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An almost rideable NYC GP7 made an appearance in the March contest.

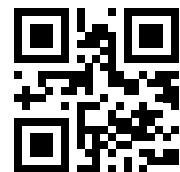
Division Four's next meeting will be Friday April 8, 2016

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

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Division website: www.div4.org



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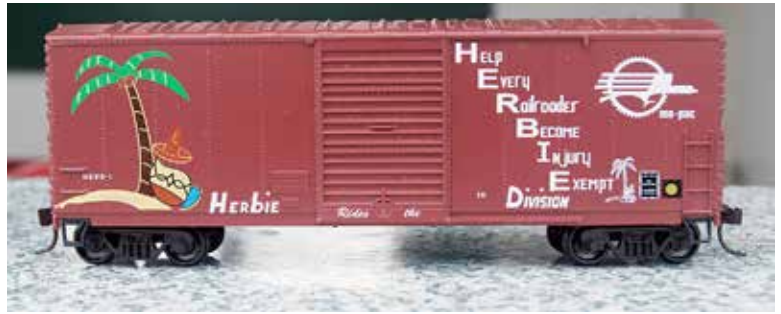
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Herbie:

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HERBIE'S RUMBLINGS

April 2016

David James will have more information on our 2016 field trip at the meeting. Those in attendance at the March meeting seemed to be agreeable to any of the three sites under consideration. They are: 1. The Pennsylvania Trolley Museum; 2. a trip to Scenic Express for a Make and Take session, and 3. Entertainment Junction.

Quite a number of our members were seen at Division Five's Railfest last month. Our module group had a setup which was well received – primarily because of the number of youth members involved.

The tentative clinic schedule for the upcoming Mid-Central Regional convention had been posted at http://2016convention.div6-mcr-nmra.org/clinic_fold/Clinic_Schedule.pdf. I encourage all you to try to attend (April 28 through May 1). It will be a good opportunity for you to see how a regional convention comes off, and get ideas where you can fit into our team which will host the 2019 one. 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/.

One more excellent event you might want to attend is the Division Two Pittsburg Model Railroad Jamboree on April 23rd at Robert Morris College. I have been down there for the last three years and find it to be well worthwhile 2-3 hour drive. They have some excellent clinics scheduled. By the way, Division Two is having a book sale – some good ones - see <http://www.keystonedivision.org/booksale.html>.

I want to point out that you can get some great ideas from what the other Divisions are doing by visiting their websites and reading their newsletters. The easiest way to find them is to start at <http://www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/divisions2.html>. In fact, you can access every Division in the NMRA's website by going to then NMRA website and hitting the Conventions button on line three.

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 – we have #4, #6 and #8 turnout kits available. Also available are other turnouts owned by individual members who have agreed to loan them out – these include a crossover and a gauntlet track, John Hemsath brought an example of a scale track that he built for display to the March meeting.

Lee Sheffield announced that the annual picnic will be at the Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers on Lester Road in Medina this summer.

See you at the meeting,

Steve Kaplan
Superintendent - Division 4 MCR

General Meeting Minutes from March

Minutes from 3/11/2016

DIVISION 4, MCR, NMRA

Welcome by Superintendent Steve Kaplan.

New Members / guests – Bill Ferry introduced some new members, Dominick Laoeus, Nolan Macher and Ron Casey.

Steve invited everyone to Baker's Square after the meeting.

Treasury report by Greg Noeth. Current assets: \$59578.45. A deposit has been sent to the Coppertop Party Center to secure our December Awards Dinner date.

Clinics - Larry Madson next month we will hear from Dave Williams on model surface preparation. Looking for clinic for May.....

Module Group Activities – Larry Madson said there's lots going on , come join

Mid Central Regional convention in Columbus - Frank Bongiovanni gave a brief presentation to encourage Division 4 attendance.

Upcoming layout tours – John Hemsath – Maybe some new layouts out this year

Contest – Dave Lawler - great models last month thanks for the participation. Next month's model contest is freight stations

Great Berea Train Show – David James, Contract should be out by end of March. Check the dates and we are still set for the October. And we have the October 6 & 7, **2017** weekend. Res form going out may 1.

Company Store – Chuck Klein: we no more box cars. Just a couple of the others cars so hurry before the clearance sale.

Raffle – Mike Klein great stuff tonight from the Cleveland area.

Review of Board Meeting items – Steve Kaplan

2019 or 2020 Regional Convention – Steve Kaplan: we have agreed to host the regional convention,

Fall Field Trip – David James

Possible Lorain County 4-H group formation

Other News

Flatwheel deadline – Dave Williams due the 24 of March

Comments for the good of the order.

Adjournment 8:00 PM



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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).

No Membership Report was received.

Thanks to everyone who worked the membership Table at Railfest.

from Gary Schaefer:

UPCOMING EVENTS

9-Apr **NETS - Swap and Trade Meet**
 9-Apr **Bucyrus Model Railroad Association**
 10-Apr **Y'stown Model Railroad Assn. Toy - Train Flea Market**
 Apr-16 **Lorain Cty. Chapter IPMS Model & Toy Swap & Sale**
 23-Apr **TCA Spring Show**
 May 12-14 **Spring Spree All Gauge Show**
 May 13-14 **Spring Open House Riverside Railroad Club**

	NAME	#Taken
Painesville		
Bucyrus		
Niles		
Westlake		
Parma		
Strondville		
Warren		

If you are planning on attending any of these events we ask that you help us by taking flyers with you to place in the show's flyer table. You can contact me ahead of time via phone or email. Thank you

**Gary Schaefer
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Annual Directors' Meeting for Membership - last Month

The annual Directors' Meeting was held before the general meeting in March. No members provided any input to the meeting, other than a comment that the work being done was satisfactory.

Raffle Report

April's raffle will be another fine variety of prizes. There are more theme raffles in the works. Stay tuned.

The Raffle Dudes

Family Hobby Closing

Press Release:

Family Hobby will be going out of business at the close of business on April 30, 2016.

Starting April 1, 2016, our final sale will begin, with everything except magazines discounted 25% off retail. As we get closer to final closing, the discounts will increase. Furniture and fixtures are also for sale, at prices marked on the items (not discounted), however, reasonable offers will be considered.

Please pass our thanks to your membership for their support over the last 13 years. We have been proud to help with their projects.

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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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.

Uncredited photos: D Williams.

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Deadline for the next Flatwheel is Thursday April 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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The Clinic Corner

April 2016 Dave Williams

Clean: Eliminating unwanted elements in your modeling environment

Topics include model surface preparation before painting, track cleaning, and even soldering flux (it's a cleaner too!) Dave Lawler will discuss the use of sandblasting for surface prep.

May 2016 George Keller

Accenting Brick on Structures

George's program will demonstrate different ways to accent the brick on buildings. From basic mortar lines to weathering, he will show his techniques using paints, chinks and spray paints to represent different colors and textures of bricks.

Clinics Wanted

Help!!!! I am now looking for programs for 2016 -2017. 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. If you have contacted me previously about a program, please take time to remind me again.

Larry Madson
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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



The March clinic was on LEDs, given by Division 4's Bob Orlando (left) and Alan Arthur of Division 5. To the right, Alan is demonstrating an arrangement for car lighting.



Upcoming Events

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/

from Gary Schaefer:



March, 7, 2016

Division 4 Mid-Central Region National Model Railroad Association
c/o Gary Schaefer
811 Thornwood Blvd
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Attn: Mr. Steve Kaplan, Superintendent and The Board of Directors

Dear Sirs:

On behalf of the Lorain Growth Corporation Tourism Committee I would like thank you for your generous Grant. It was a complete surprise and a welcome addition to our budget.

I have requested it be put towards an idea I have had for the past year. I would like to create a people friendly train. The train would appear in local parades and events to promote the International Tree and Model Train Event. We would be able to hand out brochures and flyers for our event and the Div. 4 Mid-Central Region Model TRAINing Day Workshop.

Your group has been a welcome addition to our event at Christmas time. The gentlemen are helpful when I need it and always very informative to all our guests.

Once again, thank you.

Sincerely,


Gail Bonsor

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Contest Corner

Dave Lawler

The March contest was for: A Locomotive From a Cleveland Area Railroad

There were 15 entries and 51 votes, another great turnout with super models (not the girl kind).

1st: George Keller, N&W EMD F-7

2nd: Dave Lawler, ERIE USRA Heavy Pacific

3rd: Jim Grell, ERIE 2-10-0 "Russian"

Honorable Mention: Rich Mayich, Gary Schaefer

Point Standings with two contests remaining are as follows:

1st: George Keller, 19 pts.

2nd: (tie) Jim Grell, Dave Lawler, Rich Mayich, 15 pts. each

3rd: John Hemsath, 10 pts.

4th: Tom McInerney, 9pts.

5th: Bill Kovacs, 8 pts.



Just out of the running: Gary Schaefer, Joe Filipiak, Len Sherry, Dave Williams & Jeff Lauren. With two contest left to go don't give up!

The April contest is for: A Freight House/Station. This is generally a building separate from the station with baggage doors and no bay window as there is no agent/operator. See the photo below of the LS & MS, Kipton, Ohio freight house still standing on the North side of the old roadbed. The station that was on the South side is long gone.

THIS SUBJECT CAN BE DONE AS A DIORAMA!



Kipton Freight Station

Jim Barnett Estate Sale

Thanks to all who purchased items from Jim Barnett's model railroad estate sale at the March Division 4 meeting. Jim's wife Charlene was thrilled to hear how much fun the Division 4 members had while shopping and reminiscing about Jim and his unique talents. And with the sale proceeds!

An updated list will be posted to the division website estate sale page, as well as a new list of Jim's books and magazines. Watch for it during the first week in April. I'll be back at the April meeting to finish the sale.

Scott Benson

Module Group Update

The module group represented Division 4 at the Division 5 RailFest in March. The 45' layout drew a crowd throughout the 2-day show, and we received many great comments. The spring display season wraps up with displays at the Ritter Library in Vermilion on April 16 & 17, and in parallel at the Firelands Train Show in Mansfield on April 16. Stop by and visit the layout! Planning for the National Train Show is firming up nicely. We now have a good idea of Division 1 and NCR Hub Division members participation, and many new Division 4 modules in work. The combined layout will occupy a 50' x 110' space at NTS.

Scott Benson
Module Group Coordinator

Company Store

We are sold out of the N&SS box cars no more left nada. We have about 8 or 9 N&SS hoppers (1 set of 4 numbers). We have some great new product coming in May!!! Hats still available, division patches, ask about Division shirts we need \$30.00 before ordering. The company store will be closed at the April meeting the proprietor is heading to Colorado for his Grandsons wedding.

Chuck Klein

Coming Next Month: More from Bruce Bowie

We've had a layout article from Bruce waiting for some time now due to - believe or not - space limitations. Well, next month, no matter whose mailbox gets overloaded, we'll have that article in the Flatwheel.

Mike's Diecast and Collectibles

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This month's hobby shop is a little different but still has many items that can be used on our layouts.



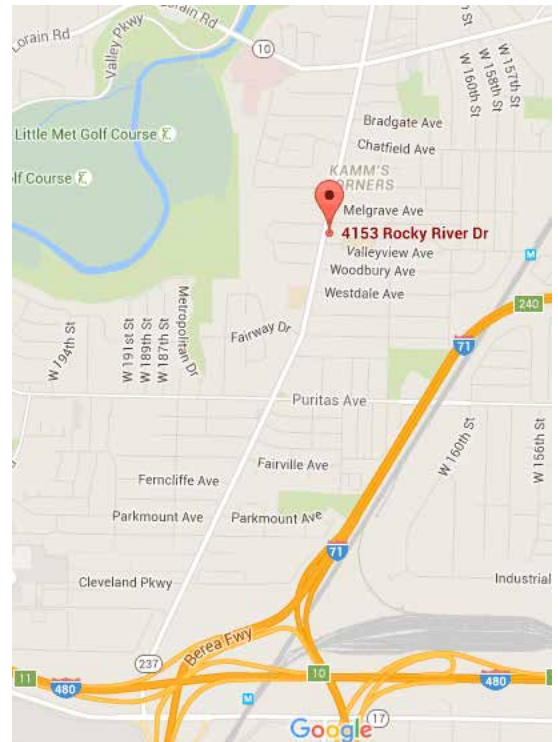
Mike's Diecast has a very good selection of cars, trucks and vehicles of all types and of all scales. You'll be amazed and the number of items that are displayed!



There is a very good supply of used models that will easily fill up areas on your layout that need "scenery" vehicles.



Besides all of the new cars and trucks, Mike's Diecast also has a large selection of used and collectable items for sale. A trip to Mike's is worth your trip. Do not forget to view the many other items that are in the store. Its a very interesting shop to visit! Mike mentioned that he has interest in expanding into model trains!



Mike's Diecast is located on Rocky River Drive, near Kamm's Corners, between Lorain Road and Puritas Avenue.

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