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DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, MAY 14, 2021



WHEN & WHERE WE MEET

The North Coast Division holds 10 meetings a year (none in July and August). Meetings 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. Starting September, 2020, the meetings are held at the **Westlake City Recreation Center**, 28955 Hilliard Blvd, Westlake, OH 44145. Visitors are welcome to attend any meeting.

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 meeting. Submissions are due no later than the 26th of the prior month, for example, August 26th for the September *Flatwheel*.

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FROM THE SUPER

“Driving the train doesn’t set its course. The real job is laying the track.” *Ed Catmull*

Well spring has sprung, well sort of. As I am writing this month’s column it’s 33 deg outside and there is snow falling. Two weeks ago, I was sitting in Bram Bailey’s back yard making trees and cooking hot dogs over the fire pit with the sun shining and 70 deg temperatures. What a change !!! Someone made the comment, “Only in Ohio do you ask yourself, should I cut the lawn before it snows”.

Enough with the comedy touch. But wait, maybe that touch of comedy helped us get through this crazy year of “The Bug” and cancellations. But things are looking brighter, we had great attendance at our April meeting. The number attending was up in the fifties. And more than 95% of the attendees had both of their shots. So onward to May and our bi-annual auction. Doors will open at 6 and we will start the auction at 7 or sooner if we get organized early. The room will be set up like a theater in the round like our last auction 2 years ago. The tables will be in a circle and the bidders will sit around the perimeter. Myself, Frank Bongiovanni and Gary Sole will be the auctioneers. Greg Noeth and Bruce Bowie will take care of tracking sales and money. We do ask that buyers settle first at the conclusion of the auction and we will do our best to pay off sellers that night and we reserve the right to send out checks via mail after the books are closed. It all depends on how many goodies we have to sell and how the timing plays out. Arrive early, make sure your items have the tags attached with the seller number and minimum bid if applicable completed. You will get your seller number the night of the auction when you check in. One important point, if the item for sale has any unique parts or qualities that can add to the value please put them in the description. The auctioneers have some pretty extensive knowledge of model railroad items, but we don’t know everything. Bidding will start at \$5.00 and will go in \$1.00 increments from there. The BOD has again agreed to not collect the 10% commission on sales.

We will be having a BOD meeting Tuesday May 11th at 7 PM. It will be conducted over Zoom as we have been for the past years BOD meetings. If you would like to attend please contact David James for an invite to the meeting. Or if you have something to bring up for discussion contact myself or one of our directors.

Please continue to welcome any new members and visitors to our meetings. Try to answer their questions the best you can or refer them to another member who might have the answer. Remember, we were all green at some point. See everyone in May.

As always, Model Railroading is Fun !!!

Lee Sheffield



Lee Sheffield

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GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

NMRA MCR Division 4 General Meeting Minutes for Friday, APRIL 9, 2021

Superintendent Lee Sheffield opened the meeting at 7:33 with a warm welcome. Asked how many have received their Covid 19 shots, (lots of hands were raised).

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was given.

Next came Committee Reports:

Membership - George Keller - put old name tags in empty section of container. He will be getting rid of all of the old ones. Lee reminded everyone that some members are behind on dues - please remember to renew your membership in the NMRA.

Clinics - Gary Sole - tonight's clinic will be presented by Jerry Kruger, it is called "Tips, Tricks & Hacks"

Auction - Gary Sole - Doors will open at 6:00 and hopefully we will be up and running before 7:00. Auctioneers are Gary Sole, Lee Sheffield, and Frank Bongiovanni. Frank also asked for volunteers to help the night run smoother and keep things moving. Buyers need to settle up before they leave for the evening. Cash is the preferred method of payment. Hope to be finished by 10:00.

Modules - Adam Woodie - Same as last month.

Flatwheel - Chuck Shick - Deadline is April 26th.

AP Awards - John Hemsath - nothing

Contest - Joe Filipiak - Last months winners:

Models -	1st - Jerry Kruger
	2nd - Chuck Klein
	3rd - Joe Filipiak

Dioramas -	1st - Fred Wagner
	2nd - John Hemsath
	3rd - John Witt

Each winner gave a brief story on their entries. Make sure to vote tonight. It is the last one for this year. Look for list of next years contest to be listed in an upcoming Flatwheel.

Company Store- Scott Benson - there are still items that he has had previously. Scott also mentioned if anyone is interested in helping set up at the convention for the Railroad Passenger Car Owners, please let him know. The convention will be held in Cleveland in 2022. There are also Division shirts available if anyone needs to order one.

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Raffle - Adam Woodie - will start at 8:30

New Business - Don Glass - the Vermilion Harbortown will have an Open House on May 1st. The address is 993 State Street, Vermilion, Ohio

Virtual Raffle - Joe Kurilec - Raffle #8 winners

Chuck Shick
Gary Schaefer
George Gilbert
Alec Bonawit

Raffle#9 ends next week and #10 will be the last one.

There will be a Board Meeting in May, Lee will send out details at a later date. It will be on Zoom.

Gary Schaefer - There are The Great Berea Train Show flyers on the back table, take some and distribute them please.

Roads, Rails, and Sales flyers are also back there. This will be help in September at Black River Landing in Lorain.

All visitors were welcomed.

Art Wilms - asked to bring up at Board Meeting to possibly have Zoom meetings during July and August to maybe make up for some of the missed meetings form the past year.

George Keller - Mad River Nickel Plate Museum opens back up on Memorial Day. They will also be having a car show on May 20th.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:25 PM



Chris Shick
Division 4 MCR. NMRA Secretary

CLINIC

This month is the Division Auction... if you are a seller, please see the website div4.org, where the auction forms are located. This year the members have asked that the minimum starting bid of \$5 be used to keep things moving. Sellers, please group items so that a starting bid of \$5 is a reasonable starting point. This does not mean the selling minimum bid (on the seller's form) for the items in the group has to be \$5, the minimum bid on the form to sell the items can be higher.

There is a June clinic scheduled. I'm starting to plan clinics for September if you are interested. I have also been given several names of clinicians from other Divisions that can do Zoom clinics; along with a few manufactures. We can discuss this at the June meeting, the May meeting will be short, because of the Auction. I'll see all of you at the Auction.

The Clinic Guy
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The Clinic Guy
Gary Sole

MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The Module Group continues to remain in a holding pattern regarding upcoming events. Hope for displaying the layout is on the horizon with the announcements by the Governor that events such as the Cuyahoga County Fair (August 2021) and the Cleveland Oktoberfest (September 2021) are good to go at this time.

As always, if you are interested in joining the module group or would like to just come out and run a train to try it out (once we are back on track), please don't hesitate to contact me at my email address woo3482@hotmail.com

Until next time.



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

COMPANY STORE

We have sold the last of the Davies Hoppers! I have some cars and building kits from our sister divisions (made for their regional conventions). From Division 1: Accurail HO scale ACY gondolas are available – 3 different road numbers (\$20 each), and Micro-Trains N scale ACY 50' PS-1 boxcars – 2 numbers (\$25 each).



From Division 2: HO scale laser-cut wood kits for B&O-prototype buildings. We're currently sold out of these kits. They are available in various scales. Please let me know if you'd like to order any of these kits, and I'll put in a group order and save on shipping!! Check out the web site for more info.

https://www.keystonedivision.org/convention_kits/convention_kits.php



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I'll also have more of the Glue Loopers - demand has been hot! More finger LED lights, Golden Spike stamps, HO gages etc. for sale at upcoming meetings.

Division 4 shirts and hats are available through the Company Store. Order at the monthly meeting, or through the form on the Company Store page on our web site. Division 4 patches are also available at \$3 each.

We have a library of how-to DVD's for member use, available at our meetings. A \$10.00 deposit for each DVD rented. \$10.00 returned when DVD returned at next meeting.



Scott Benson

CONTEST TABLE

The model contest season finished up in grand style with nine models and two dioramas for all to enjoy. The contest for April was non-steam big power and what a variety of road names, engine manufacturers and both electrics and diesels. Thanks to all the participants and a thank you to all who voted for their favorite models and dioramas. Chuck Klein pulled in the most votes for his P1a no. 21 model. Second place was a tie between Brian Haas' Penn Central and our resident Canadian, Dave Lawler, with his Canadian diesel. Third place went to Don Glass and his P.R.R. centipede. We had two interesting and nicely done dioramas with first place going to Fred Wagner with his entry and second place going to John Witt and his entry.

As I stated at the beginning of this article, the contest season for 2020 - 2021 is finished. Next month is the auction, so no contest, and June's meeting will be awards presentations. Though the session had fewer contests, we still had enough to give awards out. The new model contest session for 2021 - 2022 which will start in September. It will offer you a new set of challenges and modeling opportunities to have fun with. The complete contest list will be in the next Flat Wheel. Well, it's time to close the contest box for now; so, until next time, happy rails to you.



Joe Filipiak

RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The raffle for May 2021 meeting will be suspended due to the Biannual Auction. However, the raffle will resume in June with something for everyone. See you at the June meeting!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

EDITOR

If you have any stories or pictures of your Train Layout that might be of interest to our members, please submit them. Also if you want to submit an article, Please do.

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Chuck Shick, Flatwheel Editor

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE—Part 1

By Joe Kurilec, MMR

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE, CLEVELAND, OHIO FOLLOWING THE LINE WEST OUT OF THE FLATS.

PART 1

By Joe Kurilec, MMR

I have always been interested in the B&O West Third Round house in the Cleveland, Ohio flats. As I started to prepare this article, many areas along the B&O became more interesting and required more research. I am sure there are some errors or information that could not be located. One very important item missing is dates of some images.

A BRIEF HISTORY

The Cleveland Terminal and Valley Railway, was founded 1871. It was not until 1880 that some of the line opened. The line was completed in 1884. In 1890 the B&O had controlling interest in the Valley Railroad. In 1895 the CT&V railroad went bankrupt. In 1909 the B&O took over CT&V and merged the CT&V into the B&O in 1915.

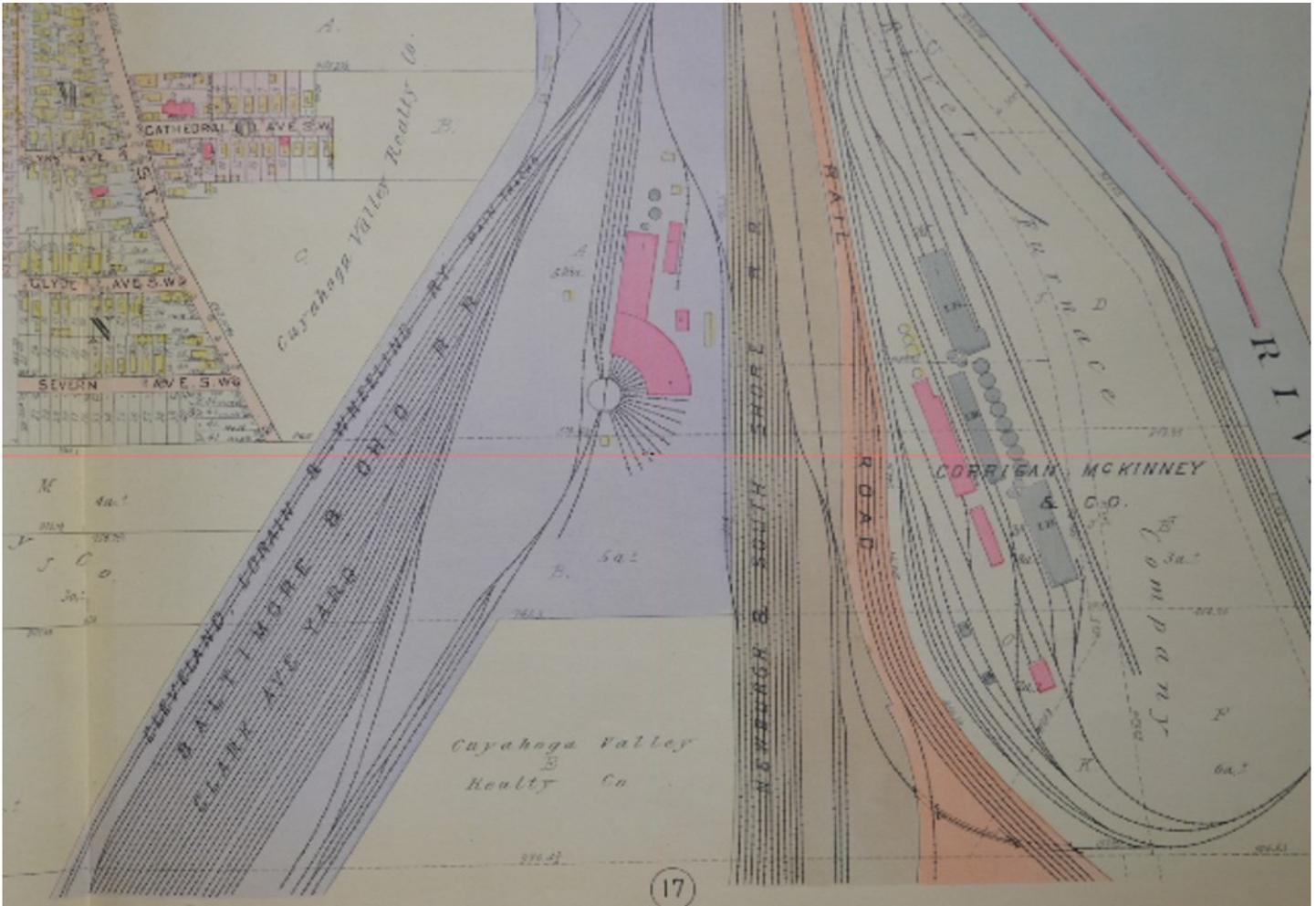
Cleveland Lorain and Wheeling railroad, now a subdivision of CSX started out as The Lake Shore and Tuscarawas Valley Railway chartered in 1870. A line was built from Berea, Ohio that connected with the Pittsburgh Cincinnati Chicago and St. Louis Railroad. In 1872 a branch line to Elyria, Ohio was purchased. The Elyria and Black River Railroad. This would complete the line from Berea, Ohio to Uhrichsville, Ohio. This was completed in 1873. In 1874 the LS&TV RR could not pay its mortgage and was sold to a Cleveland investment group, which formed the Cleveland Tuscarawas Valley and Wheeling Railway. In 1883 the CTV&W also failed and was sold and became the Cleveland Lorain and Wheeling Railway. At this time the B&O also had financial problems. In 1901 the B&O came out of bankruptcy. By 1908 the B&O made the CL&W a subsidiary. In 1963 the CL&W was still part of the B&O. During the 1950s and 1960s the Pennsy and the NYC were trying to take control of the B&O. The C&O started to buy B&O preferred stock in the 1960s. In 1962 the Pennsy and NYC agreed to merge letting the C&O become sole ownership of the B&O. This was in 1963. In 1973 the Chessie System holding company came in to being, letting the B&O operate as a separate company until 1986. At this time the CL&W became a subdivision of CSX.

More information can be found in The Sentinel Second Quarter 2014 issue in the well-written article "The B&O in Cleveland" by Bill Cramer, Mike Lytle and Ron Spiga. All issues of the Sentinel can be purchased on 3 CDs from the B&O Historical Society Company Store. <http://borhs.org/> Look for the link "Videos and other digital Media."

Following is a general outline of what I hope to convey to readers.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE—Part 1

Part one will start from the B&O Round house at West 3rd Street, Clark Avenue Yards, Cleveland, Ohio. I hope to show many interesting structures with added information. I hope this article will be enjoyed as much as I have putting it together. All images by Joe Kurilec unless noted.



Plat map, Emil Orenick

The Clark Avenue Roundhouse is almost in the center of this 1912 Plat map book. From the left are the Cleveland, Lorain and Wheeling main tracks. Next are the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Clark Avenue Yards. The B&O acquired the CTV and the CL&W around 1900, and was in control of both roads by 1905. To the right of the roundhouse are the Newburgh & South Shore Railroad tracks, followed by the Wheeling & Lake Erie yard tracks.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE—Part 1



Image, Steve Korpos collection, MRPS

To the far right are the Corrigan, McKinney & Company steel mill, which became Republic Steel and then LTV Steel and is now ArcelorMittell. I could not locate a date for this image of the Seneca yards. The B&O Roundhouse and Clark Avenue Yards are at top left. Steel mills have been on this site since 1913. I am guessing that this photo was taken from the old Clark Ave. bridge.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE—Part 1



Image, Ron Spiga

This view taken from the roof of the Clark Avenue Yards Roundhouse. It shows the machine shop, powerhouse stack and water towers to the right. Only the middle building to the right of the Roundhouse roof is still standing. Today it's used as a machine shop for the Midwest Railroad Preservation Society.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE—Part 1



This 2018 image of the middle section of the machine shop is still standing. A lot of the Midwest Railroad Preservation Society large machinery is in this building. Going into this old roundhouse is taking a step back in time. A 1948 building plan shows there was once a lunch and rest building located where the concrete patch is in front of the machine shop.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE—Part 1



Walking back from the 2018 machine shop view to West third Street we see the over all view of the roundhouse. At one time this was a very busy roundhouse.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE—Part 1



Walking back onto the roundhouse property, to the right of the machine shop is a very interesting, stand alone building. This was used as a storage building. Inside is a second floor that is open and looks down to the lower floor. Less then 50 years ago there was still a flue rack in front of the steps! Ron Spiga added “the building held many parts for all types of repairs in 1967 when working for the B&O”. Notice the steam loco tire being used as a railing.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE—Part 1



Looking at the back of the storage house, the roundhouse is to the right. Notice the “second story” roof. The 1927 building layout plans call this a 1½-story storage house.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE—Part 1



The interior of the storage house is very strange as the upstairs has an open floor looking down to the first floor. One reason for this may be lighting. The roundhouse was in service in 1905 and might be a similar reason early train stations had high ceilings and tall windows. Natural lighting.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE—Part 1

Image, Ron Spiga

This view of the storage building is looking toward the rear of the roundhouse. Notice the “smooth looking walkway” at the lower left center of the image. This was the old narrow gauge track roadbed for moving items around the shops.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE—Part 1



Before moving into the roundhouse, I noticed this sign from the old B&O freight station once located on Columbus Road near the B&O station and old train shed.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE—Part 1

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PRESENT WATER FACILITIES

Scale : 1 in. = 100 ft.

Aug, 1927.

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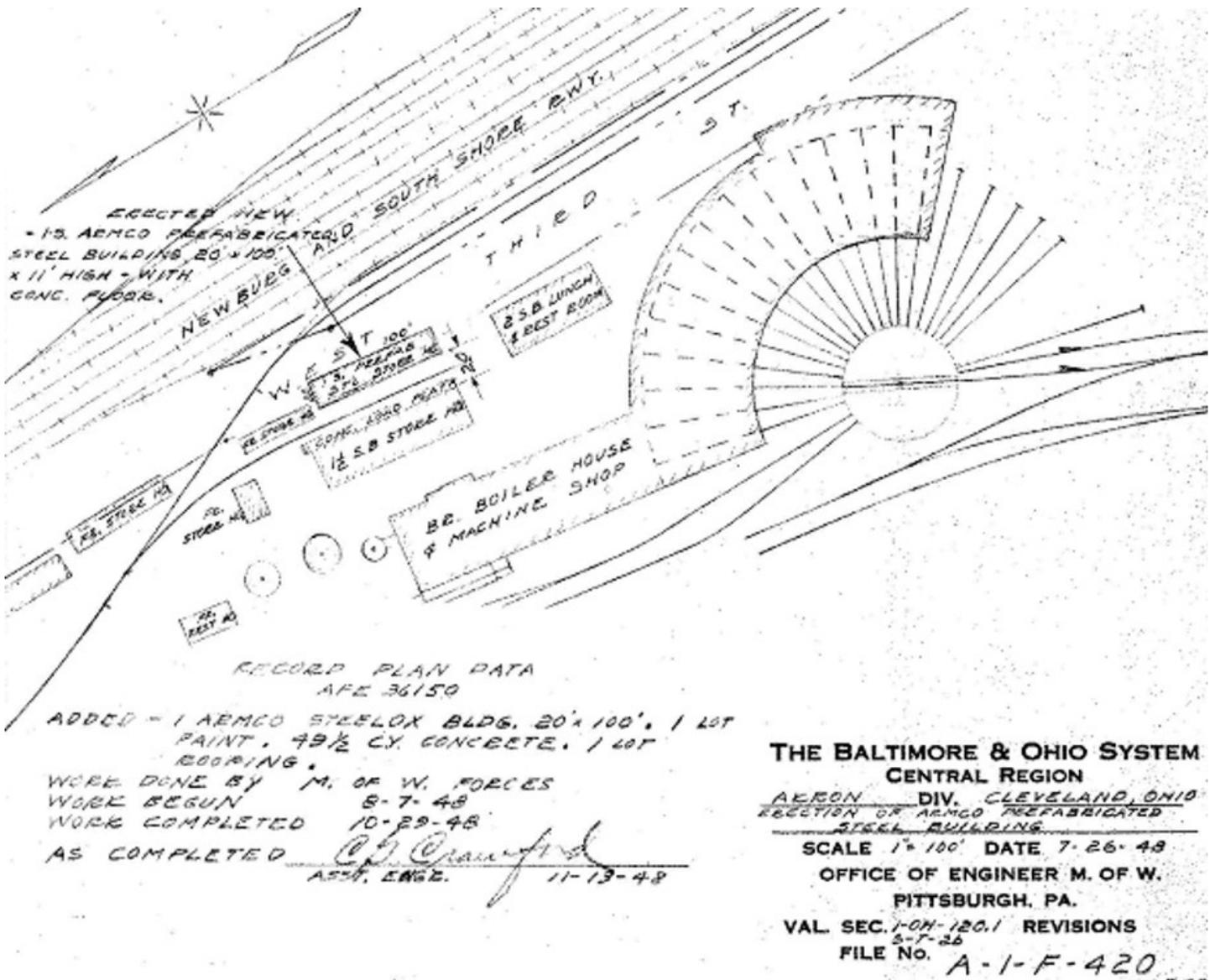
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Image, Ron Spiga

The detailed 1927

layout was actually a water facilities plan but shows much more of the buildings and arrangement around the machine shop.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE—Part 1



Image, Ron Spiga

In 1948, B&O MOW crews erected a new steel storage building. This building stood in front of the 1½ story brick storage building. It was built in two and a half months. Notice the lunch and rest room to the left of the roundhouse. Image D shows the 2018 view where the lunch room once stood .

This will complete Part 1 of this article. Part 2 will view the round house from insides and around the outside. Thanks for reading. Comments are always welcome. jkurilec@earthlink.net

WE NEED YOUR HELP

By Joe Kurilec, MMR

As I put this article (I use the term article loosely), October 2021 seems far off. It's NOT!

Your Division 4 **Great Berea Train Show** team is starting to get plans and events for the GBTS in order. Our GBTS is what keeps our meetings and programs free. There is plenty of time for you to volunteer a few hours during the first weekend of October, Saturday 10-2 and Sunday 10-3-2021. You'll be able to earn points for the Association Volunteer AP, not to mention free admission to the GBTS!

The hours you volunteer can be set up on Friday, 10-1-2020, tear down Sunday 10-3-2020, vendor check in, ticket sales, gate ambassadors, raffle help, modeling clinics, GBTS flyer distribution, security and generally any other needs to make the GBTS another success.

PLEASE MAKE SOME TIME TO HELP OUT!



WE NEED YOUR HELP



WHAT'S GOING ON

Many Events have been cancelled already.

These events are still on the schedule. Please check by calling ahead to make sure they are still going to be open.

**2021 -
May 4**

Fundraiser Dinner for Painesville Railroad Museum at

Texas Roadhouse, 6095 commerce Cir., Willoughby, Oh 44094

3 pm to 8 pm

Present this [Flyer](#) to your server

2021 - May 8



Model Train Flea Market

Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot)

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2021 - June 5



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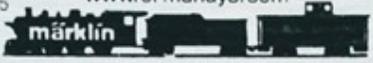
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