

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

Meeting was opened at 7:00 pm by Assistant Superintendent, Bert Wisbar with a warm welcome. Bert asked for new members/visitors to stand and introduce themselves. Two members stood, Ken Lear, who models HO and is also a member of Olmsted Falls Museum. Tommy Victor also a new member who is interested in learning how to do scenery.

Approval of Minutes - Bert Wisbar - A motion was made by David James to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Jerry Kruger seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion and the minutes of the last meeting will be accepted.

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

Old Business:

Dayton Regional Convention - Bert Wisbar - "Whistle Stop Dayton" is in June at the Marriott Convention Center.

National Convention - Bert Wisbar - Will be in Chattanooga, TN. July 27th to August 2nd. HO Module Group will be displaying at the Convention. There is plenty to see and do down there.

Election of Officers -Mark Pekelnicky - no change from last month.

Member Operation Schedule - Mark Pekelnicky - Is happening this weekend, March 14th and 15th. There are still spots available to operate. If you are interested in operating see Mark after meeting and he will sign you up.

Training Event Schedule - Jerry Kruger - April 4th at 9:30 am in the Strongsville Branch of the Cuyahoga County Library. We will be working on detailing. Please let Jerry know if you will be joining in.

Working on Any New Projects - Joe Kurilec, MMR - Joe is working on expanding his layout. Craig Butler told how nice and professional K 4 Decals are and what a wonderful job they do.

New Business:

We are saddened by the loss of 2 of our members. Patty Kaplan and Tom Atherton. Our deepest condolences to both of their families.

Committee Reports:

The Flat Wheel - Don Oleksa - articles are due on March 26th . If you want to add an interesting article you can send that also.

Membership - Craig Butler - Railfest is at Lakeland College next weekend, March 21st and 22nd. Craig thanked those who volunteered to sit at the membership table.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - Chuck Shick is tonight's presenter. He is presenting on how to navigate the Division 4 website. April is open, May is JT Burke from scale sound systems.

Company Store - Scott Benson - none

Raffle - Jeff Lauren - fine quality items over here. Come on over and buy your raffle tickets!

HO Module Group - Bert Wisbar - We just closed up at the Avon Lake Library and next weekend is Railfest at Lakeland College. Set up is Friday the 20th at 1:00 pm.

N Scale Module Group - Ramhog Shearer - none

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - none

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - John presented Mark Pekelnicky 2 Awards. One was for his Factory Building and the other for a Bridge that had amazing details. Ben Lanza will receive his award for a combine car at a later date.

Great Berea Train Show - David James - There is a Marketing Meeting on March 16th. At this time we have no contract from the Fair Board. The contract usually comes in around June. If you know of any vendors who might be interested please let David know so they can be added to our list.

Contest - Joe Filipiak - Last month's contest winners for a 20 x 20 footprint are as follows:

Model - 1st- Craig Butler
2nd - Joe Kurilec, MMR
3rd - John Henning

Diorama - 1st - Dave Lawler
2nd - Joe Filipiak
3rd - Frank Bongiovanni

Next Month's Contest is a rail car that serves the steel industry.

Comments/Concerns - Bert Wisbar - let everyone know that Larry Kuczynski has set up the Annual Division Picnic at NOELS for August 8th. Rain date will be August 15th.

Olmsted Falls Museum is having their Open House on April 25th and 26th and May 2nd and 3rd from 11:00 am to 4:00 pm. On September 12th and 13th, they will be celebrating the 150th Anniversary.

Joe Kurelic, MMR let us know he visited Mike Oster this morning. He is on the mend. Also Dolls and Minis in Olmsted Falls has some really good deals on wood.

Gary Sole made a motion to adjourn the meeting. David James Seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion to adjourn and the meeting ended at 7:38 pm.

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