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## Superintendent's Bulletin



Welcome to 2020. I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and was able to spend time with family and friends. Hopefully "Santa" left something railroad related under the Christmas Tree as I'm sure we all were very good this past year. *Editor's note: Please see the Exhibition Topic for January on page 5.*

And with this being a "New Year," did anyone make any New Year's Resolutions? I did. A few years back I learned my Mom, who is

now 87, had wanted a Lionel train since she was a little girl. She never received a train because she was a girl and girls played with dolls. Well my Stepdad took my Mom to a local hobby store and bought her a Lionel train. Two years ago, my Mom moved back to Ohio and my New Years Resolution is to help my mom set up her train so she can run it. It's nice to be able to share the love of trains with my Mom.

Our Division was offered a unique opportunity to set up our modules at the Ages of Steam Roundhouse in Sugar Creek, Ohio. The modules were manned by at least two members on each day the Ages of Steam was open to the public. I really enjoyed the two days I spent running trains and visiting with people who stopped in as well as the staff. I would like to thank Bob Ashley Jr., Bob Ashley Sr., Kurt Sanders, Don Bonk, Jim Peters, Jerry Kruse, Steve Zapytowski, Chuck Altwies, Glen Yoder, Jeff Stone and Greg Frink who also manned the modules. This setup helped us fulfill the education part of our Division's nonprofit status.

Our annual Christmas Lunch was held on December 7, 2019 at the Little City Grill, 802 N. Mantua St., Kent, OH. We had 26 people attend including Betty Hazlett.

Our January 19, 2020 meeting will be held at the Kent Free Library at 2 PM. I have some information to share on glues and model railroading products I picked up over the holiday break. Please bring your own beverage and a snack to share. See you in Kent!

All Aboard!!

Jim DiPaola, Superintendent  
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

## Layout Tours

I am always looking for new layout owners to open up their layouts to the division during our annual Spring Layout Tour. Layout owners should be NMRA members. Let me know if you are interested or know of someone that I should contact.

For planning purposes, this year I will schedule layouts that are in the same area of our division, the best way I can divide it up. I have not worked on that yet but imagine viewing the division in quadrants. Also, I would like to move the tour up to March or April, moving away from the regional convention. Share any thoughts you may have on our layout tour either at a meeting or via email. If sharing at a meeting, a business card or slip of paper with your info would be appreciated.

Have you added anything to your layout since our last event? Send me a photo and I will work it into my report. Thanks!

Jim Peters  
Layout Tour Chair

### 2019 - 20 Division 1 Events

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

January 19 - Kent Free Library  
February 16 - Kent Free Library  
March 15 - TBA  
April 19 - TBA  
May 17 - Kurt & Karen Sanders  
June 28 - Bob Ashley, Jr., Green

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

**National Model Railroad Association**  
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November 2019 Meeting Minutes

The November meeting of Division 1 was held at the Portland Locomotive Works. Many thanks to Gary Kohler for opening the facility to the Division, and the food and drink provided to the attendees! After the business meeting Jim Weinschenker presented a mini clinic on making trees, and Aric Hartle demonstrated the industrial-strength laser cutter. If you weren't there, you missed it. Thank you, Gary, Jim and Aric.

**1. Welcome:**

~ The business meeting was called to order by Superintendent Jim DiPaola at 2:04 PM. ~  
Twenty people in attendance.

**2. Bring and Brag:**

~ Matt Woods displayed On3 buildings as well as a 1:24th scale silo model.  
~ John Spinks displayed Downtown Deco kits he built.  
~ Chuck Altwies offered several items as “free to a good home.”  
~ Jerry Kruse displayed an HO model of the passenger car they rode on the Rocky Mountaineer.  
~ Don Bonk offered excess tables to sell.

**3. Superintendent Announcements: Jim DiPaola**

~ December 7 at 1200 is the Christmas luncheon at the Little City Grill in Kent.  
~ January and February meetings will be at the Kent Free Library.  
~ March and April meetings TBD  
~ May meeting at the home of Kurt and Karen Sanders.  
~ June meeting at the home of Bob Ashley Jr.  
~ May 28-31 is the Regional convention in Pittsburg.

**4. Minutes: October minutes were approved.**

**5. Treasurer: Mike Bradley**

~ Checking account balance is \$16,509.36.  
~ Income since last report \$479.80. Expenses \$716.69. ~  
Module Fund balance is \$1554.37 ~ CD balance is \$3,071.14.  
~ Treasurer report approved by motion and vote.  
~ After discussion, motion made and seconded (Bob Ashley, Jr. and Don Bonk) to move \$10,000 to money market account. Motion passed.

**6. Committee Reports:**

~ Peddler freight: No report.

~ Achievement: Lloyd Horst.  
~ Kurt Sanders received the Golden Spike Award.  
~ Lloyd Horst received the Achievement Program's Association Volunteer Certificate.

~ Membership: Kurt Sanders  
~ Thanks to Don Bonk for help at show.  
~ Mount Hope Show, will display magazines and brochures sent by the National Office.

- ~ PLW Narrow Gauge Show March 27-28 need volunteers.
- ~ Membership @ 91 with 1 sign up at Mt Hope Show.
- ~ Module: Bob Ashley, Jr
  - ~ Mt. Hope show had great help setting up and tearing down modules. However, needed more help running modules during show.
  - ~ Age of Steam, Modules set up, shifts are covered except for December 14. AoS added a day, December 7th, from 9-3 in support of W&LE employees Christmas party. Need volunteers, but it also conflicts with the Division Christmas party. Roundhouse will be open to the Div 1 volunteers. Tear down December 21 at 12:00 PM. John Spinks added that they will have a steam locomotive under steam at the AoS roundhouse on December 14 when “Santa comes to the roundhouse.
  - ~ Next show January 12, 2020 at Salem.
  - ~ Presented \$125 check to Division received at the Mt Hope Show.
  - ~ Kurt Sanders is making an instruction sheet for volunteers running the modules.

7. Old Business: Still need a Clinic Chairman.

8. New Business:

- ~ Gary Kohler announced that the Narrow Gauge show will have an “All-Scale” day on March 28.
- ~ Gary also announced that he is bidding on the 2024 Narrow Gauge National Convention in Pittsburgh.
- ~ Gary announced that at the March Youngstown show there will be an opportunity to run a live steam locomotive at the Youngstown Heritage Museum.
- ~ Jeff Stone won the 50/50 which netted \$38 for the Division.

9. Good of the Order: None.

10. Adjournment: Motion passed at 2:42 PM to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted, Jeff Stone,  
Clerk, Division 1

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# N-SCALE REPORT

**Tank car unit trains** passing through Louisville, OH were pulled by two diesel engines. The lead engine was a Canadian Pacific and the second engine was Union Pacific. I have seen this about 5 times in the last couple of months. Once again this proves that there is a prototype for everything, so if you need or want to operate different road name engines on your layout the rivet counters can pound sand. These engines were sooty and well weathered. Also saw a Wheeling and Lake Erie ten car hopper train being highballed by a BNSF diesel. Author is not sure but the diesels may have been SD series or U-Boats.

Generally model railroaders assume that fall and early winter months are committed to their hobby, but there are other pursuits starting in mid-September through February. It's just too bad we can no longer shoot them from a moving train.

**How did you like running HO at "Ages of Steam?"** Operating on the HO modules had the same problems as N Scale modules. There was misaligned or broken track, coupler pins that caught on turnouts or curves, couplers height did not match, steam engine lead trucks that picked turnout points and short tender trucks that did the same, electrically actuated turnouts that fail to function and turnout points that were 5/64" higher than the rest of the track. All problems were hard to see and locate just like N scale. Regardless we were always able to get two trains to operate continuously without incident.



**Atlas has announced** their "All Scale Signals System." Visit their website for a 24 page detailed manual.

**Covered Nn3 last month, based on RLW, this month highlights Showcase Miniatures** shown below are a Nn3 Shay, N scale fire truck, Nn3 Climax and N scale feed mill. Note the Shay is also available in N scale gauge. *The author's interest in Nn3 is for a future timbering RR. But note that the Showcase Shay is available in N scale for an N scale operation. If you have or can find an Atlas N scale Shay you could also use them.*

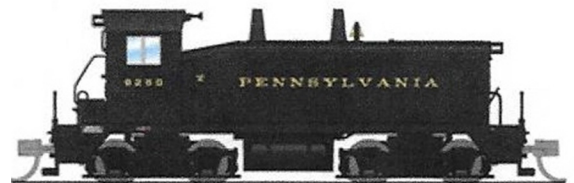
A beautiful build by Mark from Kingston, Illinois



**Black Friday Sales** via internet showed up Thanksgiving evening. The N Scale Enthusiast had a number of items, but the Morton Salt cars (above) appealed to the author. Broadway Limited offered GM NW2 and SD7.

**Happy New Year!!!!**

Don Bonk  
N-TRAK/TTRAK Chair



## DIVISION 1 Exhibition Topic - January Category - Snow/Christmas Gifts

With the holiday season over and winter upon us, it's time for model railroading. So this month's Exhibition Topic is anything snow related, including snow fighting equipment or snow scene dioramas, or anything model railroad related that you received for Christmas. Please bring your items to the January Event and share with the Division.

Matt Woods  
Lloyd Horst  
Exhibition Chairs

## Module Group

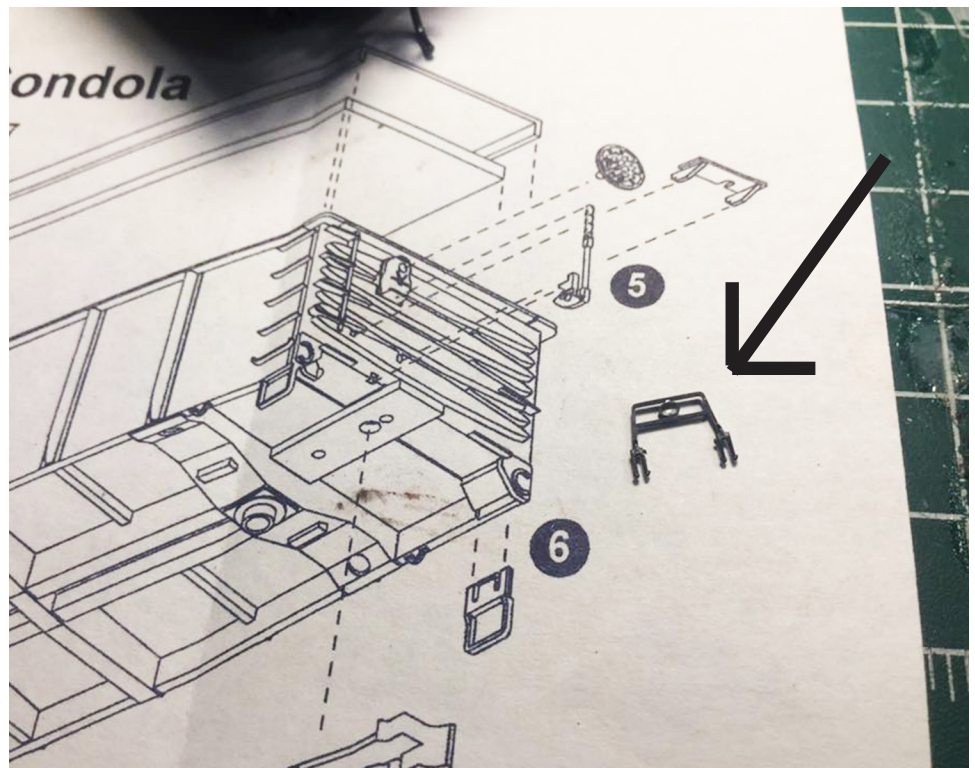
As you know we had the HO modules set up at the Age of Steam Roundhouse this Christmas season. Everything went pretty well, the roundhouse staff was very pleased with what we had to offer and are looking forward to working with us again. We will have to wait and see what that brings. I would like to thank all the volunteers that went down to run trains, we had some members that were new to the modules. I hope it was fun and we will see you again at module events.

Our next show is January 12, 2020 at the Salem Center Plex. Set up will be Saturday, January 11. We normally get into the building at 1:00, however I am still waiting on confirmation. When I know for sure I will have to send out an email.

Bob Ashley, Jr., Module Chair  
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## Help Needed

OK, fellow modelers. I have a question about the HO ACY 40-ft gondola cars. I have just about completed building and weathering my set of three cars but have the part in the photo left over. It is not in the instructions nor in the diagram. So what is it?  
Thanks,  
Jim Peters



**THIS MONTH'S MEETING**  
**Sunday, January 19, 2020**  
**Kent Free Library**  
**312 W. Main Street**  
**Kent, Ohio 44240**  
**2 PM**

We will meet in on the second floor. Please bring a snack to share and a drink for yourself.  
 There will be a table for sale items.

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# Achievement Program

Do you know the requirements for the different Certificates? The Golden Spike? If you have been in the hobby for a while you may already have some of the items needed for a certificate: Cars? Structures? Scenery? If you were on the committee planning the Regional Convention, you may have enough points for Association Volunteer.

The NMRA website has all the information you need to help you earn a Certificate. Check it out. If you have any questions contact me and we will figure it out.

Lloyd Horst  
AP Chair

## Membership Report

We had a membership information table at the module setup at the Age of Steam Roundhouse. People took information and we talked about Division 1 to many that stopped by.

Thanks to Richard Ramskugler for volunteering to help at the membership table at the Youngstown Club's January train show in Salem. Thanks to Steve Zapytowski and Chuck Altwies for volunteering to man the table at the Narrow Gauge show in March. Membership stands at 96.

Kurt Sanders  
Membership Chair

## Train Shows and Open Houses

### World's Greatest Hobby on Tour – January 4 - 5, 2020

Ohio Expo Center, Lausche Bldg  
717 E 17th Ave Columbus, OH  
Admission: Sat. \$14.95, Sun. \$12.95, under 15 Free  
Two day admission \$16.95  
Sat. 10 AM - 6 PM, Sun. 10 AM - 5 PM

### Snow Dogs Train Show – Jan. 4, 2020

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd, Parma, OH 44130  
Admission: \$6.00, under 12, Free 10 AM - 3 PM

### Train Collectors Association, Great Lakes Division

#### Train Meet – Jan. 25, 2020

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, OH 44130  
Admission: \$6.00, Family \$8.00, Children Free  
10 AM - 3 PM

### Independence Train & Toy Show – March 7, 2020

Independence High School Field House  
6001 Archwood, Independence, OH 44131  
Admission: \$6.00, under 12, Free 10 AM - 3 PM

### 28th Midwest Scale Train Show – March 27 - 28, 2020

Salem Centerplex  
1098 N. Ellworth Ave., Salem, OH 44460  
Admission: \$15.00 per day or \$25.00 for both days  
Fri. Noon - 7 PM Sat. 9 AM - 4 PM

**NTRAK Modules will be running!**

### The Youngstown Model Railroad Assoc.

#### Toy Train & Model Railroad Flea Market – Jan. 12, 2020

Salem Center Plex  
1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH 44460  
Admission: \$5.00

**HO Modules will be running!**

### Iron & Steel, Spring Rail Fest – March 29, 2020

St. Lucy Palermo Banquet Center  
394 Tenney Ave., Campbell, OH 44405  
Admission: \$5.00, under 12 Free 10 AM - 3 PM  
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