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Superintendent's Bulletin



Hello and welcome to the last issue of the Peddler Freight before the summer break. I hope everyone has some summer plans made that include either prototype or model railroading. With the Internet being today's travel guide, all one has to do is type in a few words for a search and in a flash you'll have a return list of where one can go. Have fun in your travels and let us hear where you went and what you did.

For our last meeting in June we usually try and have some type of get together that combines a short business meeting, food and lots of fellowship with other Division 1 members. On June 23, 2024 we'll meet at Sam and Trish Eisele's beautiful home and as they usually do when they host our Division 1 meetings, they will be grilling. Sam and Trish run a catering business and their cooking and hosting is the best you'll ever experience. At our 2019 Regional Convention, "The Bullet," Sam and Trish gave a clinic on soups and it was highlighted by their excellent cooking skills. So if you missed their clinic you owe it to your tastebuds to come to this meeting. Details of this meeting are posted on page 6 in this Peddler Freight.

I want to give a shout out to all Division 1 members who helped set up and run the modules at the 2024 MCR Convention in May. The modules went together well and ran great. A big congratulations to our Peddler Freight Editor Bruce Hukill. His HO scale module won 2nd place in the module division and his N scale module won Best of Show by popular vote. Nice work Bruce!

Lastly, myself, Sam Eisele and Michael Bradley would like to thank the Division 1 members who voted and elected the three of us to another 2 year term as your Division 1 Officers. I enjoy being your Superintendent and look forward to working with Sam to help everyone have a great time model railroading. Michael is one of the best Treasurers that's come along to look after Division 1's finances. It's a privilege to represent Division 1 and we'll make sure to give 110% to all Division 1 matters. If there is something you want to know or we can help you with in any way, please contact us.

All Aboard!!
Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
NMRA, MCR, Division 1

T-TRAK Module News

The HO T-TRAK modules were successfully run at the MCR Convention. The equivalent of 16 single straight modules were incorporated into the layout between the curves. There were many compliments and questions from convention attendees.

Thank you to Sam Eisele for providing tables and all Division 1 members who volunteered with transport, set up and the running of trains. With each setup, the module members continue to complete scenery and refine set up and takedown.



Steam power was dominant on the HO scale T-TRAK layout displayed at the MCR Regional Convention. The station and grain elevator are on one of Jerry Kruse's double modules.

2023 - 24 Division 1 Events

June 23 - Sam and Trish Eisele, Div. 1 Picnic

Division 1, MCR, NMRA
Meeting Minutes
May 19, 2024

1. Welcome:

- ~ Call to order: 2:00 PM.
- ~ By: Jim DiPaola, Superintendent
- ~ Participants: 12.
- ~ Location: Jim & Luana Peters' home.

2. Clerk: Jeff Stone:

- ~ Previous meeting minutes published in Peddler freight.
- ~ Motion to approve minutes, (Jim DiPaola/John Spinks) carried.

3. Treasurer: Mike Bradley:

- ~ Report presented by treasurer. Available on request.
- ~ Income: \$35 to Module Fund.
- ~ Expenses: None.
- ~ Motion to approve treasurer report, (Bob Anelli/Sam Eisele) carried.

4. Superintendent: Jim DiPaola:

- ~ Explained "grouper" insurance, your Medicare plan may pay for NMRA membership (up to \$100) as it's considered mental fitness, studies show people with hobbies who belong to hobby groups have better health and live longer.
- ~ Superintendent meeting: National will beta test improvements to achievement program; hopefully remove barriers that slow down achievement certificates.
- ~ 2024 MCR Convention, Columbus area (Dublin), 15 -18 May.

4a. Assistant Superintendent: Sam Eisele: June meeting, at the Eisele home.

5. Peddler Freight Committee: Bruce Hukill: No report.

6. Membership Committee: Jim Peters: 71 members.

7. Clinic Committee: Jim DiPaola: No report.

8. Achievement Committee: Lloyd Horst: No report.

9. Module Committee: John Spinks:

- ~ Trains were running at convention in 2 Hours.
- ~ Corners need additional work.

10. Facebook Committee: Jim DiPaola: No report.

11. Website Committee: Steve Zapytowski: No report.

12. Old Business: Election Results: Jim DiPaola, Superintendent, Sam Eisele, Ass't Superintendent, Mike Bradley, Treasurer.

13. New Business: None.

14. Bring and Brag: Jim DiPaola showed several products he bought during convention from R&J Detail. (rjdetail.com)

15. Good of the Order/Announcements

- ~ Jeff Stone reported on the Midwest Railway Preservation tour in Cleveland.
- ~ Ramhog Shearer from Div 4 thanked the Div. 1 for bringing HO T-TRAK modules.
- ~ Bob Anelli won 50/50.

17. Adjournment:

- ~ Motion to adjourn carried (Bob Anelli/Jeff Stone).
- ~ Meeting adjourned at 2:48 PM.

Post Meeting notes: Many thanks to Jim and Luana Peters for opening their home and providing a post-meeting meal!

Respectfully submitted,
Jeff Stone
Clerk, Division 1.

Modules Displayed at MCR Regional

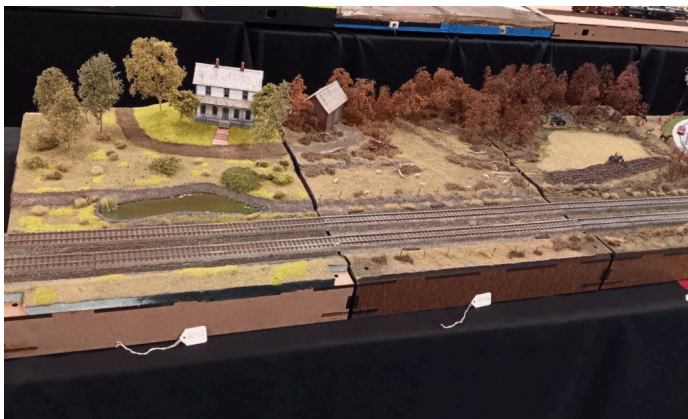
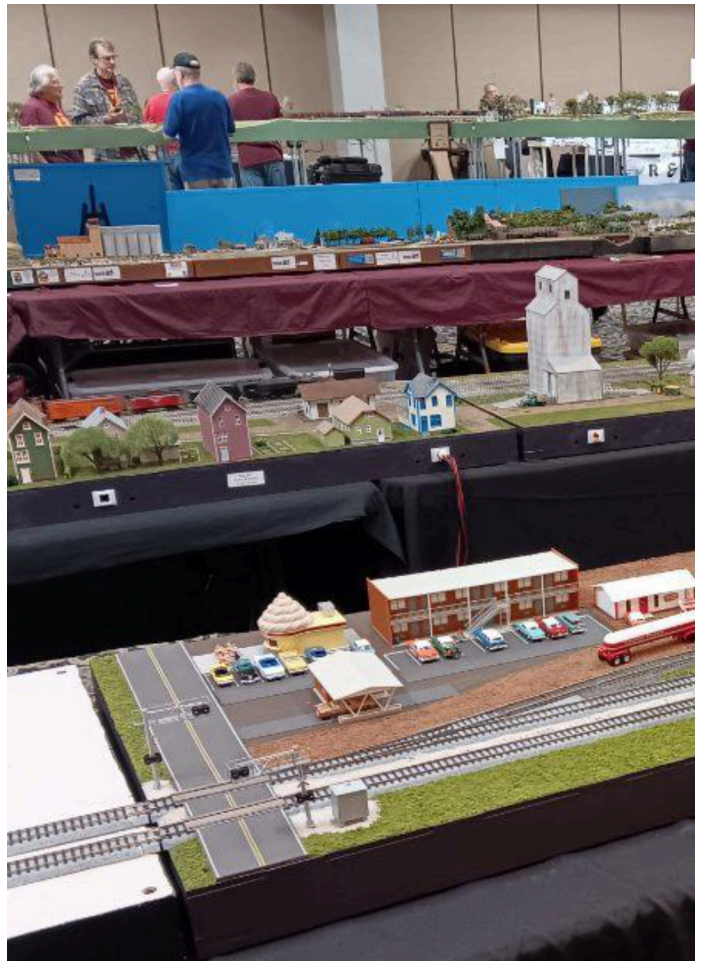
Three formats displayed in hotel ballroom

Three modular layouts were on display at the MCR Regional Convention held in the Cleveland suburb of Middleburg Heights. Division 1 displayed its HO T-TRAK layout. N scale T-TRAK was organized by Ramhog Shearer and Frank Trocchia with modules from numerous MCR divisions. HAVOC Model Railroad Operations represented a derivative of the Free-mo standards.

Three modular layouts (right) are displayed with Division 1's HO T-TRAK in the foreground followed by N scale T-TRAK and then HAVOC's version of Free-mo.

(below) Three Div. 1 HO T-TRAK modules show how modules can carry a theme while also being able to stand alone if needed. The modules creators are Chuck Altwies (l-r), Matt Woods and Bruce Hukill.

(below left) The Division 1 HO T-TRAK modular layout. Eight Div. 1 members contributed modules to the layout. The corners are owned by the Division Module Group and are still in need of scenery.



photos by John Spinks unless noted.



photo by Jim DiPaola



(above) Jerry Kruse's two doubles and a single module on display.

T-TRAK — Module Information Sheet

Module Name or ID

Code _____

Owner: _____

Module Description: _____

Module Design (place an “X” in the appropriate spaces):

Single		Double		Triple		Quad	
Corner		Inside Corner		Junction		180 Degree Corner	
Crossover		Siding		Skyboard			
Other							

Are ALL your modules displayed as one unit: NO ____ YES ____ Only some _____

Explain _____

Do modules need to be displayed with another person's modules? NO _____ YES _____

Explain _____

Electrical Information:

Kato/Tamiya Power Connectors	Y / N	Accessory Power Required	Y / N
Specify required volts/amps		UTP	Y / N
DCC Accessory Decoder	Y / N	Specify Type	
Date Constructed		Date of Certification	
Date of Major Alteration or Rehab		Date of Re-certification	

Module Condition (Place an “X” in the appropriate spaces):

	Excellent — scenery complete; no issues with scenery, wiring, track, etc.
	Good — scenery not complete; no issues with scenery, wiring, track, etc
	Fair — Under construction, nothing that prevents running trains.
	Unserviceable — major issues that are fixable; add estimated date for repairs
	Other comments on Module Configuration

Please attach front photograph, top-down photograph and track plan if available.

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Division 1 Members Passing

Fellow members. Our friend and fellow model railroader Frank Williamson passed in February of 2024. I had the opportunity of getting to know his love for the hobby better during the Bullet Convention. He was humble and literally shy about sharing his modest O-scale layout in his basement, but I was thrilled to get to see it. When I told him as the Layout Chair for the convention I wanted to include his layout in the tour, he was surprised but exuberant. I called to ask him if he had any photos for the PF and convention bulletin and he literally hand delivered them to me only hours later. I am sure he is running his layout with other model railroaders somewhere in the beyond. Bye Frank. RIP

Jim Peters
Membership Chair

Fellow members. Our friend and fellow model railroader Don Bonk passed in November of 2023. I first met Don when he and Carol hosted a September meeting at their home in Louisville. It was the first Division 1 meeting I attended. Don had a tent set up in his backyard with chairs and of course food. Being an N scaler I was more than happy to see Don's layout in his basement which ran the entire perimeter. Don quickly convinced me to build an NTRAK module so I could join up with the Division 1 N scale module group. This led to many work sessions in Don's garage or driveway on nice days. Don provided the trailer to haul the NTRAK modules, the corners for the layout and numerous other items which enabled our small N scale group to succeed. Bye Don.

Bruce Hukill
PF Editor



Jim DiPaola, in this month's Superintendent's Bulletin, suggested enjoying a summer trip. We are fortunate to have in our own backyard the [Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad](#). One can travel through the Cuyahoga Valley National Park in the California Zephyr Vista Dome cars. Have fun and let us hear all about the trip.

(left) A CVSR train is just short of North Side Station in Akron. (below) The California Zephyr Vista Domes Silver Lariat and Silver Solarium are crossing the Ohio and Erie Canalway.



THIS MONTH'S MEETING

Sunday, June 23, 2024

Sam and Trish Eisele

2799 Frost Road

Mantua, OH 44255

Sam and Trish will be providing a BBQ lunch with all the sides and dessert.

A tent will be set up so the picnic is rain or shine.

Additional parking is available immediately to the east of Sam's house.

This is actually closer to the picnic tent.

2 PM

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Northwestern Oregon Circa 1912 — HO and HO_n3



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Train Shows and Open Houses

Model Train Flea Market - June 22

Painesville Railroad Museum
(aka NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission: Free, donations accepted 10 AM - 3 PM

Hobo Day Model Train Flea Market - July 27

Painesville Railroad Museum
(aka NYC Painesville Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
Admission: Free, donations accepted 10 AM - 3 PM

Model Railroad Show & Swap - July 27 - 28

Van Wert County Fairgrounds
1055 S. Washington St., Van Wert, OH
Admission: \$6.00, Sat. 10 AM - 4 PM, Sun. 10 AM - 3 PM

TCA First of Fall Train Meet - September 21

UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Cleveland 44130
Admission: \$6.00, Family \$10.00 10 AM - 3 PM

The Great Berea Train Show - October 5 - 6

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
19201 E. Bagley Rd. Middleburg Heights, OH 44130
Admission: \$10.00, Saturday/Sunday 10 AM - 4 PM

Canfield Train and Toy Show - October 13

Canfield Fairgrounds
7265 Columbiana, Canfield, OH 44406
Admission: \$7.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Medina Train and Toy Show - October 27

Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, OH 44256
Admission: \$6.00 9 AM - 3 PM

Erie Model Train Show - November 3

Rainbow Gardens - Waldameer Park, PA
Admission: \$5.00 10 AM - 4 PM

Akron Train & Toy Show - November 10

Emidio's & Sons Expo Center
48 E. Bath Road at State Rd, Cuyahoga Falls 44223
Admission: \$5.00 9 AM - 3 PM

NETS Model Train Show - November 23

in memory of Bob Orlando
Highland Heights Community Center
5827 Highland Rd., Highland Heights, OH 44143
Admission: \$6.00 10 AM - 3 PM

Collectible Toy & Diecast Show - Nov. 24

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5827 Highland Rd., Highland Heights, OH 44143
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