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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Train show season is now in full swing. I hope you have made your list and saved your money. We have a new show in the area this year, International Hobby Expo. This show will be held at the IX Center



near the Cleveland Hopkins Airport. Please be aware this is a model hobby show that will include more than just model trains. It will include radio controlled flying, cars and trucks, military modeling, robots and more. This is the first time that this show has come to Cleveland. Prior years this show was held in Chicago. The admission is \$12 per person for regular folk, 65 and over \$10 and children under 10 with an adult are free. Unfortunately, there is a charge of \$8 for parking so my suggestion is to carpool to this show if you are going to go.

Last month Don Deakins received his Golden Spike Award. Have you considered this yourself? There are three areas of qualification; rolling stock (motive power & cars); model railroad setting (structures & scenery); engineering (civil & electrical). If you are interested, let me know.

Bob Lee, the superintendent of MCR Division 6 approached me at the last BOD meeting. For the past several years, the city of Wooster has been part of Division 6. Bob indicated that they haven't seen any of these eight members at any of their meetings. Since Wayne county is part of Division 1, Bob is going to proceed to have these members returned to Division 1. I will keep you posted on this as it develops.

This month we will meet at Jim Peters' in Sagamore Hills, OH. See you then!

Randy Dettmer
Superintendent
Div 1 - MCR - NMRA

DIVISION 1 MODEL RAILROAD FLEA MARKET

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 4, 2012
11 AM - 4 PM

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DIVISION 1 2012-2013 MEETINGS & EVENTS

October 21, 2012 - Jim Peters - Sagamore Hills

November 4, 2012 - Flea Market - Akron Yacht Club

November 18, 2012 - Whistle Stop - Cuyahoga Falls

December 15, 2012 - HOLIDAY PARTY

Erie Station Grill - Tallmadge

January 20, 2013 - Bob Ashley, Jr. - Akron Yacht Club

February 17, 2013 - Larry Brown - Ravenna

March 10, 2013 - OPEN

April 21, 2013 - Rob's Trains - Alliance

May 19, 2013 - Jim DiPola - Ravenna

June 16, 2013 - Rich Ramskugler - Columbiana



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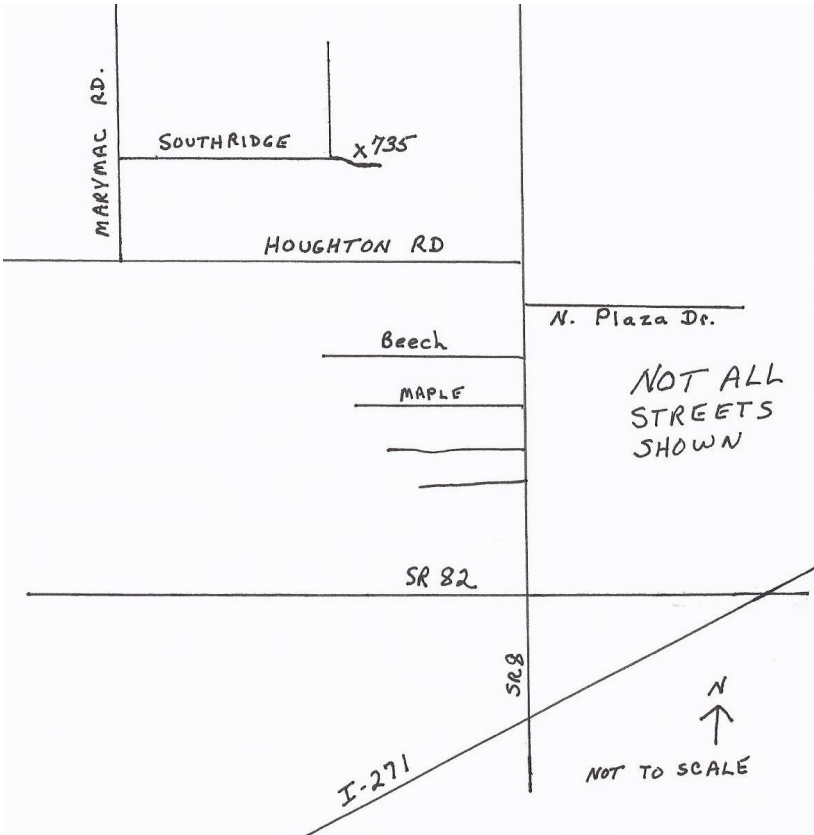
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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING
is on Sunday, October 21
at Jim Peters' in Sagamore Hills**



The meeting begins at 2 pm.

Jim's address is:

735 Southridge Rd.
Sagamore Hills

(Northfield sometimes comes up in GPS units and will work.)

Jim's phone is 216-402-8507.

Take SR 8 North toward Northfield. Turn LEFT on HOUGHTON RD. This a little past N. Plaza Dr. Go 1.5 miles to MARYMAC RD and turn Right. Go about 500 feet to SOUTHRIDGE RD and turn RIGHT. Go into the cul-de-sac. Look for 735 or a crossbuck.

Menu: Chicken dinner.



Clinic Report

Thank you Don Bonk for presenting the clinic on N-Scale modules. No matter what scale we model, there is always something to learn from our clinicians. Next month, Chuck Klein from Division 4 will be presenting his clinic *From the World's Fair to Public Square*.

Clinic Chair, Jim Peters

Convention 2014

With all the layout owners graciously offering to be open for Convention 2014, I have been contemplating having a Division 1 layout tour. Let me know what you think at the next meeting or send me an email. If there is enough interest, I will do the organizing. One layout owner that would love to have company is the just added layout of Tom Schlueter. If you like mountain scenery from the steam era, with very detailed scenes and beautifully weathered structures, you will want to see his layout. Jim Peters, Co-Chair Layout Committee



N-SCALE NEWS

by Don Bonk

There are those that believe that track cleaning must have been one of the labors of Hercules and the author is one of those true believers.

Some months back a limited report on a couple of track cleaning cars was provided in the PF. The September/October issue of N-Scale Magazine article gave an in depth evaluation of 20 track cleaners. The good news that while the article is directed at N-Scale almost every cleaner reviewed has an HO counterpart. A table outlines the 20 cleaner including ~ cost. Based upon article's coverage of the Aztec's 4 Cleaning cars the Bonk RR decided an "Eliminator" which is an upgrade of the "Track Star" should be purchased. The Bonk RR already has 4 "Track Star" cars. Reprints may be available from info@nscalemagazine.com.

Although the article discuss above is great, it is hard to keep up with the manufactures. Woodland Scenics markets a 4 pack of track duster that can be suspended from the wheelers of practically any car. Dusters are available in N and HO and were found a Rob's Trains in Alliance.

Those of you who attended the September Division 1 meeting know a set of 3 foot NTRAK corner modules are now available and hopefully the division can have reasonable size module layout for the March train show. The "Old Reliable" 4 foot module is relatively easy to build and handle. Bob Ashley Sr. has 4 foot module kits available that work for NTRAK as well as the HO group.

N-Scale modeler should consider attending the Region 3 convention in Dayton this spring. The N scale modeler in the Dayton area are very active, specially the module group. My registration number is 6. Hope to see you there.

Train Shows and Open Houses – October thru November

Rail Fanning Day Western Reserve Railroad Assoc –

October 13 – 10 AM – 5 PM

Painesville Depot, 475 Railroad St, Painesville, OH
Free admission

iHobby Expo – October 13 & 14 – 10 AM – 5 PM

IX Center, One IX Center Drive, Cleveland, OH
\$12 admission, children 9 and under free

Train Fest – October 13 & 14 Downtown Willard

Model Train Show & Swap Meet – October 21 –

10 AM – 3 PM Lorain Party Center, 2501 Leavitt Rd
(OH Rt 58), Lorain, OH
\$5 admission, children 9 and under free

Old Eli's Train & Toy Show – October 27 –

10 AM – 4 PM Valley View Church, 2772 Simons Dr NW,
Sugarcreek, OH
\$3 admission, children 11 and under free

Medina Model Railroad & Toy Show – October 28 –

10 AM – 4 PM Medina County Community Center,
Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, OH
\$6 admission, children 11 and under free

Dayton Train Show – November 3 & 4 –

11 AM – 4 PM Hara Arena, 1001 Shiloh Springs Rd,
Dayton, OH \$6 admission, children 11 and under free

NMRA MCR Div 5 Model Railroad Basics –

November 3 – 9 AM – 2 PM

Lakeland Community College AFC Gym, 7700
Clocktower Dr, Kirtland, OH Free admission

Cleveland 2-Rail "O" Scale Show – November 3 –

9 AM – 2 PM Lakeland Community College
AFC Gym, 7700 Clocktower Dr, Kirtland, OH
\$7 admission, children 12 and under free

Div 1 Model Railroad Flea Market – November 4 –

11 AM – 4 PM The Akron Yacht Club, 3575 South
Main St, Akron, OH \$3 admission, \$5 family

Wayne County Train & Toy Show – November 11 –

10 AM – 4 PM Buckeye Event Center, 624 Henry St,
Dalton, OH \$5 admission, children \$12 and under free

TCA Holiday Train Meet – November 24 –

10 AM – 3 PM UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd,
Cleveland, OH \$5 admission, children free

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes
September 16, 2012
Host: Don Bonk, Louisville, Ohio



- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:07 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Don and his wife for hosting the meeting. The weather was beautiful and they had a tent setup outside for our use. Twenty-one people were in attendance.
- II. A motion to accept the June Minutes as printed was made and seconded. The motion passed.
- III. Chuck Boyer gave the Treasurer's report. A motion to accept the report, subject to audit, was made and seconded. The motion passed.
- IV. Committee Reports:
 - a. Membership – Larry Brown could not attend the meeting due to a conflict with work. A new member, Bruce Hukill, introduced himself. Bruce models in N-scale. A moment of silence was taken to acknowledge the passing of member Eli Rantanes. A report was given by Randy on David Hazlett's status: he is home from the hospital; his surgery went well; and he will probably undergo either radiation or chemotherapy in the near future. Frank Smith told of the HO refrigerator car they had brought for display. Jeffery Jensen had decorated in remembrance of Jim Bacher.
 - b. Clinics - Jim Peters asked Don Bonk to give us an impromptu clinic on the N-scale modules he had setup in his garage. Don gave a nice talk on building modules for N-scale. Chuck Klein will put on a clinic on the RTA at the next meeting.
 - c. Flea Market – The majority of the tables have been sold. Fliers are ready to be passed out at the Berea train show.
 - d. AP – Randy presented Don Deakins his Golden Spike Award.
 - e. NMRA 2014 – The Medical Mart construction is ahead of schedule and under budget. It should be ready by May of 2013. The convention now has a Facebook page. The problem with parking was brought up and Randy stated that it was being addressed.
 - f. Updates on different scales – Kurt Sanders stated that Micro-Trains was issuing N-scale civil war trains. Bob Ashley, Sr. told of his frustration with Walthers. They are having problems with their supply chain in China and often, when they say something is in stock, it is not. Don Avila pointed out that Z-scale took the best of show and best module awards at the 2012 convention in Grand Rapids. Kurt Sanders reported that the photographs he entered in competition at the convention in Grand Rapids took 1st place and best of show.
 - g. Module Group – Bob Ashley, Sr. reported that our participation at the Steel Mill Museum in Youngstown was cancelled at the last minute because Youngstown University wanted to use the space. He thanked the Sanders for their efforts in pursuing this venue. The next module setups are for the division flea market, the Dalton show and the division meeting in January at the Akron Yacht club.
 - h. Apparel – Jim Williams pointed out that winter was on the way and we have 3 weights of sweatshirts for sale. Bob Ashley, Sr. said that the apparel selection was still not on the web-site.
 - i. Peddler Freight – Randy Dettmer relayed to the group that none of the hobby shops have renewed their ads. He will keep canvassing them. The deadline for next month's addition will probably be October 7th.
- V. Old Business:
 - a. Meetings for next year: March still needs a host.
- VI. New Business:
 - a. Jim Hogue and Jeffery Jansen have volunteered to help with the web-site. Randy asked for others that might want to help on a web-site committee but got no volunteers. Jeffery stated that the current web-site runs on old software that he was not familiar with and it needed to be recreated using more current software. Jim Hogue was not in attendance and it was hoped that he could update us at the next meeting.
- VII. The meeting adjourned at 2:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jim Williams, Clerk



DIVISION 1 CONTEST

CURRENT STANDINGS

STANDARD KIT

Jim DiPaola - 5 pts
Glenn Yoder - 1 pt

KIT-BASHED

Jim Peters - 4 pts
Glenn Yoder - 2 pts

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THE WEBSITE
FOR COMPLETE
INFORMATION ON
THE CONTEST.



Jim DiPaola - 1st Place Standard Kit



Jim DiPaola - 2nd Place Standard Kit



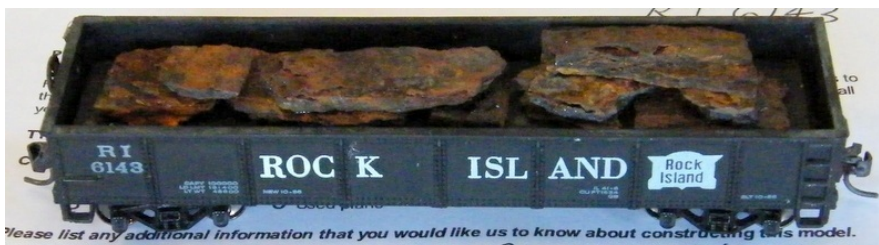
Glenn Yoder - 3rd Place Standard Kit



Jim Peters - 1st Place - Kit-Bashed



Glenn Yoder - 2nd Place - Kit-Bashed



Jim Peters - 3rd Place - Kit-Bashed

MODEL CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2012-2013

September - Gondola w/scrap load
October - - - - - Flat car w/load
November - - - - - M of W Trucks
January - - - - - Coil cars
February - - - - - Camp Cars
March - - - - - Hand cars, Speeders
April - - - - - Slag cars, Hot metal cars
May - - - - - Re-purposed cars

Members Michael
Bradley, Jim Williams
and Bill Hewitt also
entered models in the
contest.



Jeffrey Jansen produced this memorial car in honor of Jim Bacher.

DAVID'S CORNER

A few months back, then NMRA President Mike Brestel wrote an editorial in the NMRA Magazine expressing the lack of younger NMRA members. He put forth his thoughts on this. My immediate reaction to the editorial was - PRICES ARE TOO HIGH!!!

I've taken (a little) time to think about this. Compare costs for a video game with model railroading:

game consol	=	\$300	NCE Radio System	=	\$600
game cartridge	=	\$70	Sound loco	=	\$285
TV (optional, parents have)	=	\$350	3' flex track	=	\$4 each
room	=	not a problem	Rolling stock	=	\$8 - \$50 each
			Switch	=	\$12- \$45 each
			Buildings	=	\$15 - \$350 each
			Room	=	PROBLEM
			Benchwork	=	WOW!!

While my numbers are not exact, I think you get my point.

I almost forgot - SKILL REQUIRED:

- hand-eye coordination
- Electrical, Electronic (programming CV's), Carpentry, Kit building, Artistic (scenery), **THINKING!!**

David Hazlett

P.S. Please take this article with a little humor, a "tongue-in-cheek" attitude. Reasonable articles are welcomed from anyone. Please refrain from any "soapbox" topics.

GOLDEN SPIKE AWARD

Don Deakins is the latest Division 1 member to earn the NMRA's Golden Spike Award.



MODULE GROUP

Larry Madson, designer of the module standard and with Division 4, has announced that Hub Division, of the Boston Area, has found a way to incorporate an advanced DCC throttle. It is using Smart Phone WiFi technology to communicate with a laptop computer and JMRI Decoder Pro to operate the trains just like a regular DCC throttle. The advantage with this technology is the ability to operate wireless without interference from other DCC systems, since the radio frequency is different from regular DCC frequency. There is an app available for your Smart Phone from JMRI. This also requires an extra wire added to each module. He hopes to have this in place for the 2014 National Convention. We will still be able to operate using our regular throttles if they are tethered in a multi-layout hall. I do not expect this to happen overnight due to the testing and documentation required to set this up.

Go to the following websites for more information:

<http://jmri.sourceforge.net/help/en/package/jmri/jmrit/withrottle/UserInterface.shtml>

<http://jmri.sourceforge.net/>

<http://www.tonystrains.com/tonystips/2011/031811.htm> .

We will have the modules on display at the:

1. Division 1 “Flea Market” on November 4;
2. Dalton Train Show on November 10; and the,
3. January 20, 2013 Division 1 meeting held at the Akron Yacht Club.

The Flea Market setup date and time will be announced by e-mail.

The first “Ron Shoemaker” module is available for use. Roadbed, track and wiring are in place and ready for scenery. This module was used at the Dalton and the “Thomas” events, last spring. Lloyd Horst has the second module and is mounting roadbed, track and electrics. He will also be adding scenery. The first module is ready for scenery. If you are interested in doing this, please contact me

We still need more volunteers to start the scenery on the passenger and intermodal/coal yard left end modules and build kits for buildings. We will have a little time to work on the details before the coming “Flea Market” and Dalton shows. This is a large job and should have a team effort. Contact me if you are willing to help. Jim Williams and Bob Ashley, Jr. are still adding scenery to the right end modules. Larry Brown and Ed Tringhese are fine tuning the scenery on the corner modules. Both of these jobs look great. We also realize we need more UTP’s on the front of the modules. This will be done before the next Dalton Show.

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.

I have five modules, at my home, ready to assemble. Three of the modules kits have been committed to John and Caleb Palagyi, Bob Ashley, Jr. and Bob Ashley, Sr. 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. This is a great project. “Come on. You know you want one”.

I am still looking for anyone interested in making an N gauge module to go with Kurt Sanders, Don Bonk and mine, per NTRAK standards or Z gauge module to go with mine, per Z Bend Track standards. Our module kits a suitable for this. Only the wiring is slightly different. We are hoping to have them ready for next November, at the Buckeye Event Center along with the HO modules.

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

Members Report October 2012

Welcome to all the new members!
The membership now stands at 98
Special Thanks to all those for renewing.

New Members

William Feth

Renewals/ Re-Rails

Lloyd Horst	Thomas Gradijan
Gary Motts	David Hazlett
Kurt Sanders	Philip Novak
Karen Sanders	Larry Olsen
Sanford Sexton	Kenneth Orchard
Michael Bradley	James Peters
Robert Farkas	

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