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Superintendent's Bulletin



Here we are closing in on Christmas and the end of the year. (Thank God!) Usually this is the month we look forward to the annual Christmas Luncheon. As with everything else NOT this year the Christmas Luncheon has been changed to a Christmas in July, or June, BBQ. Details to follow...

I actually, with the help of Jim DiPaola, participated in my first ever

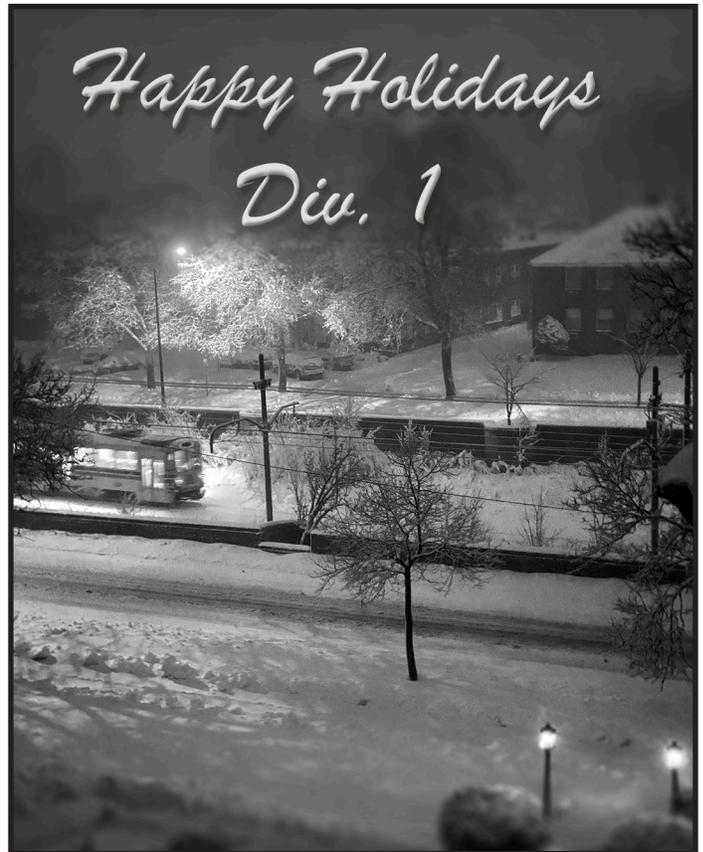
Zoom call. Imagine, me and a computer! Some people will do anything to interact with their friends.

Recently Mike Bradley and I got together to come up with a building for my Tropicana Juice Complex. Armed with some photos, a Walthers Kraft Paper Mill Kit, and a couple of well stocked "spare parts" bins we set out on a mission. You'll be surprised to see what two "creative" midget minds came up with; more in future Peddler Freights. The end result was we were able to spend some very enjoyable time together and both learned alot.

Pick up the phone and give a call to another division train buddy - just to say hi.

Have the best Holiday Season you can. We'll all be together someday soon.

Sam Eisele
Assistant Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Division 1



Zoom Invite

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86899968456?pwd=WUJ-SaThoYzFVUUtucmdvbWtmbnFOUT09>

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

2020 - 2021 Division 1 Events

December 20 - Zoom meeting online
All remaining Events to be determined.

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

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
November 15, 2020

1. Welcome:

- ~ The November meeting of Division 1 was held on Zoom.
- ~ Call to order 2:05 by Bob Ashley, Jr.
- ~ 14 participants.

2. Clerk: Jeff Stone

- ~ October minutes published in Peddler freight.
- ~ Minutes approved by consensus.

3. Treasurer: Jim Dipaola for Mike Bradley

- ~ Checking account balance is \$7,626.20.
- ~ Module Fund balance is 2151.37.
- ~ CD balance is \$3,146.57.
- ~ Money Market balance is \$10,011.21.
- ~ Total assets \$20,783.98.
- ~ Bob Ashley Jr. reimbursed for Zoom fee.
- ~ Bruce Hukill reimbursed for Peddler Freight expenses.
- ~ Treasurer report approved.

4. Peddler Freight Committee: Bruce Hukill

- ~ Eleven mail copies.
- ~ Railroad ads \$5 payable to Bruce or Mike Bradley.
- ~ December Peddler Freight deadline 27 November.

5. Membership Committee: Kurt Sanders

- ~ Division 1 membership at 88
- ~ Region wide membership down.
- ~ Discussion on membership retention, reaching out to members who do not renew.
- ~ No shows, no opportunity to recruit.

6. Clinic Committee: Jim Dipaola

- ~ Jim Dipaola volunteered to be chair.
- ~ Discussion on clinics on Zoom?
- ~ Suggestion to set up a schedule.

7. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst

- ~ Discussion of various ideas to recognize awards.
- ~ Discussion of cash incentives.
- ~ Develop mentor or SME program.
- ~ Quarterly objectives.
- ~ Add achievement holders to Peddler Freight.

8. Module Committee: Bob Ashley, Jr

- ~ No shows until 2021.

9. Old Business:

- ~ Discussion of memorial page for website. Randy Dettmer will research.

10. New Business:

- ~ December meeting on 20th at 2:00 PM.
- ~ Sam Eisele offered BBQ in June/July to make up for cancelled Christmas party.

11. Bring and Brag:

- ~ Steve Zapytowski displayed pics, 3D printings, and progress on the rope factory project.
- ~ Jeff Stone showed a "turbo encabulator" produced by www.multiscale.digital.
- ~ Jim Peters explained the railroad track wall deco.

12. Good of the Order:

- ~ Bob Ashley Jr. has various pieces of PVC and ABS free to a good home. Call him for P/U.
- ~ Also has 1,000's of petri dishes free to a good home. Great for paint, glue, small parts...
- ~ Also has mower blade sets, call for type and availability. \$25.
- ~ Bob Ashley Jr. wins Division One Scrounge of the Month!!
- ~ John Spinks reports that Ollies in Cuyahoga Falls has 1:87 tugboat models.

13. Adjournment: Motion passed at 3:39 PM to adjourn.

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone,
Clerk, Division 1.

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.

MASTER MODEL RAILROADER CERTIFICATES

Randall Dettmer

Association: Official

Robert Hixenbaugh

Association: Volunteer

Lloyd Horst

Association: Volunteer

Jeffrey Stone

Association: Volunteer

Jim Peters

Model Railroad Engineer: Chief Dispatcher
Association: Volunteer
Master Builder: Scenery

Bob Vensel

Association: Volunteer
Model Railroad Author

Steve Zapytowski---Master Model Railroader 612

Master Builder: Cars
Master Builder: Structures
Master Builder: Scenery
Model Railroad Engineer: Civil
Model Railroad Engineer: Electrical
Model Railroad Author

Golden Spike Awards

Chuck Altwies	Rich Pejeau
Robert Ashley, Jr.	Jim Peters
Bill Bigler	Kurt Sanders
James DiPaola	Keith Seitzer
Bruce Hukill	Glenn Yoder
Ray Lora	Steve Zapytowski
Larry Olsen	

as of Nov 22, 2020

Lloyd Horst
AP Chair

If you want to visit a different hobby shop...

I would like to introduce you to Hobby Express, a hobby shop that my wife and I found several years ago in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania. Really, my wife found the hobby store when she was working in that area. When we first went to the hobby store, it was just one unit in the plaza. It was narrow and long. They mostly had trains (all scales) and a few other things like model car kits and some arts and crafts supplies. Over the years, the larger store next door moved out and the hobby store expanded into that bigger space. When that happened, they were able to offer more trains and many other items for a wide variety of hobbies, such as remote control cars and planes, along with many more toys and puzzles. If you are looking for something, chances are that they have it, and in the rare chance that they do not have it, they can order it for you.

Don Bonk had never been there, and he wanted to check out the hobby store. So we decided to go a few months ago.



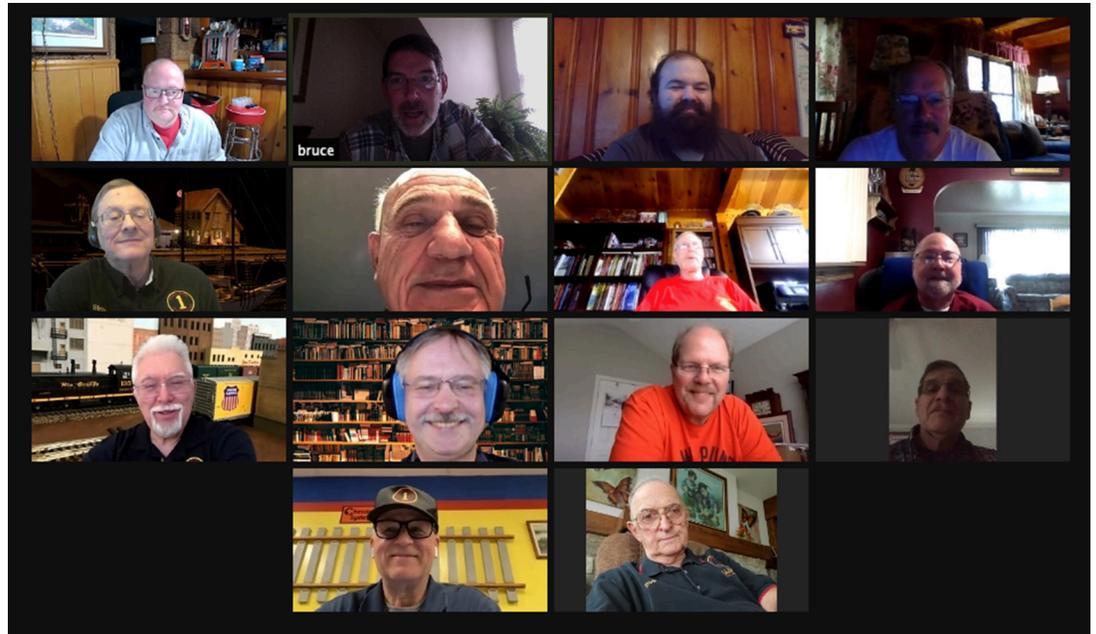
The last item (left) that I bought was a switcher, which I wasn't even looking for, but I just had to buy it. It is an O gauge Alco S-2 Diesel switcher similar to those that were used at the mill were I used to work. In the mid 70's, I worked at the Youngstown Sheet & Tube, Campbell Works. In 1977, they closed that mill. I have some other rolling stock from the mill, and with the engine that I have now, it can pull them around. I am running a small YS&T Mill train on my annual Christmas display at home.

If you are looking for something, or would like just to check out the hobby store, take a drive out to Cranberry, Pa. and check it out. If you don't want to make the drive, because you think it's a little long, you can drive to my house, and I will drive you to the hobby story.

The store is just about an hour from my house. The address is: Hobby Express, 1713 Route 228, Cranberry Twp., Pa 16066, 724-779-2000, www.hobbyexpressinc.com Hours M-F 10-9, Sat. 10-8, Sun. 11-5, but call before you go during the pandemic since they could be subject to change.

Kurt Sanders

Division 1 held its second remote Event via Zoom on November 15. Participation improved to 14 members. The Division Event for December will again be via Zoom. =



N-Scale Report

Thomas the Tank Engine in N-Scale was announced in August/September and should be available at your dealers by November 27. Thomas, coaches Annie and Clarabel are available as a set with power pack. TCS DCC MC2 decoder should be available. Engine Percy should also be available with freight cars.

Kato N-Scale 20th Century Limited coming soon.

Announced on November 6 was a 1948 to 1954 20th Century Set of NYC EMD E7 A-A Pair, 9 Car Base Set and a 4 car add on set. All based upon new tooling, Engines available in DC, DCC or ESU LokSound DCC. Optional Kato lighting kit can be installed. Of course price has not been announced.

“Follow the River” was the theme song of a 1950’s western about building railroads. If you look at the three branches of the Nimishillen Creek in Stark County you find railroad lines followed the Nimishillen watershed. The B&O (now WLE) follows the West Branch as it passes

through north and south west Canton, Water Works Park and then North Canton on the way to Akron.

The Middle Branch and WLE passes through north and southeast Canton and Middlebranch as it heads to Hartville. Finally the East Branch starts near Alliance and follows the old three track Pennsyl-

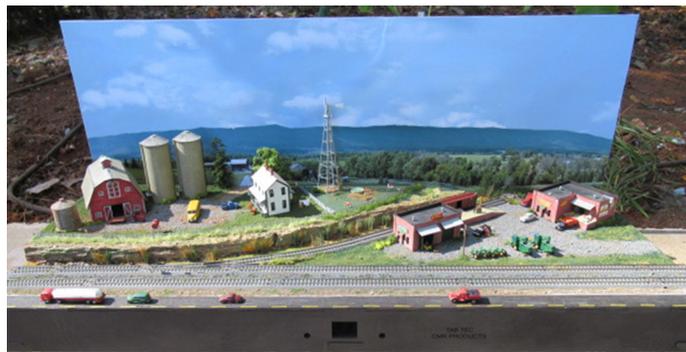


vania (now NS) through Louisville with a long ago connection to the Nickel Plate and then into the Canton Yard on the way to Chicago. Each one of these rail lines served interesting past and present industries. **Canton’s Waterworks Power Plant** (above) is one of the past industries on the West Branch of the Nimishillen Creek. Coal from the B&O was used to produce power for the city’s water plant and its streetcars. **Canton’s Railroad YMCA** (above right) was on East branch located next to the Canton yard and operated from 1920 until 1967. It was demolished in 2017. A great article was published in the June 1, 2020 edition of the *Canton Repository*.



The N Scale Enthusiast 2021 Reno, Nevada Convention CANCELED. Analysis of attendance indicated that it would be below necessary values to hold a successful convention. Museums and other venues would not make commitments and supply costs until sometime after the first of the year. Finally restrictions on the number of attendees who could gather for any events were not workable. Therefore; the Convention Committee decided to cancel the event rather than risk a financial crisis. Assuming Corvid-19 is defeated, convention plans for 2022 (Nashville) and 2023 (Reno) have begun.

Don Bonk
NTRAK/T-TRAK Chair



Former Div. 1 member Jim Williams sent some photos of his recently completed T-TRAK double sided module. Jim said he is now ready for the 2021 Trainfest in Milwaukee, WI.

Building a Coastline Diorama

by Matt Woods

On the freelanced Old Mission & Leelanau Railroad set in the northwest corner of Michigan's Lower Peninsula, the mainline that goes out on the Old Mission Peninsula hugs the relatively flat coastline of Grand Traverse Bay very closely. There are many idyllic beaches along the roughly eighteen mile route. The whistle stop passenger shelter of Beach services one of these isolated beaches along the peninsula. This article depicts the building of a 22"x13" diorama that includes a short portion of the beach and the passenger shelter, along with the surrounding waterfront forest. The techniques used to build the diorama can be utilized on a module or permanent layout. Through the use of both scratch built and commercial scenery products, a realistic and believable scene can be achieved.

The diorama (below) is built on a weathered wood frame from Hobby Lobby. These frames are available in a variety of sizes and configurations. The heavily weathered wood creates an attractive and rustic presentation for the scene. The base is a piece of 1/2" foam core which is light, but quite stable and solid. The foam core needs to be cut to the inside dimensions of the frame and glued in

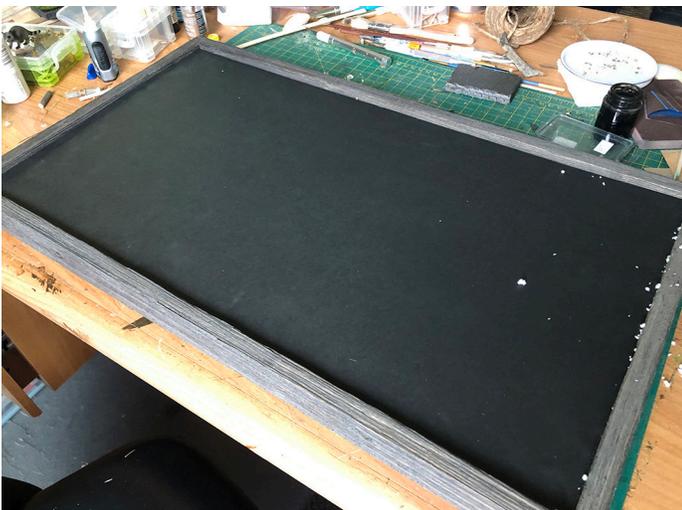
place.

To create the shoreline (far below) and the embankment behind what will be the roadbed and beach, layers of bead board foam were secured with Tacky Glue. The edges of the foam were shaped to achieve a proper slope.

This is not terribly critical, as the subsequent step will create the real contours.

In this photo (next page top left), the slope of the beach and the forest embankment have been created using Das Air Dry Clay. This material is very malleable and can be textured easily. By spreading a thin layer over the foam layers, realistic landforms can be created. After spreading and smoothing the clay out, a China bristle brush was used to create texture in the clay before it

dried. Once the clay has dried, the base of the water can be painted using inexpensive craft paints, including olive green, cobalt blue, sea green, tan and white. The goal is to create a realistic transition from one depth to the next with the shallower areas being more greenish and tan and the deeper areas being more blue. By using a stippling technique, the colors can be blended and easily reworked if necessary. White can be used to depict turbulence





in the water or even waves. The final water surface is achieved by putting on layers of gloss Modge Podge with a mop brush. Care should be taken to not create bubbles or brush strokes. After each layer dries, subsequent layers can be added to enhance the durability and thickness of the water. The majority of the scenery should be in place before this step is completed.

In this picture (below), HO cork roadbed has been glued down between the beach and the forest embankment to accommodate the hand-laid On30 rail. Rough position of the passenger shelter is defined. Once the air clay is thoroughly dry, it can be painted a tan color. All of the landforms, apart from the water, are sand or forested. All of these land areas will be covered with additional ground cover materials, so the exact base color is not critical.

For the actual beach (top right), sand colored tile grout was used. A layer of full strength matte medium was brushed on, followed by the sprinkling on of the tile grout.

This was followed by a fine mist of isopropyl alcohol and diluted matte medium. The tile grout creates a very fine textured sand appearance and a convincing beach. On this particular scene, there are dune areas that will be covered in beach grasses depicted by static grass tufts. The forested embankment is also covered with the tile grout base, followed by various forest floor materials and groundfoam. The forested area would have more organic matter and detritus. This can be depicted with ground leaves, sawdust, etc. This material would be coarser and more varied in color than the surrounding sandy soil.

The forest (below), which would depict a variety of evergreen species, was achieved with scratch built trees. Although it is beyond the scope of this article, these trees were made from wooden dowels and artificial steel wool hot glued to the dowels and covered with groundfoam. They don't represent a specific species, but they could easily be balsam, cedar, and tamarack. The key with the forest is to have a fairly dense coverage of trees to create





a background that limits the view through the forest. Use trees of different sizes and some variation in color.

A good part of the scenery (left) can be completed before laying the track or the track can be completed earlier in the process. For this segment of rail, individual ties were cut from balsa and basswood, textured, and

stained. The rail was pre-painted and cut to scale 33' sections and hand-spiked. The look of hand-laid rail is hard to duplicate with commercial flex-track, therefore it is my preferred method for depicting the right-of-way. The forested areas have three layers, including a thick undergrowth of artificial steel wool hot glued to the previous forest floor base and covered in groundfoam secured with hairspray. A mid-layer of small, deciduous type trees can be depicted with SuperTree material covered in groundfoam secured with hairspray. A critical step in realistically depicting a sandy dune type scene is the use of static grass tufts to depict the beach and dune grasses. Because this scene is intended to take place in the late fall, a more brown or dried tone was chosen. The excellent line of tufts from Martin Welberg were used. The greener tufts were placed closer to the water, while the more dried

tones were placed near the forest edge. The placement of the tufts should be random and moderate coverage was used. It is this step that really transforms the scene and blends the beach with the background forest. The tufts can be brought up to the edge of the roadbed. It should also be mentioned that very fine sand was used to ballast the track. This has a different texture and coloration than the tile grout used throughout the scene. It would not be appropriate to use a limestone type ballast for what is intended to be a 1920's era narrow gauge railroad where primarily local materials would have been used and maintenance deferred.

To further enhance the scene (below left), pieces of real weathered tree branches were used to depict fallen trees or driftwood that had come ashore, along with wooden pilings representing a long-abandoned dock. Seagulls were made using paper, wood putty, and paint. The passenger shelter is actually an Ohio River & Western prototype kit produced by Iron & Timber Model Works. The building was painted in more of a Maine two-foot style and the signs were made with dry transfers on wooden placards. A wooden platform was scratch built from basswood, along with the wooden crossover to the beach. These details give a human element to a primarily natural setting and provide some sense of history. The goal was to strike a balance between manmade and natural elements, but allowing the natural elements to dominate the scene.

This photo (below) largely depicts the final scene, although some additional trees were placed behind the diorama for the photo. Dried and dyed baby's breath was inserted into the undergrowth to add some color and variety in the vegetation.

This is the completed scene with no additional background trees (next page top left). This diorama is one of a number of different scenes depicting the Old Mission & Leelanau Railroad. By maintaining a consistent theme, season, and coloration, photos can be taken of the differ-





ent dioramas to create the illusion of a much larger layout. For those with limited space, doing a series of dioramas can be used to achieve the goal of a layout. It is even possible to do dioramas in different scales, but maintain thematic continuity.

This is another picture (above right) of the finished

scene with the water line airbrushed in to depict where the waves would have kept the sand wet. These little details add to the scene's realism.

The finished diorama (below) with a couple of hobos living the life, just waiting for the next train to trundle by.



THIS MONTH'S MEETING
Sunday, December 20, 2020
Online via the Zoom App
2 PM

Feel free to snack during the meeting.

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Membership Report

With train shows canceled, and no place to set up the membership table to talk with people about joining the NMRA, things have been slow. However, hopefully things will get back to normal soon and we can bring our membership numbers up. Right now our membership stands at 88.

Kurt Sanders
Membership Chair

Train Shows and Open Houses

Medina Train and Toy Show - December 6

Medina County Community Center
Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, OH 44256
Admission - \$6.00, Under 12 - Free 9 AM - 3 PM

Collectible Toy Show - January 9, 2021

Lakeland Community College Art Center
7700 Clocktower Blvd., Girland, Ohio 44094
Admission - \$7.00 9 AM - 2 PM

Holiday Open House - December 13

Painesville RR Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission - FREE 10 AM - 4 PM

Snow Dogs Train Show - January 9, 2021

Cuyahoga Valley Snow Dog Association
UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
Admission - \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Massillon Train & Toy Show - December 13

K of C Hall, 933 Perry Rd. NW, Massillon, Ohio 44647
Admission - \$5.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Train Collectors Assoc. - Winter Train Meet - Jan. 30

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

Mansfield Train Show - January 3, 2021

Fairhaven Hall, Richland County Fairgrounds
750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906
Admission - \$7.00 10 AM - 3 PM

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