



# THE FLATWHEEL

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Gary Schaefer (left) accepts the Bruce Brintnall Membership Award from Superintendent Steve Kaplan during the Awards Banquet. Gary's recent leadership of the Division's Training Day was cited as a primary reason that he won the honor.

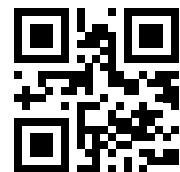
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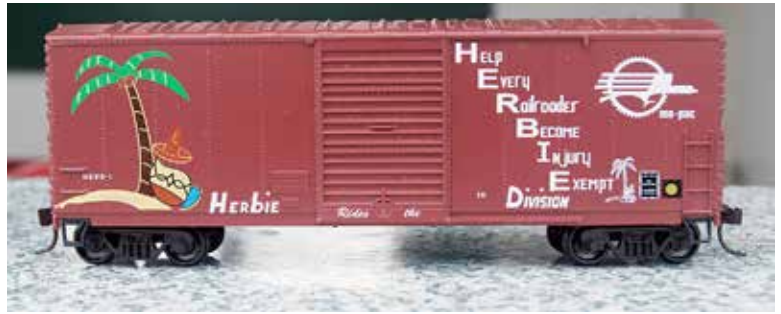
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## HERBIE'S RUMBLINGS

January 2016

Here we are – back again after a quiet December. The Annual Awards Dinner was a great success, with over 100 attending (101 to be exact). A great meal – a great auction - great DJ - and the best Santa ever. If you missed it, you missed out on a lot of fun and camaraderie.

Kudos to the module group for its month long display at the Black River International Trees and Trains event in downtown Lorain. The operating display was going almost every Friday, Saturday and Sunday evening for five weekends. The group also operated at Christmas Train Show at Lakeland on the 20<sup>th</sup>.

We are now into what traditionally has been a model railroaders most productive period for building and fine-tuning their layout, rolling stock and structures. Also, it is a period for both whittling down those shelves of unbuilt kits, as well as for restocking them at the many train shows and flea markets. Will we never learn? Remember that in my letter from last December I talked about New Year's resolutions, and emphasized my one resolution: TO MAKE PROGRESS. I guess I was doing pretty well until I broke my hand in September but that makes it easy for me. For 2016, I'm again going for at least some progress on every single item on the list that has been started, or needs to be, The Nominating Committee, headed by Chuck Klein, will make its report at the upcoming January meeting (also see in this Flatwheel –ed.). There will be a few changes in officer and director positions. Chuck will also furnish instructions for anyone who may want to run, but was not on the nominating committee's slate.

Dave Lawler has been getting a lot of entries for the monthly contests, but I know there are more of you out there who should be getting involved. The 2015/16 schedule was published in the June Flatwheel, but for those who forgot, here is the schedule for the remainder of the year. **January:** An On-Line Structure, 2" x 4" Maximum. (Think of something you can build on the end of a 2x4.) **February:** My Favorite Truck.(Motor vehicle, not a set of freight car wheels.) **March:** A Locomotive from a Cleveland Area Railroad. Steam, electric or diesel. (NKP, NYC, PRR, B&O, Big 4, W&LE, Lake Terminal, N&SS etc...) **April:** A Freight House (Many towns had one -even tiny Kipton, Ohio. Go ride the LS&MS bike trail and see for yourself.) **May:** A Grain Car (Any era from a converted wooden box car to a big modern cylindrical.)

You now have about one week to get your January on-line structure entry ready. I constantly start the project but somehow never get it finished in time, One of these years I'm going to show up at the June meeting with 7 or 8 "almost made it in time" entries for Show and Tell.

We have not finalized plans for a 2016 field trip yet. If you have thoughts on a destination for the one day trip, please give them to Lee Sheffield, David James, or me. Also, don't forget to take home a few DVD's from our library. See Chuck in the Company Store. And, see me if you want to check out a set of Fast Tracks tools.

Joe Kurilec's series on area hobby shops continues this month with Warzone Matrix. Please patronize the stores in Joe's series.

Steve Kaplan  
Superintendent - Division 4 MCR

**There are no Meeting Minutes since the December meeting was the Holiday Party/ Awards Banquet.**

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## Division Elections

We will be having elections in 2016. The Nominating Committee members are Chuck Klein, Dave Lawler, and Art Bumpus.

The following list of candidates is being put forth by the Nominating Committee.

The term of the newly elected officers shall run from June 1, 2016 thru May 31, 2018

Superintendent	Steve Kaplan
Asst. Supt.	Lee Sheffield
Treasurer	Greg Noeth
Secretary	David Williams

### **Directors ( Trustees )**

East	Fred Obreza
West	Gary Schaefer
Quad County	Jim Moore
At Large	Brian Haas
At Large	John Hemsath

Anyone wishing to run for any position may do so by submitting a petition signed by 10 members with membership numbers and which position you would be running for ex: Director at large etc. The petitions may be submitted to the Nominating Committee between January 8, 2016 and February 12,2016. If we have more than one candidate running for any of the above positions the election will be held March 2016 with all ballots being received by April 15, 2016.

Chuck Klein  
Chairman 2016 Nominating Committee

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## Contest Corner

Dave Lawler

We hope that everyone had a good time at the Awards Banquet / Holiday Party and that you were able to use some of the time since the November meeting to work on your contest entries for the rest of the year.

The January contest is for online structures that can fit within an actual 2 inch by 4 inch footprint. A measuring device will be on hand!

## Module Group Report

The Division 4 module group has applied to display at the National Train Show (NTS) in Indianapolis next summer. We're going to join up with the Division 1 and Hub Division groups again, so we requested the same 60' x 100' space we had at the Cleveland NTS. If you've been thinking about building a module and joining the group activities, now is a great time, giving plenty of time to be ready for NTS.

As usual for the module group, October through December has been our busy season. The International Trees and Trains festival at the Black River Transportation Center in Lorain ran from November 28 through December 27. Turnout this year was excellent again, and attendees greatly appreciated the Division 4 modular layout. Thanks to all who set aside their Friday, Saturday or Sunday evenings to staff the display!

We wrapped up our year with a 60+ foot layout at the Lakeland Train Show on Dec 20. This was the first run of our new control system, and everything operated flawlessly.

The module group will have its annual planning meeting 6:30 - 8:30 pm on January 20 at the North Olmsted Library (basement meeting room). We'll be discussing our 2016 event schedule and other topics of group interest. All Division 4 members are welcome to attend our planning meeting. See you there!!

Scott Benson, Module Group Coordinator

## Lorain Trees and Trains



**above, left:** Stan Dus and David James kept things running during an early December Sunday. **above:** Lots of Lionel in the room. **left:** Lots of Christmas trees as well. **below:** Stan and Dave risk a rare December sunburn. Thanks to everyone in the Division Modular Group who participated in this event.



## Membership

Bill and Billy Ferry, Membership

### January Birthdays

J Ted Shultz  
Pauline Handmon  
William C Deptowicz  
Edward R Nowicki  
Roy Cavan  
John Francis Janda  
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## Raffle Report

HAPPY HOLIDAYS EVERYONE. Once again we had a very successful holiday raffle. I would like to thank many people, in no particular order: Fred and Joanne Obreza , Chuck and Linda Klein, Emil and Connie Orenick of *State Tool and Die*, Beth Bowie, Darrell Swift, John and Pat Henning, Gary Sole of Bernie's Bargains, Joe Andrews of *Eastern Ohio Trains*, and last but not least all the Division 4 members who have participated and donated to the raffle throughout the year. THANK YOU ALL!

To start the new year, January's raffle will be a great one. It will be B&O Night on the raffle table. Once again , something for everyone.

The Raffle Dudes

## The Clinic Corner

**January 2016  
Bruce Bowie  
Dietch Bros. Candy & Ice Cream**

For this program, Bruce will describe his techniques, materials, tools and lessons learned in constructing his 100% scratchbuilt Dietch Bros. Candy & Ice Cream structure. This is the structure that was judged by Bruce Brintnall and Frank Bongiovanni at the September meeting.

### **Clinics Wanted**

**Help!!!!** I need programs for February, March, April, May and June. If any of you would like to share your modeling techniques, knows of someone I could contact for a program, or has a suggestion for a program topic, please contact me as soon as possible. If you have contacted me previously about a program, please take time to remind me again.

Larry Madson

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440-934-2643 or 440-864-2305

Thanks, Larry

### **Clinic Presentation Aids**

Division 4 has a digital projector available for use by division members for presenting clinic programs in digital format. We now also have a carousel slide projector with carousels. The division also has a video camera available for program enhancement. Anyone wishing to use the camera or the projectors for their program, contact Larry Madson.

Larry Madson



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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.

Uncredited photos: D Williams.

The Flatwheel is published monthly (except during July and August) by Division Four of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). All comments are welcome, however, those views expressed in the Flatwheel do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the NMRA, MCR, or Division Four.

Deadline for the next Flatwheel is Thursday January 28, 2016. The deadline is almost always 2 weeks and a day before the next general meeting.

The Flatwheel is no longer mailed.

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 Great Berea Train Show  
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## Upcoming Events

January 2, 2016 10 am to 3 pm Snow Dog Train Show (all scale) Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Assn.  
UAW Hall, 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma OH 44130 \$6, children under 12 free

January 9, 2016 Antique & Collectible Old Toy Show 9 am to 2 pm  
Lakeland Community College, 7700 Clocktower Dr, Kirtland OH 44094 \$6, \$2 for children 6 to 12

January 16, 2016 TCA Winter Meet (All scale), 10 am to 3 pm  
UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma OH 44130 \$6 each, \$8 family, children under 12 free

January 30/31, 2016 Springfield MA Train Show see: [www.railroadhobbyshow.com/](http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com/)

April 23, 2016 Division 2 Jamboree, Pittsburgh PA see [www.keystonedivision.org/jamboree.html](http://www.keystonedivision.org/jamboree.html)

April 28 - May 1, 2016 Mid Central Regional Convention, Columbus OH  
see [2016convention.div6-mcr-nmra.org/home\\_B.html](http://2016convention.div6-mcr-nmra.org/home_B.html)

July 3 - 10, 2016 NMRA National Convention Indianapolis, IN see [www.nmra2016.org/](http://www.nmra2016.org/)

Thanks to Tom Pescha for providing information for most of these events. Some event information is from their flyers. Double check information with a separate source before making plans to attend - dates, times, and cost (etc.) subject to being wrong from the copying process.

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Last month's mystery buildings are scheduled to make an appearance at the January meeting.



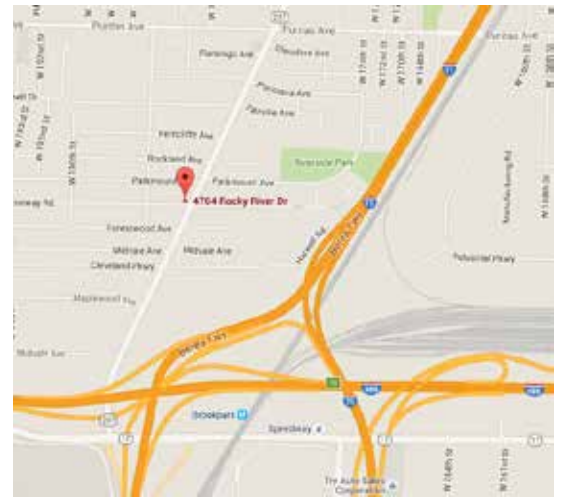
2015 Awards Banquet / Holiday Party



The annual Awards Banquet / Holiday Party was held on December 11, 2016 at the Coppertop Party Center in Valley City Ohio. Assistant Superintendent Lee Sheffield did a really great job as MC, and DJ Freddie James seemed to have the right audio queued for every moment. The Raffle Dudes were in full force to send lucky ticket holders home with prizes. Thanks to everyone who helped put this event together!



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This “hobby shop” is a little different this issue, but does have many items for our model railroading projects! Warzone Matrix is a game shop offering a ton of paints, figures, vehicles, scenery items and castings. All that can be used for model railroading.

Warzone Matrix is located on Rocky River Drive between Puritas Road and Brookpark Road, close to The Cleveland Airport. Once inside, you’ll find all sorts of items of interest for your modeling needs. The store is well stocked with some very neat items.

The store has a VERY good selection of many brands of paint. There are a ton of colors that can be used for all modeling needs. Walking thru the store, you will find just the right color for what you want and a few other colors you never thought about using! Make sure you have time to view all of the shop’s offerings.



All photos provided by Joe Kurilec MMR



This is just a small sample of the metal, plastic or plaster castings. You’ll find many castings that will fit right into your hobby needs. Scenery items are also in stock.

A trip to Warzone Matrix is worth a visit to explore new ideas and model uses for your layout. I have driven by Warzone Matrix many times not knowing what a “treasure chest” was inside.

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