



THE FLATWHEEL

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Newsletter of NMRA MCR Division Four



Art Bumpus Division 4 Superintendent On Q

One of the advantages afforded a new Superintendent is the ability to create a new title for their byline message to you, the Division members, in the Flatwheel. As many of you know I'm a fan of the B&O railroad. The "general purpose" steam engine for the B&O was their 2-8-2 Mikados... and the wheel classification was designated "Q". So I've chosen my byline title as "On Cue".....I mean "On Q".

I would like to thank the past board for all their hard work and support during Chuck's tenure as Superintendent. Chuck can be proud of many accomplishments during his 4 year tenure and his steady hand kept the division on a steady course.

Our June meeting is SATURDAY June 12th at the Northeast Ohio Live Steamers in Lester (a map to Lester is included on page 7). This is a family picnic meeting and the division will be providing hot dogs and condiments. It's a pot luck picnic, so bring a favorite side dish to the picnic to share with others. The picnic starts at noon and trains that adults and kids can ride run from noon to 3 p.m. So bring the family for an afternoon of fellowship and fun. This will be the last meeting before summer, with regular Division meetings resuming in September.

Our most important activity of the year, the Berea Show Carnival occurs on the first weekend of October. I'll have signup sheets at the picnic for everyone to volunteer some time to making the Carnival a success. The more volunteers we have, the lighter the load is for everyone working at the Carnival.

Tom Beutler has put together a field trip for us to the Oil Creek and Titusville Railroad on September 25th. The trip includes bus fare, train ticket, and box lunch. Dinner is on your own. The bus departs from Brecksville at 9:00 AM and the expected return time is 8:00 PM. Cost for the trip is \$51.00 which is due by August 1, 2010. Contact Tom at 419-231-1038 or email at tombeutler@bex.net. We haven't had a field trip for the last couple of years so reserve the date on your calendar.

During the summer, the work group developing the bid proposal for Cleveland to host the NMRA National Convention in 2014 will be busy preparing its presentation. The proposal is delivered by us to the NMRA on July 10th at the Milwaukee Nationals. We will know by July 11th whether our bid proposal was successful. Other cities in contention are Calgary and Memphis.

Well that's about all for now. And remember, never trade steam for water.

Sincerely,

Art Bumpus
Division 4 MCR Superintendent

The Flatwheel

General Meeting Minutes

NMRA Mid-Central Region, Division 4, General Membership Minutes

May 21, 2010

Location: Church of the Redeemer, Westlake Ohio

Chuck Klein, Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 7:50 P.M.

Chuck welcomed all in attendance. Chuck eulogized long time Division member Bill Schollenberger with condolences to Bill's family followed by a moment of silence. TRAINing Day was a great success for both the viewing public and those members sharing their modeling talents with the public. The ***June membership meeting and picnic will be the 2nd Saturday, June 12th*** at the Northern Ohio Live Steamers in Lester. The Region Convention recently held in Charleston, WV was well attended and a huge success with much fun and learning by all. The BOD met recently and has reconsidered putting a bid on the 2014 NMRA National Convention. A team made up of Chuck Klein, Art Bumpus, Jerry Krueger, David James and Gary Sole are actively developing the presentation to be made at the upcoming National Convention in Milwaukee this summer. The NMRA Board will announce the winning city (Cleveland vs. Calgary vs. Memphis) the same day as the presentations. The BOD changed their position on placing a bid in the belief it will be good for the Division in a number of ways; increasing Division 4 membership, providing a platform for northeast Ohio modelers to display their layouts and modeling skills to a national audience including articles in all the national magazines leading up to the convention, and spotlighting the areas historical and current prototype railroad activity. Having the national convention in Cleveland will also provide an opportunity for Division members to attend a national convention that might not be in a position to attend conventions in distant locations. There is no financial risk to the Division while the Division shares in the profits of both the convention and the national train show held in conjunction with the convention. While much past discussion occurred with respect to the availability of suitable hotel and convention center space, it was recognized these are issues resolved at the national level and are not issues resolved by the local Division hosting the convention. Discussion ensued. Chuck asked anyone with layout photos they can share for the bid presentation to send them to him, ideally in electronic format. There will be a BOD meeting Thursday, May 27th at the UCC in Strongsville. All members are welcome at all BOD meetings. A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the minutes of the prior membership meeting. The Treasurer reported assets of \$31,766.⁸⁶

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Contests- Chair Bob Lavinski stated stock cars are the subject of tonight's contest with a number of outstanding models on display. The current contest standings were listed in the most recent Flatwheel. Last month's contest on cabooses was won by Jim Grell, with Dave Lawlor in 2nd place and Ed Knipper receiving the 3rd most votes. The Show N Tell included a Norfolk Southern Annual Report, a local advertisement for used 1 ¼ x 4 x 8 insulation for sale, Scenic Express and Woodland Scenics brochures. Bob asked anyone with subjects they would like to see as contests next year to please get with him soon as the schedule for next year will be published in the upcoming Flatwheel. Chuck injected we would like someone to volunteer to Co-chair this important activity [Contest Chair -ed.] so they can learn from Bob with the goal of Bob retiring from this role in the future.

Carnival – Chair Mike Oster reported signup sheets are available for the October Carnival. There is already one dealer on the waiting list and the mailing will be going out on time by June 1st.

Election – Teller Gary Sole reported the election results and thanked Harold Mickley for his years of service as a Trustee. Gary introduced the new slate of officers. A motion was made, seconded and passed to authorize the Teller to destroy the ballots.

TRAINing Day – Chair Gary Sole thanked all the participants for the recent event and stated the date for next year was still under review.

Modules – Contest Chairman Scott Benson reported the modules would be at the B&O Roundhouse the next day along with some at the BSA Jamboree in Berea. Raffle tickets for a module kit will be available until the drawing to be held during the June 12th membership meeting at NOLS.

Layout Tours – Co-chair Tom Hemsath thanked the hosts of the recent layout tours and further stated there will be three layouts open this coming Sunday with two in Grafton and one in North Royalton.

One Day Rail Trip – Chairman Tom Beutler reported the day trip to the Titusville and Oil City Railroad has been changed to September 25th and the final date for signing up and providing the money is now August 1st. Tom also reported hardcopies of the latest roster are available.

Membership – Chair Denny Whitaker reported we have three new members with one in the Vermillion area and two from Cuyahoga County. Denny asked everyone please wear the name badges provided at the meetings to help new members know who we are and feel welcome. Denny reminded everyone of the \$9.95 6 month membership available for new members and is a great marketing tool. Membership stands at 200 members in Division 4.

NOARS – Chuck Bergie gave a brief description of the Northern Ohio Association of Railroad Societies indicating their mission. For more information, see their website, www.trainweb.org/noars/.

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Company Store – Tim Sheffield reported the store now has a supply of AM hopper cars (Tony Koester’s home railroad) with four different numbers.

Raffle – Mike Klein reported a mix of goodies for the night’s raffle.

Clinics – Larry Madson stated the night’s clinic would be presented by Dave Lawlor on using LED’s from inexpensive Xmas strings to make lampposts and light structures. There will be no clinic at the June meeting due to the picnic format.

Flatwheel – Editor Dave Williams indicated Thursday, May 27th as the deadline for the next issue.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

Two guests were introduced to the membership. Superintendent Chuck Klein, as his last act as Superintendent, passed the gavel to new Superintendent Art Bumpus with Harold Mickley at his side. Chuck had a new plaque attached to the gavel in memory of Barb Mickley, telling the story of how Barb would allow Chuck to use her cane to call the meeting to order. The passing of the gavel will be known going forward as “Passing The Mickley”. The meeting adjourned at 8:45 P.M.

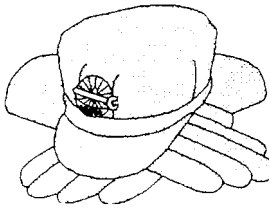
Respectfully submitted,

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Achievement Report

By Bruce Brintnall



Congratulations to Chuck Klein for receiving the AP Certificate for Official at this year’s Regional meet.

Membership by Dennis Whitaker

June 2010 Birthdays:

CHUCK BAAD
FRANKLIN V BONGIOVANNI
ROBERT BOYLE
JOSEPH J FILIPIAK
ROBERT J LAVINSKI
PAUL J NOVAK
LEONARD R SCHERRY
JOHN C STEWART
LEONARD WENDORF

CHARLES J BEARGIE
BRUCE A BOWIE
DARREN J ERNST
GEORGE GELEHRTER
HAROLD R MCCARTY
ALFRED G SCHERLER
HOWARD A SPEIDEL
RICHARD TRESSA

New Member:

ALEC BONAWIT
VERMILION, OH

July 2010 Birthdays:

JOSEPH E ANDREWS
MICHAEL C KLEIN
DALE D OWENS
DAVID A SIEGFRIED
DAVID M WILLIAMS

EDWARD H CASS
JOE MEHALIC
DENNIS K ROMAIN
JAMES B STEVENSON

August 2010 Birthdays:

ARTHUR BUMPUS
WILLIAM H CRAMER
ROBERT L KAISER
M C KOLENICH
JERRY KRUEGER
ROBERT H PENNOCK
JOSEPH M POLEFKO
JAMES R WENTER

JON COBB
JOHN R HUDACKO
STEPHEN P KAPLAN
TIMOTHY T KROGG
HAROLD MICKLEY
ANDY PERSIC
DAVID H SHUTE
PAUL WINSLOW

WHY A NATIONAL CONVENTION FOR CLEVELAND?

We deserve it! It has been forty-eight (48) years since Cleveland has had a National NMRA Convention. The wheels are in motion with interest from the powers that be at the National level to consider a bid from the Cleveland area. Yes, there are factors we cannot control: hotels and venues for the National Train Show. Those are the decisions for the business department of the NMRA. Members are concerned that this may drain or jeopardize our treasury. The National will reimburse our treasury for expenses incurred in the planning and implementation of the convention. We have budgeted more for regional conventions than is involved with the National (\$1,000 National vs. Regional at \$13,000). It is also possible that there is some monetary gain for the divisions involved (4, 5 and 1).

The committee believes the Northeast Ohio area has a lot to show the National and International Model Railroading community. We all should take pride in our area and layouts we have to offer.

This is as close as we have been to gaining a convention for Cleveland in many, many years. The committee feels we have the where with all to put the "boots on the ground". Let's go for it!

Sincerely,

Chuck Klein and Jerry Krueger

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2009 & 2010 SCALE RAIL MAGAZINES AND NMRA CALENDARS NEEDED

Please help attract new members to the National Model Railroad Association. Bring your back issues of your 2009/2010 Scale Rails magazines and NMRA Calendars to Division-4's June Picnic or the September monthly meeting. Give them to Denny Whitaker, Division-4 Membership Chairman.

These will be handed to prospective members visiting the staff at the Membership Table at the Carnival '10 Model Train Show (Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds October 2nd and 3rd). For privacy purposes, Denny Whitaker will carefully and neatly obliterate the data shown on the mailing labels. NMRA headquarters will also be providing some back issues (with the cost of mailing being borne by Division-4). The more of these quality magazines we have on hand, the better we can attract members.

Please help staff the membership table at the Carnival. Use the signup sheet at the June Picnic or the September meeting or call Denny Whitaker at 440-487-0950. Denny can also use helpers to stroll around the Carnival selling Raffle Tickets.



Division 4 and friends take part in the Manager's Reception during the Regional Convention.

Titusville and Oil City Field Trip

A one day trip by chartered bus. The deadline for sign-up has been extended to Aug 1, 2010. The date for the trip is September 25, 2010. Cost is \$51. Pick up a form at the June meeting or contact Tome Beutler.

Read the Flatwheel online at www.div4.org

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 September Flatwheel is Thursday August 26, 2010.

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Carnival

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Raffle

Mike Klein

Company Store

Tim Sheffield

Clinics

Larry Madson

Flatwheel Editor

Dave Williams

Membership

Dennis Whitaker

Modules

Scott Benson

N.O.A.R.S. Representative

Chuck Beargie

Webmaster

Ben Lanza

Editor's Comments

Bill Schollenberger left a lot of friends both in and outside of the Division and I consider myself lucky to have been one of them. I had two previous chances that I missed out on - Bill and I grew up in the same neighborhood but he was one of the big kids when I was just little, then again when he was a teacher and I was a student at Westlake High. I was glad to have and take advantage of the third chance through the Division. As Chuck said at the May meeting, Bill will be remembered as a hard worker during Carnival, an excellent modeler, and an all around nice guy.

I usually tell people that they missed a good Regional convention every year. A bad Regional is like bad pizza - still pretty good (I stole and paraphrased that from a greeting card). The Charleston convention was however, a really, really good one, like a small National. The kind that even though you've packed in everything you could, you wish you could go back and start over on Thursday and do all the things you missed (in my case, a lot of clinics - the three I did attend were, again, very good).

The Boy Scout Camporee at the Berea Fairgrounds went very well. with a lot of boys (and Venture Scouting girls) trying Rich Tressa's Timesaver, operating on the Modular layout and the layout set up by the Cuyahoga Valley S Guagers. With all the competition of outdoor activities on a mostly nice day, it was amazing how many kids choose to spend extended time with us. We did miss a bet once again, however - lesson learned - always have NMRA applications and Division 4 information available at any event. We're correctly focusing on an upcoming generation but tend to discover that adults (in this case. Scout Leaders) are interested in participating now. Thanks to Rich Tressa, Ron Morgan (and his grandson), Ken Orchard, and Doug Steiskal for their participation. Extra thanks to David James, who helped get everything squared away for us on the Scout side and expedited my merit badge counselor renewal through Council in time for the event.

I made it to almost every layout during the two days of open houses. A lot of great work out there. Thanks to everyone who hosted or assisted as well as to the Hemsath brothers for putting the whole thing together.

Boy Scouts of America 100th Anniversary Camporee



On Rich's Timesaver



Doug and Ken behind mod-
ules



Climbing walls at Camporee -
something to pass the time when
they weren't busy with our trains.

FAMILY PICNIC

Saturday June 12, 2010

Steamed hot dogs and buns will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share with everyone; also bring lawn chairs and a card table if you have them (they have about nine picnic tables available). Train rides provided between noon and 3 PM. General meeting at 2 PM. No flip-flops. No running, or sticks or rocks in hands (that includes adults). A Port-a-Pottie and running water are available. As we all know, steam engines can be fussy, so no guarantees on their availability - the "diesels" should be able to handle our excursions around the park in any case.

Directions

From Cleveland take 171 south to the Route 3 exit.

Turn right at the end of the exit ramp. You will be going west, then south. Turn Right at Fenn Road and follow it west to Marks Road. At Marks, Fenn Road makes a jog left then right. Continue west on Fenn Road to where it merges into Route 18. Continue west on Route 18 to Lester Road. Turn Right on Lester to NEOLS.

From western Cuyahoga county and Lorain County, take Columbia Road (Route 252) south to Spieth Road (Route 57). Turn Right on Spieth Road to Lester Road. Left on Lester to NEOLS.

From Akron and Medina, take Route 18 west to Lester Road, right on Lester to NEOLS.

Northeast Ohio Live Steamers
3654 Lester Rd
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Clinic Report

No clinic in June since we're meeting at NEOLS for the day. Thanks to Dave Lawler for his LED clinic in May. Have a good summer and see you in the Fall for a new season of clinics.

Dave Lawler explained transforming cheap Christmas sale lights into layout LEDs during the May meeting



RAFFLE REPORT

Due to the train outing and picnic there will be no June raffle. However stay tuned for an exciting theme raffle in September to start off the fall season.

THE RAFFLE DUDES

Regional Convention



MAY, 2010
STOCK CARS

There were 8 entries and 32 votes

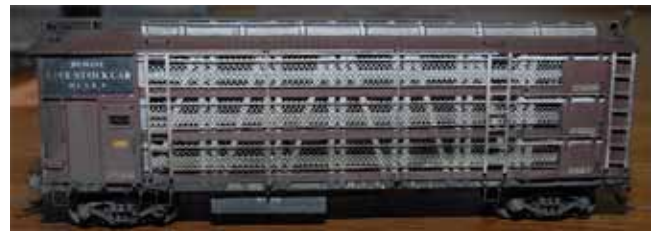
1 st Place	Jim Grell	Humane Stock Car
2 nd Place	Jim Moore	ACY Stock Car
3 rd Place	Dave Lawler	CN Stock Car

Point Standings		Points
1 st Place	Jim Grell	15
2 nd Place	Dave Lawler	12
3 rd Place	Tom McInerney	7

Model Contest Corner:

Listed below will be the model contest for next season, the first four.

Sept. 2010	Gondolas with or w/o load
Oct. 2010	Diesel switcher locomotives
Nov. 2010	Off line buildings
Jan, 2011	Dioramas 18" sq.



After a number of years at the controls, Bob will be retiring from his position as Contest Chairman soon. If you are interested in taking over, please contact Superintendent Art Bumpus or any other officer. -ed.

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Next meeting: Saturday June 12, 2010 at noon

NOLS
Medina OH
Map Inside

Division website
www.div4.org



Outgoing Superintendent Chuck Klein (r) has passed the gavel (herafter known as the Mickley in honor of Barb Mickley) to new Superintendent Art Bumpus (l). Harold Mickley (center) assisted in the ceremony.



Chuck received his Association Official AP Award from Bruce Brintnall MMR (not shown) as well as a Certificate of Appreciation (above) awarded by Dick Briggs MMR, MCR President during the Regional Convention in Charleston.