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## Superintendent's Bulletin



Winter in Ohio can sure go from one extreme to another. Because of the large amount of snow that fell our January division event was canceled for the safety of our members. I hope everyone found a way to enjoy their stay at home. My day was spent working on my layout and some tasks for our upcoming Regional Convention in May. And clearing snow!

Some time ago I asked the members to write down what subjects they

would like our clinics to cover. Several of you said you would like to learn about scenery. At our upcoming February 17th event Brad Baum and Chip Syme will demonstrate their methods of doing scenery. Brad will demonstrate how to cut foam, creating contours with plaster, and covering the plaster with ground cover and trees. Chip will demonstrate installing static grass. Since there is a lot to talk about this could turn into a two-part clinic. Future topics to be covered will be water and ballasting. This will be a very informative clinic so please plan to attend. If any of you have seen Chip Syme's layout, the scenery was done by Brad and Chip.

Since last month's event was canceled, we'll have two contests at our February event; January's Transfer or Work Caboose and February's Upgraded or Re-worked Flea Market Find. We're looking forward to seeing your entries, especially the flea market finds.

Also at this month's event we'll introduce you to Evan Cihlar, President and CEO of Railroading In America Magazine. The remarkable thing about this executive is that he's a high school student, living in Stow, and he's been publishing his high-quality magazine for 2 years. Railroading In America covers everything from prototype railroading to model railroading. Please check out their website at [www.railroadinginamerica.com](http://www.railroadinginamerica.com). You will be impressed!

This month's Event will again be held at Kent Free Library, 312 W. Main Street, Kent, Ohio 44240. You are welcome to bring snacks and drinks to share with the other members. See you in Kent on February 17, 2019.

All Aboard!!

Jim DiPaola, Superintendent  
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

## Layout Tours

### Next Event - The Bullet Regional 2019

Special attention to Thursday, May 2 operating layout owners and Sunday, May 5 self-guided tour layout owners - Only 115 days before the train leaves for Boardman! All aboard! Still plenty of time to add more scenery to your layout or add another assignment or two to your op session.

Farmer Ball is happy because he finally got his mailbox installed and thanks to Randy, there is now a Bakery Coal delivery! (see page 6) While having fun, be sure to contact me with any questions or concerns.

- Operating Layouts - Thursday, May 2
- Self-guided tour - Sunday, May 5

Need more information, contact

Jim Peters  
Layout Chair

## 2018 - 2019 Division 1 Events

February 17 - Kent Free Library, 2nd Floor Mtg. Room  
March 17 - Jim/Luana Peters, Sagamore Hills  
April 28 - TBA  
May 2019 - MCR Convention - No Event  
June 9 - Bob Ashley, Jr., Green

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

AC&Y Bullet 2019 MCR Convention  
January 06, 2019, Ravenna Township Offices, Ohio

Attendance: Jim Williams, Steve Zapytowski, Jim DiPaola, Sam Eisele, Michael Bradley, Bruce Hukill, Lloyd Hoerst, Luana Perters, Jim Peters, Randy Dettmer

- 1) The meeting was called to order at 1:30 pm.
- 2) King Pin: Bruce put together an 18-page article on the upcoming convention for submission. Steve had to reduce it to 12 pages after he was informed that there was a length restriction. He left out the waiver forms and salvaged everything else by using tighter margins and a smaller font.
- 3) Minutes: there were two corrections to the last meeting minutes: Sam Eisele is not the backup for David Hazlett's operating session and there are vegetarian options for the menu. A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes as corrected. The motion passed
- 4) Treasurer's Report: Michael Brantley gave the report and will pay a \$600 deposit to BRH bus service.
- 5) Registration: Randy reported that we have 27 registrations so far and have processed one credit card payment.
- 6) Volunteers: Luana passed out a list of coverage and contacts she had prepared. This was reviewed by the group. There were several revisions including that the bus pickup would be at the convention lobby and not the hotel lobby.
- 7) Vendors: nothing new from Gary Kohler. We have payment from one vendor and all 11 tables are spoken for.
- 8) Punch list: Steve created a punch list of items for each area of the convention. It was reviewed, and everyone was asked to consider all that needed to be done in their areas.
  - a) Mike Bradley is paying for the plaques. We still have to settle on what type of material will be mounted on the wood bases – brass, plastic, etc.
  - b) Shirt orders need to all be turned into Jim Williams by April 19<sup>th</sup>.
  - c) We will stuff bags at the regular March 17<sup>th</sup> meeting.
  - d) The timetable must be at the printer March 27<sup>th</sup>.
- 9) Convention car: our order will be for 150 cars at a cost of \$16.99 a car. Mike needs to send Accurail a check for \$1,274.25 which is half the cost, to get the production started.
- 10) Adjournment – 2:55pm

Respectively submitted,  
Jim Williams

# Module Group

The last show at Salem with the Youngstown Model Railroad Association was a big success. Even though we had very bad weather with lots of snow, we had many members, and new module members, show up and get the job done. Thanks go to everyone who helped.

The next scheduled event will be the ***Mt. Hope Train & Toy Show*** in Mt. Hope, about 12 miles south of Dalton and near Berlin in Wayne county. This show is in northern Holmes County and is just south of our Division. We will be making a presence deep in Amish country and on a day that the Amish can attend. This has been a great experience. It is the largest train show in Ohio with over 625 tables. The address is Mt. Hope Event Center, 8076 St. Rt. 241, Mt. Hope, OH 44660 (Millersburg, OH 44654 for some GPS), 1-330-262-7488. The Berlin Grande Hotel, 4787 Township Road, Berlin, OH 44610, 1-330-403-3050, has a block of rooms available at a special rate if you wish to spend the night. Mention "Jon Ulbright Train Show." The new Mt. Hope Hotel is nearing completion and may be ready for this event.

The show is scheduled for Saturday, March 23, 2019. We will setup on Friday, March 22. This will be difficult if you have a job. We will be relying on our retirees to do most of the work. We will be operating the HO modules, only. **Everyone should help operate the modules regardless of the scale you model.** Please mark your calendars and be sure to come help us setup and operate the modules. Plan to eat here also because it will be catered by "Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen," the famous Amish restaurant. After the show, we have been going across the street to Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen and getting a meal or a carryout to take home. This is a chance to take something to your "significant other."

Our rack for displaying our Division 1 tri-fold brochure is missing. Please help us find it or if you have one you can donate, please call Joe Urbanski, Membership Chairman, at 330-283-0516.

**The Mid-Central Region "Bullet" Convention planning is into full swing. Please sign-up for a volunteer position a.s.a.p. There will be Module Group planning for this May, 2019 event, also. We will set up on Thursday, May 2, 2019 at 7:00 AM at the Boardman Holiday Inn. Please try to be there by 7:00 to help unload the trailer and vans. We will need operators during the Convention. More information will be in the upcoming issues about the Module involvement. However, we have two more shows to set up and operate in the meantime.**

***The Youngstown Model Railroad Association Flea Market*** at Salem, OH, at the CenterPlex Community Center, 1098 North Ellsworth Ave. will repeat on April 14, 2019. As before, we will setup at 12:30 pm, on Saturday, January 12. Please try to be there by 12:30 to help unload the trailer and vans. Everyone should help operate the modules regardless of the scale you model. Please mark your calendars and be sure to come help us setup and operate the modules.

**Everyone is a member of the Module Group.** We are educating the public about the enjoyment of model trains. We let them operate the trains and show them how our throttles work. This is what qualifies us to have a 501 (c)3 non-profit status. **Please, do your part and help.**

Those of you who want a module; you need to contact me so I can order electrical components and more lumber. See my email and phone numbers below. We will schedule a date to build the module(s). The final price will be around \$110.00 for the kit. 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.

We are always looking for venues where we can display and operate our modules. We can be an added attraction for many events, i.e., Railroad Days, shows at event centers, library historical programs, student events, etc. Please call me or any Module Group member if you think you have a lead and make sure the event coordinator is aware of your concern

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. Many of our new members joined at the shows.**

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman, 330-644-4778 or rashleysr@msn.com HO, N & Z scales  
Jim Williams, Asst. Module Chairman, 330-966-5477 or jamestwilliams46@yahoo.com HO & N scales  
Don Bonk, NTRAK, 330-418-6860 or donaldbonk@gmail.com N scale

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## Division 1 membership as of January: 98

# N-SCALE REPORT

**Programming Track** issues have been raised by three separate modelers in the past two months. There are three different approaches shown below:

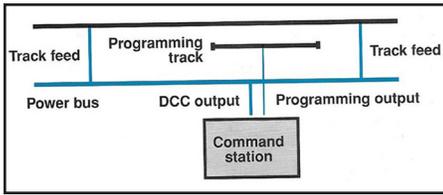


Figure 1

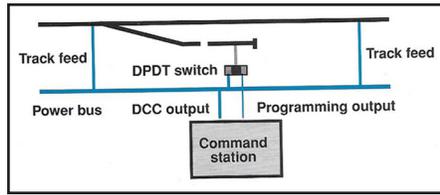


Figure 2

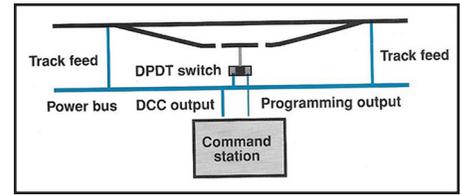


Figure 3

For some reason when people hear the need for a separate programming track, Figure 1 is what they quickly install.

**The truly separate track** (Figure 1) is the least efficient, most cumbersome configuration to use. With this approach, you place and align all the wheels of a locomotive on track, program it, and then place it on the layout. This is cumbersome and can lead to damaged locos. This becomes more so if the loco is a Centipede or a Northern (4-8-4) with 6 wheel or centipede tender trucks which becomes a victim of damage.

**The spur track approach** shown in Figure 2 is much better if you have a spur or can put one on your layout. You handle the loco once and only need decide whether it exits the siding running forward or reverse after programming. This type of programming track is what is successfully used on ACY NTRAK modules.

**The siding approach** (Figure 3) or a variation is the best concept to adopt. You need decide which direction you wish the loco to exit while handling the loco only once. If you have the space for a long programming section of track it can be used to verify your programming efforts or match engines for multi-unit operation with some type of timing apparatus. This siding approach is what is used on home layout. Lacking the space for a long siding, you could isolate a section of main line for use as a programming track. Operating or Direct Mode programming can be done on spur or sidings tracks if you own a second command station. Add it and an additional DPDT switch to this isolated section of track. While operating mode programming with other locos running on the layout is an acceptable method of programming, it has some risk. There have been reports of flash over where multiple locos were unintentionally programmed, especially with earlier (older) model decoders.

Figures were developed by Digitrax.

In the above paragraph, loco matching was mentioned and a number of articles have been written covering this subject. Two interesting articles are; ***An Easy Way to Speed-Match Locomotives*** <http://cs.trains.com/mrr/f/744/t/135008.aspx> and ***Speed-Matching Dissimilar Locomotives*** by Dan Fretz. Fretz's article covers a number of different decoders noting things like ESU LokSound decoders have up to 1000 CVs. Some all of the earlier (older) decoders may not have CVs that allow for easy programming and Fretz does not cover Broadway Limited decoders which have detailed instructions for their version of multi-unit operations.

**NTRAK Modules** are currently planned for display at the **Midwest Narrow Gauge Show**, March 22nd and 23rd, with setup on the 21st.

**Finally, have you registered for the Bullet Regional Yet? It is not too late!**

## The Bullet

### 2019 MCR Convention Quick News

The 2019 Bullet Convention Committee has been hard at work. The website is <https://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/the-acy-bullet-2019>. The trifold (click left) has been printed. Pens and notepads were distributed at the MCR convention in Cincinnati. Shirts have been spotted on Div. 1 members. Layouts are being lined up for self-guided tours and operating sessions. Historical and prototype tours are falling in place. Volunteers are still needed. The next planning meeting is February 17, 2019 at the Division 1 meeting. (see page 7)



## DIVISION 1 CONTEST

### STANDINGS

2018 - 19

#### STANDARD KIT

Frank Williamson - 5 pts  
Sam Eisele - 2 pts

#### KIT - BASHED

Sam Eisele - 6 pts  
Bob Ashley, Jr. - 5 pts  
Steve Zapytowski - 4 pts  
Matt Woods - 3 pts  
Jim Peters - 2 pts

#### CRAFTSMAN KIT

Sam Eisele - 5 pts  
Matt Woods - 4 pts

#### SCRATCH BUILT

Sam Eisele - 8 pts  
Matt Woods - 5 pts.  
Frank Williamson - 3 pts  
Steve Zapytowski - 3 pts

### CONTEST TOPICS

FOR 2018 - 19

JANUARY - Transfer or work caboose

FEBRUARY - upgraded or re-worked flea market find

MARCH - Prototype photos (categories will be modern, excursions, structures, vintage)

APRIL - Baggage cars, R.P.O.'s or combines

MAY - One square foot diorama of offline scene (industrial, residential, school, church, etc.- limited to 12" x 12" square)

JUNE - no contest

**Attention:**

**Due to the cancellation of January's meeting, both January and February contests will be judged this month.**

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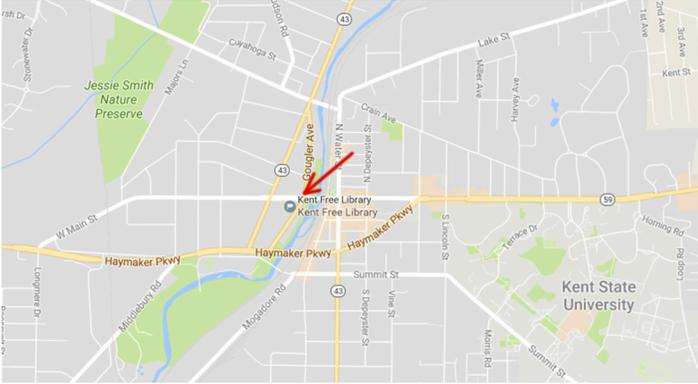
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**THIS MONTH'S MEETING**  
**Sunday, February 17, 2019**  
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**312 West Main St.**  
**Kent, OH 44255**  
**2 PM**

**A sale table will be available.**

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## Achievement Program

I would like to encourage everyone to work toward their Golden Spike Award. If you already have your Golden Spike, please look at the various categories in the NMRA Achievement Program. Please feel free to talk to me at any of the Division 1 events or give me a call at (330) 465-7402. Thank you,

Lloyd Horst  
AP Chair

## THE BULLET - 2019 MCR Convention News

Going forward each issue of the Peddler Freight will contain information about *The Bullet*. This is the name of the 2019 MCR Regional Convention, sponsored by our division. This will take place May 2 - 5, 2019 at the Boardman Holiday Inn.

According to *Akron, Canton & Youngstown and Akron & Barberton Belt* book, "the Delphos Bullet" was a mixed train that "symbolized welcomed events for the rural Ohio communities from Delphos to Akron. Organizational meetings have begun and all are welcomed to attend. **Volunteers are needed.** Let's all pitch in to make "The Bullet" a great convention.

The minutes from the January 6th meeting are on page 2.  
The convention planning schedule is:

February 17, 2019, 2:00 PM  
Division 1 meeting at Kent Free Library



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Bullet webpage

## Train Shows and Open Houses

### Mansfield Train Show - February 10

Richland County Fairgrounds - Fairhaven Hall  
750 Home Rd., Mansfield, OH 44906  
Admission \$5.00, Children under 12 free 10 AM - 3 PM

### Toy & Train Show - March 2

Independence High School Field House (Google Map)  
6001 Selig Dr., Independence, OH 44131  
Admission \$6.00, Children under 12 free 10 AM - 3 PM

### Railfest 2019 - March 16 & 17

Lakeland Community Center  
7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, OH 44094  
Admission \$7.00, Children under 12 free 10 AM - 3 PM

### RPM - East Railroad Prototype Modeler Seminar - March 22 - 23

RAMADA Greensburg Hotel and Conference Center  
100 Ramada Inn Drive, Greensburg, PA 15601  
See website: [http://www.hansmanns.org/rpm\\_east/](http://www.hansmanns.org/rpm_east/)

### Mt. Hope Train & Toy Show - March 23

Mt. Hope Event Center, 8076 St. Rt. 241, Mt. Hope, OH 44660  
Admission \$5.00, Children under 13 Free 10 AM - 4 PM

### 27th Annual Midwest Scale Train Show - March 22 - 23

Salem Center Plex  
1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH 44460  
Admission \$25, two days, \$15, one day  
Friday noon - 7 PM, Saturday 9 AM - 5 PM

### Train Collectors Assoc. Springtime Train Meet - March 30

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd, Parma, OH 44130  
Admission \$6.00, Children under 18 Free 10 AM - 3 PM

### Model Railroad & Toy Train Flea Market - April 14

Salem Center Plex  
1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH 44460  
Admission \$5.00 10 AM - 3:30 PM



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