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Did you read President Mike Brestel's "President's Car" article in the January 2007 Scale Rails? I thought he made some good points. If you haven't read it, get it out and read it.

He asks "Is the NMRA a social club?" He comes to the conclusion that we are a social club, but that we are NOT just a social club. Our Division is lucky in that we have regular meetings, some don't. Reviewing the attendance numbers in September and October, I see that we had more than 20 adults at each of those meetings. That is wonderful. Over 14 attended the early November layout tour, which isn't bad considering the distance and the interference with church services. I have been meeting members from everywhere in our Division. This is a great part of our hobby and our Division meetings.

Mike does say one thing that we often forget. *"One of the most important items on the agenda of your officers and board members is to drive the value of NMRA membership down to the local level."* That is part of my job as Superintendent. We have a handicap in that we cover ten counties. It's a great deal of territory. We have been trying to hold meetings in different areas of the Division. Last year we went to the Youngstown Club and to Wooster for meetings. We are going to be at the Sebring Club this month. We have a meeting in Portage County scheduled for June. We are trying to get around to afford more distant members the opportunity to attend a meeting that is more local for them. I'd love to hold meetings in each of the counties we serve. I believe this

is one way we can bring the NMRA down to the local level.

Assistant Superintendent Ron Wigal has asked to head a Membership Committee. I think that is a wonderful idea and will strongly support his efforts. We need to build the membership in the Division. Ron has the type of demeanor to work with new members and get them involved.

As an NMRA Division we need to remember that we have a responsibility to the hobby to support NMRA, but that what we really need is to make model railroading fun.

David

Visit our web site at: www.trainweb.org/division-1-mcr-nmra/index.html

ROSTER OF MEMBERS

At the October meeting, a motion was made to provide all members of Division 1 with a roster. I have no details about the motion, as nothing was reported in the minutes except that such a motion was made. However, I have begun working on such a roster for all NMRA members of Division. Not having done this before, nor seen this done, I put the question of making such a roster to the Regional Board of Directors.

The Membership Chair of the Region said that to his knowledge no Division had produced a roster. He related that he was required to sign a paper stating that he would not give out the names and information about the Regional membership to anyone who did not have the right to see that information; namely only to Supers, Asst. Supers and Editors.

Discussion around the room from Editors & Supers, indicated that this could be a violation of the rights of the NMRA members in the Division. It was strongly suggested that EACH member be given the right to have himself/herself included or excluded from such a published roster. It was further stressed that the roster was NOT to be used by anyone, nor given to anyone, for the purpose of contacting the member by profit or non-profit businesses.

With that said, I reviewed my actions concerning the last "Membership Report" where I posted names and towns. While not a big violation, it might be considered to be unwise. You may note that there are no town names in this month's report.

With all of this said, to continue on with the production of a Division 1 Roster, we will need to set up a committee which will produce the required permission from members to publish a roster. Permission by default, that is, "if you don't answer we will include your name" is NOT permission. You must get the permission to publish from the individual.

Since more than twenty-five people voted for this roster, it will be a topic for discussion at the January meeting.

David

At the September meeting those present voted to send the Peddler Freight to all NMRA members in Division 1 from September 2006 through June 2007.

November Layout Tour

About 14 individuals toured Dean Freytag's and Ken Heyl's layouts. I think everyone was amazed at what can be done with skill in scratchbuilding like Dean's and with space and imagination like Ken's.

When we tour these layouts again, and I hope we will, we shall try to set them up so that more people will have the ability to attend.

If you know of layouts we should tour in our Division or any other Division, let the officers know.

David

MEETING SCHEDULE 2006-2007

January 21	Sebring Club - Sebring
February 18	Whistle Stop - Cuyahoga Falls
March 18	Don Bonk - Louisville
April 22	Frank Williamson - Hudson
May 20	Bill Heylock - Hudson
June 17	Jim DiPaola - Ravenna

BRING & BRAG

January	NONE
February	Passenger Car - scratch, modified or multi-piece kit (not Athern-type)
March	Tank cars - scratch, modified, odd road name
April	Country-side/small town structures
May	Hoppers - scratch, modified, odd road name
June	Wrecked or damaged cars

The idea of B & B is for you to try building something new. However, we will not turn away previously built items. It is always good to see something to strive toward and previously built items do just that thing.

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A LIFETIME OF MODEL RAILROADING

Did you ever look back to the first time you remember trains? I was born in Bellevue Ohio in 1938 and trains were all around us. When I was four or five, my dad took me to see a train wreck in the middle of town. The locomotive was lying on her left side and was breathing smoke and steam and it sticks in my mind as if it was today. It could have been the collision between the W & LE and the NKP in 1943.

By then I had my first Lionel train set, a 1688 Torpedo engine and cars. We moved to Akron before the end of WW II. Dad went to Riedel's train store in Cleveland and bought a Lionel O-72 M-10000, City of Portland train set. We didn't have any track since the war had shut down production. So, my dad made the track using aluminum strips and wood ties. It filled our 11' x 23' recreation room. Mom decided for us that either she or the O-72 had to go. She won.

I bought a Lionel 0-4-0 switcher and a 6-8-6 steam turbine in 1949. After building and adding scenery to two O-27 layouts my buddy at Coventry High School sold me his collection of Varney HO trains in 1954. It was time to tear down the old layout. I sold my 0-4-0 switcher so I could buy a boat and motor. That launched a series of boats. My sixth boat is on Lake Erie, now.

In the meantime, my son, Bob, Jr., was helping me to build our present HO layout. It is unfinished, has brass track and hand built turnouts. We never got past just running trains on three continuous main lines. The yard is full of cars and engines, but, I never got around to making it operational. He learned a lot about AC and DC electricity and went on to use that knowledge in his career. I have added Digitrax DCC to the control panel so I have the best of both worlds.

Bob's son, Robby, is following in his footsteps as well. My youngest grandson, Patrick, was introduced to trains when he was eighteen months old at the Voris street grade crossing, in Akron, in 2002. He is up to his eyeballs with Thomas the Tank Engine wooden trains. His O gauge Thomas is put away for a surprise for his sixth birthday.

I have been volunteered for the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad by my wife who said 24/7 was driving her crazy, after I retired in May 2002. Working with the CVSR as a Trainman and a Brakeman has helped to round out my hobby. I now know all about the hard work that Railroaders must endure. Maybe I will make Conductor, someday.

My wife models in Z and N gauges. I model in HO & O and also like to say "full size" just for the fun of it. We have enough trains, still in the boxes, to supply a hobby shop. We joined the NMRA at the Philadelphia show last July. We have met many new friends and enjoyed the visits to Coshocton and Ashland. Meeting Dean Freytag and attending his seminar at Nick's Train Supply was very good. He is a true Icon.

Robby has joined me in attending the operating sessions at Dave Hazlett's and Dave Boehm's homes. Now, his dad, Bob, Jr., wants to attend, too. Robby has joined the NMRA and maybe his dad will, soon. We are a railroad family. It is time to stop buying trains and let's finish the layout and maybe use more of the basement. **Time is running out!**

Bob Ashley, Sr., NMRA 136207

MEMBERSHIP REPORT

Membership is at 95 for Division 1. I want to thank the following for their membership renewals:

October - Robert Anelli, Don Bonk, Robert Gurdak, Robert Hixenbaugh, John Lane, Jim Mima, Sally Mima, Jim Pope, Mary Lou Rice, George Sankey, Ron Wigal.

November - Don Deakins, Robert Farkas, Philip Novak, Kenneth Orchard, E. Rantanes, Edwin Welch, Cheryl Welch, Dan Williams.

December - William Hewitt, Al Klamert, David McPeck, Ralph Miller, LeRoy Reeves.

New Members - Donald Avila, Randy Fleet and Donald Nelson.



Division 1 - MCR- NMRA
Meeting Minutes - Oct 15,2006
Coshocton Model RR Club

Meeting was called to order by Asst. Super. Ron Wigal at 2:20 PM. 27 adults in attendance with family members and friends. Thanks was extended to the Coshocton club for hosting our meeting and to view their accomplishments.

A discussion was held about the advantages of joining the NMRA and Ron passed out flyers on membership and other information on various events.

Supers. Report given by Ron indicating NMRA membership in Division 1 is holding steady at 94. The Super. Has been fielding phone calls and emails from possible members.

Treasurer's Report also given by Ron was voted on to accept and passed.

A short discussion was held on the upcoming Nov. layout tours on the 5th.

Larry Olsen volunteered to fill the February 18 meeting slot that was open. (*See Meeting Schedule elsewhere in the P.F. Ed.*)

Regional and National meeting dates were discussed.

A discussion ensued about a Roster and what form it should take and how much information should be included.

There was a discussion regarding the Bylaws concerning NMRA members versus non NMRA members voting rights at meetings. Nothing resolved. Ron Wigal to check on specifics. (*Go to our web site and read the Bylaws. Ed.*)

Motion to adjourn at 3:15 PM.

Respectfully Submitted
Dianne Bates
(As a favor to Ron)

Following our tour of the Coshocton Club and the meeting many people then traveled to Dick McCloy's to "ride-the-rails". A GREAT time was had by all who went. His trestle is about 50% complete with 100% completion by Thanksgiving 2006.

Thanks to all who brought snacks and food to feed the hungry train riders. A SPECIAL NOTE: Chuck Boyer upgraded his ride to the Dining Car as he enjoyed his pie while "riding -the-rails".

Thanks to Dick and the group for another enjoyable afternoon and early evening.

Blue Jacket Ship Crafter's in Maine have ship models and castings in HO and N for your seaport diorama, check out the web site at www.bluejacketinc.com.

Designing that First Layout

Bob Fink MMR
Division 3 - MCR

After seeing the magnificent layouts on the August Bus Tour I'm convinced that anyone can build a great layout if they set their sights right. With all the new scenery materials and techniques along with the track components and controls available it's well within your grasp. As Dean Freytag says "the average layout now days seems to have scenery made by God". A far cry from the old days when everything had to be made from scratch and information was scarce.

The starting step is to get into "*layout design*" and not confuse it with track planning. Sometimes people get confused and start off wrong. The result is frustration. Here's the difference. Layout planning is where you should access your desires. Are you interested in running through trains, making up and switching trains, short line or Class 1 railroad? Seeing and operating on other pikes is a good way to find out what pleases YOU.

Most folks then pick a real railroad to model while the rest just develop a "freelance" pike that "could have been". That choice will set your design in motion. The real planning is getting the elements of a railroad that you want to incorporate firmed up.

"*Track planning*" only starts after the general outline of your design has been formed. In the old days we tried to fit as much track as we could into the room.

There were even contests in the model press to see who could fit the most track in a given space. But that's not what it is all about. My objective here is to get you to think about building a realistic model railroad like the ones you see around us. It's not that difficult.

I'll leave you with a couple of model railroad myths exploded:

1. The "great" layouts you see in the magazines and around here came out that way right from the start. NOPE! They evolved so don't be afraid to get started for fear your first design won't be perfect.
2. You have to analyze and research a prototype for years so that your layout will be perfect before you start building. BUNK! Lot's of folks are still researching when they could be having the fun of layout building and they could be into the real fun of realistic operation.

Most of us in Division 3 started by joining a work group with other builders and it became an operating layout and crew. It still works. We will publicize work groups to join and operating groups if you let us know. Why not place a "want ad" in the "Call Board" for folks to start a "work group". We can still do that if you let us know. If you need to get your operating group enlarged, we can do that too. We're here to help you get started.

YOU take it from there.

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While the above article appeared in the Division 3 "Call Board" there is no reason we can't be of the same service to Division 1 members. So let me know what your needs are and we will place your ad information in the "Peddler Freight".

Eli Rantanen writes . . .

A nice small industry is a plant for making table salt. No Salt mine is needed. There is a salt vein running from Charleston, WV on up to this area and on into Canada. A well is drilled down to the salt vane and water is pumped into the cavity and brine results. In the prototype I researched the brine well is 2-3 miles from the plant. The brine reaches the plant by means of an 8 inch pipe line. The pipe can be above ground

or under ground... after all . . . "It's your salt works". The brine passes through a heat exchanger and some of the water is removed. The remainder of the brine goes into another room where a rather large wheel is located. The wheel has a fine wire mesh on it's outer periphery. A vacuum of 2-3 inches(hg) is maintained on the inner portion of the wheel. The wheel rotates within the brine and the salt is held against the screen. A larger blade scrapes off the salt just before that part of the wheel reenters the brine.

Shipping out of the plant can be by dry transfer rail car, by semi or be smaller grocery related trucks.

Any other ideas you want to share????

Write to me . . . **Editor 2786 Mansard Lane,
Akron OH 44312-5393.**

Who's Who in Division 1

Several NMRA members have been attending our 3rd Sunday of the month meetings and layout tours. Our attendance has grown from 10 or 12 to 21 or 25 at each meeting. What a great opportunity to meet other model railroaders and share opportunities to learn as well as to teach others what or how things are done.

There are about 95 NMRA members in Division 1. Many of these railroaders support the Division by subscribing to the Peddler Freight. As the Editor, I appreciate their support and I want to recognize our subscribers.

Bob Ashley	Portage Lakes
William Bigler	Canton
Carl Boltz	Akron
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Thank you all for subscribing to the Peddler Freight. The more subscribers the more ideas we will have for articles and also a wider variety of interests. I would like to see more of you subscribe. But I'm grateful to those who do subscribe.

Bill Smith, Editor

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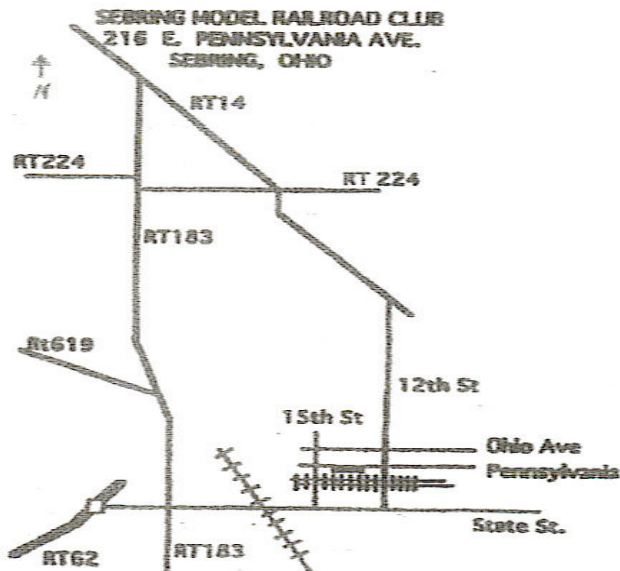
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January Destinations - Sunday, January 21, 2:00 PM

On Sunday, January 21, 2007 at 2 PM we will meet at the Sebring Model Railroad Club at the Sebring Station, 216 Pennsylvania Avenue, Sebring OH.

This is always a good trip to see what may be new there and what ideas may be borrowed for a layout of your own. The group is congenial and very helpful. You are also likely to see some trains go roaring by as we are at the Sebring Station.

Please bring extra snacks to share with our Hosts.

New Owners – New Attitude – New Inventory

Everything is new at the **Whistle Stop Hobby Shop** on the Front Street Mall in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio. The only thing the same is the address.

In getting acquainted with Kevin Hess & his father John it became evident we are on the horizon of some new & great things here. They want us involved.

Kevin has education & experience in business as a background that enables him to take this business to new heights. These guys, Kevin & John, have been involved with this hobby for years and when they became owners of the **Whistle Stop** last year it enabled Kevin to further develop his management skills as a business & warehouse manager.

John, Kevin's father introduced Kevin to trains, trolleys & street cars many years ago. It became obvious Kevin had a special interest in models of all types & it is with him to this day.

Today, the **Whistle Stop** emphasis, although they have planes, rc/cars & model kits, is extremely involved with trains of all sizes. Balsa & Bass wood, scenic material, an extensive paint line, buildings, people and track are stocked for the hobbyist.

Kevin & Father John invite any one, and every one, interested to stop in and see what has changed and what's about to change. "When we became the new owners here last year it was imperative that we totally realign, revamp & review everything including our priorities, our customers, our products and our vision for tomorrow" says Kevin. That resulted in many changes precipitated by much evaluation, work and a trip to meet new manufacturers & distributors at the I-Expo in Chicago.

Kevin States that, "The **Whistle Stop** has a new philosophy in that we are unlike ever before dedicated to the thoughts, ideas & needs of our customers regardless of their hobby of choice. If your train runs well as DC/analog Great, so do ours. Thinking about DCC? So are we. NCE, MRC or Digitraxx, we have

them and stock parts for most manufacturers systems". Kevin says "We are hosting Walthers clinics, air brush sessions using enamels, acrylics & pastels for weathering will be here soon".

"A major addition is the promotion of our layout construction on the lower level for customers, friends and responsible modelers". Kevin adds "that this layout as well as our store is for fun & enjoyment of hobbyists of all types. We foster that camaraderie factor to make this an enjoyable experience for everyone".

"Should that attitude ever change, John & I are so involved we will quickly get things back on track. Our commitments to Walthers, Kadee, Woodland Scenic, Bachmann, Athern, Lionel & a host of others are sincere. Stop in & we'll talk about your plans. We'll both be glad you did".

To better demonstrate our involvement with you, The **Whistle Stop** is offering everyone who shows proof of membership in the N.M.R.A (National Model Railroad Assoc.) a 10% discount on their purchase (excludes specially reduced prices) regardless of hobby choice. We want people to know there are benefits to joining us in the N.M.R.A.

The **Whistle Stop** is additionally donating cash certificates to be awarded by Division #1 to encourage you the customer to get to know us....All of us - The Whistle Stop, the NMRA and Division 1.

It will be a pleasure to support Kevin & John Hess at the **Whistle Stop**. They are serious about their business, this "THE WORLD'S GREATEST HOBBY".

Ron Wigal
Ass't. Superintendent

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My New Efforts

It has become obvious that I have not been too involved with you, our members, lately because... because...I don't know why. I had this fancy title but other than substituting as a temporary Clerk, I was doing little else. That's about to change. I have requested the opportunity to chair our committee to build membership, even though it may be a committee of 1.

New things are soon to follow with our people and especially the addition of our host hobby shop, The Whistle Stop in Cuyahoga Falls, OH. They have joined the NMRA and sincerely want to be involved to whatever extent they have time, given the fact they are open 7 days a week. If all it takes is a commitment to time. . . they win. However, we all know there is much more to it than that. They are committed and so are we. I am very excited about the prospects here. We as a group have never been there before. It's important to know that we must first plant these seeds of involvement before we can expect any growth. I am not talking tons of time, here but we all have in one form or another something to contribute. I will be contacting you personally and directly to seek your help in various ways. Many new things are about to surface which will allow us the luxury of growth without imposing on any ones personal time.

An area of interest of mine has been to involve others who are indirectly involved already, namely spouses and children of NMRA members. These people are somewhat familiar already with what you are involved in. Just as you are with them, the children will appreciate involvement with you the parent or grandparent. Lets talk about a little redirection of efforts into something that I guarantee you will be very much fun if not great.

How about an NMRA Open House? If you come and our current content, guest speaker or brief program is not of interest to you, let us know, or leave. We'll try something else.

How about you as a spouse demonstrating your ability to write about how this hobby may have impacted your life indirectly? I'd love to hear about that and

certainly some others might as well.

If your not a hobbyist, how about demonstrating your ability to fix your special recipe for one of our monthly meetings? Need a microwave?...I'll have it there for you.

Maybe you could get me the name of your local retirement village activity coordinator. I am a speaker volunteer (called Ambassador) for Kalmbach Publishing ... nothing fancy here just a volunteer for free. Why? Because I enjoy sharing information with people who want to know a little about different things. We all want to know things. Let's talk. It's just that simple.

Our retirees have interests and needs just as every one does. They just might be a little space challenged. We have a plan for that. You volunteer at local hospitals. How about with us? We are no different. We just want to see and talk to you like normal people. It doesn't matter what the venue wether crochet, cross stitch or model railroading or the latest John Grisham book.

If you haven't figured it out yet what we are talking about here is ...people. Some of you even volunteer at the local grocery just to meet people and stay active. Give us a chance to draw on your life's experiences. We'd like to hear what you have to say.

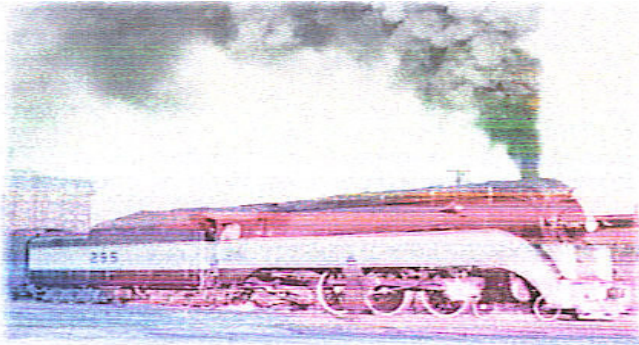
You'll feel better for doing it and we will all learn something. I guarantee it !

I'll be in touch ... I hope you will as well.

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I will be glad to accept articles of interest if you have a desire to write one. Send to the Peddler Freight address on the mailing page or attach it to an email to encore88@aol.com

Editor



The South Wind MCR Convention Early Registration Form

Louisville, Kentucky
April 12-15, 2007

Hosted by Division 8, MCR, NMRA

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Registration Total			

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