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## SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

For most, model railroading takes a back seat now to other interests or activities this time of year. Do you include model railroading in your other interests? This time of year gardening is a big item around our house. While laying mulch, weeding or mowing grass I always stop to see what power is on the train passing the house. I am still hoping to see one of the Norfolk Southern heritage units pass by. No luck yet.



On our vacations, we usually fit in one of the local railroad museums or excursions. On our trip to Ireland, I found a little narrow gauge excursion line that we road along the Suir River. I found it interesting that they use screw bolts in their tie plates and their rail gaps were not staggered.

I know I am looking forward to our vacation in Colorado this year. Of course we will visit the normal tourist sites like Pikes Peak. Somehow we will fit in riding one of the narrow gauge lines and a visit to Caboose Hobbies.

It is the end of another meeting season. Do you have any suggestions for next season? Right now we have Don Bonk for September, Jim Peters for October, Whistle Stop for November, Akron Yacht Club for January, Larry Brown for February, Rob's Trains for April, and Jim DiPola for May. Thank you to those that have volunteered. We still have March and June open. If you have an interest in holding a meeting or have a venue suggestion please let me know.

This month we will meet at Bill Hewitt's in Copley, OH. See you then!

Randy Dettmer

## DIVISION 1 MODEL RAILROAD FLEA MARKET

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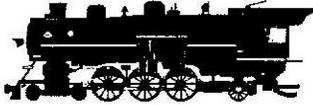
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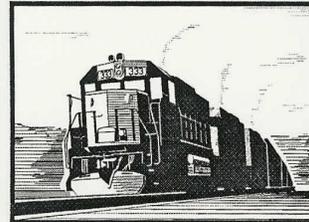
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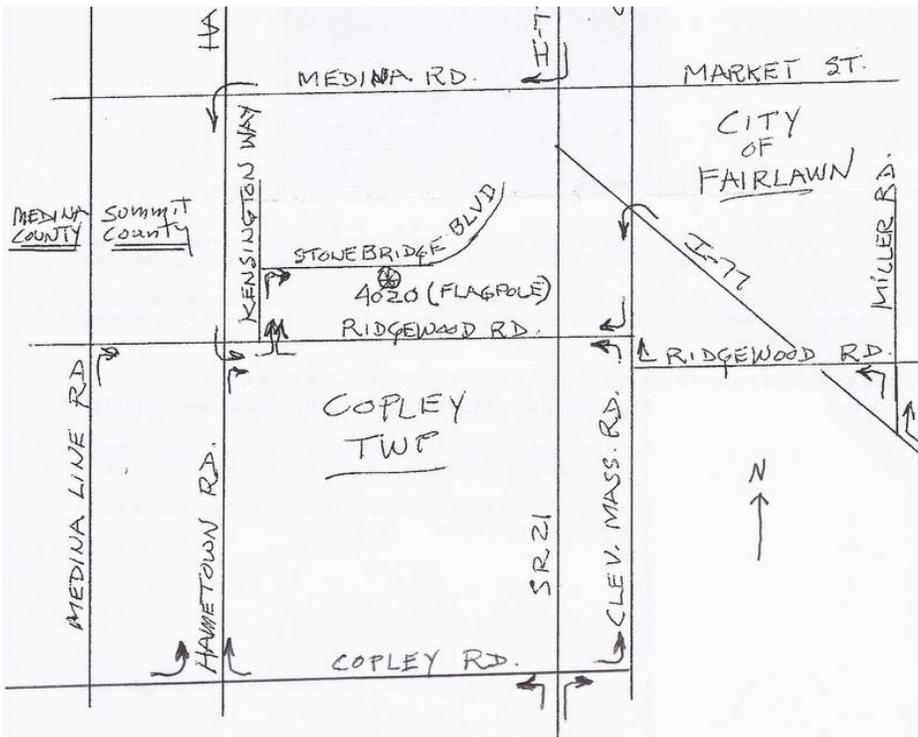
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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING  
is on Sunday, June 10  
at Bill Hewitt's in Copley**

Bill Hewitt will host the meeting  
at 4020 Stone Bridge Blvd, Copley  
OH 44321 at 2 PM.

Please bring a chair. Bill requests  
that we bring a snack to share.  
Beverages, etc. will be provided.



**ELECTION RESULTS**

Randy Dettmer won election to  
his first full term as  
Superintendent.

Jim Peters won election to his  
first full term as Assistant  
Superintendent.

Chuck Boyer won election as  
Treasurer.

**SEPTEMBER MEETING IS AT DON BONK'S.**

**Train Shows and Open Houses – June thru September**

Model Train Show – June 16 – 9AM – 4:30PM  
OC&T Station, 409 S Perry St, Titusville, PA  
\$2 admission, children under 10 free

Trains in the Park – July 8 – 11AM – 3PM  
St Robert Bellarmine School Gym, 27201 W Chicago Rd,  
Redford, MI \$3 admission, \$6 family

Model Railroad Show & Swap  
July 14 & 15 – 10AM – 3PM  
Van Wert County Fairgrounds, 1055 S Washington St, Van  
Wert, OH \$2 admission, children under 12 free

Rail Fanning Day – July 28 – 10AM – 5PM  
Western Reserve Railroad Association, Painesville Depot 475  
Railroad St, Painesville, OH Free admission

Cleveland's Back to School Train Show  
August 25 – 10AM – 3PM  
UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd, Parma, OH  
\$6 admission, children under 12 free

Model Train Show – September 15 & 16 – 10AM – 4PM  
Lodi Station Outlet Mall, 9911 Avon Lake Rd, Burbank, OH  
\$3 admission, children 10 and under free

Fostoria Rail Festival – September 22 – 10AM – 4PM  
Fostoria Middle School, 1202 HL Ford Dr  
Fostoria, OH \$3 admission, children under 12 free

Penn-Ohio Model Railroaders Train & Toy Show  
September 23 – 9:30AM – 3PM  
Shenango Valley VFW, 439 E State St, Sharon, PA  
\$4 admission, children 12 and under free

Great American Train Show  
September 30 - 10AM – 3PM  
Byzantine Center at the Grove, 3801 Shady Run Rd,  
Youngstown, OH \$4 admission

**MAY RESULTS**  
STEAM LOCOMOTIVES

**Standard Kit**

Bill Hewitt - 3 pts  
Bill Hewitt - 2 pts  
Bill Hewitt - 1 pt

**Kit-Bashed**

Don Deakins - 1 pt

**RULE CHANGE FOR  
2012-2013**

A single person is limited to two (2) entries per category (Craftsman, Standard, Kit-Bashed, Scratch-Built) per month. That means that you may enter only 8 items (2 in each category) each of

**DIVISION 1 CONTEST**

**MODEL CONTEST TOPICS  
FOR 2012-2013**

September - Gondola w/scrap load  
October - Flat car w/load  
November - M of W Trucks  
January - Coil cars  
February - Camp Cars  
March - Hand cars, Speeders  
April - Slag cars, Hot metal cars  
May - Re-purposed cars

Please see the website for the entry form.



Don Deakins - Kit-Bashed - First Place

**FINAL STANDINGS**

**Standard Kit**

Jim DiPaola - 10 pts  
Bill Hewitt - 9 pts  
Don Deakins - 3 pts  
Jim Williams - 3 pts  
Don Avila - 2 pts  
Frank Williamson - 2 pts  
Don Bonk - 1 pt  
Randy Dettmer - 1 pt  
David Hazlett - 1pt

**Kit-Bashed**

Jim Williams - 5 pts  
Don Deakins - 2 pts  
Bill Hewitt - 2 pts  
Glenn Yoder - 1 pt

**Scratch-Built**

Don Deakins - 2 pts  
Don Bonk - 1pt  
Jim Williams - 1 pt

**Craftsman Kit**

Don Deakins - 1 pt  
Bill Hewitt - 1 pt

1<sup>st</sup>



Bill Hewitt - Standard Kit  
1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> Places

2<sup>nd</sup>



3<sup>rd</sup>



## Picnic in July with Division 4

## Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers

The following is an email I received from Rich Tressa in Division 4.

Division 4 will have a Summer Picnic at the North East Ohio Live Steamers. Here's the link with maps, directions and other info about NEOLS. <http://livesteamohio.homestead.com/LiveSteamOhio.html>

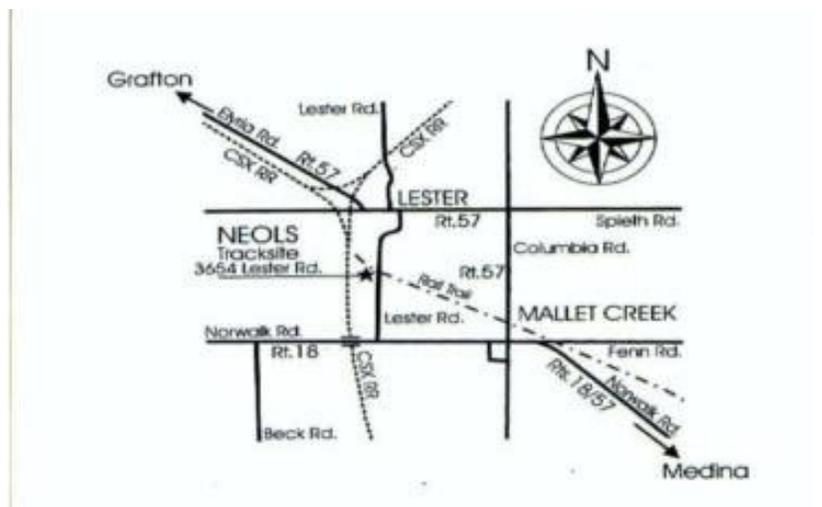
There is no charge for this event but donations to NEOLS are appreciated.

It is scheduled on **Saturday, July 21st**. As always Division 4 will provide hot dogs, buns and the go withs, condiments, paper supplies, plates, and cutlery. We ask all that are attending to bring a picnic style side dish to share with the group. If you bring enough for your family there is always plenty to go around. Gates will open at 11:00 am and trains are scheduled to depart at 12:00. They will run for about 3-4 hours and lunch will be served sometime during the afternoon. This year we are inviting Division 1 members and families to join us for a fun day of food, friendship and trains.

OK. NEOLS is located nearby in Medina, Ohio. That is it! Let me know if you plan to attend and if you will be bringing any guests!

Thanks,

Jim Peters



## N-Scale News by Don Bonk

In the March PF there was a description of NCE's "SNAP-IT". The major point overlooked was the fact that SNAP-Its do not need a separate power supply to activate the twin-coil switch machines. The SNAP-IT draws power from the track to charge its capacitors. The capacitor charge is controlled so overall operation is unaffected. This makes these stationary decoders ideal for isolated or scattered single turnouts on your layout.

At the March Division meeting at Rob's Trains we saw long coal trains in operation on the store's HO layout. It made me wonder how many cars the BONK-RR three "Trainmaster" lash-up would actually pull. Currently with the addition of a "sound car" the "Trainmasters" are hauling 44 car plus crummy. The train length is limited by siding length to ~13 foot.

Larry Brown has a follow-up article to his clinic on JMRI. It has too many pictures and links to reproduce in the Peddler Freight. It will be attached to the Peddler Freight on the website.

## MODULE GROUP

The CVSR “Day Out With Thomas” event is history for 2012. The attendance was very good, this year. Because our tent was moved to the area beside the track and south of the Boston Mill station, we were the very first venue for those departing the train. You had to be there to see 600 riders coming at you. Actually, maybe 200 of those riders came into our tent after each trip. The children were quite a mix of smiles, screaming and just plain amazement. They all looked for their favorite Thomas, James or Emily trains. And, their parents, some pushing strollers, some carrying small tikes, many very pregnant and all trying to keep an eye on their kids, were just amazed at our modules with all the intricate details and many trains pulling passenger cars, coal loads, mixed freight and all trying to avoid running into the rear end of the train ahead of it. With as many as six or seven trains running on the same track, even we were amazed at how we kept it running.

The truth is, “it was a struggle to keep engines running”. The heat caused many DCC decoders and command station/boosters to do strange things. Also, the dust, from the CVSR trains and the people walking, coated our engines, track and modules, so much, we had to clean the wheels and track constantly. It was necessary to repair five or six locomotives, each of the five nights, before going to bed. Somehow, I survived on three to five hours of sleep after each eleven hour day.

This was the second time we joined with Division 4 to put on this event. We have established a camaraderie that is simply great. We have found that working together is so easy and meeting new friends and working together has opened the door for cooperation that some would try to tell you, “It can’t be done”. I have recently, talked to divisions 2 and 5 about joining Divisions 1 and 4 at the 2014 National Convention. They are interested in finding a way to interchange their “Free-Mo” and Non-NMRA standard modules, to ours.

The future of our participating with Division 4 at the CVSR “Thomas” event is questionable. It is a very hostile venue due to the heat and dust. There were also several changes that took place, i.e., moving the location to the east side of Riverview Road and delays which complicated how we could set up. It was also a struggle getting Division 1 members to help. I had to put things away by myself after three of the days. This event is held at a time when most people are planning other things to do. No one wants to disappoint the CVSR and the 25,000 parents and children; however, we had a meeting of the Division 1 members, after the tear down, and took a vote about repeating this event next year. The vast majority do not want this event on the schedule due to it being held out doors. I’m personally very disappointed that so few showed up to help. Only fourteen people came out to help cover the 50 hours of the event. I am very grateful to Larry Brown and Jim Williams for working most of those days and to Bob Ashley, Jr. for trucking the end modules and supervising the setup and tear down. Together, we worked over 204 hours during the six days. Many thanks, to everyone who helped in any way this year.

The first “Ron Shoemaker” module is available for use. Roadbed, track and wiring are in place and ready for scenery. This module was used at the “Thomas” event. Lloyd Horst has the second module and is mounting roadbed, track and electrics. He will also be adding scenery. The first module is ready for scenery. If you are interested in doing this, please contact me.

We need more volunteers to start the scenery on the passenger and intermodal/coal yard left end modules and build kits for buildings. We will have all summer to work on the details before the next showing. This is a large job and should have a team effort. Contact me if you are willing to help. The “Module Group” logo is available through Jim Williams for \$6.00 and can be added to your shirts. Please have this done before the upcoming displays. Thanks to all who have already done this.

I have five modules, at my home, ready to assemble. The price per module is \$67.00 each for the materials and \$33.00 each for the wiring kit and the mandatory NCE UTP Fascia Panel Socket for plugging in your throttle is available for \$17.00 from me or at The Whistle Stop. This is a great summer project. “Come on. You know you want one”.

I am also looking for anyone interested in making an N gauge module to go with Kurt Sanders, Don Bonk and mine, per NTRAK standards or Z gauge module to go with mine, per Z Bend Track standards. We are hoping to have them ready for next November, at the Buckeye Event Center along with the HO modules.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com

### PEDDLER FREIGHT SUBSCRIPTIONS

All subscriptions to the Peddler Freight have now run out. Subscriptions and ads for the September 2012 through June 2013 issues of the Peddler Freight may be sent to David Hazlett, Editor, 247 Calicoe Dr., Akron, OH 44307-2216. The subscription rate is \$15. Pike ads are \$5. Hobby Shop ads are \$40. Email Peddler Freight subscriptions are free, just email your address to [dhazlett1@neo.rr.com](mailto:dhazlett1@neo.rr.com) Checks are to be made out to Division 1 - MCR - NMRA, Inc. Email all questions to [dhazlett1@neo.rr.com](mailto:dhazlett1@neo.rr.com) .

**Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes**  
**May 20, 2012**  
**Host: Jim DiPaola, Ravenna, Ohio**



- I. The meeting was called to order at 2:02 pm. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Jim and his wife for hosting the meeting.
- II. A motion to accept the April Minutes as printed was made and seconded. It passed.
- III. Randy Dettmer gave the Treasurer's Report prepared by Bob Ashley, Jr. who was at his daughter's graduation in Washington D.C. A motion to accept the report, subject to audit, was made and seconded. It passed.
- IV. Committee Reports:
  - a. Membership – Larry Brown reported that our membership was 98 with four new members: Roger Durfee, Raymond Kawolics, Bruce Hukill, and Richard Hukill.
  - b. Clinics - Jim Peters reported that, as always, clinics are needed. Larry Brown would be presenting a clinic after the meeting on the JMRI software and decoder programming.
  - c. AP – nothing to report.
  - d. NMRA 2014 – A meeting is to be held the last week of May or the first week of June. We will have a table at the national convention in Grand Rapids this summer.
  - e. Updates on different scales – Larry Brown reported that Division 4 places one order for Intermountain RP25 metal wheels for all their members who want to purchase such. They realize quite a saving by purchasing in bulk directly from the manufacturer. If anyone is interested in doing this in our division they should let Larry know.
  - f. Module Group – Bob Ashley, Sr. that he needs volunteers for next weekend especially for Saturday and Sunday mornings for Thomas the Tank at the CVSR. A place is needed to setup the modules for operating sessions. The next venue will be the Dalton Train Show in November. Bob said he hopes to have operating modules for N and Z scales as well as HO.
- V. Old Business:
  - a. Meetings for next year: March and June still need a hosts.
  - b. Dave Riggle's books: Randy reported that at first he thought they had all sold at the MCR convention in Pittsburgh but found that he still had some to bring home.
  - c. Peddler Freight: David Hazlett reported on several new items he is instituting. Now if a person does not appear on the monthly membership list he will put a notification in the next issue. Also, next year subscriptions will go first to David and then he will pass them on to Chuck Boyer, next year's Treasurer, so that he is assured to get the new people added to the mailings. David also reported that between him and Bill Smith we have realized \$132.50 in coupon savings from Staples. He also stated that it costs about \$145 to put out a month's issue. We have had \$650 given in support of publishing the paper.
- VI. New Business:
  - a. The BOD is drafting simplified rules for limited elections. These should be available to vote on at the next BOD meeting in October.
  - b. Randy Dettmer wanted to know if we should consider a training day at a Day Out With Thomas in 2013. It was felt that that this was not the right venue for training since so many of the children were very young and we were in an open setting where people were constantly coming and going.
  - c. David Hazlett reported that Bill Smith was going through cataract surgery and should be returning to the meetings and working on his railroad once his eyes have healed up.
  - d. Bob Ashley, Sr. reported that there will be steam run on the CVSR in September.
  - e. It was reported that the Norfolk Southern locomotives painted in heritage colors are on the rails and provide something to look for when rail fanning.
  - f. The business meeting was suspended while the Election Committee counted the ballots. Randy Dettmer was reelected Superintendent, Jim Peters was reelected Assistant Superintendent, and Chuck Boyer was elected Treasurer. The business meeting resumed and a motion was made to destroy the ballots. The motion was seconded and passed.
- VII. The meeting adjourned at 3:00 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jim Williams, Clerk

**There is no membership  
report this month due to  
the early publication date  
of the Peddler Freight.**

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