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Superintendent's Bulletin



So here we are, it's May already and the year is winding down on a upswing. In the next month we will be on a Facebook show with Road & Rail talking about the NMRA and the benefits of membership, Also we will be doing a second episode talking about the HO, N gauge and T-Trak modules.

With all the vaccines now available to everybody and Covid becoming an everyday thing, May should be our last Zoom meeting. June will be a short meeting before the picnic and in September I feel we should be able to go back to in person meetings. I will be hosting September and if we don't have volunteers for additional meetings we will go back to meeting at libraries.

There is also a three region convention coming up in May of 2022 that is now in the planning stages. We should have more information by the next meeting.

Ed. note see page 7

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2020 - 2021 Division 1 Events

May 16 - Zoom meeting online
All remaining Events to be determined.

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

Membership Report

Membership at this time stands at 78.

Kurt Sanders
Membership Chair

Bike Trail Benefits



A Wheeling & Lake Erie train led by four SD40-2's crosses the former Akron Canton & Youngstown trestle in Akron. The two lead locomotives were originally from the Milwaukee Road.

For about ten minutes before the official start of the April Zoom meeting bicycle trails were the topic of discussion. Kurt Sanders mentioned a trail on an abandoned section of the Pennsylvania Turnpike near Breezewood. Jim Peters stated how he has enjoyed the Towpath Trail near Peninsula. A few members stated that rail trails are easy riding grades are minimal. The conversation ended when the official meeting began.

The next day, while on a evening ride, the rumble of a Wheeling and Lake Erie train shuffling back and forth across the trestle just north of downtown Akron grabbed my attention. After a few quick snapshots my ride continued from the Towpath Trail to the Freedom Trail which runs along the former Erie main from Akron through Tallmadge and into Kent. Although no live trains were to be had, a single track still remains to remind the rider of the paths original use.

Northern Ohio has miles of rail trails and canal paths waiting to be explored. These former rights-of-ways are great places to gather modeling ideas, and if the timing is right, you might see a train.

Bruce Hukill

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
April 18, 2021

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order: 2:13 PM
- ~ By: Superintendent Bob Ashley, Jr.
- ~ Participants: 14
- ~ Location: Zoom

2. Clerk: Jeff Stone

- ~ Previous meeting minutes published in Peddler freight.
- ~ Motion to approve submitted, seconded by the body.

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley

- ~ Checking account balance \$6,850.69.
- ~ Module Fund balance \$1,913.37.
- ~ CD balance \$3,165.82.
- ~ Money Market balance \$10,015.38.
- ~ Total assets \$20,236.89.
- ~ Reimbursements: none.
- ~ Expenses: Website, \$205.86.
- ~ Inventory: 44 HO-scale gondolas, 16 N-scale box car 2-pack, 3 HO-scale Jaite Station, 14 N-scale Jaite Station, 4 projectors, various clothing, and a box of volunteer t-shirts.
- ~ Motion to approve submitted by Steve Zapytowski, seconded by the body.

4. Superintendent: Bob Ashley, Jr.

- ~ Today's guest speaker MIA.
- ~ Guest speaker has a Facebook program on Tuesdays, called Tuesday Talking Trains.
- ~ Wants to feature representatives from the NMRA.
- ~ In May will broadcast from Bob Jr's layout with Sam, Kurt, and Mike operating the layout.
- ~ TBD when Bob Jr's garage clear, assemble modules for an episode.

5. Peddler Freight: Bruce Hukill

- ~ 11 mail copies sent each month.
- ~ Will start classified ads.
- ~ Requesting more tips and hacks, please!!
- ~ Deadline for articles, ads, etc April 26.
- ~ Civil Engineering next subject for AP.
- ~ Submissions may be held until they fit into page format.

6. Membership Committee: Kurt Sanders

- ~ Division 1 membership at 78.
- ~ Most folks that don't renew say they are stepping back due to Covid.
- ~ Suggested that we reach out when we resume live meetings.
- ~ Division 4 the only MCR Division with live meetings.

7. Clinic Committee: Jim DiPaola: No report.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst: No report.

9. Module Committee: Bob Ashley, Jr.

- ~ Next module set ups My Hope show November 6, Youngstown January 9, other fall shows are set.

10. Old Business:

- ~ Outdoor pavilion cost, no report.

11. New Business:

- ~ Facebook Group. The Division FB page has been dormant for a while. Jim DiPaola will take over as chairman/administrator. Jim Peters will assist.

12. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Lloyd Horst showed off a motive power acquisition from the Medina show.
- ~ Bob Ashley Sr. reported he bought a GS-4, Athearn SD-80, and a BLI streamlined K-4. All run well.
- ~ Steve Zapytowski progress report on the Rope Factory project as well as the trials and tribulations of scale rope coils, super glue, and brass tubing. Steve also presented his method of jigs and use of craft cutter to construct rafters for the building.
- ~ Jim Peters led a tour of his layout featuring a live drive in movie theater.
- ~ Sam Eisele showed off his orange grove and latest machinery creation.
- ~ Bob Ashley Sr. reported on reproducing LBF flatcars from scratch.

13. Good of the Order/Announcements:

- ~ Bob Ashley Sr. reports that Hill Top Hobby Shop is back in business at 2508 Triplett Blvd.

14. Adjournment:

- ~ Motion to adjourn submitted and seconded by the body
- ~ Time: 3:30 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone,
 Clerk, Division 1

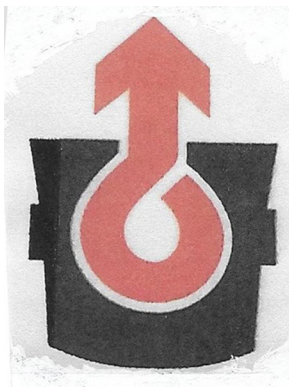
N-Scale Report



Above is the sky board for Ken Cefaratti's latest NTrak Module that was started in February of 2020, but lack of train shows delayed completion. The bottom of the sky board has trees, barns and a water tower which are in the distant. The clouds and structures placement and sizes are based on an actual photograph.

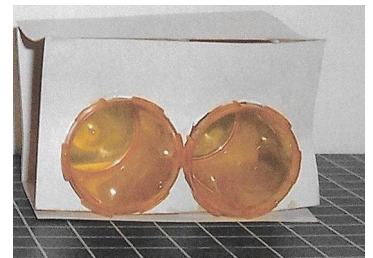
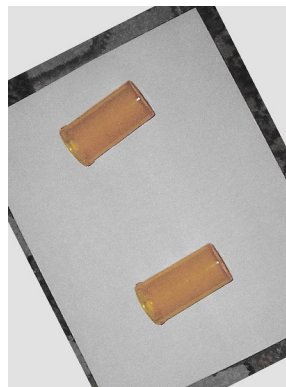
April 20 - Model Train Technology announced their Precision Detection which works for all scales under any light conditions and appears to work on green laser system. It may be worth a look at www.ModelTrainTechnology.com.

The author and Kurt Sanders have been working on Youngstown Sheet and Tube Coil wrappers (right) or the Youngstown club and this should result in some N scale wrappers this summer like the one shown below.



Junk Box Culvert is being made from two pill bottles and some cardboard. The finished unit shown still needs work, it must be squared with filler, paint and a sub road-bed added. This is an attempt to build a structure from the past when I had no funds for model railroading

Don Bonk
 NRail Chair



Online Modeling Resources

by Jeff Stone

As the pandemic and seclusion of members wears on, I'm sure a certain percentage of us have been exploring various railroad topics on line. The information found on line is incredible, and many railroad groups have been utilizing it to the fullest. I have a few modest examples to share...

First up is the **Pennsylvania Railroad Technical and Historical Society**. The Society's mission is to further scholarly learning and interest in the Pennsylvania Railroad (PRR) and its predecessor companies by stimulating and encouraging the collecting, researching, recording and preserving of all technical, historical and practical information concerning the PRR and to make this information available to interested persons. And to further the accurate modeling of the PRR so that future generations may better appreciate and understand the company.

They have a new website and can be found at www.prrths.org. There you can find their excellent quarterly E-zine the Keystone Modeler by clicking on the "Keystone Modeler" tab. The legacy website, www.prrths.com is still running, and there you will find electronic version of their quarterly magazine The Keystone. You will find the link for their society published books at the legacy site as well. They do not sell models in the company store. You don't need to be a member to view the Keystone Modeler, however regular Membership is \$40 annually and you will receive:

- > Four Issues of our Keystone Magazine
- > Member discounts on books and back issues of the Keystone in the store
- > Registration at the annual meeting at the member rate
- > Access to members-only content on the web site (to be added throughout 2021)
- > Access to the member directory so you can find nearby members and members with similar interests

The **New York Central Historical Society** is found easily enough at www.nycshs.org. The New York Central System Historical Society (NYCSHS) was organized in March 1970. The vision of the NYCSHS is to be the preferred source of information and products relating to the New York Central System. The Mission of the NYCSHS is to perpetuate the legacy of the New York Central System by acquiring and preserving its history, traditions, documents, and artifacts; and by disseminating accurate information and products consistent with good stewardship.

Click on the modeling resources tab you can access their on-line modeling magazine the NYCentral Modeler. The society has a company store named the Collinwood Shops which, of course, is accessible on-line. They have models, clothing, videos, and books. Probably the best stocked and the widest range of merchandise of all the RR historical societies. You don't need to be a member to view the NYCentral Modeler, but if so inclined, a basic membership is \$44 and entitles you to receive:

- > The quarterly Central Headlight magazine
- > Annual meetings with informative speakers, presentations and tours
- > Many NYC reference books and drawings available for purchase
- > A 20% discount on many of the items offered in the NYCSHS "Collinwood Shop"

They also have a facility in Brookpark where they are archiving NYC documents and papers.

Next up is the **Nickel Plate Historical and Technical Society** found at www.nkphts.org. The NKPHTS was founded to preserve the history of the New York, Chicago & St. Louis Railroad Company, commonly known as the Nickel Plate Road (NKP). From the website: "The Society is one of the oldest railroad historical organizations in the country, and today has over 800 members including authors, historians, photographers, railroad employees and officials, model railroaders, and railfans of all interests."

You can find their quarterly modeling E-zine the Modeler's Notebook and their E Newsletter on line by clicking the "Modeling" tab at the top of the screen. Like the New York Central group, they have an excellent Company Store which carries books to models! As usual, the modeling e-zine is free, while a membership is \$40 and includes these perks:

- > A subscription to the Nickel Plate Road Magazine (four great issues per year).
- > Members Only Monthly E-List Newsletter.
- > Membership in the online NKPHTS Members Forum.
- > The opportunity to talk or interact with other Nickel Plate members and modelers.
- > Discounted NKP models in the NKPHTS company store.
- > The NKPHTS Annual Convention.
- > The opportunity to join local NKPHTS chapters and build new friendships.

That's all for now, see you next month!

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
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The Peddler Freight will be highlighting the requirements for the AP awards needed to obtain Master Model Railroader status. This month we will look at Model Railroad Engineer - Civil. Steve Zapytowski has written a short article about his experience working toward the AP for Model Railroad Engineer - Civil. Following Steve's article are the requirements from the NMRA website.

The Achievement Program: Model Railroad Engineer - Civil by Steve Zapytowski

As mentioned in my article about the Master Builder – Structures AP certificate, there are a series of twenty-six articles about the Achievement Program on the NMRA website. These are excellent explanations for each segment or each category of the AP. You can find these articles at <https://www.nmra.org/masters-articles-updated-2009>.

An original scale drawing of a track plan is required for this certificate and this needs to show the overall size of the layout, the scale, track elevations, the radii of curves and turnout sizes. One of the

things to remember is that some of the requirements of this AP certificate are closely related to the Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical certificate. Having completed one of these two it makes sense to complete the other as some the requirements overlap. The track plan produced must be neat and legible, it does not need to be computer generated nor drawn in ink. (Figure 1) It's also worth looking at the Chief Dispatcher as decisions made in planning

a layout can affect your railroad's operation with respect to earning this certificate.

Railroads are in the business of transportation – they haul people and raw materials or products from one place

to another. The track plan needs to reflect this with respect to having adequate terminal facilities for both freight and passengers. Likewise, there must be adequate terminal facilities for the service and storage of motive power. The mainline must have at least one passing siding. There needs to be at least four switching locations apart from yards, interchanges, wyes,

and reverse loops. Typically, these are spurs where cars are set out or picked up, and these should have a logical purpose with respect to the operation of your railroad. Motive power needs a means of turning around such as a turntable, reverse loop, or wye. There must also be the ability to operate two mainline trains in both directions. The important thing to remember is that not all of this actually has to be built. It just needs to show on the plan.

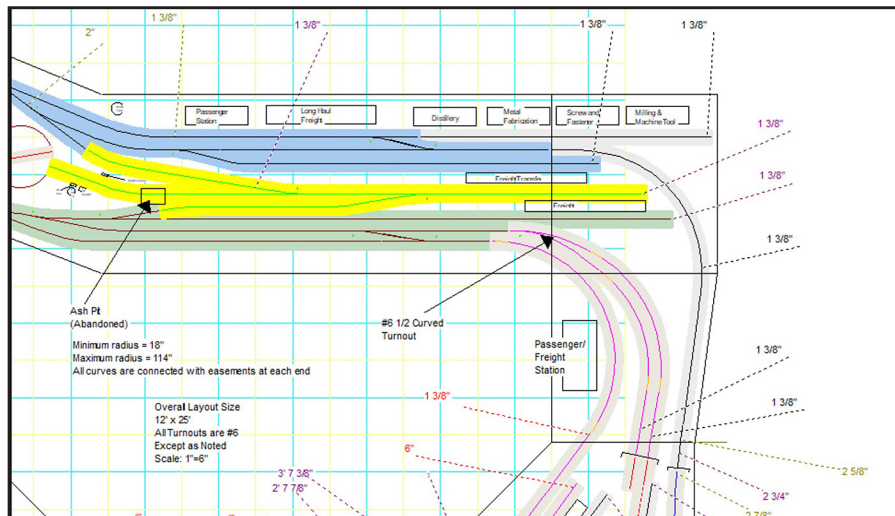


Figure 1: A portion of the track plan Steve submitted for the Civil Engineering AP.

While the entire plan need not be built, a completed portion of the model railroad and trackwork must be built and operation on it must be demonstrated. For example, in HO scale at least fifty linear feet of track representing the requirements listed above. The length of required trackwork is proportionate to the scale modeled. For example, only twenty-five feet of track is required for N scale. Remember that all operational track counts. This does not have to be fifty or twenty-five feet of mainline. This demonstration trackwork does need at least six of the items listed below:

- Passing Siding
- Crossover
- Simple Ladder (3 track min)
- Compound Ladder
- Transfer Table
- Simple Overhead Wire (Trolley)
- Compound Overhead Wire (Catenary)
- Scale Track
- Service Pit Track
- Loop

Next, prepare any three of the items listed below. These must be scratchbuilt and submitted for merit judging. Any frogs must be scratch built as commercial frog are not allowed. The proper operation of this trackwork must be demonstrated using a unit of motive power, pushing a unit through by hand is not permitted. An important point is that these do not have to be on your layout, they can be separate as mine were.

- Turnout
- Double Crossover
- Double Slip Switch
- Operating Overhead Wire
- Gauntlet Turnout
- Three-Way Turnout
- Gauge Separation Turnout
- Double Junction Turnout

- Spur
- Reverse
- Wye
- Turntable
- Super Elevation
- Ash Pit
- Cog Railway
- Coal Dump Track
- Grade Elevation

- Crossover
- Single Slip Switch
- Crossing
- Gauntlet Track
- Dual Gauge Turnout
- Spring Switch
- Spring Switch
- Other

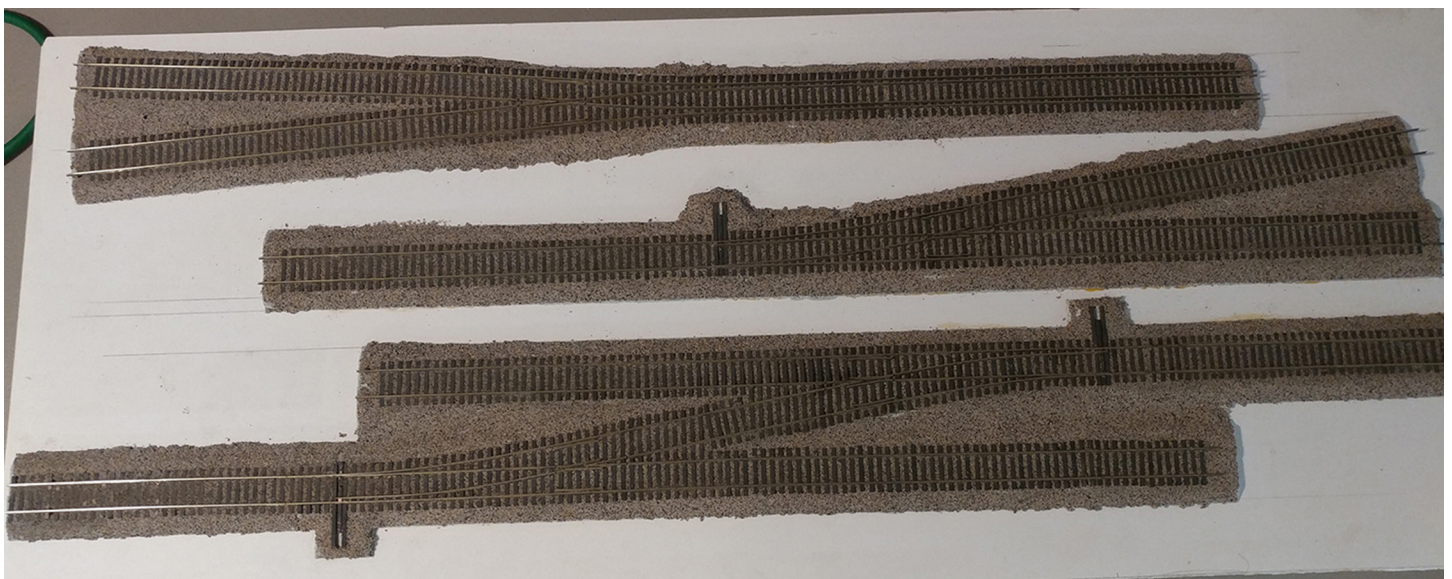
A merit award must be earned on the three items in table one. No other trackwork has to be judged, but it must be available for the judges to examine. The possible points available are forty for construction, twenty for detail, thirty for conformity, ten for finish and lettering, and twenty-five for scratchbuilding. These add up to a total of 125 possible points. A judge's score of 87 ½ points, or more, will result in a merit award. (Figure2)

After all of this don't forget to prepare the paperwork for your AP certificate. A "Statement of Qualification" and an "Evaluation Form" are needed.

These can be downloaded from the bottom of the page at <https://www.nmra.org/civil>. Then after judging don't forget to mail them to Lloyd Horst, our Division AP Chair.

Click above to link to original

Figure 2: The three items Steve built for judging. They are from top to bottom a gauntlet turnout, a simple straight turnout, and a crossover. All are wired for DCC operation. They were built using Fast Tracks Templates and laser cut ties using code 83 rail. They garnered 103 merit points in judging.



Zoom Invite

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86899968456?pwd=WUJSaThoYzFVUUtucmdvbWtmbnFOU09>

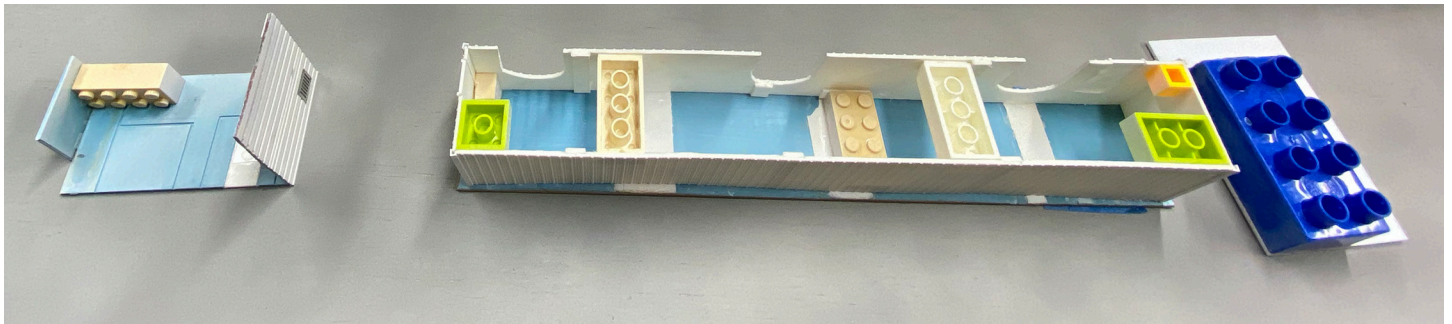
A Zoom invite will be emailed to all Division 1 members before the May 16 meeting.

Tips and Hacks

This month brings two tips from Sam Eisele:

"I find using glue dots (available at Hobby Lobby) very useful. They hold parts together for gluing. If doing a larger job I suggest calling Mike Bradley. He may not hold your parts as still, but the entertainment value is there watching him glue his fingers together or to your model. These dots are meant to be temporary and are removable... whereas Mike, NOT so much..."

Sam uses Lego building bricks as supports and when assembling structures. They also help with making corners square. Sam recommends lightly sanding the bricks prior to gluing to rough up the surfaces for a better bond.





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<https://www.facebook.com/indyjunction2022>

THIS MONTH'S MEETING
Sunday, May 16, 2021
Online via the Zoom App
2 PM

Feel free to snack during the meeting.

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Train Shows and Open Houses

Model Train Flea Market - May 8

Painesville RR Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission - Free (Donations Accepted) 10 AM - 3 PM

NYCSHS Train Show - May 11

Holiday Inn Cleveland South
6001 Rockside Rd Independence, OH 44131
Admission - FREE 10 AM - 3 PM

Model Train Flea Market - June 5

Painesville RR Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission - FREE 10 AM - 3 PM
Donations Accepted and Appreciated

Model Train Flea Market - July 11

Painesville RR Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission - FREE 10 AM - 3 PM
Donations Accepted and Appreciated

Wildwood Train Day - July 24

Wildwood Cultural Center
7645 Little Mountain Road, Mentor, Ohio 44060
Admission \$2.00 9 AM - 3 PM

Railroad Memorabilia Show - August 29

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

Mt. Hope Train & Toy Show - November 6

Mt. Hope Event Center, 8076 St. Rt. 241
Mt. Hope 44666 (for GPS use Millersburg, Oh 44654)
Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 4 PM

Div. 1 HO Modules will be running!

Editor note: As of May 1, 2021, per cleveshows.com, the above events are scheduled to be open unless noted.

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