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Superintendent's Bulletin



Thanks to all who made it out to the Mahoning Valley Railroad Heritage Association last month. And thank you to Carl Jacobson and his crew for hosting Division 1 on a beautiful fall day. I think everyone had a good time.

The January and February meetings look to be in Ravenna with clinics and speakers. A modeling Day is still in the works for January with a variety of possibilities to include a "Make and Take" clinic; more on that later.

The calendar is turning and the leaves are falling! It won't be long now and we will be complaining about snow and cold and swearing it will Never get warm again.

Good News/Bad News

Good news is with the advent of cold crappy weather my job with the Botanical Management Bureau of Shalersville Township will be "suspended" until spring - translation - we don't need grass mowers until spring, have a nice vacation. That means I don't even have to go outside if I don't want to! Better yet, my wife encourages me to "Go downstairs and build something." A modeler's paradise! I fully realize how lucky I am to have a wife who encourages my hobby. Besides being a great cook, she is also a very fair art critic when I bring up a project for critique. Who knew I would actually look forward to winter. Hope you get to be as lucky as me; until then, steal every modeling moment you can to "go downstairs and build something!

Sorry for the ramble, but this is what you get when I can't come up with an idea for an article. I'll try to do better next month.

All Aboard!
Sam Eisele, Superintendent, Div. 1

Almost forgot. The bad news - it will be cold and crappy out soon for all of you who still have to go out!

Division 1 Annual Christmas Banquet





(above) The Division 1 Christmas Banquet will be held at *Over Easy at the Depot,* 152 Franklin Ave., Kent. The restaurant in the former Erie Depot is owned by Division 1 member Chad Zemba (left) and his wife Shannon. There will be socializing, good food and door prizes! Arrive at 3 PM.
Please RSVP at the November meeting in Wooster or text to Sam Eisele at (330) 323-3487.

2026 -27 Division 1 Events

Nov. 21 - Wayne County Library, Wooster
Dec. 5 - Div. 1 Christmas Banquet -
Over Easy at the Depot, Kent, OH
Jan. - TBD
Feb. - TBD
March - 33rd Annual Narrow Gauge Show, Salem
April - TBD
May - TBD
June - Div. Annual Picnic (TBD)

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
October 18, 2026

1. Welcome:
~ Call to order: 3:15 PM.
~ By: Sam Eisele, Superintendent.
~ Participants: 24.
~ Location: Mahoning Valley Railroad Heritage Association, Youngstown Ohio.
2. Clerk: Jeff Stone:
~ Previous meeting minutes published in Peddler Freight.
~ Motion carried to approve minutes (Bob Gurdak / Bob Anelli).
3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley:
~ Available on request.
~ Expense: None.
~ Income: September 50/50 ($30), Bob Ashley, donation ($50), Rolling stock sale/donation ($38).
~ Motion carried to approve treasurer report (Bob Gurdak / Bob Anelli).
4. Superintendent: Sam Eisele:
~ Thanks to the Mahoning Valley Railroad Heritage Association for hosting the meeting, and the tour of their rolling stock.
~ Reported on trip to Division 4 meeting. Discussed plans to incorporate things they do into our division, such as speakers, hands on clinics, etc.
4a. Assistant Superintendent: Jerry Kruse:
~ Introduced Larry O'Melia, grandson of a President of the Union Railroad, Larry also donated his model railroad for the use of Division 1 members, and donations to Division 1.
5. Peddler Freight Publisher: Bruce Hukill: No report.
6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters:
~ Current membership 75.
~ Reported on Berea train show experience. Recruiting table up and running. Cancelled raffle, due to Division 4. Sam had 2 tickets to refund. Signed up one new member. Sold a pullover, one left.
7. Clinic Committee: Jim DiPaola: No report.
8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst: Absent, no report.
9. Module Committee N: Lloyd Horst: Absent, no report.
9a. Module Committee HO: Bob Gurdak.
~ Wooster: Meet at 8:00 for module set up. N-scale setting up with Burning River Club.
~ Age of Steam: 11-12 December, 4 corners, 2 doubles each side. Let Bob know if you will participate.
~ Bruce Hukill cutting more modules let him know if you want one.
~ Jerry Kruse working with module committee on backdrops.
~ T-TRAK Information Sheets handed out to owners to update.
10. Facebook Committee: Chad Zemba:
11. Website Committee: Steve Zapytowski: Absent, no report.
12. Old Business: None.
13. New Business: None.
14. Bring and Brag:
~ Rusty items displayed by Jim DiPaola, Jim Peters, Jerry Kruse, Bruce Hukill, and Sam Eisele.
15. Good of the Order/Announcements:
~ New member would like help setting up a layout he bought. Portage County?
~ 50/50 cash ($38) won by Bob Gurdak.
~ November meeting at Wayne County Library, Wooster, Meeting time 1:00.
~ December meeting, December 5th time TBA at Over Easy in Kent.
16. Adjournment: At 4:04 motion carried to adjourn meeting (Bob Anelli / Jim DiPaola).

Respectfully submitted,

Jeff Stone
Clerk, Division 1.

T-TRAK Modules to Run in November and December



The Division 1 Module group will display both the HO and N scale T-TRAK modules in November and the HO in December. Both N and HO will be set up as part of the Rt. 30 Express on November 21 at the Wayne County Public Library Main Branch in Wooster. If you are bringing modules plan to arrive at the library by 8 AM. This will allow two hours for setup before the show officially begins.

The N scale T-TRAK modules will be combined with the Burning River N Society (BRNS) to form an L shaped layout. BRNS will bring a small yard, so bring your N scale trains. The Div. 1 meeting for November will begin at 1 PM. This will allow time for the meeting before teardown as the library closes at 3 PM. Questions regarding the N scale T-TRAK should be direct to Lloyd Horst at (330) 465-7402.

The HO modules will again run at the "Age of Steam" for their annual *Santa Comes to the Roundhouse*. Due to the success of this event Age of Steam has added a Friday schedule. Set up will begin December 11 between 2:00 - 2:30 PM. Teardown is at 1 PM Saturday December 12. Any questions regarding the HO T-TRAK modules at the Age of Steam should be directed to Bob Gurdak at (330) 506-8550.





(top) Bob Gurdak and Jerry Kruse interact with the public during the 2024 "Age of Steam" *Santa Comes to the Roundhouse.*
(above) Santa departs on the last train of the day.
(right) Kids and adults alike check out the trains.

October Division 1 Meeting at Youngstown Museum

Mahoning Valley Railroad Heritage Association hosts Div. 1

A crisp sunny fall day greeted members of Div. 1 at its October meeting at the Mahoning Valley Railroad Heritage Association. The outdoor museum features locomotives, rolling stock and cabooses from both steel mills and railroads that ran in the Mahoning Valley.

MVRHA president Carl Jacobson began the day by explaining the history of the museum and its efforts to move two hot metal cars onto museum property. Division 1 members were then divided into two small groups and led on a tour of the museum. The day ended with a quick business meeting and the "Monthly Modeling Challenge."

Thank you to Carl Jacobson and MVRHA members for a memorable fall afternoon.









(clockwise from above) Div. 1 held its October meeting on a beautiful fall day in Youngstown; MVRHA member Joe Vasko leads Div. 1 members on a tour of the museum; Jeff Stone enters P&LE caboose #506 as seen through #566; Former Div. 1 member Kurt Sanders (plaid shirt) answers Bob Gurdak's question about a hot metal car.



(left) Carl Jacobson, president of the Mahoning Valley Railroad Heritage Association (far right) explains the history of the museum to Division 1 members (l-r) Jeff Stone, Jim DiPaola, Michael Bradley and Sam Eisele. Pittsburgh and Lake Erie bay window caboose #506 provides a fitting backdrop.







(above) A 20 ton Davenport locomotive sits in the sunshine.
(middle left) Division 1 members stand between a P&LE caboose and a GE 60 ton locomotive.
(left) There was much discussion about the lineage of Conrail N5c caboose #23117.

“Monthly Modeling Challenge” Off to a Rusty Start

In the October *Peddler Freight* Superintendent Sam Eisele announced a new monthly program called the “Monthly Modeling Challenge.” Each month will have a topic for members to share. Most importantly as Sam spelled out, “no judging, no winners, no losers,” just members sharing their interpretation of a topic. As if on cue, the October meeting at the “Mahoning Valley Railroad Heritage Association” featured many examples of prototypical rust. And Division 1 members shared fine examples of scale rust. The topic for November’s Monthly Modeling Challenge is scrap loads. Bring your example(s) to the November meeting.



(right) Sam Eisele’s junk pile and fuel tanks.





(above and above right) Jim Peters used real rust as a load in his HO scale AC&Y gondola. Jim laughs as he explains his real rust was obtained from a 1986 Ford Escort he owned.
(right and below right) Jerry Kruse explained differing techniques for weathering of his three HO scale AC&Y gondolas. One technique is using a Floquil enamel marker.







(left) Jim DiPaola used *AMMO by Mig Jimenez* products to weather an HO scale hot metal and coil car.





(above) Sam Eisele displays his weathered tie cars and piles of rusted junk. Sam used damaged fuel tanks as the focal point in his junk pile.
(left) Jenna Rupert and Patrick Wamsley view HO scale rust in front of heavy prototypical rust.

Division 1 Meeting

Saturday, November 21, 2026

Wayne County Public Library

220 W. Liberty Street

Wooster, OH 44691

The Division 1 HO T-TRAK layout and the combined Div. 1/Burning River N Society layouts will be displayed 9 AM - 3 PM as part of the the 25th Annual Route 30 Express.

Be sure to bring your "Scrap Load" for the *Monthly Modeling Challenge*.

The Division meeting begins at 1 PM

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Erie Model Train Show **November 1**
Rainbow Gardens - Waldameer Park, PA
Admission: $5.00 9 AM - 4 PM

Iron and Steel Autumn Show **November 14**
Saxon Club, 710 Meridian RD., Youngstown 44017
Admission: $8.00 9 AM - 2 PM

TCA - Thanksgiving Show **November 14**
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
164 Eastland RD., Middleburg Heights 44017
Admission: $6.00, 10 AM - 3 PM

2 Rail O-Scale Meet **November 21**
UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma 44130
Admission: $5.00 11 AM - 4 PM

Rt. 30 Express **November 21**
Division 1 and Burning River N Society will have a combined N scale T-TRAK layout and the Div. 1 HO Scale T-TRAK layout will be on display at the Wayne County Public Library in Wooster.
Admission: Free
See page 3 for layout locations and times

Olmsted Falls Depot & Model RR **Dec. 5 - 6**
Open House
25802 Garfield Ave., Olmsted Falls, 44138
Admission: $5.00 11 AM - 4 PM

Medina Train and Toy Show **December 6**
Medina Fairgrounds, Medina 44256
Admission: $8.00 9 AM - 3 PM

Age of Steam Roundhouse **Dec. 11-12**
Santa Comes to the Roundhouse
Div. 1 HO T-TRAK modules will be running
213 Smokey Lane Rd. SW, Sugarcreek, OH 44681
https://www.ageofsteamroundhouse.org

Olmsted Falls Depot & Model RR **Dec. 12-13**
Open House
25802 Garfield Ave., Olmsted Falls, 44138
Admission: $5.00 11 AM - 4 PM

Massillon Train & Toy Show **December 13**
K of C Hall, 988 Cherry Rd., NW, Massillon 44647
Admission: $5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Youngstown Model RR Assn. **January 10**
Toy/Train Flea Market
Parish Center, 4490 Norquest Blvd., Austintown 44515
Admission: $7.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Medina Train and Toy Show **February 7**
Medina Fairgrounds, Medina 44256
Admission: $8.00 9 AM - 3 PM

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