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Superintendent's Bulletin



There have been times where I have been asked, by both family and friends, what I did for a hobby. My answer was that I was into model railroading. Sometimes the reply was "Oh, you play with trains!"

At first this remark was a little annoying but I soon discovered that this was an opportunity to explain that this great hobby was more than just playing.

I explain that there are skills needed to make a model railroad. Skills that are learned by trial and error; skills taught by more experienced modelers and knowledge gained from reading model railroad magazines. One has to know how to lay track so that the train would operate and not derail. One has to know how to get electric power to make the trains operate. How to assemble building and train car kits. How to make scenery to make your layout look realistic. And the list goes on. And the crowning glory, in my humble opinion, is the local model railroad groups where we get together and talk about our hobby. And on top of that we have conventions where we spend up to a whole week talking about trains.

So, after taking advantage of this teachable moment I sometimes get the comment that there is sure a lot more to this hobby than just playing with trains.

Our April contest is dioramas. This may be the first time that this category has been used in our Division. Here's the chance to use your skills and build a scene on a small scale. See what you can put in 2 square feet. I'm looking forward to seeing your entries. Who knows, this could turn into a teachable moment where you would have a "show and tell" for the next time you're asked what your hobby is.

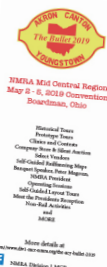
We all are Ambassadors of this great hobby of Model Railroading and that helps to bring in new members.

All Aboard!!

Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

The Bullet

2019 MCR Convention Quick News



The 2019 Bullet Convention Committee has been hard at work. The website is <https://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/the-acy-bullet-2019>.

The trifold (click left) has been printed. Pens and notepads were given to all members at the March meeting. Shirts have been spotted on Div. 1 members. Layouts are being lined up for self-guided tours and operating sessions. Historical and prototype tours are falling in place. Volunteers are still needed. The next planning meeting is March 31. (see page 2)

Annual Spring Layout Tour

We lost two layouts, but we still have eight, plenty to see in just one day. With the regional convention coming up next year, we won't be able to hold the annual spring tour in 2019.

Saturday, April 14. All layouts will be open from 10 AM to 5 PM, EXCEPT for Larry Olsen's from noon to 5 PM. A pdf copy of the layout tour will be sent to all members who receive the Peddler Freight by email. Members who receive a paper copy of the PF will receive a list of the layouts open with addresses.

Certainly family and guests may accompany members, but please do not post the brochure on any website.

Interested in free advertising? Want to help promote the NMRA? Of course, why not? Visit or share our Facebook page - nmra division 1 mcr - to see the flyer promoting our annual layout tour and much more.

Jim Peters, Layout chair

2017-2018 Division 1 Meetings

April 15 - Reed Memorial Library, Ravenna
May 20 - Mike Bradley, Ravenna
June 24 - Bob Ashley, Jr., Green

Interested in hosting a meeting?
Contact any Division 1 officer.

Module Group

The next scheduled event will be in Salem Ohio. The event will be the Youngstown Model Railroad Association Flea Market, Sunday, April 8, 2018, at the CenterPlex Community Center, 1098 North Ellsworth Ave, Salem, OH 44460. **We will set up at 12:00 pm on Saturday, April 7 (new time).** We will be operating the HO modules. **Everyone should help operate the modules regardless of the scale you model. Please mark your calendars and be sure to come help us set up and operate the modules.**

We also expect to operate at the Stark County Fair, again, August 28, through Labor Day, September 3, 2018. However, there will be a different layout of the building and we do not know how we will fit in. We will keep you advised by email during the summer.

The new HO fiddle yard modules are 22' in length and have (4) sidings accessible from both ends. This allows a train to pass through without having to back out to the local main track. Fiddle yards are there to allow you to set up a train and test a locomotive, including "programming on the main." Leaving them sit in the yard while you see the show without approval is not good. Be courteous and remove the train or let someone else operate it while you are gone.

Modules Group members who have added scenery to their modules should apply for the "Golden Spike" Award. The scenery is the last thing we do to finish a module.

Those of you who want a module; you need to contact me so I can order electrical components and more lumber. See my email and phone numbers below. We will schedule a date to build the module(s). The final price will be around \$110.00 for the kit. Those who build a 4' x 2' module with scenery, which is eight square feet minimum, can apply for the "Golden Spike" and other AP awards.

We are always looking for venues where we can display and operate our modules. We can be an added attraction for many events, i.e., Railroad Days, shows at event centers, library historical programs, student events, etc. Please call me or any Module Group member if you think you have a lead and make sure the event coordinator is aware of your concern.

The Division portion of the 50-50 raffle is placed in the module fund. This fund is shared with the HO and Ntrak groups as needed for division owned equipment. Privately owned modules and equipment are the responsibility of the owner. All request for funds are to be presented to the Module Chairman.

Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six 50-50 raffle tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. **Your generosity in funding the Division 1 Module Group is appreciated. Many of our new members joined at the shows.**

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com HO, N & Z scales
Jim Williams, Asst. Module Chairman, 330-966-5477 or jamestwilliams46@yahoo.com HO & N scales
Don Bonk, NTRAK, 330-418-6860 or donaldbonk@gmail.com N scale

THE BULLET - 2019 MCR Convention News

Going forward each issue of the Peddler Freight will contain information about *The Bullet*. This is the name of the 2019 MCR Regional Convention, sponsored by our division. This will take place May 2 - 5, 2019 at the Boardman Holiday Inn.

According to *Akron, Canton & Youngstown and Akron & Barberton Belt* book, "the Delphos Bullet" was a mixed train that "symbolized welcomed events for the rural Ohio communities from Delphos to Akron. Organizational meetings have begun and all are welcomed to attend. **Volunteers are needed.** Let's all pitch in to make "The Bullet" a great convention.

The minutes from the February 10 meeting are on page 5.
The convention planning schedule is:

March 31	1:30 PM	Ravenna
April 15	3:30 PM	After Division meeting
May 5	1:30 PM	Ravenna
May 12	1:30 PM	Ravenna (last meeting before Cincinnati Express convention)



Click logo to link to The Bullet webpage

**Ravenna Township Office
6115 Spring Street
Ravenna, OH 44266**

Division 1 membership as of February: 95

Welcome new member: Rick Davis, Vienna

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes
March 11, 2018
Youngstown Model Railroad Club, Youngstown, Ohio

- I. **Welcome:** The business meeting was called to order at 2:03 pm by Superintendent Jim DiPaola. Jim thanked Jim Pope and the Youngstown Club for hosting the meeting. Mr. Pope reminded everyone of their train show in Salem on the 8th of April. Dean McMan who is the club's HO VP said that last year was their 60th anniversary and they still had anniversary hoppers for sale.
- II. **Minutes:** A motion was made to accept the minutes for the February 2018 meeting as recorded in the Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded and passed.
- III. **Treasurer's Report:** The report was given by Treasurer Mike Bradley. A motion was made and seconded to accept the February 2018 Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion passed. Mike stated that we now have liability insurance and insurance on the modules.
- IV. **Committee Reports:**
 - A. **Clinics** – Jim DiPaola will put on a weathering after the meeting. He showed some items he gets from the military modelers suppliers that work out well for railroading.
 - B. **Peddler Freight** – Bruce Hukill reminded the group that information for the April newsletter needed to be in to him by the next weekend (3/18) since he was going out of town. Bruce was able to embed URL's for other websites in the e-mail version of the newsletter.
 - C. **Apparel** – Jim DiPaola stated that he had a new XL division pollo shirt and a new XL division sweatshirt for sale for \$10 and \$15 respectively.
 - D. **Membership** – Jim DiPaola reported that Joe Sam Eisele will help Joe Urbanski man the membership kiosk at shows. However, the weekend of the Salem show the kiosk will be setup between the vendor tables that Jim and Mike Bradley will have since Joe cannot attend that show. The Salem show's advertising lists our modules as an attraction.
 - E. **Modules** – Bob Ashley Sr. stated that the next module setup will be for the Mt. Hope train show on Saturday, March 24th. Setup is on Friday, 03/23 from 3 to 9pm. The next Salem show is on Sunday, 04/08 and its setup will be on the Saturday before. After discussion with Jim Pope, we will be able to unload our trailer around Noon on Saturday before the tables and chairs are delivered. Jim Was not sure yet when the basketball games would be over on Saturday. Don Bonk said that the Stark County Fair wants us back this year with at least the same amount of room for the modules.
 - F. **Website** – Our website is up and running. <http://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/>. Steve Zapytowski is managing the web page. If you want photos of your layout added to the website please see Steve. You can link to the convention website from the division site.
 - G. **Upcoming Events** – please see the Peddler Freight and the website.
 - A. **Midwest Narrow Gauge Show:** Salem Centerplex, March 23-24, 2018.
 - B. **MCR:** The regional convention, The Cincinnati Express, is May 17-20, 2018.
 - C. **Steel Mill Modelers:** Kent, July 12-14.
 - D. **NMRA:** The national convention is in Kansas City, August 5-12, 2018.
- V. **Division 1 Events:**
 - A. April 15, 2018 – Reed Memorial Library, Ravenna, Ohio.
 - B. May 20, 2018 – Mike Bradley's.
 - C. June 24, 2018 – Bob Ashley Jr.'s.
- VI. **Bring-n-Brag:**
 - A. Mike Bradley and Jim DiPaola showed the group the pens, paper pads and the trifold fliers that have been created for the convention next year. Jim said that we had ordered 500 fliers, but they gave us 1,000 for the same price.
 - B. Steve Zapytowski is in the hospital with a septic infection he contracted when he went in for a kidney stone. He is doing better and should be home on Monday(he kept the kidney stone!).
- VII. **Old Business:**
 - A. The election committee was comprised of Bob Ashley, Jr., Derek Shoup and Joe Urbanski. Bob and Derek reported that the current Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Treasurer were seeking reelection. Bob opened the floor up for other nominations. None were submitted, and the nominations were closed. Since there were no other nominations, the current slate of candidates was elected by default: Jim DiPaola is the Superintendent, Steve Zapytowski is the Assistant Superintendent, and Mike Bradley is the Treasurer.
 - B. 2018 Convention:
 - A. As stated previously the pens, note pads, and fliers have been received.
 - B. Credit card processing has been approved by the company FINET. They will supply us terminals. We need to provide a refund policy and we will adopt the policy of the NMRA which will be published shortly. There will be no refunds for vendors.
- VIII. **New Business:**
 - A. None
- IX. **Good of the Order**
 - A. None

29 people attended.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. The business meeting adjourned at 2:45 pm.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Williams, Clerk

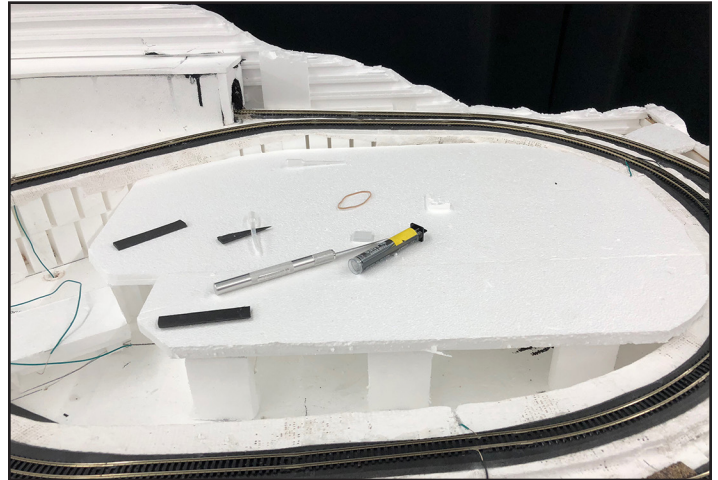
N-SCALE REPORT

Fire retardant application certified by local company could not be found. Treatments or new fire retardant materials for module skirts were found. Grainer Supply has a product that 1 gallon will treat 7 existing 4' skirts (~125 yd). The price is \$133.50 a gallon that can be sprayed, dripped, rolled or brushed on. This cost is about \$4/yd. Rose Brand can supply new retardant 16 oz. material; 10 yards for \$9.20/yd (\$92.00) or 50 yards for 5.25/yd (\$262.50). Shipping not included. Multiple cleanings of the retardant materials decreases their effectiveness. This search was not intended to find the cheapest price, but to give the Division and its member general idea of cost, availability and possibly, but doubtful certification regarding fire retardant options.

Rooms for Salt Lake City National N-Scale Convention are still available by using link on convention website. Apparently the people at Sheraton's normal 800 number in some foreign country failed to acknowledge the N-Scale convention and stated no rooms were available. The website uses an 888 number and the people who answer immediately recognized the N-Scale convention and that rooms are available

Stark County Fair wants us back. As reported at March Division meeting the Fair board was contacted March 9th and they would like us to return this year. At this time they would only commit to ~20' by ~25' space. This is the amount we started with in 2017, but final size was much larger. On June 10th they will let us know overall space available. Tax exempt educational organizations are allotted space not purchased by commercial exhibitor. Regardless of how much space we are allotted, we will need operators for the week of August 28th through Labor Day, September 3rd. We would like to have 30 more volunteers in addition to the 30 we had last year. Note, Division 1 has 99 members, and fair passes will be available for volunteers.

Ken Cefaratti Jr. resumes work on Scenic Valley Module. After surviving the holiday season and roof leakage at the store, Ken is putting the land forms and basic scenery in place on the Woodland Scenic 3' x 6' module layout. Ken hopes to have module available soon for display.



Youngstown Model Railroad Club Photos (HO layout)



Four layout photos to left are by Matt Woods.



THE BULLET 2019 MCR Convention News

Thursday Ops Sessions and Sunday Self-Guided Tour

I have 14 layouts, seven operating on Thursday, May 2, 2019 and 14 on the following Sunday, May 5 for the self-guided tour. If you have a layout or know someone who does, whether an NMRA member or not, let me know so we can build up our roster and show the region the talent and fun we have model railroading.

Thanks,
Jim Peters
Layout and Op Chair, Regional 2019

Clinic Report

Thank you Jim DiPaola for your clinic on weathering. Unfortunately, I was unable to attend as I was a bit under the weather (pun intended). Weathering is one of my favorite aspects in the hobby, so I missed out.

April – Glenn Yoder, Pipeline & Loads
May – Larry Madson, Part II: Converting a DC Layout to DCC
June – Joe Felipiak

Please consider taking over as clinic chair as I passing the projector in June, 2018. Thank you,

Jim Peters, Clinic Chair

Jim DiPaola explains how he uses washes and pigments to weather locomotives and rolling stock. Websites mentioned were:

<http://www.migjimenez.com/> and <https://ak-interactive.com/>

Achievement Program/Golden Spike

Since I was absent last month, I am looking forward to finally awarding Steve Zapytowski two AP certificates in April.

Continuing with listing AP awardees, I will focus this month on the first category:

Master builder

Motive Power: No one in the division at this time.

Cars: Steve Zapytowski

Structures: Chuck Boyer

Scenery: Clint Foster & Steve Zapytowski

Prototype: No one in the division at this time.

Please send me an email or jot down a note in case I missed anyone or there is an error.

Please consider taking over this position as I plan to step down in June of this year. I will be happy to assist next chair if desired. Thank you.

AP Chair, Jim Peters



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THIS MONTH'S EVENT
April 15, 2018
Reed Memorial Library
167 E. Main Street
Ravenna, OH 44266
2 PM

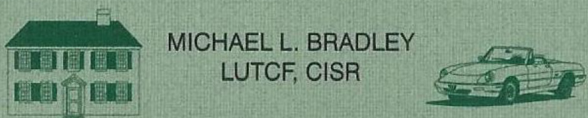
From the North:

Drive south on State Route 44. Once you cross State Route 14 the road becomes Chestnut Street. Go to the Main Street (center of Ravenna, at the flag pole) and turn left onto Main Street. Go to the 2nd traffic light and turn left on to Elm Street. The library parking lot is immediately on the left past the American Legion Hall.

From the South:

Drive north on State Route 44. State Route 44 will split off with State Route 5 to the east and the road into Ravenna will become Prospect Street into downtown Ravenna. Take Prospect Street to Main Street and turn right onto Main Street. Go to the next traffic light and turn left onto Elm Street. The library parking lot is immediately on the left past the American Legion Hall.

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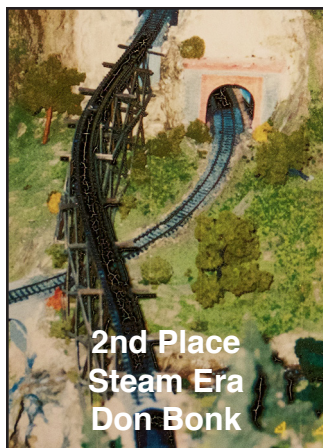
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Jim Peters
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DIVISION 1 CONTEST - Photos - Model Only



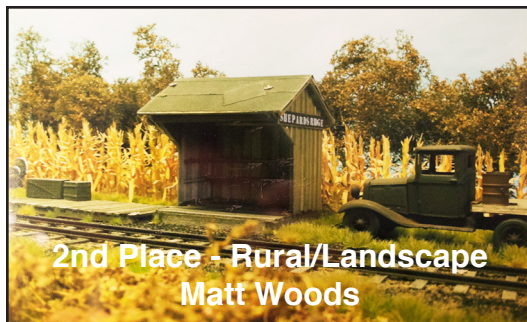
**2nd Place
Steam Era
Don Bonk**



**1st Place - Rural/Landscape
Bruce Hukill**



**1st Place - Modern Era
Bruce Hukill**



**2nd Place - Rural/Landscape
Matt Woods**



**1st Place - Urban/Industrial
Bruce Hukill**

STANDINGS 2017-2018

STANDARD KIT

Bruce Hukill - 9 pts
Don Bonk - 7 pts
Sam Eisele - 5 pts
Matt Woods - 4 pts

KIT - BASHED

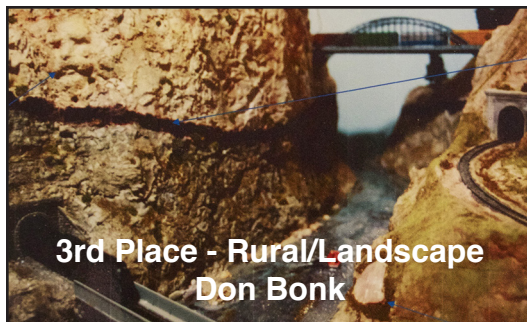
Sam Eisele - 5 pts
Matt Woods - 4 pts
Chuck Altwies - 4 pts
Bruce Hukill - 3 pts

CRAFTSMAN KIT

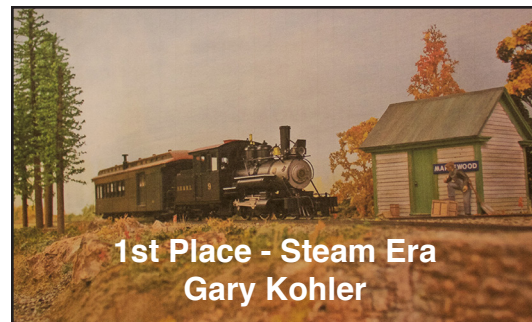
Don Bonk - 7 pts
Gary Kohler - 4 pts
Bruce Hukill - 3 pts
Jim Williams - 2 pts
Matt Woods - 2 pts

SCRATCH BUILT

Sam Eisele - 8 pts
Matt Woods - 6 pts
Bruce Hukill - 5 pts
Frank Williamson - 2 pts
Don Bonk - 2 pts
Gary Kohler - 2 pts
Bob Ashley, Jr. - 1 pt



**3rd Place - Rural/Landscape
Don Bonk**



**1st Place - Steam Era
Gary Kohler**



**Place - Rural/Landscape
Gary Kohler**



**3rd Place - Steam Era
Matt Woods**

Divison 1 Contest Topics 2017-18

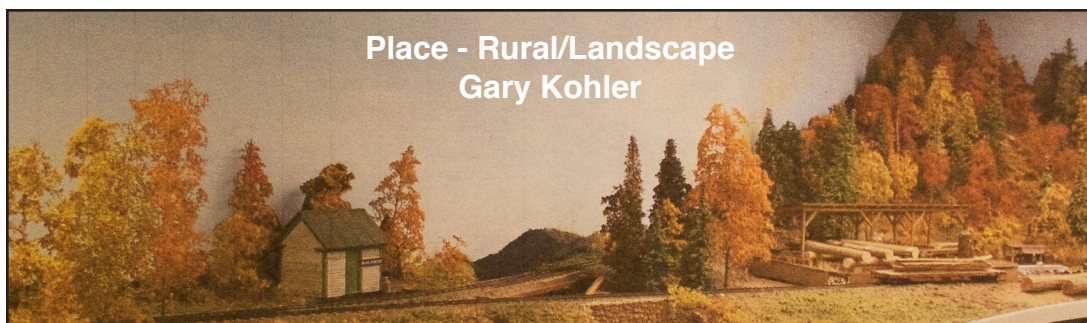
April 2018 - Dioramas

(details on page 9)

May 2018 - Trees

Any species or season,
in diorama or stand
alone

June 2018 - Awards



**Place - Rural/Landscape
Gary Kohler**

March contest note: Photo contest topics for
points assignment

Modern Era = Standard Kit
Steam Era = Craftsman Kit

Urban/Industrial = Kit-bashed
Rural/Landscape = Scratch Built

Divison 1 Diorama Contest April 2018

Two Categories (Double points awarded)

1. Scratch Built/Craftsman Kit - Everything, including track, to be built by the modeler
2. Standard Kit/Kit-Bashed - Can be a combination of kit-bashed, built, or prebuilt items

All dioramas will have the following:

- Scenery
- Ballasted track
- Constructed on a solid base of wood or foam or other solid material
- Have at least one piece of rolling stock on track
- Track long enough to hold at least one piece of rolling stock
- At least one building or structure
- Size limited to 2 square feet

SEE DIVISION CONTEST GUIDELINES FOR DEFINITION OF CATEGORIES

Train Shows and Open Houses

Fundraiser - Painesville Railroad Museum (aka Painesville Depot) - April 7

Harry Buffalo, 2119 Mentor Ave.
Painesville, Ohio 44077 2 PM - 4 PM
Adm. \$20.00 each pre-sale/\$25.00 at the door
Phone Tom at: 216-470-5780

Medina Train and Toy Show - April 8

Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256
Admission \$6.00, Under 12 Free 9 AM - 3 PM

Spring Model and Toy Swap & Sale - April 8

Lorain Cty. Chapter of the IPMS, Westlake FOP Lodge
26145 Center Ridge Rd., Westlake, OH 44145
Admission \$3.00 9 AM - 2 PM

Youngstown Model RR Assn. Train Flea Market - April 8

Salem Center Plex, 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, 44460
Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 3:30 PM

Division 1 Spring Layout Tour - April 14

Details, maps, times to follow.
See page one of this issue of the Peddler Freight

Bucyrus Model RR Assoc. Train Show - April 14

Crawford County Fairgrounds
610 Whetstone St., Bucyrus, OH
Admission \$5.00, Under 12 Free 10 AM - 4 PM

Train Collectors Assoc. - Spring Train Show - May 5

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
Admission \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Model Train Days - May 5 - 6

Painesville Railroad Museum
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 5 PM

Montpelier Trackside Modelers RR Club

Train Show / Swap Meet - May 20

Montpelier (Holiday City) Quality Inn Convention Center
13508 State Rt. 15, Montpelier, Ohio 43543
Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Cincinnati Express - Mid Central Region Convention

Cincinnati Marriott North - May 17 - 20, 2018
<http://www.cincy-div7.org/convention.html>

2018 Steel Mill Modelers Annual Meet - July 12 - 14

THE OHIO WORKS
Kent State University Hotel & Conference Center
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NMRA 2018 National Convention - August 5 - 12

Kansas City, Missouri
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