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## Superintendent's Message



If you were not aware, our advertisement for our N-scale project cars appeared in the latest NMRA magazine. Unfortunately, the editorial staff at the NMRA magazine made a big error. They indicated in the advertisement that the cars were HO scale!

The editorial staff has been contacted at the NMRA magazine. A corrected advertisement will appear in the June issue with a half page advertisement. Thank you for Betty Hazlett, Don Bonk, and Jim DiPola for your efforts to bring this error to light.

It is getting close to the end of the 2015-2016 meeting season. We need meeting venues. If you have an interest in holding a meeting or have a venue suggestion please let me know.

This month we will meet at Mike Bradley's in Rootstown, OH. See you there!

Randy Dettmer  
Superintendent  
NMRA MCR Div 1

## Clinic Report

### Clinic Report

Our thanks go to Bob Orlando for offering and presenting a clinic on LEDs in model railroading. He provided the following websites for LEDs and Neon wire shrink wrap:

MCM Electronics  
Neon Lighting  
Amazon  
EBAY  
Walthers

www.MCMElectronics.com  
www.Coolneon.com  
www.Amazon.com  
www.ebay.com  
www.walthers.com

This month Mike Bradley will be presenting a clinic on MOW trucks. We will conclude in June with a clinic on the Touch Screen Control Panel by Steve Zapytowski. Do you have a clinic you would like to present? Contact me so I can secure you a spot on next year's calendar.

Jim Peters  
Clinician Chair



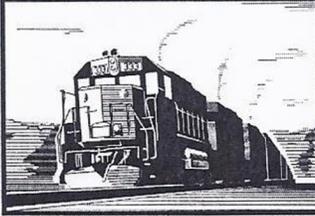
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### 2015 - 2016 Division 1 Meetings

May 15 - Mike Bradley - Rootstown  
June 19 - Larry Brown - Ravenna

6th Year

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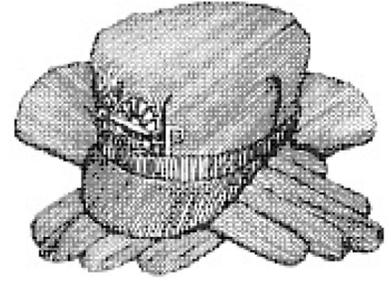
Western Oregon Circa 1900 to 1910 — HO and HO N3





## Achievement Program

Thank you Don Avila for signing Jim William's Golden Spike Application Form. The application was sent off to Frank Koch, MCR AP Chair. Mr. Koch does accept attachments of the GS application form directly from members, just do not forget to have an NMRA witness. As always, if you have any questions, just contact me.  
Jim Peters, AP Chair



## Convention News

### **Highball to Indy** - 2016 NMRA Convention, Indianapolis, IN, July 3 - 10, 2016

The convention and train show will be held in downtown Indianapolis where quite a few attractions, sports arenas, museums, shopping and restaurants are within walking distance of the convention hotel. Let your family members know these opportunities exist - they wish to join you at the convention. Registration for the Westin Hotel is now open. Check out the *Highball to Indy*, 2016 website for further information: [www.nmra2016.org](http://www.nmra2016.org)

### **Rails to the Capital** - 2016 MCR Convention, held in Columbus, OH, April 28 - May 1, 2016. Many excellent clinics were presented by talented NMRA members.

Division 1 was well represented in the photo contest with multiple awards. Check next month's Peddler Freight for an update on the award winners.

## Module Report

I'm writing this report from The Villages, FL. I have four sets of N-scale project cars with me and will be offering them for sale at The Villages Model Railroad Club. They are into NTRAK and HO modules. Look them up on YouTube. [4/28/2016: I attended the meeting and sat through a wonderful clinic on programming CV's. The clinician used a Samsung Note 6 mounted on a tripod to view the tabletop which had his laptop computer, programming track, locomotive, CV chart and lights. This setup was connected to a DVR and an Epson projector. This was projected onto a large screen and was clearly visible to everyone. We had about 50 members in the room; most of them had no money with them. However, one member, formerly from Akron OH, was a member of the AC&Y, and jumped through his shoes to make sure he got a set of the cars. I expect the others will order from the order forms. So, one set sold.]

We are looking for new venues and locations to set up and operate the modules. Please ask anyone who wants a module display to call me or anyone below. The NTS 2016 is the only show scheduled for the next year.

I helped Dave Maddon move his big modules to his basement. He will have a great yard, when finished. He hopes to tie in to the end of the fiddle yard. That will improve the flow in and out of the fiddle yard.

As soon as Bob, Jr. gets his boat ready to launch, we are going to setup the modules in his garage. We will be ringing the bugs out of the layout and preparing them for NTS 2016. Due to reoccurring problems with the curved turnouts used in the crossover on the right end loops, we are replacing them with new turnouts. The used Shinohara turnouts that were used had old technology and caused shorts. Once they were installed, they could not be removed to correct the problems. We hope to complete that in May. The new control system functions very well. Bob hopes to get the computer and modem hooked in so we can, also, operate from smart phones.

We are hoping that we can find a way to include the left end passenger loops, possibly by using a t-module. I need to know who will be able to go to Indianapolis and participate. If you have a module, but, cannot go, we would like to use your module at the event. We will be adding more scenery to our existing modules.

We welcome everyone to use our throttles, engines and rolling stock. If you have equipment that you want to run, bring it. It must be DCC ready and we can help program a new locomotive to get you started. If we can get you to do that, we hope to convince you to join us regularly. We are looking for new ideas. Those who build a 4' x 2' module with scenery, which is eight square feet minimum, can apply for the "Golden Spike" and other AP awards.

The Division portion of the 50-50 raffle is placed in the module fund. This fund is shared with the HO and Ntrak groups as needed for division owned equipment. Privately owned modules and equipment are the responsibility of the owner. All request for funds are to be presented to the Module Chairman.

Let's try to be generous and spend \$5.00 for six 50-50 raffle tickets instead of \$1.00 for one ticket. Your generosity in funding the Division 1 Module Group is appreciated.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or [rashleysr@msn.com](mailto:rashleysr@msn.com) HO, N & Z scales

Jim Williams, Asst. Module Chairman, 330-966-5477 or [jamestwilliams46@yahoo.com](mailto:jamestwilliams46@yahoo.com) HO & N scales

Don Bonk, NTRAK, 330-418-6860 or [donaldbonk@gmail.com](mailto:donaldbonk@gmail.com) N scale

## DIVISION 1 CONTEST - Billboard boxcar/reefer - April Category

### CURRENT STANDINGS

#### STANDARD KIT

Mike Bradley - 18 pts  
 Glenn Yoder - 7 pts  
 Jim Peters - 5 pts  
 Bob Ashley, Jr. - 2 pts  
 Don Bonk - 2 pts

#### CRAFTSMAN KIT

Matt Woods - 9 pts  
 Don Avila - 6 pts  
 Don Bonk - 3 pts  
 Bruce Hukill - 2 pts

#### KIT - BASHED

Mike Bradley - 20.5 pts  
 Matt Woods - 12 pts  
 Sam Eisele - 5.5 pts  
 Ray Lora - 5 pts  
 Josh Cohen - 3 pts  
 Bob Ashley Jr. - 2 pts  
 Jim Peters - 2 pts  
 Bruce Hukill - 1 pt

#### SCRATCH BUILT

Frank Williamson - 6 pts  
 Matt Woods - 5 pts  
 Josh Cohen - 3 pts  
 Steve Zapytowski - 2 pts



**1st Place - Standard Kit  
Mike Bradley**

**1st Place - Craftsman Kit  
Matt Woods**



**2nd Place - Standard Kit  
Mike Bradley**



**2nd Place - Craftsman Kit  
Ray Lora**

**THIS MONTH'S CONTEST  
CRITTERS  
(weird little locos such as Plym-  
outh, shopbuilt,  
GE, etc. under 44 tons)**

### WANTED: CONTEST CHAIR

I would like to pass the job of Contest Chair to a new person.

The Chair would be responsible for maintaining the records of the participants in the contest, having pictures of the entries and providing these items to the Peddler Freight Editor. The Chair would also be responsible for certificates given to the winners and for selecting the contest topics for the 2017-2018 contest, since the topics for the 2016-2017 contest topics are the responsibility of the current Chair.

Please let me know if you are interested in this position. This position counts toward your Volunteer Certificate in the NMRA Achievement Program.

David Hazlett, Contest Chair  
 dhazlett1@neo.rr.com

### CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2016-2017

#### 2016

SEPTEMBER - Flat car with load  
 OCTOBER - Freight or Passenger Depots (could include the Jaite Station)  
 NOVEMBER - Wood-Chip cars

#### 2017

JANUARY - Snow Fighting Equipment  
 FEBRUARY - I got this at a Flea Market and this is what I did with it. (Maybe something you got at our November Flea Market)  
 MARCH - Large (45+ feet) Billboard Covered Hopper Car  
 APRIL - Servicing facilities - Steam or Diesel  
 MAY - Passenger or Business Car

**Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes**  
**April 17, 2016**  
**Host: Nils Sundberg, Rob's Trains – Alliance, OH**

- I. **Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 2:05 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Nils Sundberg for hosting the meeting. The contest today is Billboard box car or reefer car. Next month's contest is Critters.
- II. **Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 2016 minutes as printed in the April 2016 Peddler Freight. The motion passed.
- III. **Treasurer:** Report given by Treasurer Mike Bradley. Balances in the CD and checking account, income and expenses were presented to the membership A motion was made and seconded to accept Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion passed.
- IV. **Membership:** Larry Brown reported that we currently have 101 members in Division One.
- V. **Committee Reports:**
  - A. **Clinics** – Today's clinic is on LED's and presented by Bob Orlando of MCR Division 4.
  - B. **AP** – See Jim Peters for AP questions.
  - C. **Peddler Freight** – David Hazlett gave the report on the costs of printing and mailing the March 2016 Peddler Freight. Bruce Hukill is the new Peddler Freight editor. David and Bruce are working to make the transition a smooth one.
  - D. **Scale Update** – May 13 - 15. N scale weekend in Hilliard, OH.
  - E. **Modules** – The module group will be participating at the National Train Show in during the NMRA National Convention in Indianapolis, IN. in July 2016. The module group is currently working to resolve some turnout issues.
  - F. **Web Site** – Our website is up and running. <http://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/> . Steve Zapytowski is managing the web page. If you want photos of your layout added to the web site please see Steve. Web site renewed for one year with host Go Daddy. Expires April 4, 2017.
  - G. **Apparel** – See Jim Williams if you have any questions or need to order.
  - H. **Other Events** – MCR Convention in Columbus, OH.
- VI. **Division 1 Meetings and Events:**
  - A. April 28 – May 1, 2016 – MCR Convention, Dublin, OH
  - B. May 15, 2016: Mike Bradley – Rootstown, OH – Division 1 Meeting
  - C. June 19, 2016: Larry Brown – Ravenna, OH – Division 1 Meeting
  - D. July 3 – 10, 2016: NMRA National Convention – Indianapolis, IN
- VII. **Old Business:**
  - A. Project 1 Update. The Jaite Station & Freight House. 3 kits of each scale sold.
  - B. Project 2 Update. The N scale AC&Y box car. 9 sets sold.
  - C. Division 1 Flea Market, Sunday, November 6, 2016. New start time: doors open at 10 am. Contact Bob Ashley, Jr. for tables. Table cost is \$15.00 each.
  - D. There are no multi-year renewals with Go Daddy.
- VIII. **New Business:**
  - A. Elections. Nominations were received for Division 1 Officers. Superintendent – Jim DiPaola; Assistant Superintendent – Steve Zapytowski; Treasurer – Mike Bradley. Biographies published in April Peddler Freight. Having no further nominations from the floor there was a motion and a second to elect Jim DiPaola, Steve Zapytowski and Mike Bradley by acclamation. Motion passed.
  - B. Discussion about a possible visit to the Riverside Railroad Club in Warren, OH.

25 people attended the meeting.

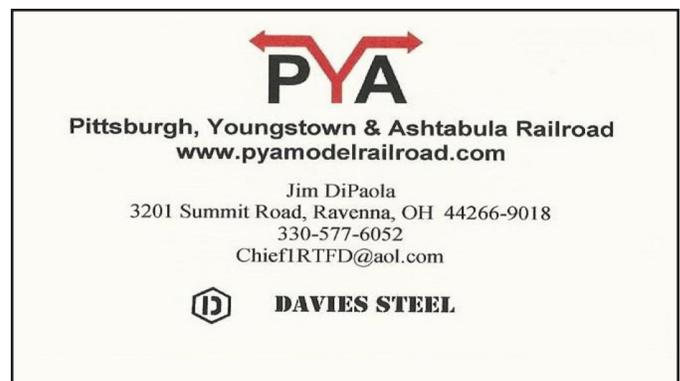
50/50 drawing was held. \$59.00 was collected with the winner receiving \$30.00. Congratulations Kurt Sanders.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.

The meeting adjourned at 2:20 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jim DiPaola, Clerk



## N - Scale News

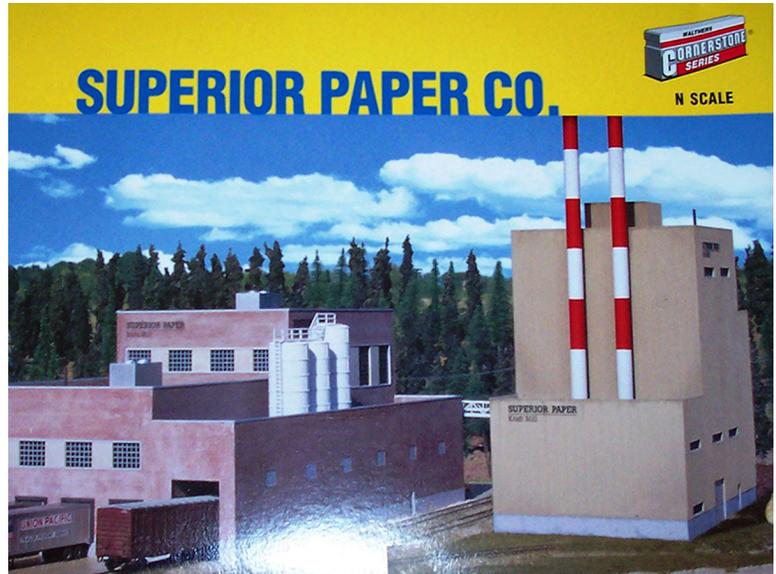
Noisy “N” Scale Stock Cars are available from Broadway Limited. There are 22 K7 stock sound cars which are activated by movement of the car. Cars come with most of the major railroads and some packing house logos. Nine cars are setup with cattle sounds, seven with hog sounds and five cars with mule sounds. One of the Mule cars carries an “Elmer Glue Factory logo.” Cars are priced at \$69.99 which is reasonable since the decoders alone for loco sound cars made locally cost \$53.00.

Why not a Pulp and Paper Mill? If you are looking for industry that generates lots of rail traffic, pulp and paper mill operations are a perfect fit. Many Division 1 members model steel mill operations because they are familiar with them and historically they contributed to the economic base of Ohio and Western Pennsylvania. Pulp and paper also has Ohio roots with Mead Paper being founded in the Coshocton, Ohio area. A second large recycle paper mill is south of Dayton. *Pampers* and *Depends* are cradle to grave paper products from western PA. Depending on where you locate your model railroad there are or were pulp and paper mills in 37 states in the continental US. There is a mill in Alaska, but water transport rules! Finding a pulp and paper mill in Iowa, OK, MO, CO, UT, NM, NV, NE, ND, SD and Kansas would be difficult.

Depending on the era of your railroad the paper mill could use ammonia, magnesium oxide, sodium sulfate, calcium sulfate, or the Semi-Chemical process, but the “Kraft” sodium sulfate process has been the most popular for years. (“Kraft” = Strong in German).

*Walthers* “Superior Paper Co.” shown below provides only 2 buildings (Kraft Recovery and a Mill Building) of what would be a much larger complex. The back of the kit’s box has a narrative on some of the rail operations. *Walthers* has practiced selective compression, but in doing so made some glaring errors. First and foremost is the twin stacks on the front of the Kraft Recovery building. These are two small green liquid vent stacks. Missing at the rear of this building is a large single (probably concrete) stack which handles the flue gases from 2 recovery boilers. Second is the small mill building which could not house pulp digesters much less a mill on its best day. This building would probably be a warehouse. Further you NEVER chip pulp logs with bark on them. Continued Next Month

Ramblings - The word is that the first National NMRA to make a decent profit was “Rails Alive In 75” at the new convention center in Dayton, Ohio. It was also the second big setup of an N-Trak layout where Jim FitzGerald’s “Cotton Brute” locomotive pulled 300 cars for a couple of hours. Back in the bad old days local divisions controlled almost all facets of the convention including profit or loss. Generally the cost for attending a convention and events were very reasonable and away from the city center with its higher costs. Today the NMRA uses commercial convention planners.



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## Layout Tours

Why not make a commitment to add your layout to the Division 1 Spring Layout Tours in 2017? The added incentive will encourage you to get your loco roster up to snuff, maybe expand your layout, or add some of the scenery you have been putting off. Need help? There are members who would love to visit and share what they know and lend a helping hand. This is what the feedback from many layout owners reflected who opened their layouts for the 2014 Convention in Cleveland, “Don’t wait.” Contact me today!

Jim Peters

Layout Tour Chair

**THIS MONTH'S MEETING**  
**Sunday, May 17**  
**Host: Mike & Kim Bradley**  
**3859 Sanford Rd., Rootstown**  
**330-325-7622**

Mike & Kim will be hosting this month's meeting. They will be supplying snacks and drinks. Mike has a great layout with many buildings and railcars. (We have seen his work in his Contest entries.) Like many of us, he is still building and laying track.

**There will be a flea market at this meeting.**

**Directions:** Travel I-76 to the Route 44 (Rootstown) exit. Go South. You will be in Rootstown when you encounter a traffic signal. That intersection is with Akron Youngstown Road (CH 18). Turn East (a left turn if you are coming from the north). Travel 1.9 miles to SANFORD Rd. Turn Right. Sanford Rd. is flanked by two parts of a lumber warehouse. Mike's house is the 7th house on the right side of the road. There will be a sign to indicate the house.

**The meeting starts at 2PM.**

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## **Train Shows and Open Houses – May thru June**

**Rail Fanning Day - May 7, 10 – 5PM**

Painesville Depot, 475 Railroad St, Painesville, OH

**S Spree – May 12 - 14**

Holiday Inn Select, 15471 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH  
Website for more details: <http://cvsga.com/S%20Spree.htm>

**Spring Spree All Gauge Train Show**

**May 14, 9:30 – 3PM**

Holiday Inn Select, 15471 Royalton Rd, Strongsville, OH  
Admission \$6, children under 12 free

**Spring Open House – Riverside Railroad Club**

**May 13 - 14, Friday, 4PM – 8PM; Saturday, Noon – 4PM**

Warren SCOPE Center, 220 W Market St, Warren, OH  
Admission \$3, children under 12 free

**Erie Lackawanna Historical Society**

**2016 Western District Meeting – May 14**

Marion Union Station, Marion, OH

Open 10AM – 5PM burgers/brats/dogs  
8PM presentations

\$15 ELHS member, \$20 non member

**Midwest Railway Preservation Society**

**Open House – May 21**

B&O Roundhouse, 2800 W 3rd St, Cleveland, OH  
Donation for admission - \$10 adults, \$5 children

**Midwest Railway Preservation Society**

**Open House – June 18**

B&O Roundhouse, 2800 W 3rd St, Cleveland, OH  
Donation for admission - \$10 adults, \$5 children



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