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NEW COLUMN!



Adam Woodie works for Columbia Gas. A recent assignment allowed him access to Republic Steel's soon to restart Lorain plant. The Lake Terminal Railroad switch engine is seen idling near the sanding tower next to their locomotive facility.

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DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT EVENT WILL BE FRIDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2018.

WE OFFER GOOD FELLOWSHIP, FREE SOFT-DRINKS/COFFEE AND AN INFORMATIVE CLINIC ON SOME ASPECT OF OUR HOBBY. JOIN US!

WHEN & WHERE WE SHARE

The North Coast Division holds 10 events a year (none in July and August). Events are on the 2nd Friday of each month. A

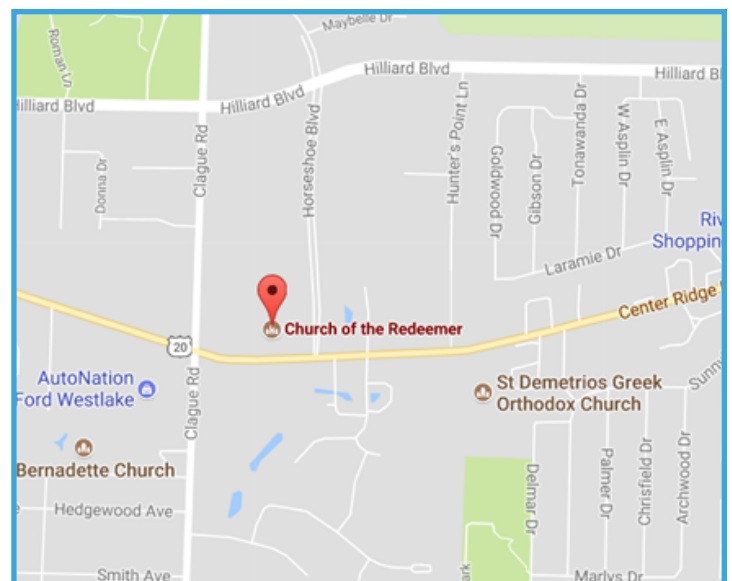
social half hour starts at 7:00 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:30. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Events are held at the Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Rd, Cleveland, OH 44145. Visitors are welcome to attend any gathering.

The Division's newsletter, *The Flatwheel* is published monthly (except during July and August) by Division 4 of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). All comments are welcome. Views expressed in *The Flatwheel* do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the NMRA, MCR, or Division 4.

The Flatwheel is typically electronically published no later than the Monday preceding the monthly event. Submissions are due no later than the 26th of the prior month, for example, August 26th for the September *Flatwheel*.

Uncredited photos courtesy of the editor or staff photographer Dave Williams.

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. The group is private and does not appear on the Yahoo directory.



on our behalf he still gets up most days and goes off to work.

I have written on this subject in the past but it needs repeating.

I once owned a 1947 MGTC. I joined the MG Car Club to share time and knowledge with other MG owners. After attending several events I quit the club because they did not seem welcoming to new members. Only when I got much older and a little wiser did I realize I at least shared in the blame. Had I become more active with the organization, by volunteering to help in some way or ways, I would have gotten to know the members and they me. There are of course numerous reasons to volunteer, but being "selfish" in this regard might be the most important.

There are of course numerous reasons to volunteer, but being "selfish" might be the most important.

Not to toot my own horn (or blow my own whistle?) but to support my supposition that volunteering is good for you and the organization(s) you volunteer for; since joining the Division in 2003 I have volunteered as a Trustee, Secretary, Treasurer, Convention Registrar and currently Editor. In those 15 years I have only had a period of 9 months when I did not have an official role. The friendships I have gained through these efforts will be with me the rest of my life. As they say, **PRICELESS!**

We are an organization of volunteers. We cannot exist without our members offering their time and energy to support our activities. Current and past volunteers sometimes need a break or simply have given of themselves enough. Mike Oster and Mike Klein each gave several DECADES of volunteer service to the Division before "retiring". Had not David James and Adam Woodie stepped up to fill their respective roles, we would not be able to continue as the Division we have been.

The Division is currently in need of volunteers in several areas. Talk to Lee and offer your time, your energies and your fresh perspective and ideas. Do it for the Division. More importantly, do it for yourself! 🚂

BRUCE BOWIE
EDITOR



AN EDITORIAL



As your *Flatwheel* Editor I attended the Board Of Director's meeting August 25th in, for me, nearby Sandusky. These meetings tend to last 2 hours or so. The morning of August 25th threatened rain on our outside environment so our new Superintendent, Lee Sheffield, was more succinct than his norm and the meeting ended in 1 1/2 hours. Thanks Lee!

During the meeting we discussed several openings the Division has in key positions; Membership, Company Store. We also discussed a field trip. David James took over as our Great Berea Train Show Chairman two years ago, relinquishing his prior role organizing our field trips. We have not had a field trip since our September 2016 sojourn to Woodland Scenics in the Pittsburgh area and as there is no one to lead the organizing this effort requires, we will have no field trip again this fall.

As we discussed some other coming events, namely the December Awards Banquet and next summer's Picnic, I noted Lee talking about the work he was doing on organizing them. Towards the end of the meeting I made a strong comment that Lee cannot be expected to lead us as Superintendent AND organize these other activities. Someone also noted Lee is our first superintendent in 12 years that **IS NOT** a retiree. So in addition to his efforts

FROM THE SUPER

"Driving the train doesn't set its course. The real job is laying the track."

Ed Catmull

Back to TRAINing !

As I discover all the duties being the new Superintendent I find I must get into the monthly groove. We just get through having our monthly meeting and I find myself starting the next month's ritual all too soon. So here I sit typing my next monthly installment.

I have been giving thought to a name for my monthly column and just can't seem to come up with something I like. So, I guess I will continue to wrack my brain and come up with a catchy phrase eventually.

Well on to my monthly spiel. By the time you are reading this we should be ready to rock and roll with the Great Berea Train Show. Thank you, to all those who signed up for the various volunteer positions. As myself and all our previous Super's have said, this is our major fundraiser for the year. It only works if we make it work, together. We cross our fingers that we have good weather and that all our vendors and visitors arrive and get home safely. And that we have good attendance and lots of sales. Things will be interesting this year as our show runs in conjunction with ComicCon. The midway will be packed with visitors to both shows. And people watching alone makes coming to the show very entertaining. And be sure to hang around Saturday evening after the show. David James and I will be cooking up some brats and burgers for anyone who volunteered. It won't be anything formal. Just sitting around talking about whatever comes up and having something to eat. Hint, if you plan on staying you might want to bring a chair.

Most of you know that Division 1 is hosting the 2019 Regional Convention in May. If not, check out their web page for more information. The reason I bring this up is twofold. One is the convention is right down the road

from us and two, they are looking for help in various areas. Our members have always stepped up to present clinics at regional and national conventions and I would expect Division 4 members to do so next May. But they may need help in other areas too. So, if you would like to volunteer to help them in some way they would be very grateful. At this year's regional I volunteered to be a judge in the model contest. It was a great way to view the entries from a different perspective. And it was worth every minute. I plan to judge again in May at the regional. Look over your schedules and contact Steve Zapytowski or Jim DiPaola if you are interested.

Here is the link to the website:

<https://www.div1-mcr-nmra.org/the-acy-bullet-2019>

Hope to see everyone at the Great Berea Train Show. We have Scenic Express returning this year with all our scenery needs. And new this year is Spring Creek Model Trains from Deshler, Nebraska. They are a big dealer offering great deals on engines, cars, building kits and much more. Check out their website for more information:

<http://www.springcreekmodeltrains.com/index.html>

And don't forget our returning dealers and few new ones that will be there. Please support them and welcome them to our show.

"On which side of the platform is my train?" asked a stranger in a Jersey City depot the other day. "Well, my friend," replied a gentleman, passing, "if you take the left you'll be right; if you take the right you'll be left." — Weekly Mountaineer, The Dales, Oregon, January 6, 1877 🚂

**LEE SHEFFIELD, SUPERINTENDENT
THE NORTH COAST DIVISION**



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday September 14, 2018

Meeting called to order at 7:30 pm by Superintendent Lee Sheffield, who asked for any additions or corrections to the Minutes for the June 2018 meeting; none were received.

Treasurer Greg Noeth stated that we have \$39,283 in assets, with two of the three payments made to the Berea Fairboard for the Division's upcoming train show. We have received approximately seventy-five percent of the dealer money.

Lee introduced George Keller as the incoming Membership Chair. Current Membership Chair Bill Ferry gave a report of new members and asked for them and any visitors to introduce themselves. George Keller talked about his aims as Membership Chair.

Great Berea Train Show: Lee emphasized the need for additional volunteers, with a special need for two people at the back gate at all times. Comic-Con will also be taking place at the same time in adjacent building. Show Chair David James reported that dealer tables are essentially sold out and he is currently working through his wait list. Joe Kurilec MMR has done an outstanding job of distributing flyers in the Northeastern Ohio area. Additional flyers are available for placement. Volunteer wristbands will be distributed directly by Lee Sheffield and David James.

David James set up a portable PA system for use and review during the meeting as we are considering the purchase of such a system.

Larry Kuczynski has agreed to run the summer picnic.

Medina County Fair - 4H Modular Layout: Division members attending the fair voted on their favorite module. Megan West won for module set #2 (mountain), as voted on by 15 members attending the fair. A drawing was held during the meeting for those

in attendance- Fred Obreza won and received an HO scale engine.

Clinic Chair Larry Madson reported he would give his layout wiring clinic this evening. Next month will be given by Bruce Bowie on layout planning. November's clinic will be by Mike Cole on the Valley Railroad. Bram Bailey will present his clinic in January (details will be given later).

Module Committee Chair Scott Benson gave a report on the modular layout's display at the National Train Show in Kansas City, MO. Fifteen members of the group came to work and run trains, in conjunction with members and modules from the Hub Division. Scale Trains loaned an engine and was happy to have us "demo" it on the layout. Upcoming events are the Great Berea Train Show, Berea Library, Training Day, International Trees and Trains event, and one other event in the plans. Additional shows are being considered for next year and 2020. Scott said that we have been asked to display at the Cuyahoga County Fair in 2019, and he's received enough positive indication from the group that he is proceeding to make arrangements. Scott gave a brief description of T-Trak, indicating that some divisions within the Mid-Central Region have active T-Trak groups and that a T-Trak layout is planned for next year's regional convention. There will probably be a complete presentation at a future date.

Assistant Superintendent Ron Morgan gave a brief PowerPoint presentation of his experiences during the National Convention in Kansas City.

Achievement Program Chair Bruce Brintnall, MMR gave Jim Grell 2 merit awards and George Keller 2 merit awards. These awards were earned during this year's regional contest. Bruce then gave Ron Morgan his AP Electrical Certificate.

Contest Chair Dave Lawler announced that tonight's contest is billboard reefers. Next month's contest will

be for an abandoned shed or garage that can fit on a playing card. Dave reviewed the model and diorama rules. People who brought Show-and-Tell items described them.

Training Day Chair Gary Schaefer reminded everyone that November 4 is Training Day and requested kit donation for building during the event.

Open House Chair Ron Morgan listed upcoming layout open houses on November 17 and 18.

The Awards Banquet will again be at Carrie Cerino's on our regular meeting night in December.

Dave Williams gave a brief overview of progress on next year's Regional Convention in Youngstown.

Company Store Chair Chuck Klein gave a description of the Store's current inventory. Chuck is interested in

transitioning out of this position and is looking for interested persons.

Raffle Chair Adam Woodie talked about the evening's prizes with a theme of "Back to School".

George Keller gave a brief update on NKP engine 757's projected return to Bellevue. Final inspection and rolling "run" were successful. The Mad River and NKP Museum will use a recently acquired caboose as the required crew car. George projected an October or November time frame as probable for the movement. Lee Sheffield added that NKP 765 will be running in the Cuyahoga Valley the weekends of the 22nd and 29th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 pm. 🚂

Dave Williams

Secretary

AP Chairman Bruce Brintnall, MMR handing out several awards at the September meeting



BOD MEETING MINUTES

NMRA MCR Division 4 BOD Meeting held on Saturday August 25, 2018

At Erie Metro Live Steamers, Sandusky Ohio

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Lee Sheffield at 10:10 am.

In attendance were: Lee Sheffield, Ron Morgan, Greg Noeth, Dave Williams, Brian Haas, Jim Moore, Fred Obreza, Jeff Lauren, Joe Kurilec MMR, Larry Madson, Bruce Bowie, Steve Kaplan, Chuck Klein, Ben Lanza, and Adam Woodie.

Lee thanked Jim Moore and Bruce Bowie for arranging the meeting location.

The upcoming Great Berea Train Show was discussed. Lee emphasized the need to have the gates fully staffed as we will again be sharing the Fairgrounds with Comic Con. David James provided additional Train Show details, indicating that marketing for the show is currently going strongly. There will be a meeting at David's house on September 10, 2018 for status and planning. David said that he is currently working through all of the paperwork. A cookout is planned for volunteers after the show (*on Saturday - Editor*). Joe Kurilec MMR indicated that show flyers will be available at the September General Meeting for distribution to area locations.

Lee stated that George Keller had assumed responsibilities for the Membership Committee.

Chuck Klein presented a report for the Company Store, giving the status of status and inventory of the Davies Steel Car project, and Division shirts. Chuck is looking to transition out of his position. Bruce Bowie stated that he would post an announcement in the Flatwheel.

It was decided to postpone consideration of any field trips at least until Spring 2019.

Joe Kurilec MMR has been working with local area hobby

shops to encourage them to provide NMRA discounts with good results.

A discussion was held about the possibility of using a portable PA system for the General Meetings. Issues concerning transport and storage were discussed but not resolved. David James said that he is caring for another organization's system and that he would be bring it to an upcoming meeting for evaluation before the Division makes any decision to purchase such a system.

A motion was made by Bruce Bowie and seconded by Brian Haas to reimburse the Modular Group for fuel expenses incurred during the modules transport to and from the 2018 National Train Show in Kansas City, MO. David James (driver) provided the amount. The motion passed unanimously. A replacement for the modular group's trailer (in this year's budget) is actively being sought.

Lee introduced discussion of the upcoming season's calendar (September 2018 through August 2019). The dates were provided on a handout. No conflicts were identified. The Awards Banquet is scheduled to take place again at Carrie Cerino's on December 14, 2018.

Flatwheel editor Bruce Bowie thanked everyone for the articles and photos received throughout the summer for the September issue.

The 4H Model Railroading Group's modular display at the Medina County Fair was discussed, along with the need for advisors at their meetings.

Larry Madson discussed upcoming clinics. He'd like a clinic on FasTracks. Several individuals expressed an interest in doing the clinic.

A representative of the meeting host Erie Metro Live Steamers thanked us for choosing their location for the BOD meeting and gave a brief status of the facility. We were told that we are always welcome.



THIS & THAT

CONGRATULATIONS JOE! - Member Joe Filipiak received the well deserved honor described in this article from the RURAL-URBAN RECORD June 18, 2018. Thanks to our Webmaster, Ben Lanza, for first bringing this to our attention. - Editor

Make a Difference Hall of Honor



Greg Jantz and Joe Filipiak after being inducted into the Midview Make a Difference Hall of Honor. Missing from the photo is fellow inductee, John Wallace.

The Midview Make a Difference Hall of Honor recognizes Midview alumni, staff, and volunteers whose exceptional achievements serve as excellent role models for students and have added to the outstanding reputation of The Midview Schools. With the three 2018 inductees, the number of those in the Hall of Honor has reached 42. Inducted in a ceremony last month were Greg Jantz, Class of 1989, John Wallace, Class of 1990 and Joe Filipiak, Class of 1965 and Midview teacher from 1977-2004.

Make a Difference Hall of Honor

Joseph J. Filipiak, Class of 1965, was a Midview Art Teacher from 1977-2004. Filipiak has earned a Bachelor of Science in Education from Kent State University. He is the owner of Hawks Nest Art Studio which creates and ships wheel thrown ceramics through-out our country, Eastern Europe and China. During his tenure at Midview, he served as the Fine Art and Music Department Chair, District Coordinator for Music and Art Programs, and Student Council Advisor. Filipiak also taught ceramics at Lorain County Community College where he designed the Stocker Center Ceramics and Sculpture labs. He also worked as an art teacher for the Elyria School System. Filipiak, a train enthusiast, worked to obtain the railroad caboose and railroad tower in Grafton from CSX Corp. He worked to coordinate the moving and restoration of both. For his work, he received a Right Track Award for Outstanding Citizen from the Grafton Midview Business Association. He was awarded Outstanding Teacher in 1996 by the Midview High School PTA, and given the Lighthouse Leadership Award from the Midview Board of in 1984. Filipiak has also served as Grand Knight as a member of the Knights of Columbus, Grafton Council 8369.

"DEAN" FILIPIAK - I would like to suggest that Joe Filipiak be given the name...."DEAN" (Freytag-steel mill models) of brick yards. His effort help bring the new Walthers model of a brick kiln to reality. - Joe Kurilec, MMR (Maybe "Dean" Filipiak will explain the backstory

at our next meeting? - Editor)

UN-PROTOTYPICAL - Just saw this strange "curved" guard rail on a newsletter. Never saw one like this! It is a crossover. The thru frog is to the left of the curved guard rail. The other frog for the other thru rail is just above the curved guard rail. Notice the other turnout has regular guard rails. Maybe they ran out of parts! - Joe Kurilec, MMR



WHY 39' RAIL - Several division members went to a B&O mini convention near Toledo, Ohio. At one of the clinics there was a question about why rail was 39 feet long. A good answer was that 39 foot rail could be shipped in a 40 foot gondola. I am not sure that this is true but it sure makes sense. - Joe Kurilec, MMR

MORE LORAIN STEEL - Here is a close-up of the Lake Terminal switcher as observed at the Lorain Steel plant - Adam Woodie



Union Pacific Is Rebuilding Its Largest Steam Locomotive

'Big Boy' 4014 is being restored to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Transcontinental Railroad.

from www.thedrive.com

BY JUSTIN HUGHES JUNE 15, 2018



The Union Pacific Railroad is restoring one of its last remaining steam engines, one of the largest in the world, to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad, reports Atlas Obscura.

Unlike the steam engines that met head-on in Promontory, Utah in 1869 when the Transcontinental Railroad was completed, the Big Boys were built in the 1940s and were among the last steam engines in use. They were built to address the need for more power to pull long trains over the mountains. Multiple locomotives were usually used, but each locomotive required its own crew and more fuel. The Big Boy was designed to have enough power to handle these

DEPOT RESTAURANT, BERE A - The Depot Restaurant in Berea is going to use some of the displays that the [Midwest Railway Preservation Society (MRPS) created for the Great Lakes Science Center. They want to place the Terminal Tower train information sign in their lobby. The sign needs to be cleaned up and the base may need to be repainted. One weekend a month

they will contribute one dollar from every meal that they sell. The first date that this will happen is Sept. 21 and 22. They will also allow the MRPS to place a fare box for donations and they will be handing out MRPS donation envelopes to their customers and they will be placing the MRPS logo on their menu. - *Bill Ferry*



mountain passes all by itself.

The Big Boys operated from 1941 through 1959 when they were replaced with diesel-electric locomotives. Most of the huge steam engines were scrapped, but eight were spared and put on display in museums around the country. In 2013, Union Pacific announced that it would be restoring Big Boy 4014 with the intention of having it ready by May 10, 2019, the 150th anniversary of the completion of the Transcontinental Railroad.



Union Pacific steam crew members lay temporary track panels for Union Pacific's Big Boy No. 4014 (background) at the fairplex on November 14, 2013 in Pomona, California

Union Pacific 4014 is an appropriately named "Big Boy" locomotive. It is 132 feet, 9 inches long, and weighs over one million pounds. It has two sets of eight drive wheels, plus two sets of four wheels in front and behind them. When U.P. 4014 makes its trip to Utah next year it will be the first time it has run in 60 years.

MODULE GROUP

The module group is getting ready for the busy fall and winter season. After the Great Berea Train Show, we'll display at the Berea Library on October 13, Training Day, the International Trees & Trains event in Lorain from November 24 - December 29, and the Lakeland Train Show on December 9. Looking towards next year, we were asked by the staff at the Cuyahoga County Fair to display at the fair next August. After meeting with them and a poll of the group, we agreed that it would be great opportunity to further expose the hobby to the public and confirmed that we will do it! We have some other 2019 events in the mill; but, we're NOT going to the National Train Show next year! Stop by, see what's new, and say hello to the group at our train show! 🚂

SCOTT BENSON
MODULE GROUP



**NS Research Train (did not
have my pole filter with
me!) BE Tower 8-16-18
- Joe Kurilec, MMR**

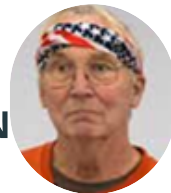


MEMBERSHIP

**THANKS TO GEORGE KELLER FOR VOLUNTEERING TO BE OUR
NEW MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN! AND THANKS TO BILL AND
BILLIE FERRY FOR THEIR TIME AND ENERGY IN THIS IMPORTANT
ROLE.**

MEMBERS: If your membership information needs to be updated, or for any questions about membership, please email George Keller, Membership, at gkeller4@woh.rr.com or call 419-217-0396 and leave a message.

**GEORGE KELLER
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**



RAFFLE

The theme of the October Raffle will be **"Down on the Farm."** 🚗

**ADAM WOODIE,
THE RAFFLE DUDE**



COMPANY STORE

New project for Division 4

Davies Steel hopper cars are in!



These are based on Dean Freytag's steel mill modeling. Dean's railroad was the South Ridge Lines and the steel mill was known as Davies Steel. We have designed a 70 ton three bay hopper car that in theory belonged to the South Ridge Lines and was leased to Davies Steel. There are four pre-lettered cars with application of pre-printed decals to expand a fleet of cars to 12 numbers. Price is ONLY \$20 each. The cars have arrived. We have sold about 45 Davies Hopper Cars. You may see them advertised in various places. The company Store has 10 reefer cars left. \$18.00 each, Lots of hopper cars \$20.00 each. Hats \$20.00, Patches \$3.00 each, 3 of the Region School Houses \$45.00 each. We can order Division Shirts various styles and prices.



**Wood Side, 2 numbers
available \$18 ea.**



**MCR Schoolhouse
Laser Cut Kit \$45 ea.**

**Division 4 Patches
\$3 ea.**



**SHIRTS and HATS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
THROUGH THE CO. STORE!**

Polo's along with both short and long sleeve.

FREE DVD'S!

I should remind everyone that we have a library of how to DVD's for member use. A \$10.00 deposit for each DVD rented. \$10.00 returned when DVD returned at next meeting. Check the listing by clicking on MEMBERS ONLY, then VIDEO LIBRARY to see a list of

**READ THIS MONTH'S
EDITORIAL, THEN READ
THIS!**

**We are looking for
someone to take over the
Company Store. As of
the first of the year 2019
Chuck will be moving on
to other endeavors.**

**CHUCK KLEIN
STORE
MANAGER**



CLINIC

OCTOBER 2018

USING MOCK-UPS IN LAYOUT PLANNING

BRUCE BOWIE

Bruce is currently building a prototype based layout on the East Broad Top narrow gauge railroad. His goal is to use as many as possible iconic prototype structures on his new railroad. To develop his track placement, Bruce has built foam board mock-ups. Bruce will describe his techniques for making "long term" temporary mock-ups and how he then can use them both to both develop his track plan and until he can replace them with kit or scratchbuilt structures.

November 2018

All Aboard The Valley Railway (CT&V)

Mike Kole

A photographic journey along the Valley Railway from Lake Erie to Valley Junction from the present, going back 90 years.

CLINICS WANTED

Help!!!! I am looking for programs for January through June 2019. If any of you would like to share your modeling techniques, know of someone I could contact for a program, or have 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

lmadson@roadrunner.com

440-934-2643 or 440-864-2305

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.

LARRY MADSON

CLINIC CHAIRMAN



CONTEST TABLE

2018/2019 Division Contest Schedule

ALL:

The September contest was for Billboard/Colorful Refrigerator Cars

There were 14 entries and 67 total votes cast the result of which is as follows:

DIORAMA

1st: George Keller

2nd: John Witt

MODEL

1st: Jeff Lauren

2nd: Mr. Cheerios, Jim Grell (tie)

3rd: John Hemsath

Hon. Mention: Paul Novak Jr.

George Gelehrter

Octobers contest is for a small old run down shed or garage that will fit on a standard playing card (ace, king, queen, jack etc. appx. 2 1/2"x3 1/2") .

The more ratty looking the better. Give your weathering technique a chance to "shine".

As usual this structure can be incorporated into a diorama just so the structure itself does not exceed the footprint of a playing card.



DAVE "MR. CHEERIOS" LAWLER
CONTEST CHAIRMAN

CONTEST TABLE

SEPTEMBER CONTEST WINNERS. BEAUTIFUL MODELS!



CONTEST TABLE

2018/2019 Division Contest Schedule

ALL:

Oct: An **OLD ABANDONED SHED** or **GARAGE** that will fit on a playing card (ace, king, queen etc.).

The more run down the better. It can also be incorporated into a small diorama.

Nov: A **SINGLE DOME TANK CAR**.

Dec: No contest, Awards Banquet.

Jan: A **LIGHTWEIGHT/STREAMLINED PASSENGER COACH**.

Feb: A **DIESEL SWITCHER**. No road engines allowed

Also, it's "pizza night".

Mar: No contest, our BIENNIAL AUCTION night.

April: a **PIECE OF CONSTRUCTION EQUIPMENT** (dozer, backhoe, crane, power shovel etc.)

May: A **SMALL TOWN BANK**.

Remember, any of these subjects can be made into dioramas.

FYI - Per the National and Regional contest rules,:

"The diorama had to be a maximum of two square feet and had to be constructed on a wood or foam base"

This should be noted by any of you diorama builders who might wish to enter a contest at a higher level than ours here at the North Coast Division.



**UPDATE
FROM LAST
MONTH!**

THE GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW NEEDS YOUR HELP!



BY BRUCE BOWIE

This month's editorial makes the case for the importance of volunteering for roles in our organization. This is truly the case in an organization such as ours.

However, in addition to the more traditional positions, we need many volunteers once per year for a few short hours to help support the Great Berea Train Show (GBTS).

We need many volunteers once per year for a few short hours.

This year the show is on Saturday, October 6th and Sunday, October 7th. The show is open to the public from 10 A.M. to 4 P.M.

We setup for the show starting on Friday morning. Setup continues through Friday into the evening with helping our dealers unload their numerous products.

During the public hours we need volunteers to sell tickets and at the front gate to help our customers put on the wrist bands we use to identify paid customers. We also need members to man the Membership table to help answer questions our customers may have about the Division and the NMRA. When the show closes at 4 P.M. on Sunday, we have to take down and stack the tables and chairs in the various buildings. And finally, as the dealers clear the buildings, we use "leaf" blowers to clean the floors.

You can see there are a number of positions you can help man. If each member "donates" three hours or more, no individual member becomes over burdened and we all succeed.

So please, if you have not signed up yet, it is not too late. Contact Superintendent Lee Sheffield, 440-366-6737, lakeshorenyc@yahoo.com to help support our/your Division. Thanks. 🚂

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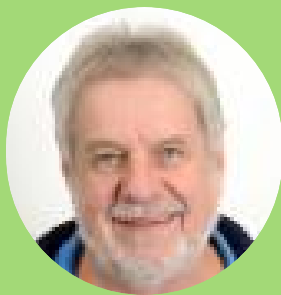
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10-1 (2)
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A PROTOTYPE FOR EVERYTHING



BY JOE KURILEC, MMR
PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

I found this building on route 91 just south of I-90 in Willoughby, Ohio. Going south, it is on the left side. If a modeler was to add that many vents on a given building, I could hear the laughs now!

But here is proof. I do not know if this building is still in use or what it was the need for so many vents. It may be some need to dry out some type of product?

It looks like there must be at least 100 roof vents! Walther's sure would like to get the order for roof vents!

See next page for photo. 🚂



You piqued my curiosity so I used Google Maps with satellite view turned on. When I zoomed in the name of the company with the vents on the roof is Sawyer Technical Materials.

Here is a link to their website;

<http://www.sawyerllc.com>

Their Eastlake plant is their hydrothermal crystal growth facility. Whatever the heck that is! - *Editor*

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Division 4 member Larry Kowicki told me about a hobby shop in Elyria, Ohio, Haven Raceway & Hobby. The shop is easy to find, with many main roads to get there.

Larry also enjoys slot car racing. A trip to the shop was interesting.

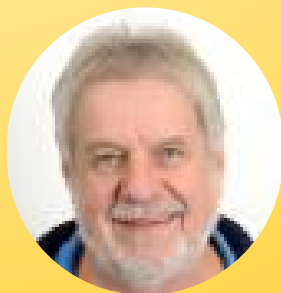
Owner Matt Porter showed me around and stated that he wanted to get more model railroading supplies in the store.

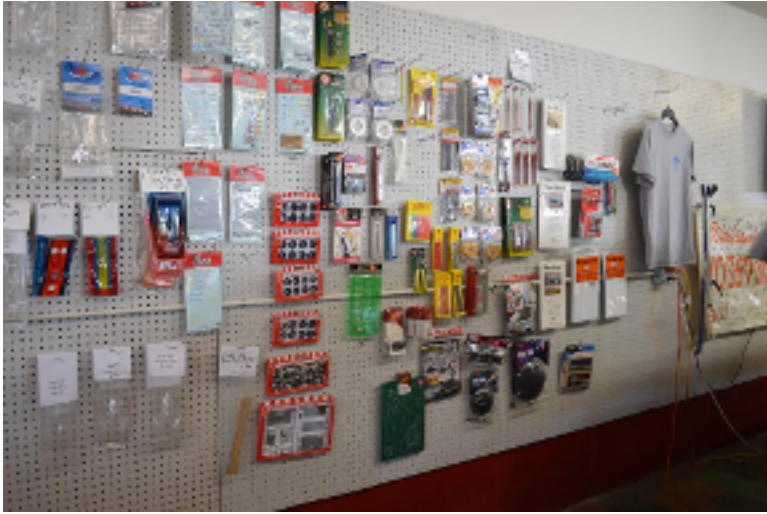


There is plenty of parking around Haven Raceway & Hobby. The shop is very inviting. I did enjoy seeing the slot cars race!

A FOCUS ON AREA HOBBY SHOPS, #22

ONE IN A SERIES
BY JOE KURILEC, MMR
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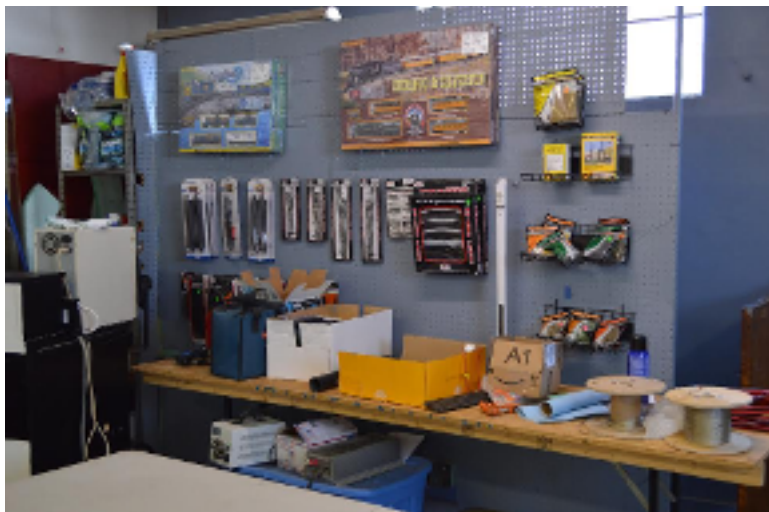




There is a good supply of items we all can use for our layouts. Haven Raceway & Hobby had a very good supply of tools and masking tape.

I use the tape for many painting projects as it comes in many width sizes. There are many other "slot car" parts in stock that can be adapted for model railroading use.

Haven Raceway & Hobby has a good selection of painting supplies. This a part of the paint display.



As mentioned, owner Matt Porter wants to increase his model railroad product line. Division 4 members should stop in and look around. We need to support all of our local hobby shops.

MORE NATIONAL CONVENTION PHOTOS



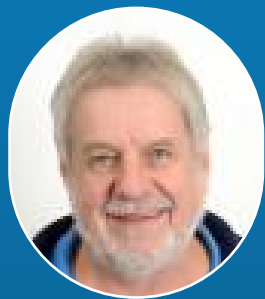
BY JIM GRELL
PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR



HERE ARE THE LADIES!



TRACK MISHAP AT WEST THIRD



BY JOE KURILEC, MMR
PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

Recently I needed to get to the old B&O roundhouse at the Clark Avenue Yards to ask a few questions. I got more then expected!

The information below is verbal and there could be some errors.

Last night, Monday, 8-20-18 a CSX crew was moving several gondolas full of VERY HEAVY scrap metal. This was being moved on the CSX between steel mills which I was told was somewhat odd.

The track they were on is an interchange track between two yards. The weight from the cars and the poor condition of the track in this area caused the rail to spread, tipping over sideways, pulling the rail from the spikes!

Watching the crew move the bent and somewhat twisted rail was something to see.

An interesting piece of information I learned is NKP 2-8-4, 765 will be on this track in September 2018 for the excursions in the Cuyahoga Valley. The CV will pick up the Berk and take it to the shops by the scenic railroad.

There was some concern about that move and the poor condition of the tracks which could cause problems for the steamer. 🚂



As the heavy rail was removed the crew added new ties. While the crew was very safety minded, you understand just how dangerous running a railroad is!



The crew mentioned that the new rail would be a straight thru section removing a crossover. Knowing the weight of the rails and the force needed to cause this is amazing.



A day later the rails were repaired, ballasted and old bent rails removed

TRAINING DAY



BY GARY SCHAEFER
TRAINING DAY CHAIRMAN

TRAINing Day

Sunday November 4, 2018

11-4

Greetings,

TRAINing Day is around the corner. I appreciate all of the great comments made by members at last month's meeting.

So far I have we have these stations:

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**If you have car kits that you would like to donate please bring them to October Div 4 meeting or contact me to arrange pick up.

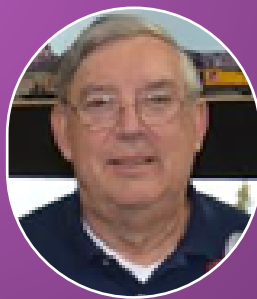
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The Division's newsletter, *The Flatwheel* is published monthly (except during July and August) by Division Four of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). All comments are welcome. Views

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