However, this is only one table. Module Group participants will have free admission.

We need more volunteers to start the scenery on the passenger and intermodal/coal yard end modules and build kits for buildings. We will have one month to work on the details before the next showing. This is a large job and should have a team effort. Contact me if you are willing to help.

I have five modules, at my home, ready to assemble. The price per module is \$67.00 each for the materials and \$33.00 each for the wiring kit and the mandatory NCE UTP Fascia Panel Socket for plugging in your throttle is available for \$17.00 from me or at The Whistle Stop. "Come on. You know you want one". I am also looking for anyone who will make an N gauge module to go with Kurt Sanders and mine or Z gauge module to go with mine.

The "Module Group" logo is available through Jim Williams 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.

If anyone wants to participate, under the Division 1 banner, with Division 4, at the NMRA National Train Show in Grand Rapids, MI, let me know ASAP.

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

Train Shows and Open Houses

Medina Model RR & Toy Show – February 5 – 10AM-4PM

Medina County Community Center, Medina Fairgrounds, Medina,
OH \$6 adults, children under 12 free

Toy Train & Model RR Flea Market – March 11– 10AM – 3PM

McMenamy's Banquet Hall, 325 Youngstown-Warren Rd, Niles
OH \$5 admission

Railfest 2012 – March 17 & 18 – 10AM – 4PM

Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, OH \$7 admission, \$12
two day pass, Family \$12

Train & Toy Show – March 25 – 10 AM – 4 PM

Buckeye Event Center, 624 Henry St, Dalton, OH \$5 admission,
children 12 and under free

DAVID'S DCC CORNER

This isn't DCC but . . .

At the Flea Market in November, I was asked about the NMRA recommended weight of HO freight cars.

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S	2.00	+	0.75
HO	1.00	+	0.50
N	0.50	+	0.15

No, I didn't forget Z.

I just don't have that information.

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