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Superintendents Message

From a model railroading viewpoint, the best months of the year are March and October. If you don't already know, I'll spell it out - K I R T L A N D and B E R E A.

I know there are other shows in the area, such as the Youngstown Club's McMenemy Show, but the two large shows are a credit to our area. Division 5 and Division 4 do fantastic jobs in hosting these shows. I hope you support them.

I don't know of any area (there are probably some) that supports two large shows a year. I have traveled to the Ann Arbor Show in Michigan a couple of times, but I believe that our area's two

shows are each bigger (and closer).

Since my last message, I have had offers of clinics and presentations to be given at our meetings. Chuck Boyer gave a clinic on scenery at the last meeting and Dennis Sautters will give a presentation on the history of the methods of transporting automobiles by railroads at the March 29 meeting at the Youngstown Club. I am looking forward to it. Dennis sent me a couple of "brain teasers" that his presentation will answer, but I will only give you one. "How many different types of railroad cars were used to transport automobiles?" I suggest you study up on auto transport.

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There was discussion about the cost of the Peddler Freight at the February meeting. The possible purchase of a printer to do our printing ourselves was discussed. Just to let you know, no purchase of a printer can occur without your vote. It is too big a decision to leave to the members who can get to a meeting. For now, nothing changes. However, the costs incurred by the Peddler Freight will require changes. The King Pin, printed by the Mid-Central Region, is discussing this very topic via email right now and the BOD will vote on what to do at the convention in Columbus in May.

See you at the train shows or at our next meeting.

David

2009 Meeting Schedule

April 19 - Jim Bacher - Akron May 17 - Randy Dettmer- Hudson
June 14 - Don Bonk - Louisville

NMRA MEMBERSHIP REPORT
For FEBRUARY 2009

NMRA Membership in Division 1 stands at 93. The information used for this report was received on March 3, 2009.

NEW MEMBERS: None.

RENEWALS: Jim Bacher Randy Dettmer Jim Dipaola
Richard Kuepper Adam Leff

MISSING FROM LIST: (These names have dropped from the current NMRA membership list.)

Rob Ashley David Bitte Thomas Diacin

Thank you to the members who have renewed. We appreciate your support of the hobby.

THE CONTEST

Each month The Contest will have three categories for the type of model. The categories are SCRATCH-BUILT, KIT-BASHED and KIT-BUILT. . To participate in The Contest you must be a Division 1 - MCR - NMRA member. Judging will be by popular vote at the meetings.

CONTEST WINNERS FOR FEBRUARY 2009:

<u>Scratch-Built</u>	<u>Kit-Built</u>	<u>Kit-Bashed</u>
Dennis Sautters - 1	Frank Williamson - 1	Dennis Sautters - 3
		Chuck Boyer - 1 ½
		Bill Bigler - 1 ½

The model types through May 2009 are:

March - Stock cars
April - On-line structures (structures which function directly with a railroad)
May - Steam locomotives

CONTEST STANDINGS as of February 2009:

Scratch-Built:	Dennis Sautters - 1	Kit-Bashed:	Bill Bigler - 4 ½
	Frank Williamson - 1		Chuck Boyer - 3 ½
			Bob Ashely, Sr. - 3
			Dennis Sautters - 3
Kit-Built:	Bob Ashley, Jr. - 2		
	Larry Olsen - 1 ½		
	Dennis Sautters - 1 ½		
	Rob Ashley - 1		
	Frank Williamson - 1		

David

Division 1 Meeting Minutes
February 22, 2009
Host: Jim Williams, Canton, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Superintendent David Hazlett. 18 people were in attendance. A motion was made, seconded, and passed to accept the minutes for the January 18th meeting. The treasurer's report for January was given by Bob Ashley Jr. and accepted subject to audit.

David Hazlett presented the Superintendent's report. Dennis Sautters sent out an email this week to inform people that long-time member Mary Lou Rice passed away. Mary Lou dedicated her body to science. There will be a remembrance ceremony later this year. Our NMRA membership is currently at 96. Ivan Baugh from Division 8 is still our acting webmaster. David has interviewed a teen, the son of a member, in connection with the webmaster position. The members agreed to continue discussions with the young man. Each member can bring 2 items for sale to each meeting and can enter a small "For Sale" add in the Peddler Freight. David stated that we have been given the use of a table along with the Youngstown Club at the Youngstown Model Railroad Association Flea Market on March 8th. We will also be displaying information along with Division 4 at the Kirtland Show on March 14th and 15th. David has authorized Bob Ashley to spend \$30 to print some color Division 1 promotional folders for these two shows. It was also reported that the division is considering buying a printer to use to make copies of the Peddler Freight and reduce printing costs.

Bob Ashley Sr. gave the Assistant Superintendent's report. The email address for Curits Cox on the roster is invalid. Shirts, hats, and patches are available. Perhaps the sales of golf shirts will pick-up when the weather gets warmer. Bob reminded the members about the two shows coming up: the Youngstown Club Show on March 8th at McMenemy's Hall, 325 Warren-Youngstown Rd, Niles, Ohio; and the Division 5 Railfest on March 14th and 15th at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland, Ohio. Also, the World's Greatest Hobby Show is at the IX Center on March 14th and 15th. There is a Dalton operating layout to be open for visitation on March 22nd at the new Buckeye Center on Rt 30. The modules that were ordered have been built or picked-up. Divisions 8, 1, and 4 are discussing putting their modules together for shows. Bob also reported that the CVSR has laid-off a lot of people and is relying more on volunteers. He suggested that when we ride the railroad, we buy a ticket to sit in the dome of the dome car. It costs \$15 extra. Bob and David suggested that people try working at an operating session to get a feel for how a prototype railroad works. David has a session the first Monday of every month. Contact him in advance if you are interested in participating.

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectively submitted,
Jim Williams, Division 1 Clerk

10 % discount to NMRA members, not valid with any other offers.

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The logo features the text "DHRail" in a stylized font, with "D" and "H" in red and "Rail" in black. It is flanked by two railroad crossing symbols. Below the logo, the contact information for David H. Hazlett, President, is provided: 247 Calicoe Drive, Akron, Ohio 44307-2216, DCC, (330) 434-4565, and dhazlett1@neo.rr.com.

NOTICE TO ALL NMRA MEMBERS:

The ballot in the March Scale Rails is invalid. The printer made an error. New ballots will be mailed out at the printer's cost. Sorry for the problems.

MCR Region President Dick Briggs

March Destinations Sunday March 29, 2009 2 PM

The Youngstown Model Railroad Association will host our meeting. The address is 751 N. Four Mile Run Road, Austintown, OH.

No food or drink at this meeting

From the Akron area go east on I-76 till it joins I-80. Continue east on I-80 (not the turnpike) and exit on to I-680. Exit I-680 at North Meridian Rd. Go right (south) on Meridian Rd to Crum Road (about ½ mile). Turn Right (west) on to Crum Road to Four Mile Run Road (about 1 mile). The Association is on the North-East corner of the intersection.

Allow about 1 hour drive time.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 16 - Medina Akron Railroaders (MAR) has an Operating Session for your pleasure.
Contact: David at dhazlett1@neo.rr.com

March 14/15 Division 5's Railfest Lakeland
Community College, Kirtland 10 - 4

March 22 - Wooster Society of Model Railroading
Railroad Show & Open House
Buckeye Center (on Rt. 30)
624 Henry St. Dalton, OH 10 AM - 3 PM

April 6 - MAR offers an Operating Session at a different layout than the March 16 layout.

Contact: David at dhazlett1@neo.rr.com

FOR SALE

REMEMBER THAT EACH MEMBER IS
ALLOWED AN AD OF THIS SIZE IN THE
PEDDLER FREIGHT
EACH MONTH FOR FREE.

**ALSO, YOU MAY BRING TWO ITEMS
FOR SALE TO ANY MEETING.**

What will it be like?

What is in the winds of change for the *Peddler Freight*? There are several opportunities available to us. But what is important?

The *Peddler Freight* is Division 1's attempt to communicate with NMRA members within the Division - principally the Akron - Canton - Youngstown area.

With the massive Internet and the posting of the *Peddler Freight* on the NMRA website is it really necessary to mail a paper copy to each member?

Would it be better to send out a post card each month with the next meeting location and a reminder to check the website for additional information on Division 1?

Is it necessary for Division 1 to raise funds to support the monthly publication?

Send me an email with your thoughts - encore88@aol.com or to 2786 Mansard Ln. Akron, OH 44312-5393.

Bill Smith, Editor
Division 1