

Division 4, MCR, NMRA, Business Meeting November 14, 2025, North Olmsted Cabin

Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 7:01 pm. He asked for new members and visitors to please stand and introduce themselves. Leon Lavdas and Craig Jones are both new members.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the previous meeting to be approved. The Division carried the motion and the minutes of the previous meeting are approved.

Treasurer, Greg Noeth gave a report on the balances of all accounts.

Old Business:

Dayton Regional Convention - Ron Morgan - The Convention will be held in June of 2026. Committee is planning and getting things rolling.

National Convention - Ron Morgan - Chattanooga, TN make sure to try and attend.

New Business:

Election of Officers - Ron Morgan - Mark Pekelnicky has stepped up to be the Chairperson of the Election Committee. Ron Mc Kee and Dave Williams are also on the Committee. If interested in running to serve as an officer or Director see one of them and let them know.

Annual Budget - Ron Morgan - Ron told us the Budget Committee met and went over line by the line. It is all exactly the same as last year with a 10% increase. There will be a Board of Directors later this month to go over Budget and then it will be presented to the Membership at the December Meeting.

Membership Appreciation Dinner - Bert Wisbar - the dinner will be held at Aviator Restaurant on Brookpark RD. The date is January 9th, time 6:30 pm. Sign up is up front with Bert and the cost is \$25.00 per person.

It was reported that Art Bumpus is still in the nursing home and has an upcoming knee surgery.

Member Operation Schedule - Mark Pekelnicky - There are a bunch of layout owners willing to Host Operation Sessions. Hoping to have everything set up for March 14th & 15th. There will be a sign up on line. This is open for Experienced and Newbie Operators.

Training Event Schedule- Jerry Kruger - The Training Event from October 25th had 10 members in attendance. They worked on cars for about 6 hours. The next Training Event will be on January 17th at Strongsville Library. Tey will be working on weathering from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm. Look at the Flat Wheel for Cool Events that Jerry has put in.

Working on Any Cool Projects - John Hemsath, MMR - brought his current project in and it's over on the side table to be viewed.

Sign-Up for Membership Table at Kirkland Train Show - Craig Butler - If you are willing to work our membership table at Division 5's Train Show in Kirkland, let Craig know or sign up with him. He needs a count to turn in for badges. It is March 21st and 22nd. The shifts are 2 hours longs.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Ron Morgan - articles are due on November 26th to Don.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - Tonight is Dave Williams on building and detailing. December is Bram Bailey on RVC's. Looking for presenters for February on out.

Company Store - Scott Benson - None

Raffle - Adam Woodie - nice prizes over here, come buy your tickets. Winners will be called 10 minutes after the close of meeting.

HO Module Scale Group - Adam Woodie - Wild Winter Lights set up at the zoo is Sunday, November 16th at 9:30 am. Opening Night is Thursday, November 20th. Hours have changed this year. Those working need to be there at 4:00 pm to clean the tracks. Trains should be running 5:00 to 9:00 pm. We will run Thursdays thru Sundays until closer to Christmas then it's every night. Please sign up for times to work.

N-Scale Module Group - Ramhog Shearer - had a great time at the Great Berea Train Show. Ram had a sign made to put on the N-Scale layout. He will have a layout at Trees and Trains which will be held this year in the Ariel Broadway Hotel.

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - Mark Pekelnicky has received 117 points out of 125 on his model cars.

Great Berea Train Show - No Report

Contest - Joe Filipiak - October's Wood Industry Load winners are as follows:

Model 1st - Rick Tall
2nd - Joe Kurilec, MMR
3rd - Ken Orchard

Diorama 1st - Joe Filipiak
2nd - John Puch

December's Contest is Rail Car Advertising a Product.

Joe then gave us advice on how to keep ABC fire extinguishers good for a longer time.

Comments/Concerns - Frank Bongiovanni - The Libran from New York Central Historical Society has been going through things at Head Quarters. He has brought in some Modeling Magazines. They are in the back, please help yourself.

Gary Schaefer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Ramhog Shearer seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion. Meeting adjourned at 7:35 pm.

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