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#### Superintendent's Bulletin



Division 1 member Nils Robert Sundberg Sr. passed away on November 30, 2016. Nils and his son Rob owned and operated Rob's Trains in Alliance for 27 years. Nils was a one man band for promoting the hobby of Model Railroading and went out of his way to take care of whoever walked through the front door of Rob's Trains. He called to check how things went when a fellow

model railroader had an open house and would order an item not stocked in the store. Best of all he created a place for model railroaders to sit and visit. The only thing missing was a pot belly stove and given time I'm sure Nils would have installed one. Nils will be deeply missed but he's set a bar for us to promote and enjoy the hobby. This issue of the Peddler Freight is dedicated to our friend and fellow model railroader Nils.

Winter in northeast Ohio is finally here and will give us time to stay indoors and work on our model railroad projects. If you have not participated in our Division's model contest this may be a good time to come up with an entry as January's contest is snow fighting equipment. When it comes to keeping the rails open railroads used anything they can buy or build to do the job. Modern day railroads have made use of a jet engine to create a snow blower on steroids. Custom Finishing produces a metal kit of this type of snow blower. Rotary plows, Russell snowplows and ditchers are also part of the arsenal. Models of all three types of snow removal equipment are available. So do some research and bring a contest entry.

Our annual Christmas party was a big success and a lot of fun and the fellowship is what the holiday season is for. Thank you to everyone who donated something for the door prizes. There were enough items that everyone was able to have two tickets for the drawing. Sadly the Pufferbelly will close December 31, 2016. The Pufferbelly is hosting a New Years Eve party so if you're looking for a place to celebrate please consider the Pufferbelly.

Our January 15, 2017 monthly event will be held at the Reed Memorial Library in downtown Ravenna. The remodeled and expanded library has a large meeting room which should suit our needs just fine. Since we average about 25 people our events gathering at someone's house in the winter can be difficult so gathering at a facility with a

spacious and paved parking lot is a plus. We are looking for similar facility for our March event so please let us know if you have a place in mind. A library or similar type of facility would be nice. A railroad building would be ideal!!

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

#### Clinic Report

By the time you are seeing this, 2016 will be history. I hope you enjoyed the holidays. But before we say good-bye to 2016, we need to say thanks to Bob Ashley Sr. for conducting November's Hands-On clinic on module building! Next, Steve Zapytowski will present a clinic on Benchwork in January. Come on out and begin the benchwork that will help you on your quest for the Golden Spike Award! Also, check out how our new projector and screen work! Let me know if you or someone you know has something to share. We are always looking for clinicians!

Jim Peters Clinician Chair

#### 2016 - 2017 Division 1 Meetings

January - Reed Memorial Library, Ravenna

February - TBA

March 19- TBA

April 23 - Rob's Trains

May 21 - Mike Bradley

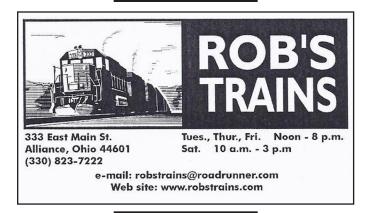
June 18 - Jim DiPaola

#### **Bring-N-Brag**

Division 1 is starting a Bring-N-Brag with the September meeting. All members are welcome to bring a model they've built or are working on presently. They should be able to give a short (5 minutes or less) talk to describe their item or project.

Members may also place a "Help Wanted" ad in the Peddler Freight. Need help with wiring, water or weathering that new loco? Someone in the division might be able and willing to help you out.

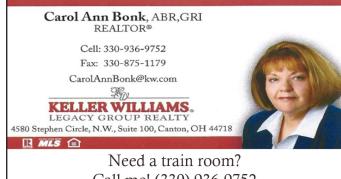
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#### 5th Year



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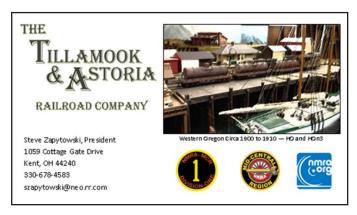


#### THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR SUPPORT









#### **Achievement Program**

...when all through the division not a member was stirring, not even a Division 1 Member working on a certificate! What ... Let's rewrite the Christmas poem to show that many are stirring their way toward the Golden Spike Award or an AP certificate. This is a jolly time of year to HO, HO, or N, N, N or ZZZZ. Happy Holidays, everyone!



Jim Peters, AP Chair

#### **Layout Tours**

It is getting closer - Our next annual Division One Layout Tour is tentatively scheduled for April 1, 2017, 10 AM - 5 PM. This month I will feature the DHRR by David Hazlett. David has devoted himself to developing a large basement layout for operations. He uses a modified car-card system, phones to contact the dispatcher to move trains from yard to yard, and local yardmasters to co-ordinate local movement and servicing industries. He holds regular operation sessions and I am sure would be happy to share his advice and experience if you are wondering about opening your layout for operations. He has recently added two control panels. It is not too late to add your layout to the tour. Let me know about your layout or inform me of a layout that should be part of the tour. Happy Holidays,

Jim Peters
Layout Tour Chair

#### **MODULE GROUP**

The Module Group will set up and operate the HO modules and Bruce Hukill's N scale layout at the Toy Train and Model Railroad Flea Market, presented by the Youngstown Model Railroad Association, at the Salem Center Plex, 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH 44460 on Sunday, January 8, 2017. We will setup the modules Saturday, January 7, 2017 at 1:00 PM. There is a large door at the end of the building where we will be located and will use a 8' X 100' space. Please confirm to me that you will be there to help setup. We need extra help due to the limited time to setup. Carpooling might be an option. This show was formerly located at McMenamy's near Warren. This event may be repeated on April 9, 2017. Those details have not been confirmed.

The next show for the HO and NTRAK Modules will be Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 16, 17 and 18, 2017 at the Midwest Narrow Gauge Show located at the same location as the Portland Locomotive Works where we had our October meeting. It is in the old school building, Greenford Space Center, 7600 W. South Range Road, Salem, OH 44460. This is a Division 1 cosponsored event. Details are pending.

We had a Module Construction Clinic at the November meeting. In preparation, I had to build a module from scratch, minus gluing together, so I could show all the pieces. I also cut extra pieces for a future module. My thanks go to Jim Williams for his assistance at the meeting.

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.

We are hoping that we can build a T-module and Outside curves to allow the operation of an unused loop, or, add a yard when connected to another group. *Hopefully, we will have more places to show next year. We are always looking for more venues and opportunities to show the modules. Please contact anyone of us below if you have a lead.* 

We welcome everyone to use our throttles, engines and rolling stock, anytime we are operating. If you have equipment that you want to run, bring it. It must be DCC ready and we can help program a new locomotive to get you started. If we can get you to do that, we hope to convince you to join us regularly. We are looking for new ideas. 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.

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.

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





#### **Josh Cohen**

"Pretty much since I've been born," is how Division 1 member Josh Cohen answers when asked how long he's been into trains.

After starting with everything 'Thomas' he then moved on to O gauge hi-rail and O-27. Josh likes operations and uses train orders and prototype waybills to keep three operators busy on his 12' x 15' basement layout.

When not running trains, 17 year old Josh also collects vintage Coca-Cola bottles, John Deere tractor models, and Hardy Boys and Nancy Drew mysteries. In fact he learned to read with Model Railroader magazines.

# Josh Cohen's Coal and Steel Railro Pennsylvania Railroad, Central Reg

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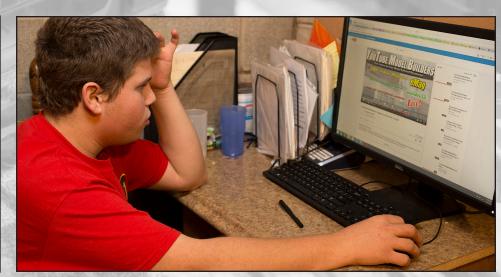
sy position lights

on 1 member Josh Cohen is anything but a lone shark model railroader. This writer's sh's 12' x 15' O scale basement layout was briefly interrupted by a computer video a model railroader in California. No worries, Josh quickly switched us over to his cell we could continue operating and talk trains with a friend from the west coast at the e. Josh has definitely embraced social media as a tool to share his love of trains with ar and far.

nany of his generation, Josh began his love of trains by playing with *Thomas and* his evolved into O-27, O gauge hi-rail and HO. His *Coal and Steel Railroad* and ania Railroad Central Region Lake Division has blocks controlled with working Pennight signals and turnouts powered with Tortoise switch machines.

eing in high school, Josh's train budget is limited. This doesn't stop progress, with e scenery and scratch built structures found throughout the layout. Josh also takes scarded trains and with a little time gets them up and running.

with his Division 1 membership Josh belongs to *The Canfield Model Railroaders of Yet Museum* and participates in *YouTube Model Builders*, various *Facebook* groups blogs and forums. Through his use of social media Josh has become a true ambasne hobby to many throughout the area and the world.



Josh gets a ground level view of a train snaking under the working Pennsy position lights. (clockwise from below) Josh opens an episode of *YouTube Model Builders* on his computer. An old rail spike, found along a right-of-way, glued inside a box car serves as a perfect weight. Real rocks, twigs and dirt become the foundation for cheap scenery. Josh rerails his first locomotive - an O-27 *Safari Railroad* 0-4-0 built by Lionel.



#### **DIVISION 1 CONTEST - Wood Chip Cars - November Category**





2nd Place - Standard Kit Mike Bradley







#### **STANDINGS 2016-2017**

#### **STANDARD KIT**

Mike Bradley - 16 pts David Hazlett - 6 pts Sam Eisele - 4 pts Bob Ashley, Jr. - 1 pt Ray Lora - 1 pt Bob Ashley, Sr. - 1 pt

#### **KIT - BASHED**

Mike Bradley - 17 pts Frank Williamson - 4 pts Ray Lora - 3 pts Josh Cohen - 2 pts David Hazlett - 1 pts

#### **CRAFTSMAN KIT**

Matt Woods - 5 pts Don Avila - 4 pts Sam Eisele - 2 pts Dave Hazlett - 1 pt

#### SCRATCH BUILT

Matt Woods - 7 pts Frank Williamson - 2 pts Jim Peters - 2 pts Ray Lora - 1 pt

#### **CONTEST TOPICS FOR 2016-2017**

JANUARY - Snow Fighting Equipment
FEBRUARY - I got this at a Flea Market and this is what I did with it.
MARCH - Large (45+ feet) Billboard Covered Hopper Car
APRIL - Servicing facilities - Steam or Diesel
MAY - Passenger or Business Car

#### Division 1, MCR, NMRA Minutes November 20, 2016 Host: Sam and Trish Eisele, Mantua, OH

- **I. Welcome:** The business meeting was called to order at 2:00 pm. Superintendent Jim DiPaola thanked Sam and his wife Trish for hosting the Division 1 Event. November's contest is Wood Chip Cars.
- II. Minutes: Correction: contained the statement Twenty-three (24) people attended the meeting and it should have been written Twenty-three (23). A motion was made and seconded to approve the corrected October 2016 minutes printed in the November 2016 Peddler Freight. The motion was seconded and was passed.
- III. Treasurer: The Treasurer's Report given by treasurer Mike Bradley. Balances in the CD and checking account, income and expenses were presented to the membership. The CD is up for renewal in December. A motion was made and seconded to accept the October 2016 Treasurer's Report subject to audit. The motion passed.
- IV. Membership: Larry Brown was not present to make a report.

#### V. Committee Reports:

- **A.** Clinics Today's clinic was put on by Bob Ashley, Sr. He demonstrated how he builds a module. Jim Peters was not present to inform the group of what January's clinic would be.
- B. AP Bob Ashley mentioned that a scenicked module would qualify a person for the Golden Spike Award.
- C. Peddler Freight See Bruce Hukill if you have questions regarding your subscription, want to submit photos or an article.
- D. Scale Update No report.
- E. Modules Bob Ashley, Sr. reported that the HO modules will be set up January 8th at the Salem CenterPlex along with Bruce Hukill's N-scale layout. We will have 100 feet to setup in which will accommodate Bruce's layout and 14 straight modules and both division ends. We have been invited to setup at the same show April 9th. The modules will be setup for the Midwest Narrow Guage Show in Salem March 16-18. Don Bonk reported that the N-scale modules will be setup at Sir Troys Toy Kingdom, 1180 South Main Street, North Canton from December 6-16.
- F. Web Site Our website is http://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/. Steve Zapytowski is managing the web page. If you want photos of your layout added to the web site please see Steve.
- G. Apparel See Jim Williams if you have any questions or need to order. There are sweatshirts on-hand.
- H. Other Events none were reported.

#### VI. Division 1 Events:

- A. December 3, 2016. Annual Division 1 Christmas Lunch at the Pufferbelly Restaurant in Kent, Ohio at 12 Noon.
- B. January 15, 2017 TBA
- C. February 19, 2017 Youngstown Model Railroad Association, Youngstown, OH
- D. March 19, 2017 TBA
- E. April 23, 2017 TBA
- F. May 21, 2017 Mike Bradley, Rootstown, OH
- G. June 18, 2017 Larry Brown, Ravenna, OH

#### VII. Old Business:

- A. Jim Williams volunteered to serve as Clerk.
- B. Flea Market it was stated that we did well but Bob Ashley, Jr was absent and thus a report was not made.
- C. Project 1 Update. The Jaite Station & Freight House: HO; sold 7, 14 in stock, Steve Zapytowski has 2, N; sold 8, 11 in stock, Steve has 2.
- D. Project 2 Update. The N scale AC&Y box car: sold 40, 32 in stock, Steve Zapytowski has 3.

#### VIII. New Business:

- A. Hosting the 2019 MCR Convention Our Division will need to make a formal presentation to host the 2019 MCR Convention a the MCR Board of Directors Meeting held during the 2017 MCR Convention in Louisville, KY. Steve Zapytowski, Mike Bradley, and Jim DiPaola met and have made a calendar of items that will need to be done. They have made a list of volunteers that will be needed and have penciled in some names. Past regional conventions had about 200 people in attendance. The goal is to have no cost born by our division. They are planning on securing a venue that will allow for the setup of the HO and N-scale modules.
- B. Bylaws Amendment Under Section 5: Elections / Appointments 5.1. Officers of Division 1, shall be NMRA members, elected bi-annually and shall serve for two (2) years. TO BE ADDED: Newly elected officers shall begin their terms on July 1, in the year they are elected. A motion was made to amend the bylaws. It was seconded and then passed.
- C. It was reported that Hilltop Hobby Shop on Waterloo Road was open again.
- D. Jim DiPaola recommended a Kalmbach book: Scenery and Structure Projects.
- E. Dave Madden stated that the Akron Railroad Club has published a new book. Akron Railroads by Craig Sanders was released on Oct. 31 by Arcadia Publishing and focuses on the history of railroads that served Akron between 1960 to the present.
- F. It was reported by Sam Eisele that Kiko's Auctions was having an auction of railroad equipment and modeling items at their Auction Center 3201 Parkway St NW, Canton on the afternoon of November 22. Jim Williams mentioned that Doug Nichols' private collection was being sold at this auction.
- G. Two new people were in attendance: Cathy Steele and Dick Bennett. They met Larry Brown at his layout in Ravenna, purchased 6 month memberships, and came to check us out. Cathy has a small N-scale layout. We hope they liked what they saw and will join us.

Twenty-five (25) people attended the meeting.

The 50/50 raffle was held.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

The business meeting adjourned at 2:38 pm.

#### **N SCALE NEWS**

**ACY 30'-6" Hoppers** – Pictured is one of the Bluford Shops ACY Hoppers purchased from Rob's Trains. Latest indications are that these cars are Sold Out, but some may show up at various train shows.

T1 Pre-Order Announced by Trainworld. Advanced orders of Broadway Limited N Scale PRR T1 4-4-4-4 with Paragon3 Sound/DC/DCC are available for \$299.99 or \$314.00 including shipping. Also available for pre-order are EMD F7 A/B, EMD SD70Ace, EMD F3 A/B, GE ES44AC, GE AC6000, and GG1's these are with Sound/DC/DCC in N Scale. Details on road names, etc. are available at WWW.TRAINWORLD.COM.



**NTRAK Layout at SIR TROY'S** – The display and running of the n scale modules at Sir Troy's, December 9 - 16, was successful irregardless of the snowy and cold weather. About 75 visitors made it past all the LEGOS to where we were setup. Being setup for a week allowed us to operate and checkout lots of different engines and cars. Also, we were

able to fine tune and resolve a number of layout issues that have perplexed us for about 2 years. The picture below shows a large gap between modules that we encountered after a week in a warm, extremely dry toy store. The gaps between modules never exceeded a 1/16th of an inch before. Fortunately, none of the derailments damaged any rolling stock.

**Jim Hediger** – retired senior editor of Model Railroader magazine recently purchased a set of Division 1 n scale 50' ACY box cars. His written comments were as follows; "Nice job! Well done!" Via telephone he wanted to know when the HO cars might be available. Interesting?



Why not a Pulp and Paper Mill Part 6 – Last month, a flow diagram of the Kraft pulp and paper process was shown. This diagram was posted on the internet by U.S. Magnetol and covers the basic operations and components. Wood chips, white liquor (to be discussed later) and high pressure steam are introduced into the digester, a large pressure cooker, where wood fibers are separated from the lignin that binds fibers together. Turpentine byproducts are collected from the digester vent and loaded into tank cars for transport to a refinery. Pulp is drawn from the bottom of the digester and sent to washers where it is separated from weak brown liquor. Some brown liquor will foam and the foam is sent to a

#### PEDDLER FREIGHT SUBSCRIPTION FORM

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#### THIS MONTH'S EVENT

January 15, 2017 Reed Memorial Library 167 E. Main Street Ravenna, OH 44266

#### From the North:

Drive south on State Route 44. Once you cross State Route 14 the road becomes Chestnut Street. Go to the Main Street (center of Ravenna, at the flag pole) and turn left onto Main Street. Go to the 2nd traffic light and turn left onton Elm Street. The library parking lot is immediately on the left past the American Legion Hall.

#### From the South:

Drive north on State Route 44. State Route 44 will split off with State Route 5 to the east and the road into Ravenna will become Prospect Street into downtown Ravenna. Take Prospect Street to Main Street and turn right onto Main Street. Go to the next traffic light and turn left onto Elm Street. The library parking lot is immediately on the left past the American Legion Hall.

#### **Train Shows and Open Houses**

#### **Collectible Toy Show - January 7**

Lakeland Community College, AFC 7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, Ohio 44094 Admission is \$6.00 9 AM - 2 PM

#### **Snow Dogs Train Show - January 7**

Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130 Admission \$6.00 10 AM to 3 PM

#### <u>Youngstown Model Railroad Association - January 8</u> <u>Toy-Train Flea Market</u>

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

#### **All Trains Swap Meet - January 22**

Montgomery County Fairgrounds, 1043 S. Main St. Dayton, Ohio Admission \$5.00 10 AM to 3 PM

#### <u>Train Collectors Association - January 28</u> Winter Train Meet

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130 Admission \$6.00 10 AM to 3 PM

#### Model Train Show & Swap Meet - January 29

Norwalk & Western RR - Eastern Division German's Villa, 3330 Liberty Ave, Vermilion, OH 44089 Admission \$5.00 10 AM to 3 PM

#### **Medina Train and Toy Show - February 5**

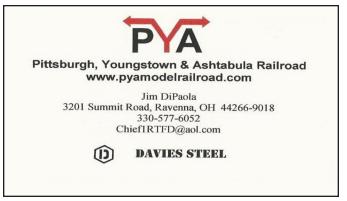
Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256 Admission \$6.00 9 AM to 3 PM

#### For Sale

I'm selling my HO trains and keeping my G scale. I have a 16 ft x 3 layout for sale, engines, cars, tractors, semis, buildings construction and much more. If interested, please call. I have a bunch of photos I can email. Then he

Thanks, Dale Kuchenbecker 330-296-2437





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