

Division 4, MCR, NMRA, Business Meeting , April 10, 2026, North Olmsted Cabin

Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 6:58 pm with a T minus 2 comment. There were 54 in attendance. He asked for visitors or new members to stand. Joe Shaffer stood and introduced himself as a visitor for the night. Joe models O-Gauge.

John Hemsath, MMR made a motion to accept last month's minutes. Craig Butler seconded the motion and the Division passed the motion to accept last month's minutes.

Assistant Superintendent, Bert Wisbar gave the Treasurer's Report in Greg's absence.

Old Business:

Dayton Regional Convention - Ron Morgan - is coming up in June, please consider registering to attend,

National Convention, Chattanooga, TN - Ron Morgan - is at the end of July and some are registered to attend. Our HO- Scale layout will be there.

Election of Officers - Mark Pekelnicky - There is one person per office:

Superintendent - Bert Wisbar

Assistant Superintendent - Gary Sole

Secretary - Chris Shick

Treasurer - Greg Noeth

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

Since there is no one else running, Mark Pekelnicky made a motion to accept this slate of officers for the next 2 years. Bruce Bowie seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion for this slate of officers to serve for the next 2 years.

Membership Operation Report - Mark Pekelnicky - The First Membership Operation was a success. There were 7 layouts that were used, and 25 members went and ran operations. Keep March of 2027 open as we are looking to make this an annual event. Mark thanked all who hosted and participated.

Training Event Schedule - Jerry Kruger - April's was cancelled. Looking forward to starting things back up in the fall. Division 2's one day event in Pittsburgh. Jerry is going if interested maybe a carpool can be arranged. Let Jerry know.

Working on Any New Projects - Bruce Bowie is working really hard on his layout. They are hand-making turnouts.

New Business:

Cincinnati Convention 2027 Regional Convention - Ron Morgan - This is going to be like a mini Nation Convention. You can sign up in paper form now. On line sign-ups should start in June.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Don Oleksa - Any article you would like to submit, please have it turned in by April 26th.

Membership - Craig Butler - Railfest went very well, a big thank you to everyone who manned the table or ran trains.

Division 5 and 12 maybe joining us in October at Berea. Bert Wisbar - will be filling out the NMRA membership survey.

Joe Shaffer (Visitor) - As a visitor, he complimented the friendliness of the Division and how welcome he felt. Ramhog Shearer - A lot of people are afraid to spend the money to join. Joe Mehalic - mentioned O-Scalers think NMRA groups only do HO Scale.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - Jerry is presenting tonight on Care and Maintenance of Diecast Locomotives. Next month is J T Burke an Audio Engineer from Scale Sound Systems. Possibly Bram Bailey in June. Looking for volunteers for the fall.

Company Store - Scott Benson - a few new items left, come on over and take a look.

Raffle - Lee Sheffield - Good prizes tonight, come get your tickets. Drawing start 10 minutes after the close of meeting.

HO Scale Module Group - Jeff Lauren - National Train Show is up next. Work party is July 18th at the home of Scott and Pam Benson.

N Scale Module Group - Ramhog Shearer - nothing to report

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - no report

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - John presented Ben Lanza with an award for his comb passenger car.

GBTS - Chris Shick - Vendor applications have been sent out. If you know of someone who may need tables, information is out on the GBTS website. I then showed a shirt I had made. If you want one let me know, cost will depend on how many are ordered.

Contest - Joe Filipiak - Last Month's Winners of Second-Generation Diesel Locomotive are as follows:

Model 1st - Larry Kowicki
 2nd - David Marvinney
 3rd - Jeff Lauren

Diorama 1st - John Puch
 2nd - Joe Filipiak
 3rd - Dave Lawler

Next month's contest is Railcar Loading, Unloading Facility. This is the last Contest of the season. Next Seasons contest will be revealed in June on Awards Night.

Joe is working at the Old School House in Grafton. They are making a special room for trains. Joe is looking for a donation of anyone who may know of someone getting rid of a whole layout and be willing to donate it. Let Joe know, it will be used to reach others about the joys of model railroading.

Comments/Concerns - Joe Mehalic is helping with the organizing and selling of Tom Atheton's stock. There is a lot of O-Scale stuff. If you are interested let Joe know. Currently he is working on setting up an Open House, more information to follow at a later date.

Rick Toll - let us know Allan Mixer passed away last week.

Bert Wisbar - told us that The Olmsted Falls Museum will be having its annual Spring Open House the weekends of April 25th & 26th, and May 2nd & 3rd. Also keep an eye out for information about upcoming 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Joe Kurilec, MMR - made mention that Frank Bongiovanni is looking for volunteers to present at a New York Central mini clinic. It will be held at the Historical Society in September. The 765 will be running at the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad in June. The Big Boy will be coming through our area in Late June, early July.

Dino Peris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Puch seconded the motion, the Division carried the notion and meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Final Destination was reached,
Chris Shick
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA