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## Superintendents Message SUPERINTENDENT'S MESSAGE

Did you read NMRA President Mike Brestel's editorial in the February Scale Rails?

Near the end of his article he says, "I want you to try to make a difference at the grass-roots level. Divisions are where much of the value of NMRA membership is delivered. Regions supplement and complement those efforts, but unless your local organization has value to you, the organization has failed you. Don't allow that to be a result of your failing your local organization. Volunteer to help run the next meeting or home

layout tour. Give a clinic. Write an article for your division or region newsletter. Stand up and be counted now!"

I am glad to say that the number of individuals hosting or wanting to host a meeting this year was greater than the number of meeting dates. Good Work!

While we do have individuals writing for the Peddler Freight we need more. Bob Ashley, Sr. had an article printed in the Regional newsletter a couple of months back. Good Work!

Thanks to the Youngstown Club we will again have a booth at a railroad show. We have people to man the booth and talk about the Division and NMRA. Good Work!

Our attendance at meetings is staying around twenty. While I would like to see more members at meetings, this is - you got it - Good Work!

We are a little on the light side for clinics. I think this is just a matter of individuals not wanting to brag about what they can do or have done. I just read a quick help article in Model Railroader where a modeler didn't like the big hole caused by using Peco switch machines. He developed a cover for the machine which allows ballast to be properly used to cover the area. I have used Peco machines, but I hate the hole they require. I have a method I use that requires only a slot for the pin of the machine. I have not shared that in a clinic. Why? I have no answer. Are you in the same fix that I just described? You do something that works and haven't shared it? If so, we need to talk. Maybe we both can do something. Then we can give ourselves a - Good Work!

David

### 2009 Meeting Schedule

March 29 - Youngstown Model Railroad Club

April 19 - Jim Bacher - Akron

May 17 - Randy Dittmer - Hudson

June 14 - Don Bonk - Louisville

## SHIRTS, HATS AND PATCHES

The sales of apparel have been disappointing, so far this season. I'm hoping each of you the financial best in these hard times. However, I'm here to provide your needs, whenever you need an item of Division 1 clothing.

Please go to our website to see the latest on apparel. There is an order form which can be copied and mailed to me, with your check, to get the process started, or, see me at the meeting. It takes two weeks to fill most orders, except for hats and patches which are in stock. They are available at the meetings. This is the time to order the sweatshirts. All proceeds go to the Division 1 treasury. Go to [www.div1-mcr-nmra.org](http://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org) for more information.

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## McMENAMY'S SHOW BOOTH

Division 1 will have an NMRA booth at the train show in the Youngstown area on March 15, 2009. We will have a display setup with brochures, apparel and other railroad related items. See the show announcement in this Peddler Freight for location details. Please stop by when you come.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Assistant Superintendent, Div. 1

## NMRA MEMBERSHIP REPORT For December 2008 & January 2009

NMRA Membership in Division 1 stands at 96. The information used for this report was received on January 7 and January 30, 2009 .

**NEW MEMBERS:** Curtis R. Cox

### RENEWALS:

December:	Robert Anelli Robert Hixenbaugh Ed Reagan Glenn Yoder	Randy Fleet Jim & Sally Mima Mary Lou Rice	Robert Gurdak Jim Pope Frank Smith
January:	Charles Burroughs Sanford Sexton	William Heylock James Williams	John Lane

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

December: Ivan Stasa                      January: Daniel Pursley

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

## MASTER ROSTER LIST

The Roster, listed in previous issues of the Peddler Freight, will be a copy of the Master Roster which is signed by the members who attend the meetings. Some of you may not be able to attend meetings and are not getting E-mailings of current events. If you wish to have your name added to the Master Roster, please send me an E-mail stating you wish to be added and your E-mail will be placed on file and your name added.

Anyone who wants to edit your listing may also do so by E-mail. We are trying to expand our friendship by providing avenues of correspondence which keep you up to date. Please read the disclaimer at the top of the Master Roster. Bob Ashley, Sr., Assistant Superintendent, Div. 1

### 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 JANUARY 2009:

<u>Scratch-Built</u>	<u>Kit-Built</u>	<u>Kit-Bashed</u>
none	Bob Ashley, Jr. - 1	Chuck Boyer - 1

#### The model types for September 2008 through May 2009 are:

February - M of W equipment (scale cars/track maintenance)  
March - Stock cars  
April - On-line structures (structures which function directly with a railroad)  
May - Steam locomotives

#### CONTEST STANDINGS as of January 2009:

Scratch-Built: Frank Williamson - 1

Kit-Bashed: Bob Ashely, Sr. - 3  
Bill Bigler - 3  
Chuck Boyer - 2

Kit-Built: Bob Ashley, Jr. - 2  
Rob Ashley - 1  
Dennis Sautters - 1 ½  
Larry Olsen - 1 ½

Due to my error, last month's winners we incorrectly listed. The corrected list should have read:  
Scratch-Built - Frank Williamson  
Kit-Bashed - Chuck Boyer  
Kit-Built - Rob Ashley.

David

# MODULE REPORT

There are eight of ten modules built and in the hands of their owners. I have the last two and will have them finished this week. We are trying to detail these modules to display them at the April meeting at Jim Backer's meeting residence. They will not be operational, but, will give everyone a look see at the progress we have made.

We have six HO, Three N and one Z scale modules. The wiring harnesses are the only holdup. The wiring is the same in HO and N scales. Z scale requires a different wiring harness. All the wiring components are readily available and comply with the standards.

Bob Ashley, Sr., Module Chairman

## FOR SALE

- 2 - Innovator 1500 DC (analog) Throttles
- 1 - Aristo Craft Train Engineer Throttle (transformers available)

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## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Feb. 16 - Medina Akron Railroaders (MAR) has an Operating Session for your pleasure.

Contact: David at [dhazlett1@neo.rr.com](mailto:dhazlett1@neo.rr.com)

March 2 - MAR has another Operating Session at a different layout than the Feb 16 location.

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March 8 - The Youngstown Model Railroad Association Model Railroad Flea Market 10:30 AM - 3:30 PM

McMenamy's Banquet Hall 325 Warren-Youngstown Rd., Niles

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

Division 1 Meeting Minutes  
January 18, 2009  
The Sebring Model Railroad Club, Sebring, Ohio

The meeting was called to order at 2:00 PM by Superintendent David Hazlett. 22 people were present. The minutes of November's meeting, as printed in the Peddler Freight, were approved. The Treasurer's combined report for November and December was presented and accepted subject to audit.

Superintendent David Hazlett reported that the NMRA membership for Division 1 stands at 97 people. We have one new member, a re-railed member, Curtis Cox. David is still looking for a webmaster to replace Ivan Baugh from Division 8. Ivan is still performing this function for us but he would like to be replaced due to health reasons. This year we are opening the meetings for each member to bring up to two items to swap or sell. David has offered to be a regional judge for the MMR AP certificate. He is looking ahead to possibly becoming the region AP chair after his duties of Superintendent are completed.

Bob Ashley, Sr. gave the Assistant Superintendent's report. We have not sold much apparel lately. He still has patches and hats and can order other items with a 2 week delivery time. Bob reported that they had 19 people at the annual holiday dinner which was held at the Erie Depot Diner. The food was good and a raffle was held. The diner was reserved for this year on the 19<sup>th</sup> of December. Six modules have been finished. Bob passed around the roster of e-mail addresses for review and correction.

Dennis Sautters talked briefly about the Sebring Club. They have operating sessions using a card system. Also, several areas are being updated: the refinery has been redone by a person who is familiar with this type of industry and the mountain is being overhauled.

It was proposed that we start having a raffle at each meeting with a dollar a chance or 6 chances for five dollars with the winner keeping half the pot and the division the other half. The Treasurer would be in charge of the proceedings. The motion was seconded, voted on, and passed. The first raffle was held at this month's meeting with the results to be reported at February's meeting.

It was voted on to renew the division's website for three years at a cost of \$176.66. Whether we would eventually put The Peddler Freight only on the website and not mail it out would be decided on at a later date.

The regional convention will be held April 30 through May 3, 2009 in Columbus. The cost is \$60 through February 28 and \$70 after this date. Information on it can be found in the King Pin.

Train shows:

Youngstown Club Show – March 8<sup>th</sup> at McMenemy's Hall,  
325 Warren-Youngstown Rd., Niles, Ohio  
(we will have a division booth here – Bob Asheley Sr. can use volunteers)

Division 5 Railfest – March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at Lakeland Community College,  
Kirtland, Ohio

World's Greatest Hobby - March 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> at the IX Center,  
Cleveland, Ohio

The meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jim Williams, Division 1 Clerk