



THE FLATWHEEL

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



The Mid Central Region's convention is coming soon. One benefit of attending a convention is the opportunity to visit locations on the way or while returning home. Last year's convention provided a chance for a slight detour to visit Thurmond West Virginia.

Mid Central Regional

Convention

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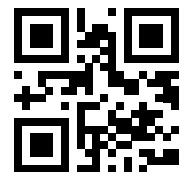
Division Four's next meeting will be Friday March 11, 2016

Social time starts at 7:00 pm
Business meeting 7:30 pm

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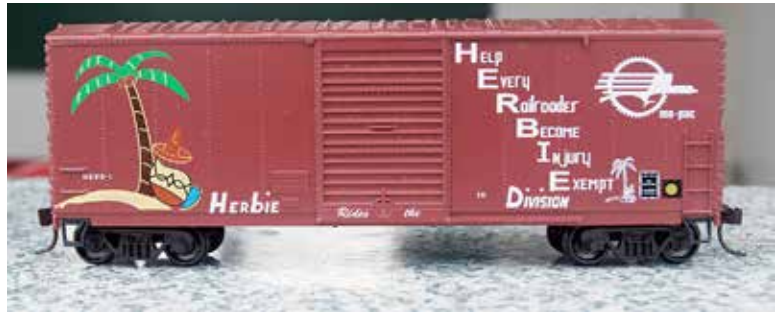
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HERBIE'S RUMBLINGS

March 2016

The Division Four Board met last month – Minutes of that meeting are attached. Two key items were under discussion, the first being where to go for this year's field trip. There were a number of suggestions, but it appears that the selection has been narrowed to two or three choices* – they are: 1. The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum; 2. a trip to Scenic Express for a Make and Take session, and 3. possibly Entertrainment Junction. There will be some brief information of these choices at the March meeting, where attendees will be asked their preference.

The second key item was a decision by the Board to host the 2019 Mid-Central Regional Convention. The last time Division Four hosted one was in 2008, so it's really our turn. We will start putting a committee together shortly after getting the nod from the Region at its April Board meeting.

As I said last month, five of us went up to the Amherst Show in Springfield, Mass. We passed out some info for our Show and talked to some potential dealers.

At next week's meeting, Frank Bongiovanni will give a presentation on the upcoming Regional Convention in Columbus – I encourage all you to try to attend (April 28 through May 1). Also, the registration packets are now available for the 2016 NMRA National Convention to be held in Indianapolis - July 3 – 10. You can get download the packet from the convention website - www.nmra2016.org/ .

Other news - Our module group will be setting up at Railfest - March 19th and 20th. Also, Division One has structure kits in N & HO that they are selling. Information is on their website. They also have N scale AC&Y cars for sale.

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. Several members have started using the Fast Tracks tools – there will be a few samples as "show and tell" at the meeting.

See you there

Steve Kaplan
Superintendent - Division 4 MCR

* If distance is a consideration: The trolley museum and Scenic Express are both a short distance from Pittsburgh, and Entertrainment Junction is between Dayton and Cincinnati.

Minutes from the last BOD meeting and February meeting were not available for this Flatwheel.

Membership

Bill and Billy Ferry, Membership

Birthdays in March

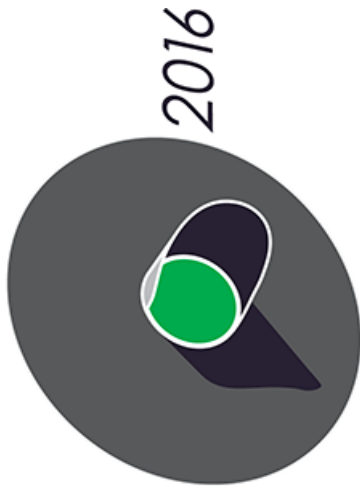
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Louis Falk
Frank Foti
Dennis Gamble
Bryan Harko
Philip Imka
David Johnson
Harry Lever
Lawrence Madson
Eric Newberry
Ralph Peshek
Paul (Bud) Spierling
Donald Stettin
Richard Ulmer

One New Member (or Several, Actually)

Susan Pryor and Family!

Losses

We regret to announce the passing of **Phil Bartek** and **John Ritt**. Phil had a beautiful and well attended service at Old Stone Church several weeks ago. The service for John, who was a past Trustee of the Division, has not been arranged yet. Both of these gentlemen had many friends in the Division and will be missed.



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The Mid Central Region's annual convention will be held April 28 through May 1, 2016 at the Embassy Suites-West in Dublin Ohio. Friday will feature a tour of the Age of Steam Roundhouse. There are a lot of clinics, including some by Division 4's Bruce Brintnall MMR, Frank Bongiovanni, and Ron Morgan. Division 4 normally has a good representation in the model contest. The banquet and other activities will provide additional fun.

For complete information, see

http://2016convention.div6-mcr-nmra.org/home_B.html

(or go to nmra.org and select Regions then MCR Region to get a link to the site).

Registration forms are on pages 13 & 14

Annual Directors' Meeting for Membership - this Month

The Directors (formerly Trustees) are required by our constitution and bylaws to conduct a meeting once a year to collectively receive input from the Division's membership. While you are always welcome to share your opinions with Division officers, this is your chance to present your idea(s) to multiple directors at once. The meeting will take place at 7 pm, just before the usual membership meeting.

from Jim Moore
Director, Quad County

Raffle Report

The March raffle will be another fine theme raffle. Keeping with Dave Lawler's contest, the theme of the raffle will be "Railroads that ran into or thru Cleveland".

The Raffle Dudes

Division 1 Layout Tour

Division 1 is inviting us for layout tours on Saturday March 12th. If you are a Division 4 member in good standing, you should have already received specific information via email.

May Layout Tours for Division 4

On Sunday, May 15, we've been invited to visit the layouts of Chuck Klein, Ted Ondrish, The Strongsville Society of Model Railroaders, Denny Whitaker, and Myron Krajewski. It will be interesting to see the progress these fellows have made since our last visits.

On Saturday, May 21 we'll visit three more layouts. Tom Businger, Rich Mayich, and the Novak men have invited us. This will be the first open house for Rich, and Tom practically has a new layout since we were last there.

Please mark your calendar now and save the dates for these great opportunities. Even if you do not regularly attend the meetings of the Division, you will be most welcome at these open houses! It's great to meet these generous owners, ask questions, and get inspired.

John Hemsath
Layout Tour Co-Chair

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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.

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Deadline for the next Flatwheel is Thursday March 24 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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Upcoming Events

March 18-20, 2016 Railfest 10 am to 4 pm, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland OH I-90 exit 193 onto Rt 306 south

April 23, 2016 Division 2 Jamboree, Pittsburgh PA see 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

July 3 - 10, 2016 NMRA National Convention Indianapolis, IN see www.nmra2016.org/

Railfest Volunteers Needed

We need to provide people to work the NMRA membership table on Saturday and Sunday. You get free admission in exchange for your two hour shift. See Bill Ferry at the March meeting to find your time slot.



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Contest Corner

Dave Lawler

The February contest was for My Favorite Truck with another outstanding selection from which to choose. There were 16 entries and 40 votes and the results are as follows:

1st: Len Sherry

2nd: George Keller

3rd: John Hemsath

Honorable Mention: Tom McInerney

And here are the point standings:

1st: George Keller (14)

2nd: Rich Mayich (13)

3rd: Jim Grell (12)

4th: Dave Lawler (11)

5th: Joe Filipiak, John Hemsath, Tom McInerney (9 each)

A reminder that the March contest is for a locomotive (steam, diesel, electric, fireless or ?) that ran on a Cleveland area railroad.

Think: NYC, PRR, NKP, W&LE, ERIE, B&O, N&W, NS, CSX, N&SS, AMTRK, LS&MS, CCC&St.L, Lake Terminal, AC&Y, CUT, CEI (Avon Lake),

Cuyahoga Valley, FP&E, River Terminal etc. Surely everyone can come up with a locomotive from one of these.

Remember, Locomotives only please, NO DIORAMAS!

March 2016
Bob Orlando and Alan Arthur
LEDS for Model Railroading

For this program, Bob and Al will show us how to apply LED lighting for buildings, for track occupancy, plus neon lighting for buildings. Bob will show how to solder the LEDES in sections and how to solder neon lighting. Bob will also show how to add resistors to the LEDES to dim them, how to apply shrink wrap on the wire and info on where to buy the material. Al will show how he applies LEDES for track occupancy.

Clinics Wanted

Help!!!! I need a program for May. 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

lmadson@roadrunner.com

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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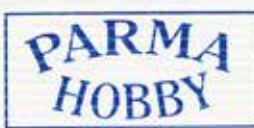
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