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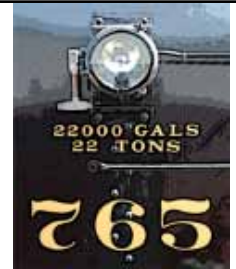
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Newsletter of NMRA MCR Division Four



Chuck Klein Division 4 Superintendent

From the Cab of 765



Happy New Year Everyone!

I write on the heels of a wonderful holiday/awards banquet. Thanks to Rich Tressa for handling the details with Mapleside Restaurant. The Raffle Dude once again provided an outstanding raffle. A special thanks to my wife Linda for those beautiful ladies baskets and cookie jar. Congratulations to Larry Madson and Mike Klein on receiving the Dennis Novak Service Award. This month's meeting on the 8th kind of sneaks up on us as New Years Day is the first Friday of the month.

The nominating committee will present a slate of candidates for Spring elections. We will have open nominations from the floor. Nominations will close at the February meeting.

Some of the coming events for the year: Scott Benson and module group will be putting dates together for display operations. The Hemsaths will be working on layout tours. February is membership appreciation night. We will have a couple of presentations by Bob Weinheimer, MMR, from Charleston, West Virginia. March is Division 5 Trainfest. We will have a Division 4 table there and will need members to staff it. It gets you into the train show gratis. April is Training Day. Those who participated last year found this a great experience. I feel we are going to have more interest this year in both member participation and visitors. May will bring the Region Convention in Charleston West Virginia. Please mark your calendars. The May meeting will be the third Friday, the 21st. On Saturday the 22nd Division 4 is sponsoring the Railroading Merit Badge display at the Boy Scout Camporee to be held at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds in Berea. 2010 is the 100th Anniversary of Boy Scouting.

Some personal notes- I will be attending the National Convention in Milwaukee. This is the 75th Anniversary of the National Model Railroad Association. I have been asked to present the clinic on the 1958 B&O train excursion. I am going to give this clinic presentation at Division 5 meeting in April.

Yours truly will also be giving the Division 4 clinic in January. The title of this clinic is *AMTRAK, Cleveland to the Canyon via the Grand Canyon Railway*. Yes, there will be some pictures of the Grand Canyon but this presentation is about the trains, some of the history of Fred Harvey, the Santa Fe Railroad and how to this day the Santa Fe Railroad has influenced the development of tourism to the south rim of the Grand Canyon. I've spoken to Dave Lawler and we will have doughnuts to go with the coffee and soda. Let's make it a fun night.

See everyone Friday January 8, 2010.

Chuck

General Meeting Minutes

Yes, I actually did take minutes at the 12/18/09 Awards Banquet!

The December 18, 2009 Awards Banquet business meeting was called to order at 8:55 PM by Superintendent Chuck Klein. Chuck called Patty and Mike Oster to the front of the room. Chuck thanked the Oster's on behalf of the entire membership for their year long effort, once again, in organizing the fall Carnival. This year's Carnival was again a success due to the leadership and personal efforts of both Mike and Patty. Chuck presented the Oster's with a well deserved gift certificate. Chuck went on to note the plaque containing recipients of the Dennis Novak Award for outstanding service to the Division was in need of two name plates. In order to correct this situation, Chuck determined it appropriate to award two recipients this year. Larry Madson received the first Dennis Novak Award in recognition of Larry's efforts at continuing the work of the module group upon the unexpected vacancy of its chairman earlier this year. Chuck then presented the second Dennis Novak Award to Mike Klein for the outstanding work Mike has put in for a number of years as the Raffle Dude. This year's Awards Banquet Raffle was just another in a long line of great service Mike has provided the Division.

The formal agenda concluded at 9:22 PM (estimated).

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Bowie

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY JANUARY

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GARY SOLE

ROY CAVAN
JOE DUGAN
JOHN HENNING
JOHN KERR
JEFFREY MARTIN
JOHN SHULTZ
JOHN SPENCER

Editor's Notes

I keep running into some confusion concerning the mailing of the Flatwheel, and I guess it's obviously because I haven't said much on the subject, so here are a few facts. My wife Julie – incidentally a member of the NMRA – proofreads each issue, then takes each copy (one at a time from each batch of fifty that I print) and: checks for the right number of pages in the correct order, staples the pages together, folds the Flatwheel in half, rolls it flat with a veneer roller (it makes the whole house rattle), places a seal to hold the folded pages together, places a stamp on the Flatwheel, then places your mailing label on. She then places the Flatwheel into a mailing tray, periodically wrapping 25 or so with a rubber band. She also gives me a running count of the number left that I need to print. The new printer has greatly reduced the number of misprints (blank pages or some really bizarre page sequences) but they still occur. Once she's completed loading the tray with all the Flatwheels, I take them to the post office the next day (usually Stow – they're close to my work and very reliable). As you can see, rumors that we use a printing service, or someone else mails the Flatwheel, or even that somehow I do it all myself, are greatly exaggerated! We do appreciate all of you that have taken yourselves off the US Mailing list and receive an email each month to view online (in addition to appreciating the \$10 or more that you save the Division per year).

Tenax Glue – I always assume that I'm the last to catch on to things but I've talked to a few people recently who are where I was before I learned about Tenax Plastic Cement at a *Modeling with the Masters* workshop. The directions on the bottle are correct but after fifty years of gluing plastic together, who reads the directions? When I first tried Tenax, I put a brushful of the stuff onto one piece and then put the first piece onto the second. Nothing happened. I kept trying with the same result (doing the same thing and expecting a different result may be a sign of insanity but it does work sometimes with computers). I went back to Parma Hobby and bought a second bottle, assuming my first was defective. Same result, so then assumed that their whole batch was bad- with a nagging suspicion that I didn't know what I was doing. I went back to my Testor's assortment until Miles Hale demonstrated what the bottle said – have the pieces together and *then* touch/brush it on. It apparently evaporates too quickly for the old put-it-on-one-piece-only routine. Both my "defective" bottles have worked just fine ever since. It sets up very quickly and doesn't seem to melt details when I use my closeness counts technique – just leaves a shiny surface where it's slopped onto (that is, applied to) a visible surface – hopefully to be obscured by painting but I haven't reached that point yet. Next - a sure fire method of determining which end of an airbrush the paint usually comes out of. Wear safety glasses and an old shirt if you want to follow along.

Dave Williams
Editor

Clinics Larry Madson, Chair

(written this month by the editor)

January Chuck Klein will present *AMTRAK, Cleveland to the Canyon via the Grand Canyon Railway*. Mr. Klein has been selected to be a National clinician this year, so we're always happy to have speakers of this caliber.

February Bob Weinheimer MMR from Division 5 will talk about modelling techniques and also give a short presentation on this year's Regional Convention. If you've seen Bob's work, or better yet managed to take his contest judging class at our convention, you know you'll want to be in the audience.

Congratulations to Clinic Chairman Larry Madson on receiving the Dennis F. Novak Award in recognition of all his contributions to the Division, not the least of which is securing outstanding clinics.

Speaking of which, please contact Larry if you have a clinic for us.



Larry receiving Dennis F. Novak Award at the Awards Banquet.

RAFFLE REPORT

We had a great Holiday Awards Banquet. I would like to thank some people, in no particular order. Thanks to Mr. & Mrs. Robert Kaiser, Linda Klein, Bruce Brintnall, Pat & John Henning, Bruce Bowie, Bram Bailey, Pat Hill, Emil & Connie Orenick of State Tool & Die, the Division 4 Board of Directors, and most of all the Division 4 membership who have participated in the monthly raffles throughout the year and at the banquet.

We have another great raffle at the January meeting. See you there.

THE RAFFLE DUDES

Congratulations as well to Mike Klein for receiving the Dennis F. Novak Award for his tireless efforts in running the monthly raffles as *the* Raffle Dude.



Mike receiving Dennis F. Novak Award.

The Flatwheel is online at www.div4.org. Click on The Flatwheel bar to bring up a PDF version of this issue (or last month's depending on how fast you are/how slow we are).

Yahoo - The Division has a Yahoo group available for members. Send your request to join to dave_wms@sbcglobal.net. It's best to include "Division 4" in the subject line and include your name.

Members of the Yahoo Group receive an email when the Flatwheel PDF has been posted onto the website. The group is private and does not appear on the Yahoo directory.

New: We also have an email list to notify you when the Flatwheel is place on the website. You are no longer required to join the Yahoo Group for this service.

Uncredited photos: D Williams.

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Deadline for the December Flatwheel is Thursday January 28, 2010.



Gold mine on walking trail near Victor, Colorado (2006)

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position is open

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Division Four Supports Other Educational Organizations

As a part the understanding of our 501(c)3 status, we need to support the efforts of other area organizations who are providing the public and their members with a better understanding of railroading. Sometimes that support is expertise, sometimes volunteer time, and sometimes financial. (photos provided by Chuck Klein)



David Shellhorn at the Midwest Railway Historical Society, receives a check from Superintendent Klein. That's the Division's Modular Layout in the background at one of the Society's recent events.

Superintendent Klein presents a check to Regional Boy Scouts of America Commissioner David James (you probably know him better as a Division Four member). The Division is a strong supporter of the BSA's Railroading merit badge program, and will be manning a booth at the Great Cleveland Council's Camporee in May.



Contest Corner conducted by Bob Lavinski

Point Standings		POINTS
1 st Place	Jim Moore	10
2 ND Place	George Gelehrter	7
3 rd Place	Jim Grell	4

Model Contest Corner:

January	Diesel Passenger Locomotives.
February	Any locomotive with a snow plow
March	Derricks (cranes) w/fuel tender or boom car or both, must have at least two units
April	Cabooses, wood or steel
May	Stock cars
June	No contest, but get your participation certificate!

Awards Banquet and Holiday Party

The annual Awards banquet/Holiday Party was again held at Mapleside Apple Farm in Brunswick.



At the top of the awards ceremony: Mike and Pat Oster received special recognition for their ongoing year-round efforts for the organization and management of the Division's primary fundraiser, The Carnival of Model Railroading.



Santa and Mrs. Claus provided gifts to the children in attendance
and to a few adults as well.



The raffle provided its own set of gifts to many of us - we probably lost everyone at Bill's table as they helped figure out his latest kit (r).



Santa provided a delivery service



Dancing to the music of DJ Ray



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Church of the Redeemer
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Visit the website for a map
and directions

www.div4.org



Bruce Brintnall MMR, receives a valuable source of locomotive energy from Santa (some “glass half empty” types might just call it a big lump of coal).

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