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NOTES FROM THE SUPER

There was quite a number of members at the Sebring Model Railroad Club in January. I really enjoyed seeing so many of our members. I want to officially thank the Sebring Club for hosting the meeting. I got to talk to members I have never met. I enjoyed the day even though I talked to so many people, I didn't manage to see the layout in any detail.

I would like to get our Division doing more than just a business meeting and a layout or clinic. Some of the other Divisions have a program called "Bring and Brag" in which members bring buildings, locos, cars, etc. and show and tell about them. Now, having spent my career as a teacher, "Show and Tell" is something I can relate to. So, I would like, those of you who will, to bring a TRACKSIDE BUILDING to the February meeting. Bring one that you have scratch built or have added details to enhance its appearance. If you have won a contest with it all the better. Some of us have not seen prize winning work for a long time; some never have. It would be great to see something toward which my modeling can aspire. I just put back together three buildings that have been in pieces for 14 years. An interesting job considering the missing parts and NO INSTRUCTIONS. I built some of these 30 years ago from kits when I was just starting. I found that my current ability and standards of building have progressed in 30 years. (Thankfully!) I wonder how much more I can achieve if I have some really great models and modelers to learn from. I'm sure I will be amazed at what can be done, at least by others, and will have something to aspire to. So, "Show and Tell" will begin in February with TRACKSIDE BUILDINGS.

One of my group of operators suggested that we sponsor, set up, run a LAYOUT TOUR in May. I know there are several in November, but how about one in May so that visitors can see what can be done with layouts that have been worked on all winter? I've already started talking with my operators about this. I want to hear what you think, so talk to me at the February meeting.

My wife and I have registered for the MCR Convention in Morgantown, WV on April 27-30. I hope some of you will also make it to Morgantown. The National Convention is in Philadelphia, PA in early July. I have information on both of these if you would like it.

Winter is upon us (at least the calendar says it is) and this is the traditional time for working on your layout. So have fun railroading.

David

COME TO AN OPERATING SESSION

ALL SKILL LEVELS WELCOME

OPERATING SESSIONS EVERY THIRD
MONDAY AT 7:30 PM

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The following is a tentative meeting list:

February 19 - David Hazlett - Akron

March 19 - Rick Muir - Richfield

April 23 - (Date Change) Youngstown MRRC

May 21 - Donald Bonk - Louisville

Visit our web site at:

www.trainweb.org/division-1-mcr-nmra/index.html.

Region and Division Officer and Editors

For the past two years Division 1 has been mailing the Peddler Freight to Region Officers and to Division Supers and Editors. We are posting the Peddler Freight on our web site and this will be the LAST MAILED copy to the Region and Division. Printing and postage costs are not a good use of "model railroading" money.

So if you want to check where we are meeting, or want to know "what's happening in Division 1" please go to our web site.

Thank You,
Bill Smith, Editor.

A little boy was attending his first wedding. After the service his cousin asked him, "How many women can a man marry?" "Sixteen," the boy responded. His cousin was amazed he had an answer so quickly. "How do you know that?" "Easy" the little boy said. "All you have to do is add it up, like the Bishop said, 4 better, 4 worse, 4 richer, 4 poorer."

SHOW AND TELL

As announced in my message, we are starting a program I call "Show and Tell." This is NOT a contest. It is a sharing of your attempts and successes. Notice that I said attempts. It would be informative to see what DIDN'T work just as much as what DID!

LINEUP:

February . . . Trackside Buildings

March Weathered Rolling Stock

April NO "Show and Tell" due to being at
Youngstown's Club

May Homemade Loads for a flat car or
gondola

February Destinations
Sunday, February 19, 2:00 PM

The David Hazlett home at 247 Calicoe Dr in Akron is our destination for February. If you need to contact David he can be reached at (330) 434-4565 or by email at dhazlett1@neo.rr.com

David indicates he will provide snacks and beverages.

DIRECTIONS TO 247 CALICOE DR. AKRON

From north of Akron:

From Rt. 8 you can go to the central interchange and follow I-76 West toward Barberton. The third exit is Dart Ave. Exit at Dart turning right at the bottom of the exit. Follow Dart (it parallels the inner-belt) to the second traffic signal which is Bartges. Turn right then right at the first street, La Salle. Turn left at the next street which is Calicoe. 247 is the first unit on the left.

From east or south of Akron:

From Rt. 8 you can go to the central interchange and follow I-76 West. The third exit is Dart Ave. Exit at Dart turning right at the bottom of the exit. Follow Dart (it parallels the inner-belt) to the second traffic signal which is Bartges. Turn right then right at the first street, La Salle. Turn left at the next street which is Calicoe. 247 is the first unit on the left.

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From west of Akron:

Exit at the Lakeshore / Bowery exit. Go to the traffic signal and turn left. Follow the street, Dart, as it curves and parallels the inner-belt. At the third traffic signal, Bartges, turn right. Turn right at the first street, La Salle, and then left at the next, Calicoe. 247 is the first unit on the left.

PARKING IS ALLOWED ONLY ON THE PARKING PADS AT EACH END OF CALICOE. YOU MAY ALSO PARK ON THE RIGHT SIDE OF LA SALLE. PARKING ON LA SALLE IS NOT VERY FAR FROM MY HOUSE. JUST CROSS THE STREET AND WALK UP CALICOE.

UPCOMING ELECTION

In May we have our election for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Treasurer. The Superintendent is required by the By-Laws to appoint and Elections Committee in February to secure candidates. Please make your willingness to serve on this committee known at the February meeting.

As you know, the Division has not had a Clerk since May 2005. A Clerk is needed as the Superintendent is having trouble running the business meeting and taking notes at the same time. The Clerk's position is appointed. Please volunteer.

The Superintendent does need an Assistant in case of inability to attend a meeting. Please remember this when being solicited to run for office.

The By-Laws require that all Officers of the Division are NMRA members in good standing.

A Note of Thanks

Last month Chuck Boyer copied, folded, labeled, stamped and mailed the Peddler Freight for me as my wife was in Hospice and I just didn't have the time. Thanks Chuck.

Many of you have sent cards and several others came to calling hours and to my wife's funeral services. It was nice to see all of you as I have not been able to attend our meetings. Again, our children and I thank you all.

Bill Smith

P.S. - My wife was my proofreader. So read carefully.

MEETING MINUTES DIVISION 1, MCR, NMRA Held at the Sebring Model Railroad Club January 15, 2006

The meeting began at 2:06 pm. There were 15-20 members in attendance. Minutes of the last meeting were moved, seconded and accepted as printed.

The Superintendent's Report:

"... I monitor the membership report and have sent cards to those renewing memberships and to new members, which, I'm sorry to say, are few in number. This Division covers ten counties and has a membership of just more than 10 per county. This makes it very difficult to devise any plans for improving on the current status of the Division. I have a few things in mind and ..." will soon be making them known.

There was no treasurer's report.

A list of inactive member names has been provided by NMRA. Several were known to the Super and those present were asked to help identify others.

The By-Laws require the appointment of a three-NMRA-member Election Committee in February to get things ready for the May election. Volunteers will be needed for this committee.

We are still functioning without a Clerk (Secretary) and without an Assistant Super.

The Regional Convention is in Morgantown, WV on April 27-30, 2006. The National Conventions is in Philadelphia, PA on July 2-9, 2006.

The meeting adjourned at approximately 2:30 pm.

We appreciate very much the courtesy of the Sebring Club for hosting our meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

David H. Hazlett

**Stephen Leslie
Wooster, Ohio**

