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

Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent On Q

Our next meeting is November 9th. The main order of business is for members to approve or modify the BOD recommended budget for 2013. The recommended budget is a balanced budget between revenue and expenditures.

The model contest will include depressed center flat cars. For the clinic program, Gerry Deucher will give us a presentation on shortline/branchline railroads. The presentation covers several eras so there is something for everyone.

Saturday, November 3rd is TRAINING Day in Rocky River. If you have a "how to" to demonstrate, or if you want to be a spectator, make the effort to attend. The modular layout will be up and running. You can run on the layout with your own DCC equipped power, or use the modular group motive power. Sunday, November 4th is Layout Tours set up by John Hemsath. Layouts open include Tom McInerney, John Witt, John Hemsath and Dave Lawler. This is a blockbuster line up so mark your calendar. Then, on Saturday, November 10th, Layout Tours continue, with the Cuyahoga Valley and West Shore club layout, Ron Morgan, the Strongsville Society of Model Railroad Engineers club layout, and Paul Novak Sr. and Jr. See further details as sent by Ben Lanza via email, or in this issue of the Flatwheel. (US mailed version only -ed.)

The Division Holiday party is December 14th at Michaud's Party Center on Pearl Rd. in Strongsville. The price is \$15.00 per person. For those who missed the Holiday party last year at Michaud's, the food was excellent. Rich will have a signup sheet at the next meeting. Rich will also accept your money at the meeting. The November meeting is the last meeting prior to the Christmas party. Can't make it to the meeting? Call Rich at 440-572-9245.

Sharing the fruits of your labor with others is something that viewing modelers truly appreciate. Whether its equipment or buildings you have built, scenery, a whole layout, or anything else you have accomplished, Model Railroading is a great ego booster for you and something that helps others to enjoy, and appreciate the time and effort you have put forth. I know that there are members in the Division who have built something unique that others have not seen. To me it's a shame that this happens. So, for those of you out there who belong to this group, think about inviting some modelers to view your effort. You might meet a new future friend from the experience. After all, we don't live forever.

And remember, never trade steam for water.

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting of Div 4 NMRA for October 12, 2012

Called to order by Supt. Art Bumpus at 7:32 PM

Treasurer Rich Tressa stated that the Div 4 has a \$31928.26 balance; approximate profit from Carnival was \$9700.00, with final report pending. Awards Dinner will be December 14, 2012, with dinner at 7:00 PM.

Membership - Co Chair Joe Mehalic introduced 3 new members, Russell Hall, Jim Zilko and Fred Wagner. Also Several guests including Jim Scorge from NCE.

Carnival - Mike Oster - the weather was a little cold and wet but we still had about 3500 patrons thru the gates. Many thanks for all the help at all the jobs. Several new dealers for this show. If you see a dealer at any other show, talk up this show for the future. Again MANY Thanks.

Training Day - Flyers are available for distributions, signup sheet for putting on demos are also on the Table.

Clinics - Larry Madson - Tonight is Lee and will put on a clinic that involves a Woodland Scenic learning Kit on making trees. November - Gerry Deucher, will present a program on Short Line Railroads. January will have a clinic call Scratch Building 98. Still looking for clinics for March. Bruce Brintnall, MMR and Jim Grell will give a demonstration on judging a model structure for the AP program.

Module Committee - Scott Benson - Lee spoke for the group. We had a good show at the Carnival. Currently set up for the iHobby Show also small show at the Avon Library Oct. 27 & 28

Dave Lawler - Contest Chair - September contest was Cabooses' - Art Bumpas' I-12 B&O was the winning entry. November will be heavy weight car (more than 4 axles) with Load.

Layout tours - John Hemsath - there will be layout tours on Nov 4 and Nov 10. Directions will be in the mailed out Flatwheel.

Library Show will be at the Porter Library Check Klein is collecting Modeling items.

New Business - Refreshment Chair is still open. We are seeking a volunteer for this position.

There will be a BOD meeting on October 30 at the Strongsville UCC. The Budget will be discussed.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:05 PM

Respectfully submitted

David James

RAFFLE REPORT

Thanks to all who participated and supported the October raffle. It was a great success. The November raffle will be another fine raffle. We have a great Christmas Raffle in store for the party in December, including another great picture, once again donated by Pat and John Henning. There are more theme raffles in the works. See you at the November meeting.

The Raffle Dudes

Membership by Dennis Whitaker

November 2012 Birthdays

SCOTT BENSON
MIKE FAHLER
PAUL G JUSTY
LARRY KUCZYNSKI
CHARLES J MCGOWAN
C J PERKINS
VLADIMIR M SALVA, JR
JOSEPH J TOTH

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DONALD GOLDEN
BOB KRUEGER
MICHAEL A MATOS
EMIL J ORENICK
DAVID M RICHARDSON
DOUGLAS STEISKAL
JULIE WILLIAMS

New Members:

STEVE DRAPAC
DON GLASS, JR.
RUSSELL HALL
FRED WAGNER
STEVEN WALLER
JIM ZILCO

MIDDLEBURG HEIGHTS OH
VERMILION OH
AVON LAKE OH
BELLEVUE OH
BROOKPARK OH
AVON LAKE OH

Transfer Members:

DARRALL SWIFT

MEDINA OH

Thanks to everyone who worked the Membership during Carnival.

New members who signed up during Carnival: Russell Hall, Jim Zilko, Steven Waller, Don Glass Jr., Steve Drapac and Fred Wagner.

Joe Mehalic
Membership Co-Chair

Refreshment Chair Open

With David James as our new Secretary, we have a vacancy in the ever important area of refreshments. The ideal candidate will use the donations to replenish refreshments and make them available during the general meetings. See any officer if you are willing and able to step into this critical role.

Editor's notes: Special thanks to Mike and Pat Oster for having all the answers as usual at this year's Carnival. An off weekend kept me away from both the October meeting and iHobby. Thanks to David James and Larry Madson for providing photos of these events. Jim Grell was quoted in the Plain Dealer article on iHobby. Brian Barnt got his picture in the latest NMRA Magazine (that man seems to be everywhere). Denny Whitaker's son Don was featured in a WVIZ presentation on the West Side Market. I added a tier to my Time-Warner cable to get the DIY channel and Cooking channel (I'm an Alton Brown fan). That tier comes with RFD-TV. I do personally like to learn about farming and ranching (from the comfort of my living room) but of possible interest to everyone else - RFD shows an hour long prototype (steam, commuter, traction, tourist...) video at 6 pm on Mondays and a 1/2 hour video on toy trains at 4 pm on Thursdays. Usually - cattle auctions and such tend to pre-empt these important shows.

From Jerry Krueger:

Fellow Division Members:

While attending the General Membership meeting in Grand Rapids someone ask the President and Board of Directors, "What is the National Office doing to get younger people to join the local divisions?" After much discussion, the answer was while there are some things the Board can do, the solution needs to be driven by the division level more than at the national level.

Division 4 has some great activities such as the upcoming TRAINing Days program. The module group does an excellent job of being the public face of the Division at numerous events during the year. There is one more thing we can do to address the issue of getting young people interested in Model Railroading and joining the NMRA and Division 4. We need to become more active in our support of the Medina County 4H Model Railroad Group.

The MC4HMRRG is a 4H club solely focused on model railroading. The club consists of approximately 30 kids who each year for their 4H project build a 2'x4' module to basic NMRA standards. At the Medina County fair they assemble all the modules into one layout. This year's layout was 12'x44'.

The club has been successful and seen its numbers grow over the past few years. Many of the parents whose children are in the club are not model railroaders and do not have the knowledge to help them with their project. They count on the group and its advisors for help. That's where the Division can help. We need members to go to their monthly meetings and teach these eager kids the basics of model railroading – laying track, electrical and wiring, scenery, ballasting and equipment maintenance – all those things that will help them build their modules and enjoy the hobby.

The MC4HMRRG typically meets the 4th Sunday of the month at the Lafayette Town Hall, just southwest of Medina, beginning in January. Their meetings are in the afternoon for a few hours. They try to include a hands on work session as part of the meeting; helping the kids accomplish that meeting's topic. Because of the club's growth they need additional manpower to help out the kids. In the past the Division has been able to provide some financial support to the club, but what they really need are model railroaders who can teach them how to become model railroaders themselves.

As we get closer to the beginning of their program year I'll have their meeting schedule published in the Flatwheel and reminders going forward. These are kids who are eager to learn and need our help. They are capable of doing some exceptional work and just need some guidance. Please consider helping out at one of their meetings in 2013.

Holiday Awards Banquet

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, 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. (Best way to reach me is e-mail.)

Rich Tressa



photo: David James

Lee Sheffield and his trees at Oct clinic.

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.

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.

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Deadline for the October Flatwheel is Thursday Nov 28, 2012.

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Training Day November 3.

This year Division 4's Training Day is scheduled at Saint Christopher's Parish in Rocky River. It will open at 10 o'clock and run until 3 that afternoon. I will need twelve to eighteen people to provide demonstrations. If you are interested in helping out please send me an e-mail; include in the e-mail how you would like to participate, plan to provide a demo (laying track, building kits etc...) giving me a brief description. We'll also need a few volunteers for the membership table.

My e-mail address is gsantafe@wowway.com

Thanks,

Gary Sole

To all Division 4 members,

Saturday, November 3rd is TRAINing Day. If you are interested in giving a clinic, bring your demonstration materials and give the clinic for adults and kids during the day. We are in need of additional demonstrations. Don't worry about wanting to give a demo on a subject that is already scheduled. Everyone has their own unique way of weathering, making trees, laying track, etc. Copy the attached flier for this free event and share with anyone who would be interested in seeing demonstrations about model railroading.

Art Bumpus, Superintendent

I have some gently worn train cars donated for the Training Day White Elephant sale. Feel free to bring more on Saturday. Thanks, Dave Williams



Model Training Day!

Saturday, November 3, 2012

10:00 am - 3:00 pm

St Christopher's Church

20141 Detroit Rd, **Rocky River, OH**

FREE! *For Anyone Interested In Learning
More About Model Railroading...Kids & Adults!*



Plenty of Hands-On Training!

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- ⊗ How To Build Train Cars!
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Home Layout Tour
Lakewood, Rocky River, Bay Village, Avon Lake
Sunday, November 4, 2012
Noon to 5:00 p.m.

You will find addresses and directions to each layout in the printed/emailed version of the Flatwheel mailed to Division 4 members.

A **Division 4 Crossbuck** will be posted in front of each house except where noted.

Please **NO SMOKING, TOUCHING OR PHOTOGRAPHING ANYTHING**
in the layout room unless the owner gives you permission.

Also, no food or beverages in the layout room unless the owner gives you permission.

Enjoy your tour!

Tom McInerney ELK RIVER LOGGING RAILROAD – HO/HOn3

HO/HOn3 eastern logging era late 20, early 30's with NCE DCC with sound. Layout received NMRA scenery certificate, is working on structures certificate and was on the cover NMRA Bulletin 1986. Scenery 90% complete (super detailed) loads of trees, many new Craftsman kits, dog bone track plan and hand-laid track. New 30 inches by 30 foot section around the walls with a New England seaport. Currently in the track laying and wiring stages some buildings, scenery and (hopefully) back drop started.

John Witt COPPER PENINSULA RAILROAD

The Copper Peninsula Railroad is a bridge line connecting railroads serving the copper mines north of Hancock Michigan and the "national" railroads such as the Chicago Milwaukee and St. Paul, the Chicago Northwestern, and the Duluth South Shore and Atlantic. Trackage rights stretch from L'Anse to Copper Harbor. Railroad is set in the 1880 to 1905 time period, so smaller 4-4-0 and Climax engines are in service. Principal products moved outbound by the CPRR are copper ore and smelted copper, timber, and fish. Inbound freight is equipment to deep mine copper, smelting supplies and consumer products to support the growing population of the Upper Peninsula. The layout is 11 x 13 feet - double deck construction with a helix. Rail is code 100 and 83

John Hemsath – Bay Lines – HO

It's 1946 in a large metropolitan area of the Midwest. John's freelanced HO scale Bay Lines occupies a 12' x 16' room upstairs. 75' of mainline in a dogbone, and, since the last open house two years ago, all the sidings and yards have been laid. The scenery is about 25% complete. DCC controls the sound-equipped locomotives. John was awarded the Golden Spike.

David Lawler CANADIAN NATIONAL AND ONTARIO SOUTHERN – HO

Modeling Eastern Ontario on Saturday evening, October 21st 1944. Innovative benchwork construction. Two port areas nearly complete along with the adjacent river. Two new freight yards and an engine terminal along with extensive new scenery and LED lighting now complete. Several examples of the LED streetlights featured in Dave's Div. 4, May clinic are in place on the layout. DCC in and (hopefully) functioning well.

Home Layout Tour
Olmsted Falls, Olmsted Township, Berea, Strongsville
Saturday, November 10, 2012
Noon to 5:00 p.m.

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CUYAHOGA VALLEY & WEST SHORE MODEL RR CLUB – N, HO, O & G

The club resides in the historic NYC (Lake Shore & Michigan Southern) Olmsted Falls Station building *circa 1876*. As you approach, you will see our PRR N-8 caboose outside on the grounds.

HO enthusiasts will enjoy viewing 16 scale miles of main line (DCC of course), on two levels connected by a helix. The Sandusky Bay lift-bridge, Cuyahoga Works blast furnace and West Shore Station are some points of interest. This HO layout is about 90% complete with scenery nearing completion. Our N-scale mountain railroad layout features continuous operation on two scale miles of track that winds through the scenery (which is under construction). Our triple-track O-Scale layout is 100% complete and incorporates lots of Lionel-style animation. The G-Scale loops around the room on a shelf above, and includes an impressive steel truss bridge that was fabricated in the 1940s by Case engineering students.

You can't miss the very active Norfolk-Southern main line that runs alongside our depot. A good rail fanning spot. **CAUTION: DO NOT CROSS OR STAND CLOSE TO THE TRACKS. THESE ARE VERY ACTIVE TRACKS.**

Paul Novak & Sons GOLD CREEK RAILWAY – HO

New for this year is an industrial expansion to the layout with more sidings, runarounds, and factory locations. HO, 36' long walk around 85% scenery. Free lance bridge line in Montana, interchanging with Milwaukee Rd. and C&NW. Hand-laid track. Six operating positions with block control and homemade throttles.

Ron Morgan - UNION PACIFIC RAILROAD – HO

The layout is an HO gauge double track, double deck layout that models the Union Pacific Railroad modern power in a Wyoming setting. 34'x24' "L" shaped layout around the wall. Primary structures are either in place or under construction. A 4' x 12' ethanol plant has been expanded to add 3 more yard tracks and to provide for a road along the buildings. The processing center has also been expanded from four to eight tanks. Numerous other changes are in the works. Scenery is about 80% completed on the CV&WS including some very nice scenes. Also, the club has now started operating sessions. Digitrax Command Control System is being used.

STRONGSVILLE SOCIETY OF MODEL RAILROAD ENGINEERS – HO

HO scale 250' around the wall, double mainline three sided with peninsulas. All periods of steam and diesel power. 16' 12' yard. Scenery 90% complete.

Contest Corner conducted by Dave Lawler

Oct. 2102 Contest: Small house
There were 2 entries and 26 votes.

1st place: Jim Grell 23 1st place votes
2nd place: George Gelehrter 3 1st place votes

And now the point standings are as follows:

Jim Grell 7 points
George Gelehrter 5 points
Art Bumpus 4 points

There weren't enough entries to properly evaluate the 1st, 2nd, 3rd voting method so I'll try again next month and see how it works out.

And speaking of next month (November), the contest is for non-traditional flat cars, depressed center, well hole, multi-truck, 6 wheel truck or ?, with or without load.
However, if you happen to have some kind of interesting cargo on the car it'll make it more interesting.

The Clinic Corner

November 2012 Program **Short Line Railroads---A Modeling Opportunity** **Presented by: Gerry Deucher**

The program features a selection of short line railroads to illustrate the unique aspects of this type of railroad with regards to location, methods of operation, physical plant and how these features may be applied to model railroads.

No clinic program in December – Enjoy the Annual Holiday Awards Banquet

January 2013 Clinic – Frank Bongiovanni - Scratchbuilding 98

For those who are not ready for Scratchbuilding 101

Clinics Wanted

Any Division member with an idea for a program subject or wishing to present a program for the 2012 – 2013 season, please contact me. I am looking for programs for the April, May and June of 2013.

Larry

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.

Larry Madson

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Next meeting: Friday November 9, 2012

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

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Jeff Lauren assembles a tree during the October clinic. Photo courtesy of David James.