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SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

It's the day after the Flea Market. I must give credit Bob Ashley, Jr. for his efforts on this successful Flea Market. He did a great deal of work on it. I must also thank the others members who worked on set up and clean up for the Flea Market. Bob's wife, Twyla did a great job on the food concession. I also thank those of the membership who attended the Flea Market.

There were many positive comments from sellers at the Flea Market. Several asked if we (Division 1) had plans to do this again. That question was answered "YES".

A full report on the Flea Market will wait until the November 15 meeting at the Whistle Stop. This means that the major topic of discussion at the meeting will be next year's Flea Market. Attend the meeting and be a part of the discussion. Your input is needed.

As Superintendent, I cannot just decide to do something of this magnitude. I can put forth the idea, push for the idea and gather support from others, but I cannot just go ahead and do it. You, as a member of Division 1, have the final say. Come to the meeting and put in your two cents worth!

Last month I ended my message with "Support THE FLEA MARKET!" This month I will end with . . .

Support THE 2010 FLEA MARKET!

David

REPORT ON THE REGIONAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

Robert Ashley, Sr. and I attended the Mid-Central Region Board of Directors meeting on October 11, 2009 in Columbus, Ohio. The two primary pieces of business dealt with the new guidelines for contests from the NMRA and Regional finances.

NMRA has instituted new additions to the contest guidelines for the National Convention. The guidelines deal with allowing kit-built models (NOT kit-bashed, but kit-built models) into the contest to be judged and providing of awards for those models. These new model categories would be in addition to the standard categories, not replacing them. It was determined that the effect on the Regional contest would be to almost double the cost of awards and to almost double the judging time required for the contest. A motion was made to essentially continue to follow the guidelines that have been used in the past at the Regional Conventions. That motion passed.

With the purchase of local banks by PNC Bank, the checking account and the CD's for the Region ended up in the possession of a bank headquartered in Erie, PA. This has produced problems in changing the names on the accounts (signature papers) to the current office holders. Two motions were made and passed to alleviate the problem in the present and in the future. One placed the name of the former Treasurer on the list as Assistant Treasurer, which eliminates the current problem. The second motion placed the liaison to the State of Ohio concerning corporations on the signature papers. This name will continue on the signature papers to avoid future problems of this nature. It was further decided to move the CD's to a local bank when they mature.

Reports were received from all Divisions, from the various committees of the Region and from the past and upcoming Regional Convention hosts.

Respectfully Submitted,

David H. Hazlett, Superintendent

Assistant Superintendent's Report

CONTEST MODELS FOR SEPTEMBER 2009 - MAY 2010

At the September meeting, I passed around a sign-up sheet for anyone who would like to present a Clinic. No one signed up, although, one person wants to finalize a topic for next spring. Please call me if you will help. I have two clinics planned for the February and the April meetings, so far.

The "Railroad Flea Market" went off without a hitch. Even though it was a small show, all the dealers I talked to said they made money on the show and would like to come back next time. The division donations from last year were almost completely sold out. I personally sold almost everything from my table. The food was great and our thanks go to Twyla Ashley and Karen Sanders for preparing the food and handling the sales.

I will have (2) XL Polo Shirts, Truckers and Mesh Hats and Patches at the next meeting. Please go the "div1-mcr-nmra.org" web site to see the clothing available and the order form for other items. Call or e-mail me to place an order. Now is the time to order Sweatshirts before it gets to cold.

I recently read the January, 2009 "Scale Rails" -Mail Car, pp. 7, "Some Thoughts on the NMRA" article and the articles that followed. I'm sure we can all relate to the thoughts as they were presented. I hope to see more of our members at meetings and events.

We only have 50 members in the Roster out of the 87 members on the membership list. I will be compiling the next Roster for January. Please call or e-mail me to have your name added to the Roster if you did not see it in the last Roster.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Asst. Super.

November - Vehicles which are railroad related with name of the railroad on the side.

Examples are speeders, handcars, MOW trucks.

December - no contest

January - Servicing Facilities - steam or diesel

February - Depressed center flat cars with or without loads

March - Excessively weathered and/or damaged freight cars

April - Diesel Locomotives

May - Cabooses

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NMRA MEMBERSHIP REPORT

NMRA Membership in Division 1 stands at 91. This report covers through October and was received on November 3.

NEW MEMBERS: Martin Adkins, Larry Brown, David Wood

RENEWALS: Robert Anelli, Rob Ashley, Elmer Johnson, John Miller, Phillip Novak, Joe Urbanski, Edwin Welch, Cheryl Welch, Dan Williams, Glenn Yoder.

MISSING FROM LIST: Lewis Mines

THANKS & GIVING 2009

We do have much to be thankful for and this year is no exception. We are, at my house, most grateful to have the friends. All of us have the ability to control our own happiness.

It is an attitude of mind as well as heart that we, each and every one of us share in that we have our friends to be thankful for.

It is because of them that we have so much to share. Both of us have our own interests outside the home and it is always fun to sit and often compare notes. This hobby is not about the hobby, it is, as it has always been, about people. Regardless of the venue it is always the PEOPLE who make life fun and enjoyable.

The people and our interaction with them is what counts.

In my case the Model Railroaders have provided a very interesting and thought provoking look into something around us that has not been seen or experienced in most of the years of my past until recently.

Our Division #1 officers, David, The Ashleys, Jim Williams, Bill Smith, the Advisory Committee, Chuck Boyer and a host of others who are willing to contribute to the cause are just a few who quickly come to mind.

Randy Dettmer, Jim Bacher, Frank Smith, Jeff Jansen and those who have hosted meetings for us are

not to be forgotten. All of you are valuable and have much to offer each other. I recognize that and want to build on that opportunity.

It was obvious at our recent Flea Market, if not at other times and events, that we all have much to give and to be thankful.

It is to those whether you are one of our volunteers, workers or officers that I extend a heartfelt THANK YOU for doing what you can to make this the "Worlds Greatest Hobby"

HAPPY THANKSGIVING from all of us equally as we look forward with excitement, fun and optimism to 2010.

Sincerely
Ron Wigal, Membership Chair

Division 1 Meeting Minutes October 18, 2009

Host: Bob Ashley, Jr. Akron, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 2:03 PM by Superintendent David Hazlett. Fourteen people were in attendance. David Hazlett started the meeting by thanking Bob and his wife for hosting the meeting.

Initial Business:

-A motion was made by Bill Hewitt to accept the minutes of the September meeting as published in the Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded by Kurt Sanders and passed.

-The Treasurer's Report was given by Bob Ashley, Jr. A motion was made by Chuck Boyer to accept the report pending audit. The motion was seconded by Bob Ashley, Sr. and passed.

-Peddler Freight – we are now accepting subscriptions. The cost is \$15. There is no cost to receive it via e-mail. Currently, 25 people have subscribed for the hard-copy and 7 or 8 will be getting an e-mail.

-There is concern not only on the National and Region level but on the Division level as well as, to what can be done to reverse the loss of members. One thing our division is doing is hosting the flea market and making it open to the public. Bob Ashley, Sr. has also been calling the people who have dropped off the master membership list and most say they will renew. Bob has also created the pamphlet on Division 1. Ron Wigal has been given the responsibility for the meeting schedule and membership and will be doing more follow-up.

The Assistant Superintendent's report was given by Bob Ashley, Sr.:

-The 3rd annual holiday dinner will be on 12/19 at the Erie Station where it was held last year. The cost is \$20.75 per meal and it will be served in a dining car. Currently 25 people have signed up to go. Contact Bob if you would like to attend.

-The current roster will be put in the Peddler Freight but will include only those people we are sure are NMRA members.

-Clothing – new hats, patches and shirts have been procured will be available for the flea market and immediate purchase. Names can be embroidered on the shirts for no charge. Hats are \$16, patches are \$3, and shirts (polo and dress) are \$23

-Clinics – 02/21/09 Bob Weinheimer will talk about the 2010 regional convention and give a presentation on operation on the Pennsylvania Southern model railroad; 04/18/09 David Tilham will talk on coal fired power plants and equipment operation; 06/13/09 Chuck Boyer will give a modeling clinic

-Modules – currently there are 12 and Larry Brown is going to build several and involve youngsters in their construction

The Superintendent's Report was presented by David Hazlett:

Regional Board of Directors' meeting - kit-built modeling awards have been added to the contests at the national level but it was decided by the region due to cost and time constraints to not do likewise

-The Regional Convention is May 13-16, 2010 in Charleston, West Virginia. At our February meeting Mr. Weinheimer will fill us in on this event and we will be able to register with him at that time if we would like.

-Web site – David is going to ask our web master, Alex Fleet, to give us some ideas on updating the look and feel of the site

-David would eventually like to move the division to a tax status 501; we would need to put more emphasis on education which could be done by working with the Boy Scouts on their model railroading merit badge. He will look into this endeavor and get back to the membership.

-You can request that the regional Kingpin be sent to you via e-mail like the Peddler Freight.

Other business:

-Division 1's second annual flea market – currently 29 tables are sold with another 2 more possible. Bob

Ashley's wife, Twyla, aided by Karen Sanders, will run the concession stand. A \$2 donation will be asked for at the door. Children under 12 will be free. Setup will be 6 pm Saturday evening. Vendors can gain access to the room at 9 am Sunday morning. Several people are needed to help with the setup and cleanup and. Kurt Sanders has volunteered to man the door and collect entrance donations.

-A motion was made by Bob Ashley, Jr. to allot \$100 for the cash drawers (entrance and concession) and it was seconded by Frank Williams and passed.

-Discussion of the roster – a motion was made by Jim Williams that we table further discussion of the roster until next September. The motion was seconded by Bill Hewitt and passed.

-A motion was made by Frank Williams to adjourn the meeting. It was seconded by Kurt Sanders and passed. The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 pm.

Respectfully,

Jim Williams, Clerk

2009-2010 Meeting Dates

Nov 15- Whistle Stop Hobby Shop

Dec 19- Holiday Dinner - Erie Station - Tallmadge

Jan 17- Sebring Model RR Club

Feb 21- Larry Brown - Ravenna

Mar 21- Jim Williams - North Canton

Apr 18- Don Bonk - Louisville

May 23 Jim Dipaolo - Ravenna

Jun 13- Chuck Boyer - Clinton

Meeting dates subject to change due to Holidays or hosts schedules. Contact Ron Wigal at

rwigal@neo.rr.com

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Mark your calendar for December 19, 2009, Saturday at 1:00PM
THIRD ANNUAL HOLIDAY DINNER
at the
ERIE STATION GRILLE
70 EAST AVENUE, COUNTY ROAD 18 OFF I-76
TALLMADGE OHIO 44278

We will have a beautiful private railroad dining car, "*THE ROSE*", which has been rebuilt with very plush paneling, new carpeting, lights, tables, linens, video entertainment system and your order will be served to you at your table. The car is handicap accessible and has very spacious handicap accessible restrooms. You will order at your table and choose from:

- * PARMESAN TILAPIA
- * 8 OZ. SIRLOIN STEAK
- * CHICKEN MARSALA

or

- * PASTA ALFREDO

(* Choose one)

All dinners, except pasta, include baked potato and vegetable.
All include salad, bread, butter, soft drink, iced tea, hot tea or hot coffee.

\$16.49 PER PERSON

PLEASE ADD 6.5% SALES TAX & 18% GRATUITY (ABOUT \$20.75 TOTAL PER PERSON)

MEMBERS, SPOUSES, FAMILY, GRANDKIDS, AND FRIENDS. BRING A GUEST.

We have room for at least 44 people and 29 have signed up. Don't wait. Call now.

Please call to advise the number of people attending - BOB ASHLEY, SR., 330-644-4778 or e-mail
rashleysr@msn.com.

NICK'S RAILWAY SUPPLY
Station to Station "The Big Clinic"
December 5, 2009 10 am till 2 pm \$2 Admission

Start at Nick's Railway Supply, purchase your ticket and then proceed to Middlebranch Auto
This is the second year we have offered Station to Station, the Big Clinic. Last year was amazing! And, we are not just saying this. Those words came from those who attended. This year is looking to be just as much fun! Station to Station is our Big Clinic. That means several clinics, displays and demos running all at once. This Allows for a very flexible visit for you. You can visit one exhibitor. You can pick and choose which to see. You can see all of the exhibitors. The choice is yours. Come and go as you please. All clinics and demos will run the entire time so you can come at any time and stay as long as you wish.
Admission is only \$2 and allows you in and out privileges and offsets the cost of Middlebranch Auto's utilities and their effort to get the facility ready for our use.

THE 2009-2010 CONTEST

CONTEST WINNERS FOR OCTOBER 2009:

Scratch-Built

Kit-Built

Kit-Bashed

Bob Ashley, Jr. - 2 pts

Chuck Boyer - 1 pt

CURRENT STANDINGS:

Scratch-Built

Kit-Built

Kit-Bashed

Bob Ashley, Jr. - 2 pts

Chuck Boyer - 1 pt

November Destinations

The Whistle Stop Hobby Shop in Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio is hosting our November 2009 meeting on Sunday, Nov. 15th at 2:00 P.M. Ample parking in the rear. In speaking with Kevin, the owner he wants this to be an open invitation to any & everyone interested. EVERYONE INVITED ! No Fees Charged. Come and enjoy the free food and listen to our guest speaker. Remember this is *National Model Railroad month and will be our last meeting for 2009.*

Anyone wanting to bring & share their recipe of food and goodies is invited to do so. We have in the past two years had sloppy jo's, Hot chili, home baked goodies, various snacks with soft drinks & Hot coffee. Expect more of the same. Kevin suggests we invite any one interested to "Pay Us a Visit". New faces to get acquainted with, plenty of room and even more of Train Talk. Get to know Kevin, hear what he has to say that's Coming to these hobbies in 2010.

Traditionally this is our best attended meeting of the year. The Whistle Stop obviously has become a very diversified hobby shop delivering goods to many interested in various hobbies.

We hope this begins a festive, fun and enjoyable holiday season for everyone. PLAN NOW TO ATTEND.

Ron Wigal, Meeting Chair 2009

Just a thought . . .

Frederick Buechner writes in his book *Beyond Words* about the word : **today** - "It is a moment of light surrounded on all sides by darkness and oblivion. In the entire history of the universe, let alone in our own history, there has never been another just like it and there will never be another. It is the point at which all your yesterdays have been leading since the hour of your birth. It is the point from which all your tomorrow's will proceed until the hour of your death. If you were aware of how precious it is, you could hardly live through it. Unless you are aware of how precious it is, you can hardly be said to be living at all. All other days have either disappeared into darkness and oblivion or have not yet emerged from it. Today is the only day there is."

Today and every day is the time to share your bountiful blessings with others.

Seasons Greetings,

Bill Smith, Editor

Train Shows and Open Houses – December 2009 thru January 2010

Cuyahoga Valley & West Shore Open House – December 5 & 6, 2009 – 12PM-5PM

Olmstead Falls Depot, 25802 Garfield Ave, Olmstead Falls, OH
\$2 Donation, children free.

Youngstown Model Railroad Assn – December 5 & 6, 2009 – 12PM-6PM

Corner of Raccoon Rd & Four-Mile Run Rd, Austintown, OH
\$3 Donation per person, children under 12 are free with adult.

Medina Model Railroad & Toy Show – December 6, 2009 – 10AM-4PM

Medina County Fairgrounds Community Center, 735 Lafayette Rd, Median, OH
\$5 Admission, children 12 and under are free.

Massillon Train & Toy Show – December 13, 2009 – 10AM-3PM

Massillon Knights of Columbus Hall, 988 Cherry Rd NW, Massillon, OH
\$4 Admission, children 12 and under are free.

Toy Train Operating Society Model & Toy Train Event – December 13, 2009 – 11AM-4PM

Franklin County Fairgrounds, 4100 Columbia St, Hillard, OH
\$3 Admission, \$6 family, children under 12 are free.

Lakeland College Train Show – December 19 & 20, 2009 – 10AM-3:30PM

Lakeland Community College, Athletic & Fitness Center, Kirkland, OH
\$7 Admission, \$12 family including children under 18.

Toy Train Operating Society Toy Train Show – December 20, 2009 – 10AM-2PM

United Food & Commercial Workers Hall, 876 Horace Brown Dr, Madison Hts, MI
\$3 Admission

Toledo's Christmas Model Train & Fun Show – December 27, 2009 – 11AM-4PM

Lucas County Rec Center, 2901 Key St, Maumee, OH
\$5 Admission, children under 12 free with adult.

Toy Train & Model Railroad Flea Market – January 10, 2010 – 10:30AM-3:30PM

McMenamy's Banquet Hall, 325 Warren-Youngstown Rd, Niles, OH
\$5 Admission

Train Collectors Association – January 16, 2010 – 10AM-3PM

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd, Parma, OH
\$5 Admission, \$7 family, children free.

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