



THE FLATWHEEL

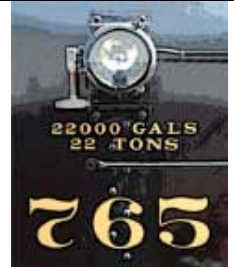
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Newsletter of NMRA MCR Division Four



Chuck Klein Division 4 Superintendent

From the Cab of 765



Hello Everyone:

The February meeting is our membership appreciation night. If you have not been to a meeting lately this will be a great one to attend. If you know someone who has not been to a meeting lately bring them along. If you know someone who is interested in model railroading bring them.

As in the past we will have pizza and soda for everyone.

This meeting is a wonderful opportunity to hear Bob Weinheimer MMR, from Charleston, WV. He will give us a presentation on what promises to be a great Regional Convention in May. He will also give us a clinic on the operation of his layout. If you have ever considered attending a Regional Convention, this should be a good one to make. Going to Charleston will give the flavor of attending a National without the expense.

Speaking of National Conventions: at the Holiday Party we collected 25 signatures for a letter of intent to bring a National Convention to the Cleveland area. By the time you read this I should have a better feel on the reality of this happening.

We will have open nominations for Division officers. The nominating committee presented a slate of candidates at the January meeting. If you have thoughts about serving the Division, step forward. We will have open nominations from the floor for all positions.

I have hats and shirts that people have ordered. There are a couple of people who have ordered hats who still owe me \$12 each. Please square up with me.

Bruce Brintnall MMR, our Membership Chairman for the past 25 years is stepping down from the position. Bruce has decided to focus on the Achievement Program and will continue in that capacity. Stepping in as Membership Chair is Dennis Whitaker. For someone who has served Division 4 so well for so many years you just don't have enough Thank You's. Thanks Bruce.



I would like to say Happy Birthday to Boy Scouting. February 8th will be the 100th anniversary of Boy Scouting .

We will have a Division 4 table at the Division 5 *Railfest* (March 20/21). I would like four members to work this table selling our boxcars and promoting our programs of Training Day and our October Carnival. Working the table gets you into *Railfest* gratis.

See everyone February 12th.

Chuck

General Meeting Minutes

Location: Church of the Redeemer, Westlake, OH

Superintendent Chuck Klein called the meeting to order at 7:46 P.M. Chuck welcomed everyone and wished all a happy new year. The February meeting will be the annual membership appreciation night with pizza for all. Bob Weinheimer, Chairman of the 2010 Mid-Central Region Convention, will be in attendance. Chuck stated there will be a BOD meeting Tuesday, January 26 at the United Church of Christ at the corner of Routes 42 & 82 in Strongsville at 7 PM. All members are welcome to attend BOD meetings.

The Treasurer reported Division assets stand at \$34,044.⁰⁵.

COMMITTEES

Carnival – Chairman Mike Oster reported mailers have been sent to all dealers. Mike has continued discussions with Walthers about their possible participation at this year's Carnival. Flyers were available at the meeting and can be printed from a PDF copy on the Division website, www.div4.org.

Spring *TRAINing* – Chairman Gary Sole thanked Dave Williams for his help in generating a floor plan and indicated flyers are available.

Contest – Chairman Bob Lavinski indicated tonight's contest will be passenger diesels. Winners of last month's contest were 1st place – Jim Grell, 2nd place – Jim Moore and 3rd place – George Gelehrter. The contest next month is any locomotive with a snow plow including both diesel and steam. The Show-N-Tell table included MR and RMC binders and beta tape boxes available free to any member.

Modules – Chairman Scott Benson reported the Module Group is planning some new events and will have more to report soon.

Clinic – Tonight's clinic was an insightful presentation by Chuck Klein on a trip he and his bride took on AMTRAK from Cleveland to the Grand Canyon and back, including traveling on the Grand Canyon Railroad to the Canyon itself. Next month's clinic will be a presentation by Bob Weinheimer on operating his HO railroad. The March clinic will be a presentation on the 2009 Steam Preservation Institute's Festival.

Layout Tours – Chairmen Hemsath and Hemsath reported the next series of layout tours will be held on Saturday, May 8th and Sunday, May 21st. Please contact the chairmen if you wish to have your layout on the tour. Layouts on both the east and west side areas are needed.

Company Store – Store Manager Tim Sheffield had a good supply of convention cars and convention patches.

Raffle – Klein The Younger had an assemblage of items with relationship to tonight's Amtrak clinic.

Old Business – None

New Business – The Nominating Committee reported a slate for the upcoming elections as follows;

Superintendent – Art Bumpus, Assistant Superintendent – Jim Moore, Treasurer – Rich Tressa, Secretary – Bruce Bowie, Trustees At Large – Larry Madson, Tom Beutler, Trustee East – Steve Kaplan, Trustee Quad Counties – Gary Dunn, Trustee West – Harold Mickley, Chuck Klein. There were no nominations from the floor at this time. Nominations remain open until closed during the February general membership meeting. Chuck welcomed guests from the Lorain County Model Railroad Club. Rich Tressa reported Dan Williams' wife had fallen and injured herself and provided a get well card for members to sign. (Please see Dan's reply on the next page -ed.) The meeting adjourned at 8:10 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Bruce Bowie, Secretary

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Membership

Birthdays for February 2010

H. BRUCE BLONDER
GARY DUNN
ROBERT GLAZE
THOMAS F. HEMSATH
DONALD MARCUSSEN
PAUL J. NOVAK JR
JOHN P. ROWE
CHUCK SWORD
RICHARD P. WOODWARD

DENNIS A. BROWN
CARL J. GEDEON
BRIAN HAAS
TOM HOLTKAMP
MARTHA NEWBERRY
MICHAEL A. OSTER
MICHAEL E. SCHAFFER
HAROLD R. TAYLOR

New Members

FRED OBREZA	WALTON HILLS, OH
JOANNE OBREZA	WALTON HILLS, OH

I want to thank all the guys and gals at Division 1 and 4 for the card they sent to Sam. She just got back home from the hospital, opened it, and was pleased with all the signatures and comments she received. It really brightened her day. Thank you all so much. You people are the best.

Dan Williams

(received via email from Dan on January 15, 2010)



Stolen Train Bell

This item was forwarded to us via email from NOARS. The bell had been presented to a family member.



This train bell was stolen in late 2009 from a residence in Brecksville. The family would like to have the bell returned and is offering a \$500 reward. If you have any information regarding this bell, please call 216-419-5674.

Editor's Notes

Thank you for the response on my comments last month about the work my wife does on the Flatwheel. One person asked if I had been prompted to write about it because of a complaint, and the answer is no - by and large we get good support from everyone. More just the occasional conversation where someone mentions our printing service or the like.

I've had the good fortune to associate with our February guest Bob Weinheimer MMR at our 2008 Regional convention where he helped teach the beginner's class in judging, and then again during last year's convention when we participated in a Thursday night operating session together (This month's cover photo layout belonged to our driver.) Bob is both an easy guy to like and a great modeler, and I'm looking forward to both his presentation(s) to us as well as Regional convention that he's chairing this year.

Dave W



Durango and Silverton, in Silverton, CO.

The Flatwheel is online at www.div4.org. Click on The Flatwheel bar to bring up a PDF version of this issue (or last month's depending on how fast you are/how slow we are).

Yahoo - The Division has a Yahoo group available for members. Send your request to join to dave_wms@sbcglobal.net. It's best to include "Division 4" in the subject line and include your name.

Members of the Yahoo Group receive an email when the Flatwheel PDF has been posted onto the website. The group is private and does not appear on the Yahoo directory.

We also have an email list to notify you when the Flatwheel is place on the website. You are no longer required to join the Yahoo Group for this service.

Uncredited photos: D Williams.

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Deadline for the March *Flatwheel* is Thursday February 25, 2010.



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Modules
 Scott Benson

Layouts
 John and Tom Hemsath

N.O.A.R.S. Representative
 Chuck Beargie

Contests
 Bob Lavinski

Historian/Archivist
 position is open

Raffle
 Mike Klein

Company Store
 Tim Sheffield

Clinics
 Larry Madson

Webmaster/Flatwheel Editor
 Dave Williams

Clinic

Bob Weinheimer MMR from Charlston W Va. will present a clinic on operation of his *Pennsylvania Southern Railroad*. Bob is past Superintendent of Division 9. He is currently secretary of the Mid-Central Region and Convention Chairman for this Spring's *Coalfield Express* Regional Convention.

March will be a presentation by Al Halvorsen on the Ossweo Michigan Steam Engine Festival.



Raffle Report

We had a great turnout at the January meeting despite the weather which meant we had another fine raffle. Thanks to all. February's raffle will be a little bit of this and a little bit of that, but stay tuned, I have a couple of theme raffles in the making.

THE RAFFLE DUDES



**January, 2010 Contest
Diesel Passenger Locomotives**

There were 7 entries and 30 votes

1 st Place	Dave Lawler	CN AA FM with heater car
2 nd Place	Jim Moore	SP Train Master
3 rd Place	Steve Riddlebaugh	PRR AA with early paint
	Len Scherry	N.Y.C. PA. #4211

Point Standings **Points**

1 st Place	Jim Moore	13
2 nd Place	Dave Lawler	8
	George Gelehrter	8
3 rd Place	Jim Grell	4

February 2010's contest will be any locomotive with a snow plow (steam or diesel).



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Next meeting: Friday February 12, 2010 at 7:45 pm



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Visit the Division's website
for directions

www.div4.org

A crew takes advantage of a break in the weather to do early Spring maintenance. This garden layout was featured during last year's Regional convention in Columbus. Bob Weinheimer MMR will talk about this year's upcoming convention as well as operations on his own layout during the February meeting.

February's meeting is Member Appreciation Night! Pizza!

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