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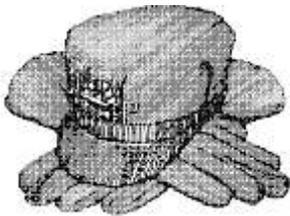
We have a fiscal responsibility to organization and the future to spend wisely and with all of the facts. The current By-Laws amendment should put us on the correct track. I believe it will keep the division solvent for the future. It will also give us the ability to tackle current projects and future ones. I hope you agree.

It is getting close to the end of the 2014-2015 meeting season. We have the following meeting months open for the 2015-2016 meeting season: October 2015, February 2016, March 2016, and June 2016. 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
Division 1, MCR, NMRA

Achievement Program

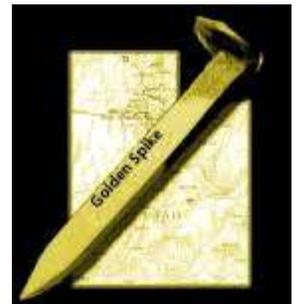


Obtaining the Golden Spike Award has never been easier thanks to Steve's efforts on the division's website <http://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org>.

If you have a layout, more than likely you are qualified for the award or very close. It is nothing more than a checklist of requirements, designed to introduce NMRA members to the AP. Go through the checklist and check off

what you know you have. Have a question? Check out the slide show for the Golden Spike on our website.

You can pause it anytime if you need to take a longer look. Next, get any member in good standing to witness your work by checking off what you have completed on the form. Once you see how easy it is, you will wonder why you hesitated. Finally, (e)mail it to the Regional AP chair. That is it!



When do you need Division 1's AP chair? Good question. If for some reason you cannot download a copy, I will have copies at the JUNE meeting (I will be in Lexington for the regional in May). However, you could always ask a friend or someone at the library to help you get a copy. What else can I do? If you have any questions, I will do my best to answer or send it off to someone with more experience. Either way, the requirements for the Golden Spike are so straight-forward, 100% of the active members in Division 1 with a layout or module should be able to easily earn the award! So, let's get started by taking the first step and getting a form!

Jim Peters, AP Chair

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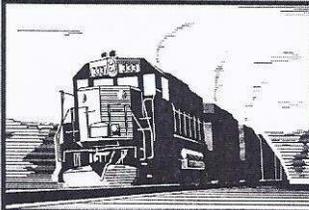
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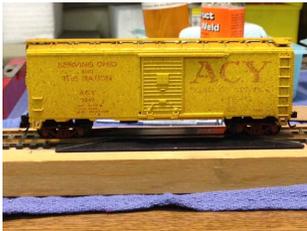
**THIS MONTH'S MEETING
will be on Sunday, May 17.
Host: Mike & Kim Bradley
3859 Sanford Rd., Rootstown
330-325-7622**

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.



Clinic Report

Thank you Steve Zapytowski for your presentation, *Building the City of Boring*, at Rob's Trains. Steve is currently working on several AP certificates and could easily share his experience for obtaining the Golden Spike Award.

Encouraged by both Steve and Matt's presentation, I decided dull down the writing on the ACY boxcar, using an overspray. As you can see in the photo, my sprayer clogged up a few times, giving me the opportunity to seek out some suggestions. The suggestions will have to wait for my return in June. In the meantime, while I am returning from the MCR conference in Lexington, Randy will be discussing Covered Hoppers at the May meeting at Mike Bradley's., leaving us only one more clinic before the close of this season:

June – Card Modeling by Paul Chapple at Larry Brown's in Ravenna. There are still many openings for the 2015-16 year, but they are going fast! I will approach more of you at June's meeting or better yet, pop me an email or give me a call!

September – Benchwork by Steve Zapytowski at Don Bonk's.

October – Planning an OP Session by David Hazlett. (Location TBA)

November – Ethanol Refinery by Ron Morgan (Div. 4 Guest) at the Whistle Stop

December – Christmas Dinner at Pufferbelly

January – Updates on the Bacher North RR by Frank Smith

February – open

March – Beyond the Golden Spike by Jim Peters

April – open at Rob's Trains

May – MOW Trucks by Mike Bradley at his residence.

June - open

Thanks for all your help!

Jim Peters, Clinician Chair

2015 - 2016 DIVISION 1 MEETINGS

September 20 Don Bonk - Lewisburg

October 18 - open

November 15 - Whistle Stop - Cuyahoga Falls

January 17 - Frank Smith - Akron

February 21 - open

March 20 - open

April 17 - Rob's Trains - Alliance

May 15 - Mike Bradley - Rootstown

June 19 - open

DIVISION 1 CONTEST

APRIL CONTEST - Large Grain Hoppers (45+ feet).

CURRENT STANDINGS

STANDARD KIT

Mike Bradley - 16 pts
Jim DiPaola - 7 pts
Matt Woods - 3 pts
Bill Bigler - 2 pts
David Hazlett - 2 pts
Glenn Yoder - 2 pts
Lloyd Horst - 1 pt

CRAFTSMAN KIT

Matt Woods - 5 pts
Don Avila - 3 pts
Bob Ashley, Sr - 2 pts
Jim Williams - 2 pts
Steve Zapatowski - 2 pts

KIT-BASHED

Mike Bradley - 21 pts
Josh Cohen - 7 pts
Matt Woods - 7 pts
Bob Ashley, Sr - 3 pts
Jim DiPaola - 3 pts
Jim Williams - 2 pts
Glenn Yoder - 2 pts

SCRATCH-BUILT

Matt Woods - 6 pts
Steve Zapytowski - 3 pts

1st Place
Matt Woods

2nd Place
Mike Bradley

1st Place
Mike Bradley

2nd Place
Glenn Yoder

STANDARD KIT



KIT-BASHED



ERROR IN MARCH CONTEST

In the STANDARD KIT category the 1st Place winner was Jim DiPaola and not Mike Bradley. Corrections to the CURRENT STANDINGS have been made.

CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2014-2015

May - Depots (Passenger or Freight)
June - Awards Program

Your suggestions for next season's CONTEST are needed. Please fill out the suggestion slip that will be on the Contest table at the May meeting.

I am looking for an assistant to work with me on the Contest. This person must be organized and able to make most of the meetings. See me at the May meeting.

David

MODULE GROUP

We owe many thanks to those who helped setup and operate the modules at various events. To those who have not come to one of these events, the module group is in need of more participants. You do not need to bring anything. 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. We are also looking for new ideas and those who build a 4' x 2' module, eight square feet minimum, and add scenery, can apply for the "Golden Spike" award.

The Module Group can participate in events that are well planned and requested on a timely basis. We do not advertise or go looking for places to show the modules. Do not ask us to go show at an event, but rather, ask the promoter of the show to ask us. Please see a module group member to bring it to our attention. We also need a place that would allow us to setup the modules so we could work on or operate them. Maybe someone who has connections with people who have buildings with extra space might allow us to use that space.

For our next scheduled event, we will show our modules, NTRAK and HO, at the Buckeye Event Center in Dalton on Sunday, 11/8/2015. Setup will be on Saturday, 11/7/2015, starting at 5:00 PM.

At our last meeting, Bob Ashley, Jr. purchased a Digitrax DCC system and a power supply, which was not in the original plan, to operate the NTRAK modules, and four utility throttles, to be shared with the HO and NTRAK groups, from Rob's Trains, in Alliance. This is a one time purchase direct from Digitrax and allowed us to get a 30% dealer discount. \$1,000.00 was approved for the purchase and we settled for about \$870.00. They will be division owned and relieve the wear and tear on some of the privately owned equipment. There were several members who also purchased total systems or throttles, since they could share in the one-time 30% dealer discount. Anyone who regularly operates the modules should eventually purchase their own throttle.

Bob, Jr. and I are considering purchasing an enclosed trailer for the modules. We need something 7' x 12', or larger, with a side door, brakes and maybe dual axels for a smoother ride. This would not be division property. Due to the cost of a trailer like this, a "fixer-upper" would be considered. We have experience in maintaining and hauling large trailers.

Bob Ashley, Jr. and Jim Williams are working on a date to start adding Tortoise switch machines to the left end passenger modules. We have some minor problems with the left end passenger modules and minor shorts which are caused by wheels that bridge the rails at Peco frogs. It may be necessary to paint the top of the rail or grind away the edge of the adjoining rail. We also have some minor problems with the curved turnouts on the right end industrial modules. We experienced derailing, at NTS 2014, of long wheelbase steam locomotives, due to the tighter curvature at the switch points. It may be necessary to hand lay a new curved turnout. We will advise by email and will need your help to complete these projects.

Please advise me if you have made any changes to your wiring or track layout. We must not hook up any wiring to the layout until it has been tested for shorts. I have a meter that will test the CAT-5 wiring harness, and we can setup the power control box with your module(s) to test for shorts in the track. All new modules must be tested before use. We have lost many hours at previous shows trying to find a problem. It is time to get smart and find the problem before the show. **Do not test any DCC equipment by powering the track using 12 volts DC.** Reversing units and command stations can be seriously damaged.

The module group has paved the way for a large increase in membership. It is to everyone's benefit to help and operate the modules and to promote the NMRA at each show. Please be proactive.

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 help in funding the Module Group is appreciated.

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Don Bonk, NTRAK, 330-418-6860 or donaldbonk@gmail.com

A REQUEST FROM THE WEBMASTER:

I encourage you all to send me layout photos to include on the Division 1 website. Expanding the number of photos on our pages will help enhance our site. Use webmaster email link located near the bottom of our home page. I will gratefully accept any format or size of layout or model photos. Please include a description with each photo. Thank you.

Steve Zapytowski

Train Shows and Open Houses – May thru June

May 16 & 17 – 7th Ohio N-Scale Weekend

Franklin County Fairgrounds, 4100 Columbia St, Hilliard, OH

\$5 admission, children 12 and under free

www.centralohiontrak.org

May 16 – Painesville Depot Railfan Day – 10AM – 5PM

Painesville Railroad Museum, 475 Railroad St, Painesville, OH

Free admission

June 27 & 28 – 2015 Rail Festival at Carillon Park

Carillon Park, 1000 Carillon Blvd, Dayton, OH

\$8 admission, \$7 senior (60+), \$5 child (3-17), children under 3 are free

Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes
April 20, 2015
Host: Rob's Trains – Alliance, OH

- I. Welcome:** The meeting was called to order at 2:04 PM. Superintendent Randy Dettmer thanked Nils from Rob's Trains for hosting. Today's contest is Large Grain Hoppers (45 ft. +). May's contest is Freight or Passenger Depots.
- II. Minutes:** A motion was made and seconded to approve the March 2015 minutes as printed in the Peddler Freight. The motion passed.
- III. Treasurer:** Report given by Treasurer Mike Bradley. As of today's meeting, the balance in our checking account is \$13,736.30. A motion was made and seconded to accept Treasurer's report subject to audit. The motion passed.
- IV. Membership:** Current membership is at 116.
- V. Committee Reports:**
- A. Clinics** – Today's clinic is *Building the City of Boring* presented by Steve Zapytoski. Next month's clinic will be *Covered Hoppers* by Randy Dettmer.
 - B. AP** – A Power Point presentation will be made about the Golden Spike Award. The intention is to eventually have a Power Point on each certificate that can be earned toward MMR. Steve Zapytoski will work on linking each Power Point to the web site.
 - C. Peddler Freight** – The cost for April's Peddler Freight was \$110.45. The deadline for submissions to the May edition is April 30, 2015.
 - D. Modules** – Report by Bob Ashley Sr. The HO modules were set up at the Richfield Library. One four foot n scale module was also displayed. The HO group has been invited to attend the 2016 National Train Show at the NMRA National Convention in Indianapolis. Bob Ashley Sr. and Jr. are still looking for a used trailer to carry modules. The Ashleys would own the trailer with no club funds used. The next module display will be the Dalton show on November 8, 2015. Don Bonk delivered the raffled four foot module to Funk, OH. The use of devices to control trains was discussed.
 - E. Web Site** – The web site is up and running.
 - F. Apparel** – Jim Williams reports a few hats are available.
- VI. Meetings & Conventions 2015:**
May 14-17, 2015 – MCR Convention, Lexington, KY.
May 17, 2015 – Mike Bradley – Rootstown, OH – Division 1 Meeting
June 21, 2015 – Larry Brown – Ravenna, OH – Division 1 Meeting
- VII. Old Business:**
- A. Jaite Building Project** – Matt Woods gave an update on the Jaite station and freight house laser kit project. In HO scale, 50 freight houses and 25 stations are ready. Matt reported that packaging, pricing and storage of kits will need to be determined. Also, where will they be sold and will they be available through the web site.
 - B. Flea Market** – The Division 1 Flea Market will be November 1, 2015 at the Akron Yacht Club. Bob Ashley Jr. paid the \$150.00 deposit. A motion was made and seconded to reimburse Bob. Tables will be \$15.00.
 - C. N Scale Box Car Fundraiser** – Don Bonk is still waiting on quotes from Micro-Trains.
 - D. DCC Control System** - Bob Ashley Jr. reported that the module group will purchase a Digitrax Super Chief Xtra and four UT4D duplex throttles at a cost of about \$850.00. This was approved at last month's meeting. This price was attained through a special purchase from Digitrax for non-profit clubs. This special price is also available for club members if ordered through Rob's Trains today.
- VII. New Business:**
- A. Club Inventory** – Mike Bradley will chair an inventory of all Division 1 owned property.
 - B. Amendment to Bylaws** – Division Purchases The following amendment to the bylaws was proposed by Superintendent Randy Dettmer:
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The 50/50 drawing was held. \$53 was collected with \$27 going to the winner, Frank Smith. Thirty persons attended the meeting.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. Motion passed.
Respectfully submitted,
Bruce Hukill, substituting for Clerk Jim DiPaola

Tales of a Shay: From Wreck to Reincarnation

Part 5: End Beams - Preparation and Initial Assembly

Steve Zaprowski

In this installment I start the first of two of the detail assemblies for the New Shay #6, the end beams. As there are many small brass pieces close together in these assemblies, I will begin with some information about solder and flux. Understanding these products is important as building the end beams was an exercise in selecting solders based upon their melting temperatures. The purpose being that Part A not come unsoldered while soldering Part B next to it. The temperature of my soldering iron is variable, and I was able to match heat settings with specific solders. (Figure 33 and Table 1)



Figure 33: The six solders used for making the end beams. From left to right they are two detail solders from Rickety Rails, Tix stick solder, a 62/36/2 silver bearing solder, a 60/40 solder, and a 96/4 silver solder.

Solder	Fahrenheit	Celsius
Rickety Rails LowMelt Solder	158°	70°
Tix Stick Solder (93/4.6/2.3)	275°	135°
Rickety Rails Detail Solder	293°	145°
Silver Bearing Solder (62/36/2)	361°	183°
Lead/In Solder (60/40)	375°	190°
Silver Solder (96/4)	422°	217°

Table 1: The melting points of the solders used in this installment. Generally, I started the assemblies with the highest melting points and moved to the lowest as more pieces were added.

Of similar importance is the choice of flux used with the solders. While the two pieces being joined should be cleaned before soldering, the actual heating of the joint will cause the metals to oxidize, thus making soldering more difficult. Flux keeps the joint clean as it melts and actually helps the solder flow. Many fluxes will also microscopically etch the metals' surfaces which increases the bonding strength of the solder. (Figure 34) Of the four products shown below, Rubyfluid was the most commonly used flux. Fry's flux is useful with low melt solder as Rubyfluid will not melt at 158° F. Tix Flux is specifically for Tix solder, while the Tix Anti Flux serves a special purpose which I will describe in a later installment. Cleaning excess flux off the parts after soldering prevents corrosion of the metal over time. Left in place, almost all solder fluxes will ruin the finish of brass parts. The single most effective product for this purpose I've found is a degreaser called Krud Kutter. (Figure 35)



Figure 34: These are the solder flux products used for this installment. From left to right: Tix Flux and Anti Flux, Rubyfluid, and Fry's.



Figure 35: Of the many products that will clean off excess flux I've found Krud Kutter to be the best for my purposes. It quickly dissolves all the fluxes I use. Once applied a gentle scrubbing with a toothbrush and rinsing with water finishes the job.

Here I must mention one more product that I frequently use. This is a layout marking fluid called Dykem. After being brushed onto metal it quickly dries. When marks are scribed onto the metal the Dykem is scratched off and the marks are easy to see. I used this marking fluid on most of the parts for the end beams. (Figure 36)

Figure 36: Dykem is the blue marking coating seen used here in the photo. Once the parts are cut or drilled the coating is easily removed with denatured alcohol and a tooth brush.



The main body of the end beams was cut from 1/8" x 1/4" rectangular brass tube. (Figure 36) Using a simple jig, I scored the middle of the tube lengthwise to create the appearance of two separate parts joined together. (Figure 37)



Figure 37: One of the end beams in the scoring jig.

A notch for the coupler pockets was sawn into each of the end beams using a jeweler's saw. Then the open ends of the end beams were capped with pieces of 1/64" by 1/8" brass strip. After being soldered into place these were cut to length and then filed flush with the main body of the part. (Figure 38) The excess solder was removed with desoldering braid and a fiber glass mini-brush. Coupler mounting plates were then added. (Figure 39)



Figure 40: The assembly jig for the floor board hangers.



Figure 38: The end caps were held in place with T pins while being soldered. After filing and smoothing, the end caps were scored with a saw just like the face of the beams.



Figure 39: Coupler mounting plates were made of 0.032" by 1/4" brass strip. They were drilled and tapped, as seen here, and fitted with couplers and draft boxes.

Foot board hangers made to exact scale would not survive in a model. They would simply be too fragile. My hangers were made by soldering pieces of 1/64" by 1/32" brass strips to 1/32" square bar. A simple jig was made to accomplish this. (Figure 40) After making eight hangers, I soldered them to the end beams. (Figures 41 and 42) The foot boards were made from 1/8" x 1/8" x 1/64" brass angle. The end facing the center of the end beams was capped with pieces of 1/64" x 1/8" brass strip. (Figure 43) The end beams will be completed in the next installment.

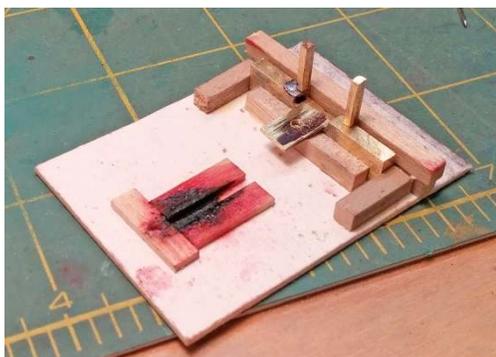


Figure 41: A simple jig made to hold the foot board hangers in place while being soldered to the end beam.



Figure 42: All eight foot board hangers soldered to the end beams.

Figure 43: Assembly of the foot boards.



To be continued . . .

N-SCALE REPORT

Atlas N Alco S2 Locomotives with Sound Are Fantastic! On April 14, 2015, Trainworld began a sale of Atlas S2 locomotives. Two sound versions are available, regular and N Master Line locomotives – Gold Series. The author opted for the gold series at \$20 more, outfitted with an ESU sound decoder system. Out of the box the sound was extremely good. The CVs for starting voltage, acceleration/de-acceleration, mid and top speed needed adjustment so the engine would run like a switcher. Although ESU decoders are not one of the author's favorites, the S2 unit instructions were much more user friendly than in the past. The decoder allows you to select one of 16 different horns, front and rear headlight operation. There can be 21 function key operations, 2 of which are optional, like ditch lights which the owner would need to install. Overall appearance is very good.

Fox Valley Models announced a new release of its N-scale *Hiawatha*, its engines and coaches 5 years after the 1st edition. Factory installed ESU- DCC with sound will be available. The author purchased a 1st edition set including 2 extra coaches because the price was right. Appearance and details are excellent, including the beaver tail observation coach, the low profile wheels, and close coupling with vestibules. The 2nd edition Hiawatha set would make a nice addition to your collection; but you should be aware of some operational issues.

First, the close coupling and vestibules make setup and actual coupling difficult. Lots of micro-trains "greasem" can help. Second, even on 33" radius curves and track-work that handles brass locos, the extremely light string of 8 coaches with the low profile wheel are derailment prone. The coaches can be disassembled by carefully removing the body from coach floor to add weight. Take care with the catch tabs on the window assembly. Personally, I would not make coach weights match the NMRA specification, but coach weights should be equal. The loco and tender also suffered from low profile wheels and light weight. The tender required 2 grams of weigh to track well and keep the sound decoder functioning. The engine required 2 sets of weighs, the frame needed 2 grams added and an additional 2 grams had to be added to the 4 wheel pilot truck so it would track well and not pick turnouts or track joints. The need to add weight is found in many model cars and engines. The 1st edition engine/tender was sold as being DCC ready, and a Digitrax sound decoder was installed. Like many model engines it runs faster in reverse than forward. When the decoder was installed this problem increased. In discussion with Fox Valley, it appears this is one time decoder motor interface glitch not found on other 1st edition or 2nd edition locos. The factory installed ESU decoder precludes this glitch and will resolve another issue. The small tender is a poor sound box, and obtaining a quality sound/volume was difficult. Based upon the sound quality produced by the ESU decoder in the limited space of the S2 diesel reviewed above, the author believes the sound on the 2nd edition Hiawatha will be very good. Finally, the issues with the Author's engine will be rectified to his satisfaction shortly by Fox Valley.

Don

AMENDMENT TO THE BY-LAWS

The following amendment to the By-Laws was proposed by Superintendent Randy Dettmer at the April 2015 meeting:

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This amendment, having been proposed at the April 2015 meeting, and published in the May 2015 Peddler Freight, will be read and voted upon at the May 2015 meeting. To pass, the motion must be approved by 75% of the membership attending the meeting. This process follows Section 7.1 of the By-Laws of Division 1, Mid-Central Region, NMRA. If approved, this amendment will become Section 4.4 of the Division 1 By-Laws.

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