



# THE FLATWHEEL

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Official newsletter of Division Four, Mid Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association.

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## Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent On Q

The next Division meeting is Friday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. Please note that this meeting will be held at our regular meeting place, the Church of the Redeemer. The program will be given by Larry Madson on soldering. This will be a hands on clinic, so if you wish to actively participate, bring your soldering iron, soldering tools, and an extension cord. Dave Lawler will be presenting awards for contest participation. There will be no model contest for this meeting, but please do bring last month's entry if you placed first, second, or third.

I will have sign-up sheets for volunteers for the October Carnival. I say this every year, but we really need all the help we can get. There are numerous tasks that need to be completed from ticket taking to set up and take down. Many more work tasks need to be tended to, beyond those I have mentioned. The more help that can come forward, the easier it is for everyone. Last year, we were light on volunteers which really increased the work load on everyone else. Remember, this is the Division's ONLY fund raiser! It lets us enjoy free Division membership, which is a rarity in the NMRA. It only takes a couple of hours of help to make the job manageable for all. Please step forward and put your name on one, or more, of the sign-up sheets.

On July 17<sup>th</sup>, the Division will hold its annual picnic. It will be located at the Northeast Ohio Live Steamers. This year, Division One will be joining us for the picnic. The Division provides hotdogs and buns, along with soft drinks, and paper plates and utensils. All Division members are encouraged to attend. Everyone should bring a side dish which, cumulatively, will become the buffet. See elsewhere in this Flatwheel issue for a map to the Lodi location. I promise that this picnic will have no business meeting at all. Have some fun riding the trains and participate in pleasant conversation with your fellow modelers.

Congratulations are in order for Jim Grell who submitted a number of entries into the Regional Convention in Pittsburgh. His models are consistent award winners. Dave Williams has a list of all of Jim's awards in this Flatwheel issue. (see note below)

The June meeting will be our last meeting until September. The National Convention will be held in July in Grand Rapids. Check NMRA.org for registration information. Contact Jerry Krueger or Chuck Klein if you want to provide some help manning the booth in Grand Rapids.

I hope each of you will have a pleasant, fun summer while the Division meetings are suspended for July and August. And remember, never trade steam for water.

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Despite my request that the awards link on the Convention be completed and a reply that someone was working on it, the awards information is still not available. Please check [http://archive.midcentral-region-nmra.org/conventionFold/2012\\_convention/12\\_Index.html](http://archive.midcentral-region-nmra.org/conventionFold/2012_convention/12_Index.html) for possible completion. - Dave Wms

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The Flatwheel is not published in July or August.

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## General Meeting Minutes from May 11, 2012

LOCATION: Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, OH 44145

Superintendent Art Bumpus called the meeting to order at 7:30 P.M., welcoming all attendees. Treasurer Rich Tressa reported assets of \$34,600.<sup>06</sup>. Joe Mehalic introduced six visitors. Art reminded all members and guests a group goes to the Baker's Square on Lorain Road after the meeting for additional social activity with all welcome to join. Visitors were told to check out the Division website, Div4.org and to get a membership roster containing the Knowledge Depot.

MODULES: Chair Scott Benson reported the Module Group currently has 20 members with 29 modules, attending 15 or more events each year. The group will be set up at the upcoming Boy Scouts Camporee at the Lorain Co. Fairgrounds and the two weekend Thomas The Tank event at the CVSR. This event sees up to 30,000 attendees and is a great venue for the group. Membership Co-Chair Joe Mehalic will have the membership table setup and is looking for members to volunteer as little as two hours to help man the table. Scott stated the group will bring a module kit and a completed module to the June meeting to give members an opportunity to see what is involved with building them.

CLINICS – Chair Larry Madson stated the night's clinic would be John Witt showing how he upgraded the motor and added a DCC decoder to an older Rivarossi two truck Heisler. Next month Larry will present a hands on clinic on soldering. Those wishing to participate should bring their solder irons.

Editor Dave Williams stated the *Flatwheel* deadline will be Thursday, May 24<sup>th</sup>.

CONTEST – Chair Dave Lawler reported the night's contest is six axle diesel locomotives. Last month's diorama's constructed on 3" diameter peanut butter lids was won by Tom McInerney with Rich Mayich in 2<sup>nd</sup> place and Steve Riddlebaugh and Dave Lawler tying for 3<sup>rd</sup> place. (All 13 entries were phenomenal, making voting extremely difficult. – sec.) Super Art brought his "cute" steam crane entrant for display as well.

SHOW 'N TELL - Tom McInerney brought a Campbell kit he had made a number of years ago and recently renovated, commenting this is an option for many of us. Gary Sole showed his Tortoise installation jig, explaining how he made the simple but highly effective jig from simple wood items. Gary also display a much more durable steel jig made by Frank Feko, known for his machining prowess.

LAYOUT TOURS – John Hemsath thanked Jim Moore, Gary Dunn, Dale Owens, Bram Bailey and Mike Fahler for opening their layouts last weekend. There was a good turnout. This fall will see layout tours in Cuyahoga County on Sunday, 11/4 and Saturday, 11/10. More details will follow this fall.

COMPANY STORE – Store Manager Tim Sheffield reminded members of the lowered prices on his stock of HO cars.

RAFFLE – Raffle Dude Mike Klein had a great selection of PRR themed items for the night's raffle.

OLD BUSINESS – Rich Tressa has arranged for a group picnic at the NEOLS for Saturday, 7/21. As in the past, the hosts will have trains running and available to ride. The Division will provide hot dogs, buns and condiments. Attendees are asked to bring a dish to share and their own drinks. The event will open at 11 AM, trains will begin running at noon. Rich also asked members to pencil in December 14<sup>th</sup> as the date for the annual Awards Banquet. It will at Michaud's again this year.

REGION CONVENTION - Jim Grell was recognized for winning a number of contests with his multiple entries at the recent Region Convention. The newly conceived and first ever Martha Newberry Structure Award was given to John Wishinger. Division 4 member Paul Novak, Jr., was given the Director's Award for long standing service to the Region as Membership Chairman.

NEW BUSINESS – Chuck Klein reported he and Steve Kaplan took 36 Company Store cars to the Region Convention, bringing nearly \$100 in revenue to the Division. Art reported Denny Whitaker is stepping down from the Carnival raffle position. Anyone wishing to volunteer for this position should contact Art for details. Jerry Krueger reported four members took the Amtrak train to the recent Michiana event. Lee Sheffield reported he drove to this excellent event in Fort Wayne so he could attend two days.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:07 PM.

NOTE: Webmaster Ben Lanza has added a Company Store page to the Division's website. Check it out!

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Bowie, Secretary

## Membership by Dennis Whitaker

### June 2012 Birthdays:

CHUCK BAAD	CHARLES J BEARGIE
FRANKLIN V BONGIOVANNI	BRUCE A BOWIE
ROBERT BOYLE	DARREN J ERNST
JOSEPH J FILIPIAK	GEORGE GELEHRTER
HAROLD R MCCARTY	PAUL J NOVAK SR
ALFRED G SCHERLER	LEONARD R SCHERRY
HOWARD A SPEIDEL	JOHN C STEWART
RICHARD TRESSA	LEONARD WENDORF

### July 2012 Birthdays:

EDWARD H CASS	MICHAEL C KLEIN
JOE MEHALIC	DALE D OWENS
ED QUINONES	DENNIS K ROMAIN
DAVID A SIEGFRIED	JAMES B STEVENSON
DAVID M WILLIAMS	

### August 2012 Birthdays:

WILLIAM H CRAMER	JOHN R HUDACKO
ROBERT L KAISER	STEPHEN P KAPLAN
M C KOLENICH	TIMOTHY T KROGG
JERRY KRUEGER	HAROLD MICKLEY
JOSEPH M POLEFKO	TIMOTHY SHEFFIELD
PAUL WINSLOW	

### New Members:

None

### Re-Rail Members:

None

Division 4 combined efforts with Division 1 in displaying modules to the public during "Thomas Days" the last two weekends in May in Cuyahoga Valley National Park. The resulting layout was a magnet for the kids and a lot of them decided that they'd found THE place to be for the rest of the day. The two divisions also shared duties at a membership table. Thanks to all who braved the heat and dust (that includes engines and modules) to add something extra special for the visitors.



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## RAFFLE REPORT

Looking forward to another great raffle at the June meeting.

The Raffle Dudes

# Mid Central Region's Convention in Pittsburgh

Division 2 hosted another fine weekend for the Region.



Glass blowing was featured on the Friday morning non-rail tour.

photo: Julie Williams



This steel mill model received a lot of attention - and votes - from judges and attendees alike.



A G scale mine located on a garden layout during Sunday's open houses.

Pat Oster and Chuck Klein review the convention at the banquet.



## The Clinic Corner

### June 2012 Program

Presented by:

Larry Madson

### Soldering 101

Soldering 101 provides hands on instruction on how to make a clean, solid solder joint. Participants will need to provide their own soldering irons. Solder, flux, wire, and a fixture that contains a terminal strip and a section of track will be provided.

### Clinic Presentation Aids

Division 4 has a digital projector available for use by division members for presenting clinic programs in digital format. The division also has a video camera available for program enhancement. Anyone wishing to use the camera or the projector for their program, contact

Larry Madson. phone: 440-934-2643 or email [lmadson@roadrunner.com](mailto:lmadson@roadrunner.com).

Larry Madson

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We call your attention to the June 2012 NMRA Magazine, article Rowley, Massachusetts, Modules on page 16. Near the end of the first column, the author gives credit to Larry Madson for his renewed interest in modules.

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**Circle the calendar!!!!** There is no snow yet but this year our Awards Banquet will again be held at Michaud's Town and Country, [www.michaudscatering.com](http://www.michaudscatering.com), located Strongsville on December 14th. We will again be in the Westin Room. Doors will open at 6:00 pm for a Social hour and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. The Denny Franz Singers will entertain us with great Christmas and holiday selections. They will perform at 8:00 so we all may enjoy their music.

And as always Santa will be there! I hear The Raffle Dudes are working on some very special items??? Cost will be the same, \$15.00 per person. This is a family event so wives, guests and kids are welcome. That includes grandkids too. Kids 15 and under are free. You are welcome to bring "libations" if you wish but please place them securely in your trunk upon departure. Strongsville police are tough.

PLEASE call in or e-mail your reservation to me at 440-572-9245 or [rictre@hotmail.com](mailto:rictre@hotmail.com). ( Best way to reach me is e-mail.)

Rich Tressa

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Editor's note: I had hoped to write an article on the April Elkhart meet but time and space have conspired against me again. I'm sure everyone in attendance had a good time. The focus of the clinics seemed to be a "test kitchen" for new directions in providing interesting and relevant subjects for future NMRA meetings and conventions, including a range of beginner through advanced topics. Jerry Krueger, Chuck Klein, and Lee Sheffield displayed models; Lee also gave a clinic (or two). Jerry, Chuck, Brian Harko and myself took a round trip ride on Amtrak that added a bit of intensity (read: very little sleep over a two night/one day period, but nobody minded). Event host Jim Six has been working on ways for the average modeler to create computer generated detail parts and promised a hands-on clinic next year to people bringing their own laptops. Dave Williams





John Witt (center) talking with the Hemsath brothers before giving his May clinic on upgrading a locomotive. (Tim Sheffield is running the Company Store in the background).

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Read the Flatwheel online at [www.div4.org](http://www.div4.org)

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Yahoo - The Division has a Yahoo group available for members. Send your request to join to [dave\\_wms@sbc-global.net](mailto:dave_wms@sbc-global.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.

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

Uncredited photos: D Williams.

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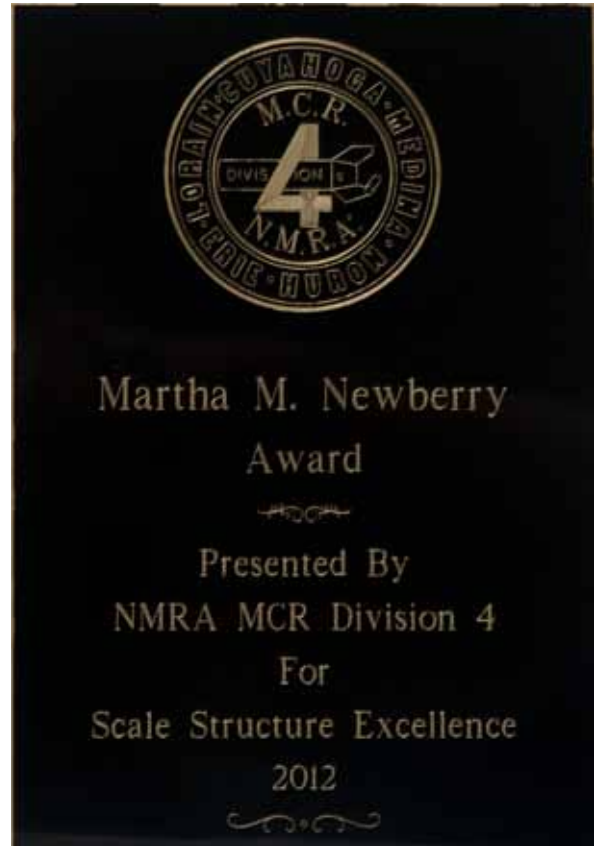
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Dave Williams

# The Martha M. Newberry Award

We congratulate John W. Wissinger MMR on winning the first *Martha M. Newberry Award* for his highly detailed sash factory. Superintendent Bumpus presented the award plaque to John at the Mid Central Region's convention in Pittsburgh. Although John currently lives in Ann Arbor Michigan, he is a regular attendee of the MCR conventions and is a former member of Division 4 (not a factor in award selection - the judges did not know who built the winner at time of selection).

This award was recently approved as an annual recognition of excellence in structure modelling as displayed during the regional convention. The award is named after Division member Martha M. Newberry, who passed away in October of last year. Martha was well known for her talent in creating believable buildings in miniature, winning Best of Show at last year's convention.



John Wissinger's sash factory displays a lot of activity on the shop floor.

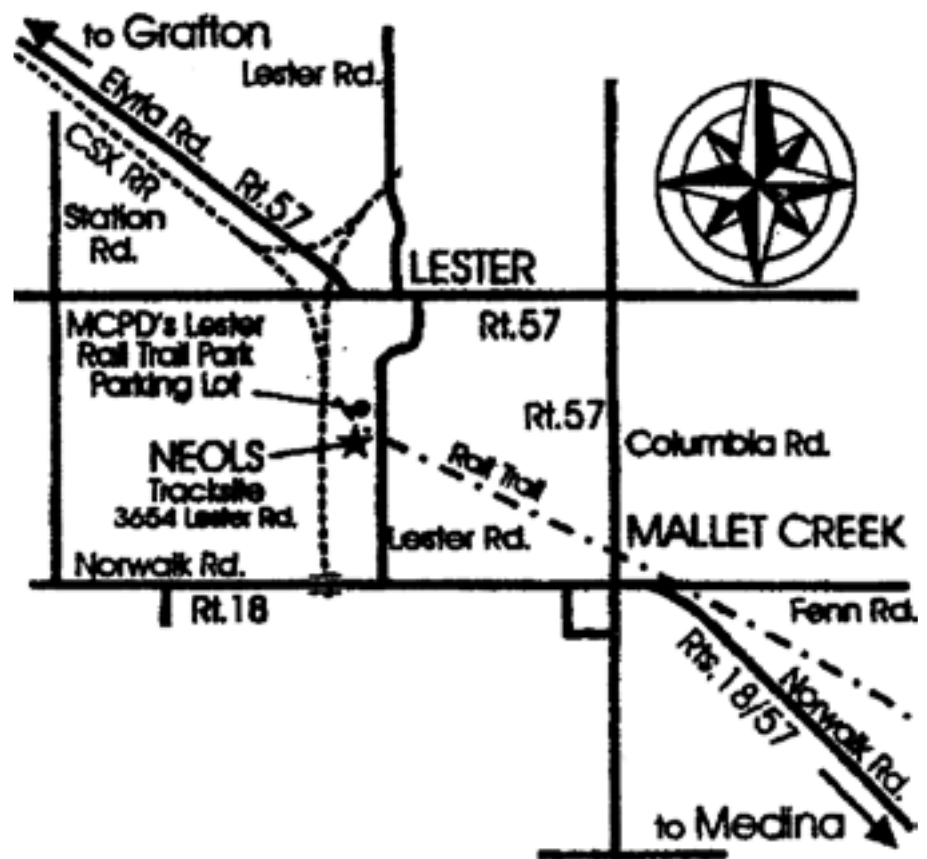
Division 4 Superintendent Art Bumpus presenting the first Martha M. Newberry Award to John W. Wissinger MMR.



# Division Picnic July 17, 2012

Steamed hot dogs and buns will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share with everyone. Also bring lawn chairs and a card table if you have them (they have about 9 picnic tables). Train rides provided between noon and 3 pm. Safety: no flip-flops, no running, and no sticks or rocks in hands. A Port-a-Pottie and running water are available.

Hang on to this notice since there is no July issue of the Flatwheel.



Northeast Ohio Live  
Steamers  
3654 Lester Rd  
Medina OH 44256-7738

From Cleveland take 171 south to the Route 3 exit. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp. You will be going west, then south. Turn Right at Fenn Road and follow it west to Marks Road. At Marks, Fenn Road makes a left then right. Continue west on Fenn Road to where it merges into Route 18. Continue west on Route 18 to Lester Road. Turn Right on Lester to NEOLS.  
From western Cuyahoga county and Lorain County, take Columbia Road (Route 252) south to Spieth Road (Route 57). Turn Right on Spieth Road to Lester Road. Left on Lester to NEOLS.  
From Akron and Medina, take Route 18 west to Lester Road, right on Lester to NEOLS.  
Northeast Ohio





May 2012 Contest, 6 Axle freight/passenger diesels, there were 11 entries and 55 votes.

- 1st place: Bill Kovacs CSX # 8449 large scale diesel with sound  
 2nd place: Dave Lawler Cape Breton & Central Nova Scotia C-630M  
 3rd place: Rich Tressa Espee SD-40-2

Final trophy point standings for the 2nd half 2011- 2012 Contests:

1st	Dave Lawler	11 total points
2nd (tie)	Tom McInerny	8 total points
	Art Bumpus	8 total points
3rd	Steve Riddlebaugh	6 total points

OK, here's the part you've all been anxiously awaiting!

The **2012-2013 Contest Schedule** is as follows:

First Half

- Sept 2012: A Steel Caboose.
- Oct. 2012: A small House, 20' x 30' maximum.
- Nov. 2012: A heavy Duty, Non-traditional Flat Car with load, well-hole, depressed center, 6-wheel or multi-truck.
- Dec. 2012: HOLIDAY PARTY/AWARDS BANQUET, No contest.
- Jan. 2013: A head end passenger train car: Baggage, RPO, Express Reefer, Milk Car, etc. Any era; wood, steel, heavy weight, light weight. No passengers allowed in these cars.

Second Half

- Feb. 2013: A gas station.
- Mar. 2013: A "geared locomotive"; Shay, Heisler, Climax, etc.
- April 2013: A Semi-tractor trailer rig. Any type or era.
- May 2013: A small diesel or steam oil fueling or steam coaling facility.

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Next meeting:

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Social time starts at 7 pm  
Business meeting 7:30 pm

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Jim Grell (right) received numerous contest awards during the MCR convention banquet in Pittsburgh.

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