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DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2022**

6:00pm Social Time - Meeting starts at 6:30pm

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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 6:00 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 6:30. 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*.

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

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28955 Hilliard Blvd
Westlake, OH 44145



FROM THE SUPER

Greeting from Cab.

Plans are progressing for the 2024 MCR Convention. The committee will be meeting shortly. If you would like to help out watch for the meeting notice.

David James and his crew did another great job with the Great Berea Train Show. I am already looking forward to next year's show. What a crowd on Saturday!

Gary Schaefer is working hard in preparation for Training Days and will be looking for help. Please give a hand if you are available.

John Witt has scheduled the Fall layout tours. Please take the time to enjoy some fine layouts.

The Rails to Pittsburgh web site is up and running for the 2023 MCR Regional Convention. This should be a good event and worthy of your consideration.

The fabulous modular group will be very active for the next month. As a group we should really appreciate all the that the group does for the division. Please sign up to help at either the Tree's and Trains or at the Zoo displays.

If you have not signed up for the members appreciation dinner, please do so at the next meeting.

Well, the train is pulling into the yard and this run is over.
Gayle and I are currently in Maine.
Time for lobster.

Until next time,



Ron Morgan

MEETING MINUTES

Division 4, MCR, NMRA General Meeting Minutes, Friday October, 14, 2022

Superintendent Ron Morgan opened the meeting with a warm welcome at 6:33 pm. He then showed Greg Noeth's 50 year certificate that Greg received from the NMRA.

Minutes of last meeting were approved.

Treasure's report was given by Greg Noeth.

Old Business:

The Great Berea Train Show – Greg Noeth went over credits and debits. It was a great year!

2024 Regional Convention – Jerry Kruger – Starting Committee meetings. The first one will be Wednesday, November 2nd. It will be held at the IX Center. If you are interested please let Jerry know via email.

Training Day Status – Gary Schaefer – Training Day will be held on Sunday, November 6th. Time 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. Will be at Black River Landing. Please sign up to volunteer on the sheets at the side table. We need demonstrators to share your talents.

Division 4 By Law Review – Ron Morgan – The review is still on going. Thank you to John Witt, MMR, John Hemsath, MMR, and Dave Williams.

New Business:

Member Award/Appreciation Dinner – Dave Williams – dinner will be at Parker's in Avon Lake, on Walker Rd. It is Friday, December 9th, sign up is tonight and next meeting with Greg Noeth. Cost is \$20.00 per person. There will be a cash bar available.

Other – Ron Morgan – February, 2023 Meeting will be our bi-annual auction and the March, 2023 meeting will be our annual pizza party. Dave Williams is putting together a calendar and will have it go out on our website.

John Janda mentioned a cousin of his who passed away. He had an extensive collection of train supplies. John has pictures with him if anyone would be interested in looking at what is available.

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel – Chuck Shick – Articles for November's edition are due October 26th.

Membership – Ron Morgan – Welcomed visitor Peter Lundstrom from Westpark area.

Clinics – Jerry Kruger –

October – John Hemsath, MMR® – easy detailing on box cars.

November – Still waiting for confirmation.

December – None (Award Night)

January – Michelle Kempna from the Colorado Museum.

February – Auction

March – Pizza Night

April – Open

May – Open

June – Open

We will be doing Clinics again next year at The Great Berea Train Show. Thank you to John Witt, MMR® and John Hemsath, MMR® for your Clinics this year.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – It's a great one tonight lots of amazing items.

Module Group – Adam Woodie – just finished up The Great Berea Train Show. Next up is Training Day followed up by The Winter Lights at the Zoo and Trees and Trains at Black River Landing.

Company Store – Scott Benson – Same stuff, new stuff Ultra rave cars, 767 T-shirts also available.

Layout Tours – Ron Morgan – there is a packet of handouts with directions and whose open on the front table. Please pick one up or wait until email directions come out later this month.

MEETING MINUTES

Contests – Joe Filipiak – September’s contest winners for The Articulated Steam Engine:

Model: 1st – Jim Grell
 2nd – Frank Bongiovanni
 3rd – Steve Riddlebaugh

Diorama: 1st – Joe Filipiak
 2nd – Dave Williams
 3rd – Dave Lawler

Next month’s contest: A Trackside house. There will be no contest in February or March.

Bring and Brag – Dave Marvinney – brought in a GP 40x engine and explained in great detail of all he did to make it.

A motion was made to close the meeting. It was seconded and carried. Meeting closed at 7:05pm.

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Shick
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick

NORTH COAST OHIO

DIV-4 Leadership

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APPOINTED POSITIONS

Great Berea Train Show - David James, c(440)-785-9907

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Training Day - Gary Schaefer, trains.ohio@yahoo.com

MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Fall is officially here and things are ramping up for the module group. There will be a small layout at TRAINing Day scheduled for Sunday, November 6th. After this, things really pick up with our display at Wild Winter Lights at the Cleveland Metropark Zoo starting on Thursday, November 18th. Trees and Trains will be at the Black River Landing in Lorain beginning on Saturday, November 26th. Both events will run until the end of December. Be sure to stop out and visit us.

As always, anyone interested in joining the Module Group, please contact me at woo3482@hotmail.com. I will add you to the module group email list and you will receive all of the latest information regarding upcoming events, operating schedules, etc.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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COMPANY STORE

Company Store

2022 is the 50-year anniversary of the Cuyahoga Valley & West Shore model railroad club. In recognition of this milestone, the club had a custom car made, in two colors, Tuscan and green. These are Accurail Pullman Standard 3-bay covered hoppers. See photos below. The Company Store has these available for purchase for \$25 each. See me at the November meeting, or contact me by email, to purchase yours.



We'll also have some hard-to-find Division 4 Newburg & South Shore custom cars, and some Division 7 cars at the Company Store in November.

If you're looking to get a Division 4 shirt or ball cap, the Company Store can help you. The order form is available at the Division 4 website and at our meetings. Email me with your order when I'm not at the meeting.

The Company Store is now managing the FastTracks turnout tools library. We have an inventory of jigs, tools and supplies for use by members. We have HO Code 83 jigs for #4, #5, #6 and #8 turnouts (left or right), #6 Gantlet, and #6 cross-overs (single or double). Plus all supplies including the Quicksticks. They will be available at Division 4 meetings, but contact Scott Benson, 440-567-9089, sbenson440@zoominternet.net to arrange to borrow what you need.

We also have our DVD loaning library, mostly covering modeling techniques. DVD loans are free to Division 4 members.



Scott Benson

CONTEST TABLE

The true nature of the model contest is to offer an opportunity for members to share with other modelers what they have created or collected for the enjoyment of all to see. The October model contest challenge was met with eighteen separate entries. Based on the number of people attending the October meeting, we had about one third of those attending, entering in the model contest. The winning models were presented by Don Glass with first place, Joe Kurilec's model in second place and third place model by Dave Lawler. The dioramas had a brilliant first place entry designed by Art Bumpus, second place with a European touch presented by Joe Filipiak and with a Lorain County theme by John Hughes in third place. Eighty-two percent of those in attendance voted for their favorites. Thank you to all the members who entered the contest and to everyone who voted.

The November contest theme is a private resident home that is trackside. The house does not have to be presently occupied. The building by itself is considered a model but if it has an extended base with additional detailing, then it is placed in the diorama category.

Well, that's all from the contest box for now. There is no contest in December so don't forget to see Greg Noeth for your dinner tickets.



Joe Filipiak

CLINIC CORNER

I'm very excited about the clinics for November and January 2023. Both are unique presentations that you will not want to miss.

November 2022

November's presentation will be by Chris Lantz. I've known Chris, and his Dad Carl, for almost 40 years. Chris is both a model railroader and railroader. He's worked for the W&LE and the CROW. Chris is a certified steam locomotive engineer. He's associated with the Fort Wayne Railroad Historical Society and is part of the operating crew for NKP Berkshire #765. Through photographs and videos Chris will talk about what it takes to operate a steam locomotive, how he became certified as an engineer and tell stories from being on the road with #765. Chris is also an avid military re-enactor and owner of Chris Lantz Photography.

December 2022

December's meeting is the annual awards dinner and there will be no clinic.

January 2023

Michelle Kempema is the Executive Director of the Colorado Model Railroad Museum. I saw Michelle's presentation during the 2022 NMRA National Convention and asked her to give the presentation to Div 4. You may recognize Michelle from appearances on Ken Patterson's What's Neat This Week, Model Railroad Hobbyist's What's Neat This Month video podcast on YouTube and Model Railroader Videos. The CRMR is located in Greeley, CO. Among the exhibits at the CRMR is a 5,500 square foot operating HO layout. Michelle's presentation will give some background on the CRMR, the construction and operation of the Oregon, California & Eastern and future plans for the Museum. Michelle will be giving her presentation via Zoom.



Jerry Krueger

RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Fall is upon us and with it comes the monthly raffle back as part of the regularly scheduled business meeting. As always, there will be sometime for everyone each month! Please remember that the meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:30pm and the we must out of the building by 9:00pm. We would like to give the scheduled presenter plenty of time for the clinic so purchase your tickets early! Ticket sales begin around 6:00pm, sometimes sooner.

Also don't forget about the big end of the year raffle which takes place at the Annual Awards Banquet. Several high quality items, multiple car sets, mystery items, and gift baskets will be up for grabs. Don't miss out! Reserve your spot today!

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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2022 Division 4 AWARDS BANQUET

2022 Division 4 Awards Banquet

This year's Awards Banquet will be on Friday December 9th (normal meeting night) at Parker's Event Center, 32858 Walker Rd in Avon Lake.

The cost will be \$20 per person (no cost for children when accompanied by a member but let us know their names and ages when you register).

Cash bar.

Fabulous raffle.

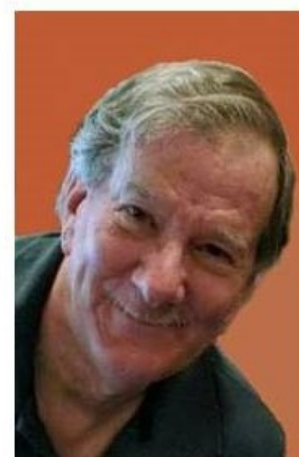
DJ Chop (Gary Chopcinski on his driver's license) will again be spinning the platters for our entertainment.

And of course, there will be awards.

Doors open at 6 pm, with dinner planned for 6:30 pm.

Greg Noeth will continue to take reservations and money during the November Division meeting.

Any questions, please contact Dave Williams dave_wms@sbcglobal.net .



Dave Williams

ESTATE LIQUIDATION

At the meeting Friday night I mentioned an estate liquidation sale for my late cousin and fellow model railroader. He had quite the collection everything from soup to nuts rivaling even some hobby stores. I am trying to help the family find loving homes for the collection.

To schedule an appointment,

Here's the contact info **William Holliday 1-330-671-0344 referred by John Janda, Div 4**

Cheers John Janda



2024 MCR REGIONAL CONVENTION

Jerry Krueger

2024 MCR REGIONAL CONVENTION

On Wednesday November 2th we will hold a planning meeting for the 2024 MCR Regional Convention. The meeting will take place at 6:30 pm at the I-X Center Offices. If you are attending the meeting you will need to use the East entrance to the I-X Center. You MUST stop at the guard house and tell the guard you are there to see Jerry Krueger in the Executive Offices. The guard will tell you where to park.

We need volunteers to help with the following areas:

- Registration
- Layout Tours
- Volunteers
- Sponsorship / Door prizes
- Clinics
- Publicity
- Contest & judging
- Awards Ceremony
- White Elephant Sale
- Timetable/Scheduling
- OpSig
- General Interest Activities

Prototype / General Tours

If you are interested in being part of the planning committee for the 2024 Regional Convention but cannot attend the meeting please email me at jakrueg@neo.rr.com. The more people we have helping, the better the convention will be. Division 4 has the resources to make 2024 an excellent convention, we just need to pull together to make it happen.

THE 2022 GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW

by Joe Kurilec MMR®

I was very pleased to see the general public spending time at all of the vendors tables! This year the CV&WS model railroad club helped out setting up vendor tables ahead of time! Division 4's volunteer base is getting harder & harder to recruit help. PLEASE NOTE, you can volunteer only an hour....or more of your time. This event helps run the Division's programs all year long! We all benefit...model contests....pizza day....awards banquet and so much more! Don't forget TRAINing Day is coming Sunday, November 6th 2022 from 11AM till 4PM. Why not show off you're modeling skills?

The images below are just before the GBTS opens on Sat. Oct. 1, 2022.



One of the many dealers setting up for opening day.



Division 4's module is always a crowd pleaser. To the right is Bill Cramer & Larry Madson's steel mill display. GREAT MODELING!

THE 2022 GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW



Scale Trains had a nice display of products. The details on the diesels are fantastic!



One of the art dealers. The selections and choices of the paintings fit any budget.

THE 2022 GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW



Resident B&O historical expert, along with Ron Spiga & Mike Lytle explain about the B&O railrood to a potential member. Don Glass also helped at the B&O booth. These guys have



Chris Shick, Dave Flebbe & Gary Schaefer ran the info booth giving out raffle prizes over the 2 day event.

THE 2022 GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW

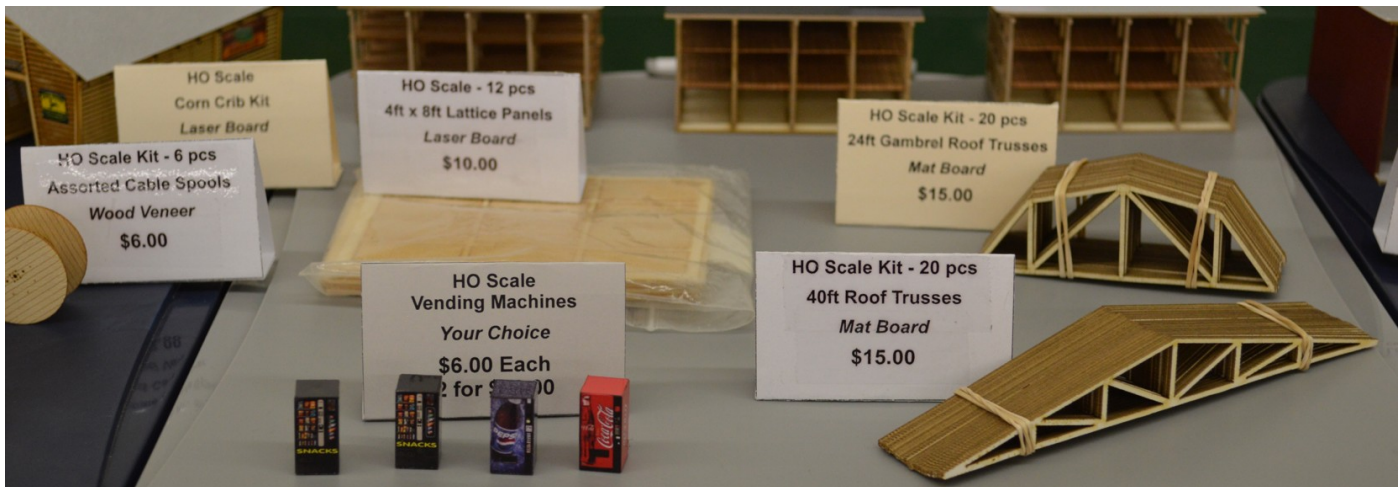


Not to be out done with David James and his hat...Tim Sheffield had a beanie cap on...I did not find Cecil anywhere at the fairgrounds! (I just dated myself as the cartoon ran in the 1962!).

ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS AT THE GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW!

By Joe Kurilec, MMR ®.

Leavin' A Mark Engraving & Cutting is a first time vendor to our show. The products produced by Dave & Ronda Fulks are HIGH QUALITY and fill a much needed space in model building. They also donated a glass engraved mug to the Division raffle.



The trusses to the right are beautifully done and would really speed up scratch building projects. Vending machines, cable spools and other smaller building are also done very nice!



ONE OF THE BEST KEPT SECRETS AT THE GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW!

Here is just a few of the many items produced. They also have several sizes of lumber mill blades!

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GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW PICTURES

Dave Williams



Ben Lanza



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Chuck and TCA



Guests



Jim Grell



David James & John Fiero



John Witt, MMR—Clinic



Ken Koch

GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW PICTURES



Module Layout



Scale Trains Display



Polaris Team Briefing



GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW PICTURES

Gary Shaefer

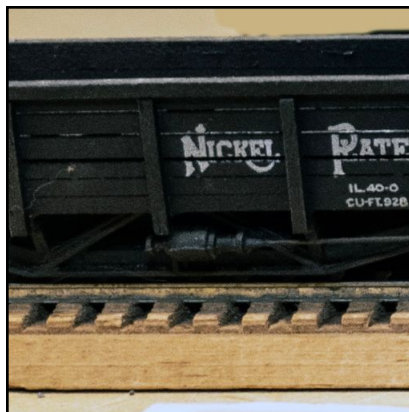


Bill Cramer & Don Glass



Special delivery of a raffle winner. Tom W. of Elyria

OCTOBER MEETING PICTURES



TRAINING DAY

Gary Shaefer

Greetings Division 4 members.

TRAINING DAY is fast approaching. It is Sunday November 6th, 11am to 4pm.

I encourage members to join us to show our visitors what model railroading is all about. At the very least, come out and work on your own projects. Or if you have something you'd like to highlight, bring it. Or just come and mingle with the visitors.

Each area will have electricity in case you need power. If you will be cutting, gluing, painting etc. please bring appropriate table coverings.

A snack bar will also be open.

Here is this year's schedule.

Thursday November 3rd Late afternoon/evening.:

Module setup. Specific times will be announced soon.

Saturday November 5th 9:30-1:00:

Main setup for the event. Help will be needed and appreciated to set up and arrange tables and chairs for the event. You may also bring any supplies or what ever you will need for the event.

Donuts and Pizza will be provided!

Sunday November 6th:

The event. Building will be open at 8:30. Please arrive and be set up by 10:30 am. We will need some help setting up a few signs around the area.



Gary Shaefer

JOSEPH WITOUSKI OBITUARY

Former member Joe Witouski's obituary was in the Plain Dealer on Oct. 4 & 5th. Joe and I went to the Kansas City National together.

Dave Williams

JOSEPH WITOUSKI OBITUARY

of Westlake, OH, passed away October 3rd. Loving husband of Marlene (nee Jurca). Beloved father of Marla (Spaeth) and Joseph J. Witouski. Grandfather of Mary, Michael, and Margaret Spaeth. Born in 1935 to Anna Skrgic and Joseph Witouski. Also lovingly raised by Dorothy Witouski. Brother to Linda and Mark Witouski, and Marlene Yaniro. Joe was an example of selfless hard work and humility. He will be missed. Friends may call at Jenkins Funeral Chapel 2914 Dover Center Rd. Westlake, Friday October 7th from 6-8 pm. Funeral Mass at Saint Raphael Catholic Church 525 Dover Center Rd. Bay Village, Saturday October 8th 10:00am - please meet at church- In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Hospice of the Western Reserve





RAILS TO PITTSBURGH

Early Registration Form

May 4-7, 2023

NMRA, Mid-Central Region, Division 2



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Primary Registrant Badge Name _____ (must be NMRA member)

NMRA No. _____ Region _____ Division _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Cell Phone _____ E-mail _____

Number of persons attending _____

Names of Others _____

Item	Quantity	Price	Amount
Early Basic Registration (Expires Jan. 1, 2023)		\$85.00	
One Year Full NMRA Membership (With print magazine subscription)		\$92.00	
One Year NMRA Membership (Without print magazine subscription)		\$68.00	
Family Members (per person, spouse or child) (Expires Jan. 1, 2023)		\$25.00	
NMRA RAILPASS 9-month* includes digital magazine- *One-time only, new members or members dormant for 2 or more years		\$19.95	
TOTAL AMOUNT			\$

Sign-up form for extra fare items will be sent out to all early registrants at a later date.

Activity assignment will be based on the order that the applications are received.

Make check payable to: **NMRA, Keystone Div 2, Mid-Central Region**

Mail to: **Convention Registrar, Tom Gaus**

3357 New Texas Road

Pittsburgh, PA 15239

Ph. 412-731-8846 e-mail: tom@tomgaus.com

Room reservations are made directly with the convention hotel at \$114.00 per night
Mention **National Model Railroad Assn.** to get this price when making reservations!

Doubletree by Hilton at Cranberry

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724-776-6900

T-TRAK Call for Modules



This Call for Modules is intended for those T-TRAK modelers that might be interested in attending the “Rails to Pittsburgh”, NMRA Mid Central Regional Convention hosted by the Keystone Division.

The convention will be presented at The Doubletree by Hilton at Cranberry in a suburb of Pittsburgh on May 4-7, 2023.

The large layout will be hosted by the convention as an invitational layout and will be open to all modelers attending the convention.

The layout will occupy half of one of the hotel’s Banquet Halls, in a room 64’ by 60’ and tentatively will be a three branch E shaped layout. The layout plan will support 80 double equivalent modules.

This Call for Modules is particularly directed at T-TRAKers residing in western Pennsylvania, western New York and northern Ohio areas.

If you are interested in participating in this invitational Layout, please send an email to

bdemaeyer@att.net

Information about the Convention can be found at

www.keystonedivision.org

WHAT'S GOING ON

2022 - Nov. 6	Model Training Day! NMRA MCR Div. 4 Black River Landing & Transportation Center 421 Black River Lane, Lorain, Ohio 11:00 am to 4:00 pm Phone: (440) 570-2112 Email: info@div4trainingday.org Web Page Flyer
2022 - Nov. 11	Paranormal Investigation of the Painesville Railroad Museum Painesville Railroad Museum, Painesville Depot 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 9 pm to Midnight Adm. \$25.00 MAP Flyer
2022 - Nov. 13	Akron Train & Toy Show Emidio & Sons Expo Cener 48 E. Bath Rd., Akron, Ohio 9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$3.00 Phone: 330-724-5253 Map Flyer
2022 - Nov. 20	Mansfield Train Show Fairhaven Hall, Richland County Fairgrounds 750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906 10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$7.00 Phone: 419-606-7934 Map Flyer
2022 - Nov. 26	Train Collectors Association - Thanksgiving Train Show UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130 10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00 Phone John Twarog at : 330-273-6404 Info & MAP Flyer
2022- Nov. TBA	Penn - Ohio Model Railroaders Train & toy Show St. Michaels Bysantine Catholic Church 2230 Highland Rd. Hermitage, PA. 9:30 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$5.00 Phone 724-866-4142 Map Flyer

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