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## Superintendent's Bulletin



Hello fellow model railroaders and welcome to a new season of more uncertainty than ever before. I hope everybody had a safe and healthy summer despite the Covid chaos going on around us.

As for Twyla and me, we have not been able to use our boat yet. We had a very busy May and June. The Title Bureaus were closed so Twyla spent some time in Virginia with the

kids and grandkids. The 4th of July weekend we were taking the boat over to the Beaver River for the summer and were involved in an accident. Nobody was hurt but the driver that rear ended the boat was at fault. So over a month later and a large insurance claim the boat is fixed. Let me say Geico was very easy to work with. So now that Labor Day is almost here it's time to go boating, for a couple weeks anyway.

So now that train season is here what's next? Do we put the mask on or do we take it off? One thing for sure is we are here and life goes on. It's up to us as a group, we can move forward using caution and continue to do what we have been doing or sit back and let the world pass us by.

By now you may know many of our favorite train shows have been canceled or are in jeopardy of being canceled, at least until the first of the new year. So now's our chance to use the monthly event to sell that item you don't want, or ask if somebody has that piece for which you have been looking.

To get this year started off I will be hosting the September Event on the 20th. There is plenty of room for social distancing, and as in June I will have masks available if you forget to bring yours. Let's get this year off to a good start with a good showing at the meeting.

See you there!

Bob Ashley, Jr., Superintendent  
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

## Layout Tours

Last spring in place of the annual layout tour, I broadcasted my layout using the Zoom app on the internet. It is a learning experience but not at all that difficult. I am guessing the greatest challenge is giving it a try if you are not crazy about new technology, especially in our age group. I am familiar with Zoom because I have taken online courses (Milan, Italy) and join in weekly with a local literature discussion group. I have even played pinochle with another couple and yes there is an app for that! What does this have to do with model railroading?

I am looking for volunteers to showcase their layouts online. Instead of having guests in your home, you would move around your layout and describe what we see. It can be interactive. We can ask each other questions or make comments. I would suggest once a month in place of our monthly events if they continued to be canceled. If our events resume, then I'd like to plan several online tours for the spring, only one 30-40 minute broadcast at a time, a contingency if we are still under Covid restrictions.

You probably heard by now that our international members have formed NRMAx, or virtual conventions quite often. Have you participated? It is quite phenomenal to visit layouts in Australia for example. They are at the forefront, broadcasting simultaneously on Facebook and Youtube. That takes special software to set up, but any NMRA member can tune in for free! You don't have to say anything. Grab a cup of Joe and sit back and watch trains for 12 hours in row or for the time you can afford. Anyway, let me know if you are interested in hosting a layout tour of your layout. Please email me as I do not see myself attending meetings just yet. Thanks.

Jim Peters, Layout Chair

### 2020 - 2021 Division 1 Events

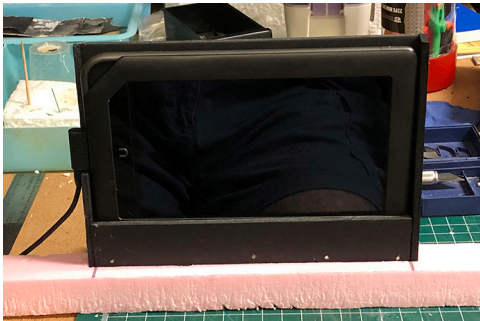
September 20 - Bob Ashley, Jr., Green  
All remaining Events to be determined.

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

# The Nook in the Nook: A CV-19 Project

To those of you who have had a chance to visit the LS&MJ RR, you may recall in the far corner all the way back on my layout I had a loop with mainline only. Well that has changed during our stay-at-home period. I had always planned to add a drive-in theater and would like to share some of the progress.

The first photo (right, top to bottom) shows the mainline loop and some recently added trackage, basically the area dedicated for the drive-in theater. Next, I encased the Nook, an eReader tablet from Barnes & Noble, into a Styrofoam base so I can easily remove and insert as needed for recharging of the battery. Nice! It works! Next, I built speaker posts and added tiny speakers of painted styrene scrap.



Then it was time for some details. I carved steps into the Styrofoam screen base, added railings, fencing,



trees and landscaping. (photos left, top to bottom) I finally was able to plant the tiny speaker posts using forceps. We can't forget the kids need to be entertained before the movie starts. I added a swing set inside the fenced-off area in a far corner.

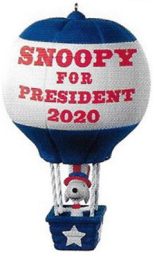
So far, you can just drive in without being stopped to purchase a ticket. The ticket booth is still on the work bench along with other future projects to complete the scene and area. I hope you enjoyed how I have

been passing the time! Share what you have done!

Jim Peters,  
CEO LS&MJ RR

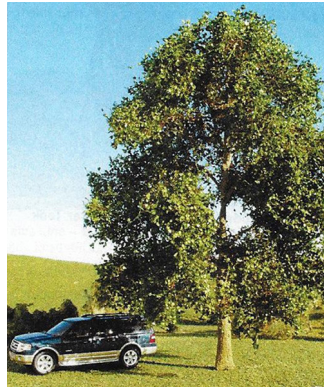
# N-SCALE REPORT

**It appears there may not be Train shows until 2021.** Have been checking with various groups and the few shows planned for the rest of this year have not been confirmed. Two sources indicated that obtaining event insurance is impossible. This means that the election year decoration shown left will probably not be displayed on the N-Scale Modules.



**The September/October N-Scale Magazine overall is a great read.** The New Products section illustrates fantastic trees by "Reynaud's Euro Imports" which are avail-

able in both N and HO as shown by Oak Tree photo at right. Also shown is "N Scale Enthusiast's" Westinghouse Depressed Center Flat Car w/ Gas Turbine Load. Based upon author's experience the turbine is great a model. Problem is I consider both expensive. A Transformer Load is also available similar to the one seen in Louisville this August.



**Rail Lines around Dover Dam** described in earlier PF are no longer in existence. Rode through the area the week of August 10th and after 25+ years found that the trestle over the Cumberland Road is gone as is the yard next



## Membership Report

With a lot of things still being shut down, and no train shows available for setting up the membership table, membership stands at 93.

Kurt Sanders  
Membership Chair

to Ohio route 212 and the rail line on the east end of the Dover Dam.

**Trainworld has been offering discounts** on "Classic Metal Works Vehicles." The one that was a must to have was the White motors "Carlings Black Label Beer" truck.



**Atlas Fall Catalogue** has been released and includes 59 pages of N thru O

Scale products including "N DIFCO dump cars," which have been out of production for about 4 years.

**The Cancellation of the 2020 N-Scale Convention** did not disrupt planning for the 2021 Convention in Reno, NV. It is scheduled for June 23-27, 2021.

Don Bonk  
NTRAK/T-TRAK Chair



## Request for Clinicians

The planning committee for the 2021 Mid Central Region Convention, The Northern Express, is looking for clinicians. We are looking for a variety of topics from prototype modeling, modeling methods, empire building, electronics, and well, you name it. Submitted clinics will be selected based on subject needs, timeliness, and the number of clinic slots.

The convention is being held at the Ambassador Center in Erie, Pennsylvania from May 20 through 23, 2021. The center will feature three well-lit clinic rooms with tables for clinicians and participants alike. The Ambassador was the site of our successful Mini-Meet last September, giving participants a chance to get a peek at our future convention center.

Contact Doug Sandmeyer at [dsandme@stny.rr.com](mailto:dsandme@stny.rr.com) for more information and the submission form. Visit the Northern Express website at

<https://www.div12mcr.org/northern-express/>.

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING**  
**Sunday, September 20, 2020**  
**Bob Ashley, Jr.**  
**3656 Shikellamy Dr.**  
**Akron, OH 44319**  
**2 PM**

**A sale table will be available.**  
**Please bring snacks to share.**

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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

## Train Shows and Open Houses

### Model Train Flea Market - September 26

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

### Medina Train and Toy Show - October 25

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

### TCA - Halloween Train Meet - October 31

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

### The Great Berea Train Show - October 3 - 4

Model Train Show NMEA #14  
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds  
19201 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130  
Adm. \$8.00 Sat 10 AM - 4 PM, Sun 10 AM - 4 PM

### The "How To's" of Building a Model Railroad - Nov. 7

Division 5 Layout Building - Open to Public  
Non-Members are welcome  
Painesville Railroad Museum, Painesville Depot  
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077  
Admission - **FREE** 10 AM - 3 PM

### 2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet - November 7

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130  
Admission \$6.00 9 AM - 2 PM

### Mt. Hope Train & Toy Show - November 7

Mt. Hope Event Center 10 St. Rt. 241  
Mt. Hope 44666 (for GPS use Millersburg, Oh 44654)  
Admission \$3.00 Under 12 FREE 10 AM - 4 PM

**Editor note:** As of Aug. 31, 2020, per [cleveshows.com](http://cleveshows.com), the above events are scheduled to be open unless noted.

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