

Division 4, MCR, NMRA Business Meeting Minutes, **February 13, 2026, North Olmsted Cabin**

Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting with a warm welcome to Pizza Night. 65 were in attendance. Ron had Bram Bailey and Chuck Shick stand up while he presented Dave Marvinney with his William H. Cramer/Dennis F. Noval Service Award.

Ron asked for any new members or visitors to please stand and introduce themselves. Tonight, we had 2 stand up. 1st was John Breitenstine who models HO scale. 2nd was a transfer from Division 1, Trev Sith. Trev also models HO scale.

Approval of Previous Minutes - Ramhog Shearer made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. A second motion was made and the Division carried the motion. The minutes of the previous meeting are accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Greg Noeth - Greg gave us the balance of all the accounts.

Old Business:

Dayton Regional Convention - Ron Morgan - There is still time to sign up to go.

National Convention, Chattanooga, TN. - Ron Morgan- It's in July and there is plenty to do, Lots of time to still sign up for this one also.

Election of Officers - Mark Pekelnicky - There is one person running for each spot. Still if you are interested in running please see Mark.

Running for: Superintendent - Bert Wisbar

Assistant Superintendent - Gary Sole

Secretary - Chris Shick

Treasurer - Greg Noeth

Trustees - Brian Haas, Gary Schaefer, Jeff Lauren, John Janda, Fred Wagner

Membership Appreciation Dinner - Bert Wisbar - Our Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner was held in January at the Aviator Restaurant. It was a very enjoyable evening and the food was wonderful. Next year will be held there again on January 8, 2027.

Membership Operation Schedule - Mark Pekelnicky - We will be holding a Division wide Operating Session on March 14th and 15th. 7 local railroads will be open with 45 slots available. The website is open with a hot link in The FlatWheel and also on The Division 4 website members only section. You will need a code to fill out the reservation. Mark with assistance from Jerry Kruger showed us how to use the website.

Training Event Schedule - Jerry Kruger - The Training Event in January was weathering. 6 to 7 attended and got a lot done. Next Date is April 4th and will be decaling. Should be a short day, start at 10:00 at the Strongsville Library, work a few hours, go grab a bite to eat, and call it a day.

New Projects - Ron Morgan- None tonight

New Business:

Approval of 2026 Budget - Greg Noeth - Greg went over the proposed budget for 2026; it includes a 10% increase over last year's budget. After a question-and-answer session, Steve Kaplan made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Jerry Kruger seconded the motion, the Division carried the motion to accept the 2026 Budget.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Don Oleksa - Articles due to Don by February 26th . If you have anything you may think is interesting, send it to him to add to The FlatWheel.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - Tonight is Pizza Night, March - Chuck Shick will present a demonstration on How to Navigate the Division 4 Website. Jerry is waiting for JT to get back to him to schedule a night to present. Jerry is also attending Division 2's Jamboree in Pittsburgh. If anyone is interested in going or possibly car pooling, let him know.

Company Store - Scott Benson - Over here and open - there are a few new scenery items he picked up in Amherst.

Raffle - Adam Woodie - There is no raffle tonight .

HO Module Group - Adam Woodie - We had annual planning meeting tonight before our business meeting. Avon Lake Library is just a few short weeks away. Railfest is March 14th and 15th. We are taking a layout to display in

Chattanooga in July, We have the Fair in August. Adam is going to check to see if we can't move the display to inside. If we can't possibly look for an alternative place. Hoping to go back to Trees and Trains. The Alternative possibly being Great Northern Mall.

N-Scale Module Group - Ramhog Shearer - Ramhog thanked everyone for all their support and help at Trees and Trains. If you or anyone you know is interested in N-Scale please let Ramhog know.

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - The May layout Tours will be posted in the FlatWheel.

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - None tonight

Great Berea Train Show - Chris Shick - We are working to add new vendors for this year and other ideas to help build it up.

Contest - Joe Filipiak - December 2025 was Rail Car Advertising a Product. Winners are as follows;

Model - 1st - Jim Grell

2nd - Joe Kurilec, MMR

3rd - Dave Lawler

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2nd - Joe Filipiak

3rd - Dave Lawler

Next Month's Contest is Second Generation Diesel - A Locomotive that is now owned by a Short Line- Lettered for a Railroad or Your Own Railroad. Joe mentioned that Old Grafton School is doing rooms that have themes. One is dedicated to trains. Is there any interest in donating or doing workshops there? Joe is also looking to see if the Lorain 4-H is interested in starting a railroad group.

Only announcement tonight is the tables and chairs can remain set up. Not necessary to tear down and put away.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Gary Sole seconded the motion, the Division carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

This meeting has reached it's final destination,
Chris Shick
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA