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## Superintendents Message

Spring is a time of change. Wash away the old. New growth. New ideas. New layout design. What?! Yes. My earlier layout design is now at the curb. No I didn't fill any roll off dumpster or several trash bags and I will not win any golden crowbar award. My layout design change is only on paper. I have abandoned the idea of a double deck layout with a helix and trying to cram as much layout in my basement as I can. I have embraced the less is more concept with more of what I like and less of what I don't.

The original plan was plagued with a helix that was going to eat up too much track to my liking. I had stub ended staging yards. I had no space to put in return loops and way to have continuous running.

My inspiration originated from a friends layout I visited recently. I didn't know it at the time but the wide isles and one level seemed nice and simple. At 4AM one morning, I had an epiphany. As I lie in bed, I drew in the air a rough track plan. Then I did it again and again. I knew that was it. One level with a double ended staging yard on a return loop providing for continuous running. I did it a few more times so I would remember it when I woke up in the morning. Once I drew the final plan, I was able to extend my branch line, an added bonus.

So come June, I am not sure how far I will be but at least you will be able to see a better plan than before.

Randy Dettmer  
Superintendent  
NMRA MCR Div 1

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## 2011 Meeting Dates

April 17 - Jim DiPaolo - Ravenna  
Mar 15 - Bill Hewitt - Copley  
June 12 - Randy Dettmer - Hudson

## DIVISION 1 ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Below is a list of members who have earned certificates.

Dan Williams - MMR #285 (7 Certificates)  
Chief Dispatcher  
Master Builder - Scenery  
Master Builder - Structures  
Masyer Builder - Cars  
Association Volunteer  
Model Railroad Engineer - Civil  
Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical

Chuck Boyer (4 Certificates)  
Master Builder - Structures  
Model Railroad Engineer - Electrical  
Association Volunteer  
Association Official

David Hazlett (2 Certificates)  
Association Volunteer  
Association Official

Robert Hixenbaugh (1 Certificate)  
Association Volunteer

Jim Peters (1 Certificate)  
Association Volunteer

Eli Rantanes (1 Certificate)  
Association Official

William Smith (1 Certificate)  
Association Volunteer

### GOLDEN SPIKE AWARDS

Bill Biggler    Chuck Boyer    Larry Olsen  
Jim Peters     David Riggle

The best way to get AP information is to go to the AP section of the [www.NMRA.org](http://www.NMRA.org) website. For judging contact any of the committee members.

Chuck Boyer    Don Deakins    David Hazlett

## MARCH 2011 CONTEST

### CONTEST WINNERS MARCH:

The March Contest was: snow plows & spreaders

#### Kit-Built

Bill Hewitt - 1<sup>st</sup> place - 3 pts.  
Chuck Boyer - 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 2 pts.  
Bill Hewitt - 3<sup>rd</sup> place - 1 pt.

#### Kit-Bashed

Bill Hewitt - 1<sup>st</sup> place - 2 pts  
Bob Ashely, Jr 2<sup>nd</sup> place - 1 pt

### CURRENT STANDINGS:

#### Scratch-Built

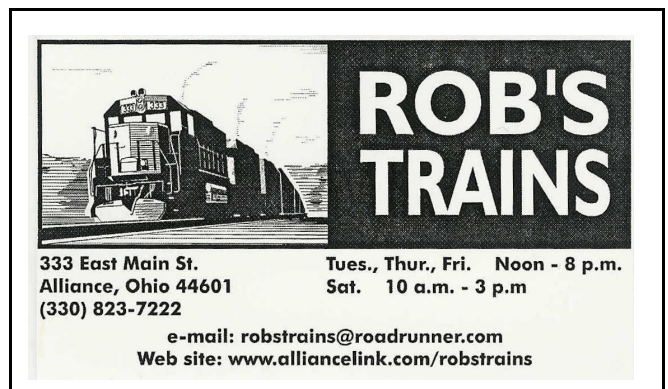
Don Deakins - 8 pts  
Bill Hewitt - 4 pts.  
Larry Brown - 3 pts.  
Jim Williams - 2 pts  
Bill Bigler 1 pt  
Jim DiPaola - 1 pt

#### Kit Bashed

Chuck Boyer - 13.5 pts  
Don Deakins - 9.5 pts  
Bob Ashley Jr. - 2 pts  
Don Bonk - 2 pts  
Bill Hewitt - 2 pts  
Glenn Yoder - 2 pts  
Larry Brown - 1 pt  
Bob Ashley Sr. - 1 pt

### Contest for 2011

April - pulpwood & wood chip cars  
May - Caboose



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Division 1 Meeting Minutes  
March 27, 2011  
Host: Bob Ashley, Jr., Akron, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm by Superintendent Randy Dettmer. Twenty-three people were in attendance. Randy thanked Bob and his wife, Twyla, for hosting the meeting.

1. Larry Matson from the Division 4 module group was placed first on the agenda since he had to leave early to return to the train show at Dalton, Ohio where they had their modules setup.

a. Larry has been associated with HO modules for 40 years.

b. The NMRA HO module specs today are very close to what Division 4's original specs were and Larry is working on rewriting the NMRA HO specs.

c. The CVSR has invited the divisions to setup their modules for their "Day out with Thomas" and are providing a 30'x100' tent under which the modules can be setup. The event is over 2 weekends and the modules need to stay setup; however, the security is good and there should be no problem with vandalism. This is something Division 1 needs to decide to participate in or not. The dates are May 21,22,27,28 & 29.

d. They want to have a joint divisional modular railroad for the 2014 National Convention and he is trying to get the Boston area to participate.

e. Division 4 has 60-70 modules whereas we currently have 14. 4 are being constructed.

f. Larry is also working on signaling for modules. You can reach him at [lmelect@roadrunner.com](mailto:lmelect@roadrunner.com).

2. A motion was made to accept the minutes of the February meeting as published in the Peddler Freight. One correction was submitted by Randy Dettmer – new NMRA data sheets should have been a separate item under new business. The motion as corrected was seconded and passed.

3. 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.

4. The membership report was made by Larry Brown. The division's membership stands at 100 with three new members: Chance Ayers, Brittany Wyles, and Janice Brown. New member packs were sent out. Renewals were Don Avila, Jim Bacher, Larry Brown, Charles Burroughs, Tim Lissan, and James Pope. Eli Rantanes and George Stankey became inactive members.

5. Committee reports:

a. N Scale – Jim Williams reported that Miller Engineering has much more to offer on their website than what is in the Walthers catalogue.

b. HO Scale – Chuck Boyer nothing to report

c. Z Scale – Bob Ashley, Sr. would like to get people interested in building Z modules

d. Modules – Bob Ashley, Sr.

i. The modules were on display with trains operating. The division modules were augmented by modules from both Bob Ashley's, Kurt Sanders, and Larry Matson. All but Larry Matson's were of the full top variety with Larry's being an open top which allows easier modeling of rivers and lakes.

ii. The modules were built to try to attract people to participate in the division. So far, eleven people have helped with them.

iii. Switches that were needed were identified on the modules and donations were asked for. There was also a box of models to be built for the corner module that was donated by Bob Ashley, Jr. and people were asked to consider building one of them.

iv. David Hazlett's normal Monday operating group was coming over the next evening to test out how the modules would do when operated.

v. Bob Ashley, Sr. donated three calendars and N&W Arrow booklet for sale to support the modules. The four items were sold for \$10 each.

e. Achievement Program – David Hazlett  
Chuck Boyer was listed in the March NMRA Magazine for obtaining the Golden Spike Award.

6. Old Business
  - a. 2014 NMRA Convention  
David Hazlett and Jim Peters reported that some committee chairmen are needed.
  - b. Apparel – Jim Williams  
Suggested that members might want to buy a summer hat or a T-shirt or polo shirt in anticipation of warmer weather.
  - c. Membership roster  
The existing roster was passed around for update and a sign-up sheet accompanied it for those who wanted it sent to them.
  - d. Flea Market
    - i. The Akron Yacht Club has been reserved and paid for. The date is Sunday, November 6<sup>th</sup>.  
Our flyers were handed out to dealers at the Kirtland train show and will be put out at the Berea show. If you want a table, you need to reserve one now. We will have 26 tables, as we did last year, and one has already been reserved. The division modules will be setup in the patio area.
7. New Business
  - a. Jim Peters volunteered to be the clinic chairman.
  - b. A motion was made by Jim Williams that the Treasurer setup an account to keep track of the module group's funds. David Hazlett seconded the motion and it was passed.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn. The motion was passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:02 pm.  
Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Williams, Clerk

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## MODULE REPORT

We now have a working set of modules. Those of you who attended the March meeting saw the results of seven months of hard work. Everyone had a chance to operate the trains on the modules and we also had an operating session the next day. Everyone at the meeting was invited.

All the wiring is in place and is soldered to the track. Some of the yard track is not laid due to lack of turnouts. We need eight more turnouts and one double slip switch to complete the layout. They are on order and we received donations to help cover the cost. Larry Madson, from Division Four, was there with a check module which was used to verify that our wiring was in good order and to help tune in any problems. The wiring passed his inspection.

I am still working on a design consulting job which is tying me up for more weeks, during the day, than I had planned. Those who are waiting for module kits, please be patient.

Bob and I will be working on the modules on random evenings and weekends as our schedules permit. I will be notifying the membership when we can work. If you can help, let us know when you can be available. We will be looking for people to help apply scenery to the division modules and build kits for buildings. Our thanks go to Superintendent Dettmer for building the warehouse and kit bashing the cupola and piping to the building. **It looks great.**

We had a meeting with the NMRA 2014 Cleveland Convention committees and Division One will be part of a surprise module display for your pleasure. This could one for the record books. We are also invited to join with Division Four to combine our modules with theirs and display them at the CVSR "Day out with Thomas" event. They are giving us a 30' x 100' tent for our modules.

I have had several requests for kits or finished standard modules. I will be ordering limited supplies and you must pay for your module prior to taking it with you. The price is \$67.00 each for the materials and \$33.00 each for the wiring kit. This does not include the mandatory NCE UTP Fascia Panel Socket for plugging in your throttle

which is available for \$17.00 from me or at The Whistle Stop. This works with Digitrax or NCE. A module can be built without a UTP. These prices are subject to change; as I must order more materials and wiring supplies.

After I finish the design consulting job, anyone who wants to pay in advance and are willing to come to my house to construct the module please call me. I will be willing to help build their module(s). We are also looking for new module members. Please call me for information.

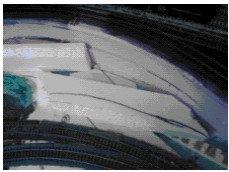
I want to thank the division for investing in the module program. If we have the same success that Divisions 4 and 5 have had, this will provide a lot of entertainment for the members and the communities. It will also provide a way for each member to earn the AP awards.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman  
330-644-4778  
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### Clinic Report

As the new clinic chair, I see the first logical priority as getting clinicians! Contact me and volunteer to do a clinic! Clinics can be short and sweet! If you do something well or it is just fun to do, you want to share with our group. Believe me, your efforts will be well received and appreciated! My second priority is to acquire a projector for powerpoint presentations. This is something we can discuss at the next meeting.

April Jim Peters Scenicking 101: Pink to Landscape



Before Scenicking 101



After Scenicking 101

May Open  
June Randy Dettmer on Covered Hopper Cars

Jim Peters, Clinic Chair  
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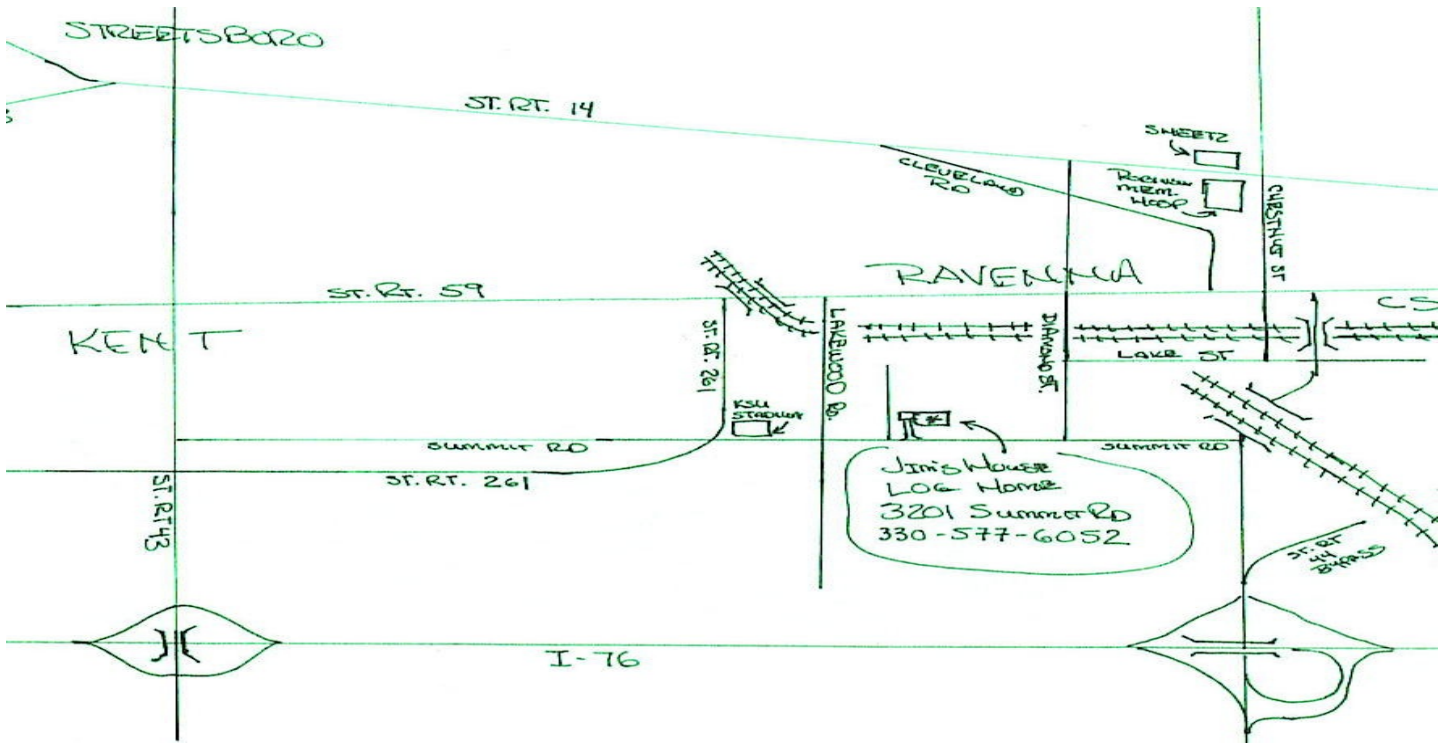
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### Next Stop On The Tour - Jim DiPaola - April 17, 2011

Jim is at 3201 Summit Road, Ravenna OH. 44266 and can be reached at 330-577-6052. Meeting will begin at 2:00 PM. Jim will provide snacks and beverages. In an email from Jim he indicated “ If members want to come early I will have the layout open till the meeting starts. With the passing of Dean Freytag, I am one of four people who own Dean’s railroads, steel mill, photos, slides, drawings and notes. Items of that collection will be available fro viewing and I have placed some of the steel mill buildings on my layout”.

“There should be plenty of room to park on the driveway and **grass if the weather is dry**. If it rains, people may have to park on Westwood Drive which runs beside my property. Car pool if they can”.

### Convention 2014 Layout Report

This is just a reminder to contact me if you have a layout. Convention 2014 will need 70 or more layouts so we can use all the help we can get. Remember this is a combined effort of three divisions. We are of course, looking for first class operating layouts as well as modest layouts. If your layout is totally un-scenicked, that is OK. Members also enjoy seeing layouts under construction. Also, reach out to members that have a layout but don’t attend meetings. Encourage them to contact me.

Jim Peters, 2014 Layout Chairman. 216-402-8507

Train Shows and Open Houses –April 2011 thru May 2011

By Randy Dettmer

**Western Reserve Model RR Museum – Spring Open House – April 16 – 17 – 10AM – 6 PM**

7230 Justin Way, Mentor, OH



**Buckeye Model Trains & Railroad Artifacts Show – April 16 – 9 AM – 4 PM**

Ohio Expo Center, Lausche Building, Columbus, OH

**Rails of Ages, NMRA MCR 2011 Convention – April 28 – May 1**

The Lodge & Conference Center At Geneva-on-the-Lake, Geneva, OH

For details see web site at [www.RailsOfAges.org](http://www.RailsOfAges.org)

**New York Central Historical Society – Annual Meeting – April 29 – May 1**

Albany Ramada Plaza Hotel, Albany, NY

For details see web site at <http://nycshs.org/convention.html>

**National Train Day Toledo – April 30 – 9:30 AM – 4 PM**

Toledo Amtrak Station, Dr Martin Luther King Jr Plaza, 415 Emerald Ave, Toledo, OH

Free admission

**Firelands Model Train & Toy Show – May 1 – 10 AM – 4 PM**

Erie County Fair Grounds, 3110 Columbus Ave, Sandusky, OH

\$4 admission, children 12 and under free with adult

**Ohio N-Scale Weekend – May 13, 14 & 15 (Central Ohio N-Trak)**

Franklin County Fairgrounds, Hilliard, OH

For details see web site at [www.centralohiontrak.org](http://www.centralohiontrak.org)

**Day Out With Thomas – May 21, 22, 27, 28, 29**

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

For details and tickets see web site at [www.cvsr.com](http://www.cvsr.com)

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## **Membership Report 4/6/2011**

**Active Members: Division 1 stands at 102**

**1 NEW MEMBER:**

**Norman Robinson                      Barberton**

**RENEWALS:**

Michael Bradley

William Duchae

James Hogue

David Huston

Sanford Jacobs

David McNeil

Richard Ramskugler

E Rantanes

George Sankey

Dennis Sautters

Sanford Sexton

Frederick Shape

Frank Williamson

**New Members to receive Division One Gift Packs**

**Norman Robinson**

**Packs will be mailed each month to new members along with a welcome letter from the Division**

**Special thanks to all those who have renewed their memberships and to the Members who have donated items to support the Membership Drive.**

**Larry Brown/Member Chair**

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