



THE FLATWHEEL

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Marquette Rail Z151-29 Northbound with four leaders and quite a decent length train. Here they cross the Muskegon River in downtown Newaygo with some decent Fall Color still hanging on.

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by October 26th

Thank You

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Activities & Celebrations

October

- Great Berea Train Show - October 4th & 5th. Setup on Thursday October 2nd
- NMRA Division 4 Business Meeting - October 10th 6:30 pm
- This months model/ display Wood Industry Load



- Halloween - October 31

November

- Veterans Day - November 11th
- NMRA Division 4 Business Meeting – November 14th 6:30 pm
- This month's model/ display is a Combine Car



- Thanksgiving - November 24
- Cleveland Zoo (Module Group)-November/ December

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Activities & Celebrations

December

- NMRA Division 4 Business Meeting- December 12th 6:30 pm
- This months model/ display Advertising on Rail Cars



- Christmas - December 25th
- New Year's Eve - December 31st

DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE **FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 2025**

6:30pm Set Up/Social Time - Meeting starts at 7:00pm

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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**

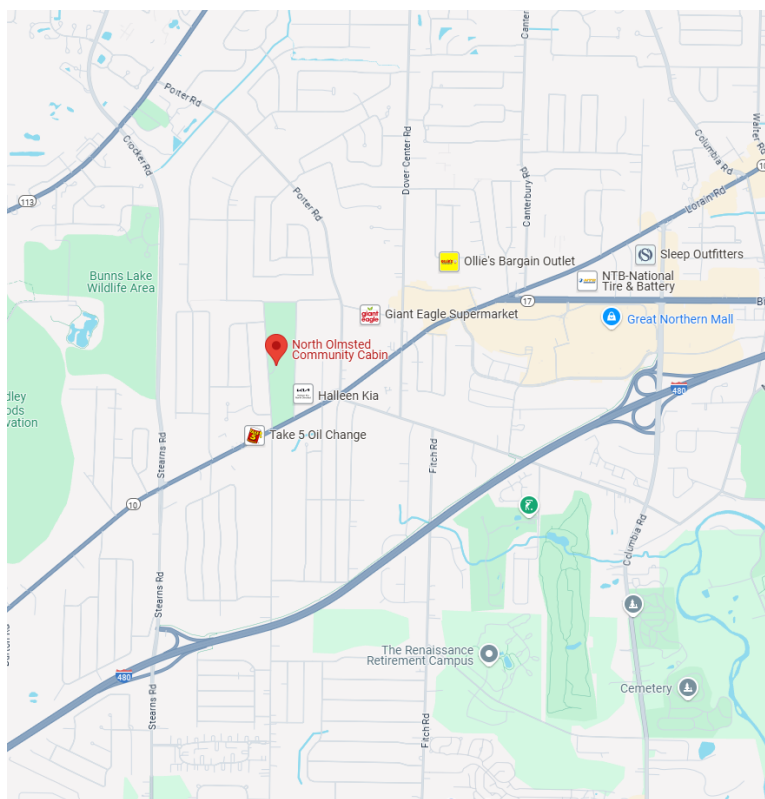
month. A set up/social half hour starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:00. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Starting January, 2025, the meetings are held at the **North Olmsted Community Cabin**, 28114 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted, OH 44070. 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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GREETINGS FROM THE CAB

Greetings from the cab

Just a BIG Thank You to everyone who expressed their condolences for the loss of my wife Gayle. It really meant a lot.

I want to thank Bert Wisbar for taking charge of the Septembers meeting. A look at the possible next Division 4 Super?

I have not been informed of any changes to the that parking lot construction. Hopefully it will be the same as the September meeting. A special notice will be sent out before the meeting to give the membership a heads up on what to expect at the Cabin if a major change occurs.

The Great Berea Train Show planning is going strong. The sign-up to help is going weak. Again, this is our major money maker for the Division. WE NEED YOUR HELP!! Please sign up to help out at the show in the following areas:

Friday 10/03/25 Dealer Help: 3pm – 7pm (4 additional helpers)

Friday 10/03/25 Dealer Help 6pm - 9pm (4 additional helpers)

Friday 10/03/25 Night Security 9pm – 12am (2 additional helpers)

Saturday 10/04/25 Ticket Booth 9am -12pm (1 additional helper)

Saturday 10/04/25 Ticket Booth 2pm – 4pm (1 additional helper)

Saturday 10/04/25 Front Gate Wrist Bands 9:30am-12pm (2 additional helpers)

Saturday 10/04/25 Front Gate Wrist Bands 12pm-2pm (1 additional helper)

Saturday 10/04/25 Front Gate Wrist bands 2pm-4pm (1 additional helper)

Sunday 10/05/25 Back Gate Entrance noon-2pm (1 additional helper)

Sunday 10/05/25 Back Gate Entrance 2pm-4pm (1 additional helper)

IF CAN HELP IN any of these areas, PLEASE CALL ME AT 440-476-8876.

Don't just belong, participate!

Well, the train is pulling into the yard and another run is over.

That's all I have for this month.

Ron



Ron Morgan

Meeting Minutes

Division 4, MCR, NMRA Business Meeting, September 12, 2025, North Olmsted Cabin

Assistant Superintendent, Bert Wisbar opened the meeting 7:00 pm with a warm welcome to the 65 members in attendance. He informed us of Gayle Morgan's Memorial Service on Saturday, September 20th. Noon to 1:00 pm will be greeting time, Service starting at 1pm with a reception to follow.

The Memorial Service for Linda Klein will be held on Monday, September 22nd at St. John Bosco Church. Service is at 11:30 am.

Bert asked for any new members or visitors to stand. Zach Pakis stood introduced himself. He is originally from Virginia and likes to scratch build things.

A motion was made by Jim Rafferty to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Tom McNerny seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurer, Greg Noeth gave a report on the balance of all accounts. He also told the Division that he renewed the Division's CD's and that the Module Group's check from the Cuyahoga County Fair had been deposited.

Old Business:

Trip to Pennsylvania Trolley Museum - Bert Wisbar - the planned trip for September will be rescheduled for the Spring. Details to follow.

Sign-Up Sheets/ Great Berea Train Show - David James - Everyone please sign up, because without your help our show cannot be the success it has been. David gave us an update on how buildings were going and what changes were made for advertising. Back gate is probably going to be non-existent. This was so the Cat Show people can have access to the food trucks. Bert will be on New Day Cleveland to advertise the Show, on September 24th. We will rely heavily on the Polaris kids to watch for wrist bands at the doors of each individual building.

NMRA 2025 National Convention - Bert Wisbar - It was a great convention with awesome layouts. Jerry Krueger showed pictures and described them to us as they were on the screen. Dayton will host the 2026 Regional Convention in 2026. It will be the first weekend in June.

Meeting Minutes

New Business:

Achievement Program/AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - Our own long-time member, John Henning entered three photos into the Model/Photo Contest of the "National Association of 'S' Gaugers" The National Convention was held in Norwich, Connecticut. John took awards in the following:

First Place - in Black and White Model Photo

First Place - in Color Model Photo

Second Place - in Color Model Photo

John was also the recipient of the "John Seltzer Award". This award is given to the individual who has promoted 'S' scale through electronic media. He contributed over 260 photographs of his endeavors in 'S' Scale. John's FLICKER page is in the current Flat Wheel.

Other awards presented tonight were:

Julie Williams received her Volunteer Award for all of her previous work on the Flat Wheel.

Ben Lanza received his Master Builder for Cars,

Tom Mc Inerney received his Chief Dispatcher.

John Hemsath, MMR, invited people who have never done operations before to come over to his layout and learn. He is willing to set up a time with you.

Jerry Kruger explained about the new program set up to help people earn Achievement Awards.

Working on Any Cool Projects - Joe Kurilec, MMR - Joe gave a description and explained all he did to make a special version of Atlantic Coastline engine for Chris, (Which she really loves!)

Division 4 Ops Sessions - Mark Pekelnicky - Mark is also opening his layout for op sessions on weekends for those who want to learn ops and is willing to teach them.

Meeting Minutes

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Don Oleksa - Deadline is September 26th.

Clinics - Jerry Krueger - Jerry is doing tonight's Clinic. It is the first of our new program.

Company Store - Scott Benson - Scott has regular store stuff like micro brushes and such. a few of the Convention cars that are sure to sell out at the show. Copies of Convention time table are over here also. Fast Track Jigs are in his car, if you need one let Scott know.

Raffle - Adam Woodie - Great things, come on over and see what's here. Purchase your tickets after meeting.

HO Module Group - Adam Woodie - We did Novi, MI in July, the Cuyahoga County Fair in August. Both went great. Upcoming is the Great Berea Train Show in October. Adam will be reaching out to the Zoo for the Wild Winter Lights. Due to construction at Black River Landing, Trees and Trains is cancelled for this year. Then things quiet down until March for Avon Lake Library display and Training Day.

Layout Tours - Bert Wisbar - Bruce Bowie has made many improvements on his layout thanks to his crew. There are 3 homes open on Sunday, November 2nd. Time is 12:30 to 5:00 pm. The list of addresses are up here on the front table.

Contest - Joe Filipiak - Take people up on going to layout operation. He gave us an update on the Grafton Caboose, it is repainted and looks great! There is a painting of New York Central train on the side of a building across from the Grafton Tower. Joe's son helped organize this project, Joe then presented David Williams with his plaque from last year's competition. He won for his Dioramas. Then he went over the contest for this up coming year.

Medina 4-H Winner - Bert Wisbar - A bunch of us went to the Medina County Fair. We looked over all of the interesting modules built by the 4-H'ers. Chuck Shick was our lucky member who won the drawing.

Comments/Concerns - Bert Wisbar - "How are we doing as a Division?" Bert is postponing this until next month when Ron is back to talk about it. Ron has been doing a lot of research.

Meeting Minutes

Bert asked for a moment of silence for all that is currently happening in the world around us.

Dino Peris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Bowie seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion and the meeting adjourned at 8:03pm.

This meeting has reached it's final destination,

Chris Shick
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick

September Meeting Pictures



A Meeting of the Minds



Sales Table

September Meeting Pictures



Meeting



Ben Lanza Cars Certificate

September Meeting Pictures



Julie Williams Volunteer Certificate



Tom McInerney Chief Dispatcher Certificate

September Meeting Pictures

Contest Models



Brian Haas

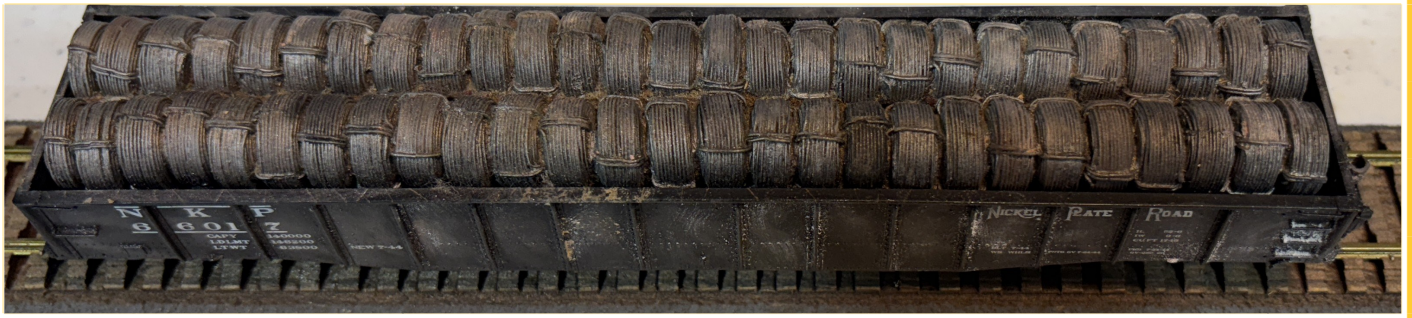


Craig Butler



Joe Kurilic, MMR

September Meeting Pictures



Dave Williams



Darrall Swift



John Hemsath, MMR

September Meeting Pictures



George Gelehrter



Ken Orchard



Jim Grell

September Meeting Pictures

Diorama Models



Joe Filipiak



John Puch

NORTH COAST OHIO

DIV-4 Leadership

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APPOINTED POSITIONS

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MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

It is officially fall and with that time of year comes the Great Berea Train Show (GBTS)! As in years past, the module group will be located in Building "D" with a nice sized module layout on display during the event. We could always use some help setting up the layout as well as operating trains during the show. If you would like to dip your toe in the water of modular railroading, now would be great time.

Next up will the Wild Winter Lights located at the Cleveland Metropark Zoo. This event will begin in mid to late November and continue all the way through the Holiday season. More information regarding display dates and schedules will be issued in the near future. This will be the only event that module group displays at this coming holiday season. As mentioned at the last monthly meeting, the Trees and Trains event that has been held at the Black River Landing in downtown Lorain, Ohio has been cancelled this coming season. Said cancellation is due to the unavailability of the venue during this coming holiday season.

Be sure to come on out and see us at any of the upcoming events. As always, anyone interested in joining the module group, please contact me at woo3482@hotmail.com.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

COMPANY STORE

Company Store

We still have the Division 4 convention cars (Accurail 40' boxcar) for sale. These are lettered for the Cleveland, Sandusky and Southern Railroad (the modular layout railroad).



Also available at \$25 each:

The Division 7 Accurail N&W 2-bay covered hopper (3 available, different #'s)



Reminders:

The Company Store also manages:

- Shirt and hat sales – let me know if you want to order a Division 4 shirt.
- FastTracks jig loans – always helpful if I know before the meeting if you'd like to check one out. We have (all Code 83) #4, #6 and #8 turnouts, cross-over/double cross-over, and gantlet jigs
- DVD library – lots of nice DVDs on modelling techniques available to borrow at each meeting



Scott Benson

CONTEST TABLE

The gondola was found on railroads from the beginning. Some think it was an overachiever flat car while others think it was an underdeveloped hopper car. No matter how you look at it, the gondola was the subject matter for our first model contest. Eleven members submitted entries. The members that voted, awarded first place to Dave Williams in the model portion of the contest. Craig Butler's entry was given second place while Joe Kurelic rolled in at third place. The diorama portion of the contest found John Puch in first place with Joe Filipiak's entry coming in at second. Thank you to all who entered and voted for their favorite gondola.

The subject matter for the second contest of the session is: material being shipped for or to the wood industry. This could range from loaded log cars to the finished product and everything in between. If you are into minimalism and believe that simply a pile of sawdust on the table will meet the contest requirement, just know that you will have to clean it up. I think I have covered everything for this month so I'm going to leaf now and go work on my branch line.



Joe Filipiak

CLINICS

OCTOBER

October's program will be on Layout Command Control (LLC) by Brian Barnt, HLM. While Brian no longer lives in the Division 4 area, he is a long time NMRA member and has been involved with establishing DCC and LLC standards as part of the DCC working group. LCC is a system for controlling all functions of a layout that do not have to do with running a train such as signals, lighting and other functions that could be automated. Brian will explain LLC and how it can work to make components from various manufacturers compatible.

NOVEMBER

November's clinic will be by David Williams. Dave's clinic will go through detailing structures from the ground up. All buildings need a proper foundation. From foundations to windows to roofs, it's the little details that help bring a scene to life.

FUTURE CLINICS

I'm always looking for Clinics. I'm currently looking for clinics to schedule for the 2025-2026 meeting year. If you have a topic you'd like to present please contact me. If you need help putting a clinic together, let me know and I can help you put one together and help get points toward your AP certificate. If you have a topic you would like to see presented, let me know.

GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW MINI-CLINICS

The mini-clinic schedule for The Great Berea Train Show is set. We will be hosting a series of short clinics on Saturday and Sunday. Topics include beginning scenery, non-tool tools, An Intro to DCC, and more. This is the Division's opportunity to show off the benefits of being an NMRA member and encourage others to join.



AP COLUMN

At the September meeting of the Division, Julie Williams received her Volunteer Certificate and Ben Lanza received his Master Builder-Cars Certificate. In addition, Tom McInerney received his Chief Dispatcher Certificate. Congratulations to each of them for their extraordinary effort.

It won't be long before we have more Master Model Railroaders in the Division.

John Hemsath, MMR
HemsathJ@gmail.com

RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

September saw the return of the monthly raffle after being off during the summer. October's raffle will be just as good as always. Be sure to stop by and purchase your tickets before the start of the monthly business meeting. Winning tickets will be drawn shortly after the conclusion of the business meeting. As always, there is something for everyone!

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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Golden Spike Work Session

It's not too late to join! Even if you have built many craftsman style or detailed commercial kits, sign up to share your knowledge and enjoy a day of model building.

The Golden Spike Award is the gateway to the NMRA Achievement Program. One qualification for the Golden Spike is to display six units of rolling stock from either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or superdetailed commercial kits. Rolling stock includes both motive power and cars, freight, passenger or MoW. While a 'shake the box' kit on its own doesn't meet the criteria, it can form the basis for a piece of rolling stock that does. Detailed commercial kits such as Proto2000, InterMountain, Red Caboose, Branchline kits and other craftsman kits do qualify.

The Division has reserved a meeting room at the Strongsville branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library on Saturday, October 25th. The library opens at 9:00 am with the work session beginning at 9:30. We are limiting the number of participants to 15 members. There is no cost to attend other than to cover supplies, if needed.

After a short presentation, we will work on rolling stock kits that will qualify for the Golden Spike Award. Members should bring the following:

A detailed commercial kit, as mentioned above

- Tools for assembling the kit
- Hobby knife with a #11 blade
- Cutting mat
- Liquid solvent cement (Tamiya, Testors, etc.)
- Microbrushes
- Tweezers
- Hobby files
- Hobby screwdrivers
- Magnifier (if needed)

If you don't already have a detailed commercial kit in your stash, the Great Berea Train Show is an opportunity to find one, or more, to work on. Look for Intermountain boxcars,

Golden Spike Work Session

Proto2000 boxcars or covered hoppers etc. If you are unable to located a kit, we can provide one with advance notice.

We will also go over how to upgrade a 'shake the box' kit to have it qualify for the Golden Spike Award.

If you have additional kits to work on, bring them with you. We have reserved the meeting room until 4:30 pm. We will take a break for lunch.

Future work sessions will include a hands-on weathering clinic, taking the car(s) and weathering them using various weathering techniques and materials; scenery; constructing structure kits to qualify for the Golden Spike Award. Almost all the requirements for the Golden Spike Award can be satisfied building 2'x4' module. This is an excellent opportunity to achieve the Golden Spike Award, join the Div 4 module group and have more fun. Remember, projects built to qualify for Golden Spike can also be used for AP certificates. If you have questions or would like to attend, please email me at jktrains@yahoo.com . We still have space available! Participation is limited to 15.



Fall Layout Tours

All Aboard - for the Division 4 Fall Layout tours.

Sunday November 2nd is the Date

Times from 12:30 to 5 PM

Far West Layout - Bruce Bowie's - East Broad Top -
19 Dayton Avenue, Huron - 44839 - Phone 419-602-3584

Near West Layouts - John Hemsath - MMR -
166 Crestwood Dr., Avon Lake 44012 Phone 216-409-5191

Cleveland West Side - Chuck Shick
14209 Terminal Ave, Cleveland 44135 Phone 216-509-0543

So Please mark the date on your calendar

Thanks

John Witt

Fall Layout Tours

Bruce Bowie on East Broad Top.....Under Construction -- HO

My Work Crew(Gary Dunn, Chris Boyd, Jeff Gray, Fred Wagner, Steve Kelly) have provided skills and inspiration to get the EBT v3.2 well along the way. Mainline track is (8/2025) complete including handlaid curved, dual gauge and stub turnouts. Scenery is 70% complete and what is complete is amazing. I am using steel "2x4's" and polyiso foam for the main structure.

The layout is two level with a helix to travel between levels and includes several unique features. The peninsula uses "mushroom" construction to allow operations on both sides. The layout is designed for operations. It is a proto-freelanced design of the narrow gauge East Broad.

John Hemsath on Bay Lines II

The layout was open last October; four months into its construction. The benchwork, which is complete, is L-girder supported on brackets attached to the wall so there are no legs. Now 90% of the track is laid and most of the structures are on the layout. A few of the structures from the old layout in Bay Village have been reconstructed to fit their new space. Several new structures are on the layout as well. Scenery has begun as has track ballasting. Several operating sessions have been run so it's finally a working layout running on wireless NCE DCC.

The setting is an industrial Midwest area in September of 1946. For an operating session we'll use either all steam or early diesels.

Please park in the driveway or on the opposite side of the street. Enter through the front door.

Chuck Shick.....Under Construction – HO

Entire layout work has been done by myself, with helpful comments from Ron Spiga, and some detail parts were provided by Joe Kurilec.

This is mostly a single track, single level layout and is completely freelanced. The layout is designed for Operations, and has only a little scenery done.

The Layout is DCC currently using NCE wired throttles.

The layout is in the basement and is not handicap accessible. There is a handrail for the steps. Parking in Driveway, or on same side of street. Enter through Side Door and go down stairs.

Annual Awards and Appreciation Dinner January 9th, 2026

This year's event will be held at the Aviator Restaurant on 20920 Brookpark Rd, Cleveland, OH 44135, located across from Cleveland Hopkins Airport and the location allows for easy access off of I 480 for all of our members from the eastside and westside. We invite you to attend an evening featuring awards presentations, a raffle, and opportunities for socializing. Please reserve this date in your calendar and we look forward to seeing you there. To confirm attendance, kindly email bert.wisbar@gmail.com with your name and your spouse's name (for nametags) or register at the upcoming NMRA monthly meetings.

Sincerely,

Bert Wisbar
Assistant Superintendent

Annual Awards and Appreciation Dinner January 9th, 2026

**The Aviator Restaurant:
A Culinary Experience Above the Clouds
Discover the Unique Charm of Dining Among the Skies**



Introduction

The Aviator Restaurant is a one-of-a-kind dining destination that brings together delicious cuisine and an aviation-inspired atmosphere. Perfect for aviation enthusiasts and food lovers alike, the restaurant offers a memorable experience that transports diners into the world of flight.

Atmosphere and Décor

From the moment you step inside The Aviator Restaurant, you are greeted by a stylish interior that pays homage to the golden age of aviation. Vintage aircraft models hang from the ceiling, and walls are adorned with historic photos and memorabilia. Large windows offer panoramic views of the nearby airfield, allowing guests to watch planes take off and land as they enjoy their meals.



Never Operated?

Years ago, I was invited to an operating session at the home of the late Harold Taylor. I had never participated in an op session before and I was very nervous that I might screw things up and embarrass myself. I need not have worried. I was among friends who were all there to have fun. That night changed the way I approached model railroading. I converted my layout, then under construction, to a switching layout, hosted operating sessions, and found I had more fun sharing my layout than I could have had as a lone wolf.

Now, I want to give that experience I had to those of you who have never operated on a layout with car cards, etc. Here's a chance to find out what operations are like and to see if you like it or not. And mine is a very simple, small layout. No timetable, no signals, no hidden storage tracks, not even any switch machines! I use wireless throttles. No worries about block control or cables. There are three switching areas, and each is electrically isolated so if one operator has a derailment and a short, it has no effect on anybody else.

Each operator takes a 4-car train out of the yard to his work area, does the switching and returns to the yard with a 4-car train. I use car cards by Mico Mark to tell you where each car goes, and you work at your own pace.

Does this sound like something you'd like to try? Please email me and we'll arrange a time.

John Hemsath, MMR

Hemsathj@gmail.com

Operating Session Weekend Layouts Needed!

Division 4 is gearing up for an Operations Session Weekend, and we're looking for hosts to help make it a success. The goal of the event is to allow Division 4 members to experience the world of operations for the first time and to give our seasoned operators the chance to run on different layouts. If your layout is built for operations and you're interested in hosting, please reach out for details. The event will only be for Division 4 members.

Contact Mark Pekelnicky
mpekelnicky@gmail.com or call 440-409-9770

What's On Your Workbench



Micro Engineering Company Small Shed, #70-605

While a very simple kit, it will fill a space on my layout. Adding details will make the model interesting to view. Something I really enjoy doing.

Joe Kurilec, MMR®

WHAT'S NEW

ScaleTrains General Electric ES44 GEVO diesel locomotive

Price: Direct-current model with 21-pin connector, \$219.99; with ESU LokSound V5 sound decoder, \$329.99

Manufacturer: ScaleTrains, 4901 Old Tasso Rd. NE, Cleveland, TN 37312; 844-987-2467; scaletrains.com



General Electric ES44 GEVO features:

- Factory-applied wire grab irons, spare knuckles, train line hoses with silver glad hands, uncoupling levers, windshield wipers, mirrors, and sunshades
- 5,300-gallon fuel tank with internal waste retention tank, digital fuel gauge, vertical fuel gauge, and round fuel gauge
- GE Hi-Ad trucks with separately applied brake cylinders, single bracket air plumbing, and rotating bearing caps
- More than 20 see-through, etched-metal radiator intake and exhaust grills on sides and top of radiator compartment

Release date: March 2026

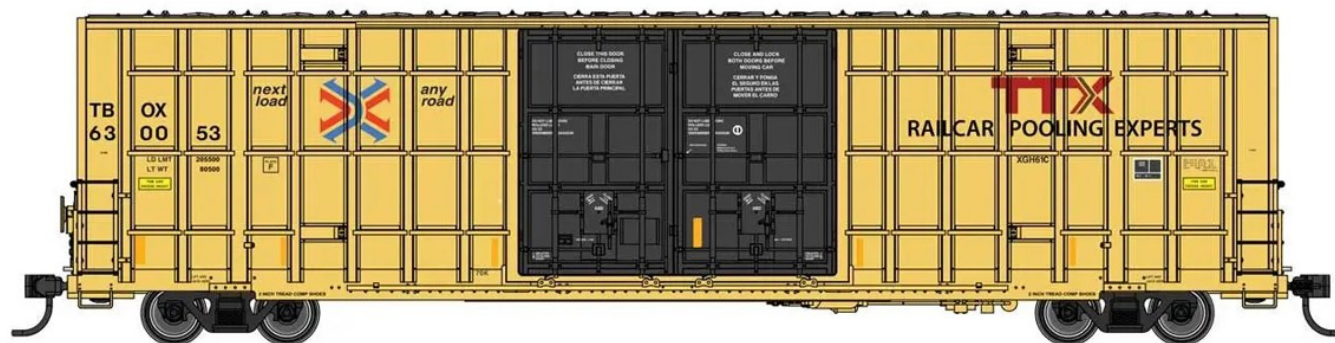
Road names: CSX (Atlantic Coast Line; Chessie System; Chicago & Eastern Illinois; Clinchfield RR; Georgia RR; Louisville & Nashville; Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis; New York Central; Pan Am Railways; Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac; Seaboard Air Line; and Seaboard Coast Line heritage units and Yn3 with "Boxcar" herald), BNSF Ry., Canadian National, CPKC, and Norfolk Southern.

WHAT'S NEW?

WalthersMainline 60-foot high cube Plate F boxcar with horizontal side posts

Price: \$39.98

Manufacturer: Wm. K. Walthers Inc., 5601 W. Florist Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53218; 414-527-0770; walthers.com



60-foot high cube Plate F boxcar with horizontal side posts features:

- Newly tooled sides with additional horizontal ribs
- Roof with X and diagonal panels
- Separately applied latch bars
- Detailed underbody with cushioned underframe and brake gear with angle-mounted reservoir
- 100-ton roller-bearing trucks
- Proto-Max metal couplers
- Also available undecorated

Release date: Winter 2026

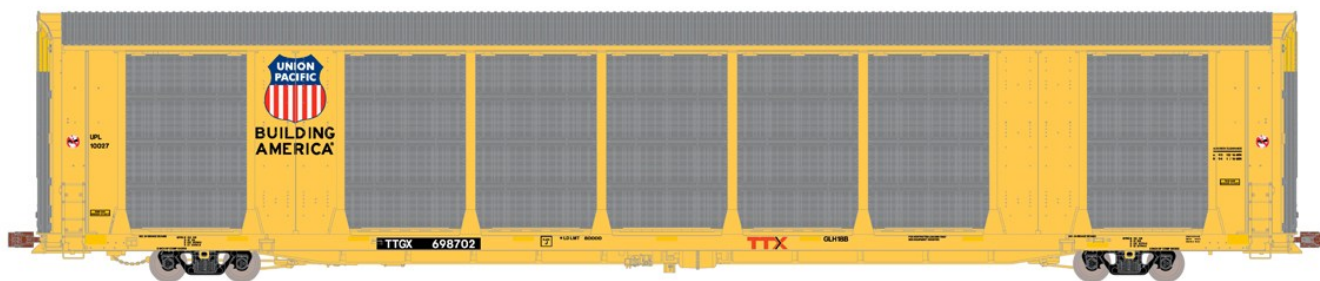
Road names: TTX Co. (regular and high lettering), Ferromex, General American Marks Co. (BKTY and LRS reporting marks), and Union Pacific (with BKTY marks).

WHAT'S NEW

ScaleTrains Operator line Gunderson Multi-Max auto rack

Price: \$46.99

Manufacturer: ScaleTrains, 4901 Old Tasso Rd. NE, Cleveland, TN 37312; 844-987-2467; scaletrains.com



Gunderson Multi-Max auto rack features:

- Fully assembled
- Late body type
- 28" machined metal wheels
- Body-mounted semi-scale Type E knuckle couplers

Release date: January 2026

Road names: CPKC, CSX, Ferromex, Norfolk Southern, and Union Pacific.

WHAT'S NEW

WalthersTrainline Victorian houses five-structure kit

Price: Five-pack, \$75.98; individual houses, \$24.98 each

Manufacturer: Wm. K. Walthers Inc., 5601 W. Florist Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53218; 414-527-0770; walthers.com



Victorian houses five-structure kit features:

- Detailed walls, window frames, and porches with period-accurate architectural details
- Houses measure 3-9/16" x 7-11/16" x 5"
- Molded in multiple colors
- Five-pack includes one each of the following kits: Kavanaugh, Queen Anne, Steiner, Painted Lady, and Gingerbread

Release date: Fall 2025

WHAT'S NEW

WalthersProto Gunderson 48-foot all purpose well car

Price: \$55.98

Manufacturer: Wm. K. Walthers Inc., 5601 W. Florist Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53218; 414-527-0770; walthers.com



Gunderson 48-foot all purpose well car features:

- Die-cast metal body
- Factory-installed wire grab irons and brake gear
- Etched-metal walkways
- 33" metal wheelsets
- Factory installed trailer hitches at each end
- Minimum radius, 22"; recommended radius, 24"
- Also available undecorated

Release date: Winter 2026

Road names: BNSF Ry., Burlington Northern, Coe Rail Inc., and TTX.

WHAT'S GOING ON

2025

Oct. 4th &
5th

The Great Berea Train Show

Model Train Show NMRA Div 4
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
19201 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130
Sat 10 am - 4 pm, Sun 10 am - 4 pm Adm. \$10.00
Phone: 440-785-9907

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2025

Oct. 12th

Canfield Train and Toy Show

Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana, Canfield, Ohio 44406
Being held in new Event Center
10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$8.00
Phone: 330-651-1042

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2025

Oct. 25th

Fundraiser Dinner

Painesville Railroad Museum (aka Painesville Depot)

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
3:00 pm to 8:00 pm Dinner at 4:00 pm Adm. pre-sale \$30.00
Phone: 216-470-5780 At the Door \$35.00

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2025

Oct. 26th

Medina Train and Toy Show

Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256
9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$8.00
Phone: 330-948-4400

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WHAT'S GOING ON

<p>2025</p> <p>Oct. 26th</p>	<p>7th Annual NMRA Division 6 Pritchard Laughlin Center, 7033 Glenn Hwy., Cambridge, OH 43725 Sun. 10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$5.00 Flyer</p>
<p>2025</p> <p>Nov. 1st & 2nd</p>	<p>2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130 Sat. 11 am - 4 pm Sun. 9 am - 5 pm Adm. \$5.00</p> <p>Flyer For Table Registration form Click HERE WEB Page For all table information, contact Skyler Shippy (skylersh767@gmail.com)</p>
<p>2025</p> <p>Nov. 2nd</p>	<p>Erie Model Train Show</p> <p>Rainbow Gardens - Waldameer Park, PA 9 am to 4 pm Adm. \$5.00 Phone: 724-992-2035</p> <p>Info & Map Flyer</p>
<p>2025</p> <p>Nov. 6th</p>	<p>Dine to Donate for Painesville Railroad Museum Texas Roadhouse, 6095 Commerce Circle, Willoughby, Ohio 44094 3 pm to 9 pm 10% of your dinner bill is donated to the Museum Flyer</p>

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Better Days. While looking structurally sound, close inspection shows lots of needs to refurbish this late era D&RGW caboose. This was one of several cabooses in the yard, and I understand (because AI told me) that the High Plains Railroad Preservation Association saved them from the torch. Thanks!!