



# THE FLATWHEEL

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Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent

## On Q

Our next meeting is Friday, October 14<sup>th</sup>. The contest for this month is a retail store of any type. Many of you have modeled buildings, so why not bring one to the meeting for the contest. The clinic will be presented by a new clinician, our newsletter editor, Dave Williams. The subject is mechanical interlocking which covers the use of towers at junctions. Dave is a new clinician and, I hope the beginning of a trend for many new clinicians to come forward. Each of us has certain skills and interests that are worth sharing with your Division 4 friends so why not come forward and give a presentation. Dave's choice of subject for this clinic is a new subject area for a clinic presentation, and should be quite interesting.

With the fall season approaching, it's time for another round of layout tours. This November, our layout chairman, Johnm Hemsath, is showcasing layouts in the Medina area. So those of you with layouts in the Medina area should use this advance announcement as preparation time to perform preparation activities like cleaning, last minute construction, and maintenance of rail, equipment, and electrical systems. This will assure yourself a pleasant layout showing experience. We have some really nice layouts in the area and I urge all of you to take advantage of this opportunity to view those layouts, since layout tours don't occur but twice a year.

Also during November the Division will be hosting another Training Day. The idea is to have a learning venue for children and adults to increase knowledge and skills about model railroading. The November time frame was chosen so kids who were interested, could include model railroad items on their Christmas Wish Lists. More about Training Day will be forthcoming in next months Flatwheel.

One of our east side members, Steve Kaplan, is in the process of constructing a basement railroad which utilizes his modules for the traveling modular railroad display. The railroad will be much larger than just the modules, and should prove to be quite interesting. He is cobbling together a combination of completed scenery modules with a lot of new construction which will allow for a sizeable operating layout. There will be various switching areas and the ability to run trains in continuous operation. This satisfies the cravings of the layout owner, and his grandkids. A good deal of benchwork is completed, and specific track planning to achieve operational concepts is in the works. Anybody with operating savvy ought to give Steve a call. Ideas for the configuration of the main yard would be most welcome.

Well, that's about all for now. In the meantime remember, never trade steam for water.

## Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, OH 44145

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Art Bumpus at 7:32 PM. Art welcomed everyone back after the summer hiatus. Several new members and guests introduced themselves to the group. Art advised the new members of the great resource available to all members through the Division membership roster and the Knowledge Depot. Art also reminded everyone of the informal gathering open to everyone held at the nearby Baker's Square after the meeting adjourns. The Treasurer was ill so there was no financial report.

Carnival – Chairman Mike Oster reported everything is in place for the Carnival next month with only one table unsold. Signup sheets were available. A few flyers were available for final distribution. Mike noted we have (7) new dealers and an excellent returning dealer rate. Pop and brats will again be available Friday night. Members were reminded that they must work at least one two hour shift in order to gain free admittance.

A request was made by a train club from Norwalk for a small grant to help cover the cost of transporting their modules to the Carnival. Discussion followed. Further discussion will be held under new business.

Clinics – Chairman Larry Madson stated the night's clinic is a presentation by Bill Cramer and Mike Lytle on the B&O in the Cleveland area. Next month's clinic will be a presentation by Dave Williams on mechanical interlocking. Joel Filipiak will show us how to make brick kilns for the November clinic.

Art reminded all the BOD is trying to reduce the time allocated for the business meeting by having Chairman provide details of their respective departments in the *Flatwheel*. Webmaster Ben Lanza noted he can place information on the Division's website as another communication tool.

Contest – The night's contest was food service cars. The May contest winners were announced. Next month's contest will be retail stores. November's clinic will be critters. (*From railroaddata.com: Critters are small industrial locomotives, often home made or heavily modified. While there is no exact definition of a critter, most fans agree that you know one when you see it.-sec.*) There also will be a photo contest in November. Chuck Klein displayed the 1994 Convention poster from Paul Lemermeir's estate with the original committee members' signatures. The poster will be retained in the Division's archives.

AP – Chairman Bruce Brintnall presented Jim Grell with a certificate for the region convention contest. Dave James received his AP Association Volunteer certificate. Bruce Bowie received his AP Scenery certificate.

Layout Tours – John Hemsath advised the group there will be layout tours in the Medina area on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup>.

Lee Sheffield advised that the Lorain County Model RR Club has a train trip scheduled of 9/24 with two seat open.

Training Day – Art reminded everyone Training Day will be Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at the Rocky River Presbyterian Church. The day will be open to the public from 11-4 with setup starting at 9:30. We are also still looking for a Refreshment Chairman to provide pop and snacks for the monthly meeting.

Old Business – NONE. New Business – Additional discussion occurred on idea of paying module groups to display at the Carnival. The BOD will discuss the issue at the next BOD meeting. Art advised that Jim Crile's daughter is looking for help in selling Jim's trains. Art described a train trip in New England. Contact Art for more information.

Modules – Chairman Scott Benson reported the module group Is already making plans for next year's display at the National Convention in Grand Rapids. The modules will be setup next weekend at the Lodi Outlet Mall. The meeting adjourned at 8:25 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Bowie, Secretary

## Membership by Dennis Whitaker

### October 2011 Birthdays:

JOHN BUETTNER  
NEAL S GEARHART  
DAVID E JAMES  
ROLF KROTSENG  
DAVID A MARVINNEY  
THOMAS W NEWELL

JOSEPH J FERENCIE  
LYNDALL HUGHES  
WILLIAM JENKS  
DAVID R LAWLER  
JAMES A MOORE  
ANTHONY L SMITH

### New Members:

NONE

### Re-Rail Members:

JEFFREY H GRAY  
RICHARD E ULMER

BELLEVUE  
CLEVELAND

Apologies to Membership Co-Chair Joe Mehalik - we dropped his article requesting Carnival Membership Table help which was supposed to appear in the September issue. Joe conducted a vigorous email campaign and was able to get the table manned as needed. Thanks to everyone who responded and got me off the hook - more or less - with Joe. Dave Williams -editor

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## The Clinic Corner

### October 2011 Clinic “Mechanical Interlocking” Presented by Dave Williams

Use of towers at junctions in the early 20th century (and beyond).

#### November Clinic Program

How To Build A Kiln For The Brick Industry

Presented by Joe Filipiak

The program will include a step by step demonstration on how to build a model kiln, Handouts with the step-at-a-time illustrations on it will be included.

#### A Digital Projector for the Division

The Division 4 digital projector is available for use by division members for presenting clinic programs in digital format. Anyone wishing to present a program in digital format contact Larry Madson. phone: 440-934-2643 or email [lmadson@roadrunner.com](mailto:lmadson@roadrunner.com).

#### 2011 - 2012 Clinic Programs

For either the January or March 2012 program, I would like to present a program on making trees. I would like 4 to 6 members to demonstrate their method of making trees in a hands- on environment where the participants can go from table to table and learn several methods of making trees. Any member interested in demonstrating his/her techniques for making trees, please contact me (Larry Madson).

Any Division member wishing to present a program for the 2011 – 2012 season, please contact me. I am looking for several people to present a short, 15 min., clinic on a technique they use for model building.

Larry Madson



September's B&O clinic was given by Bill Cramer and Mike Lytle.

Location: The Coupling, Erie Metroparks, Milan, Ohio

Art Bumpus, Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 10:03 A.M. All elected officers were eventually present with exception of Trustee Larry Madson. Additionally, committee chairs Mike Oster, Dave Lawler, Dave Williams and Ben Lanza were present.

Art welcomed everyone hoping they had a great summer. Art initiated a discussion of whether volunteers for the upcoming Carnival and who are not NMRA members would be covered by our NMRA liability insurance. Art presented information on NMRA insurance from John Roberts. Art had also had a telephone conversation with John. Division 4 and its members are covered regardless if the event causing a liability issue was initiated by a Division member, or by a non-member volunteer. Depending on circumstances, the non-member volunteer might also be covered by the Division's insurance, or not. The Division will continue to accept help from non-NMRA individuals when it is deemed appropriate.

Carnival Chair Mike Oster reported on the status of the upcoming Carnival. There is currently only 1 unsold table. The waiting list is down to 1 vendor. The requirement that all vendors must have a State of Ohio vendor license was discussed. No change in policy was made. There has been a strong response from returning vendors this year. Sylvan, a Canadian manufacturer of model products, will have tables in the first building. Mike thanked Tom Beutler for his great help over the past year handling calls from vendors and potential vendors. Mike also thanked the *Flatwheel* editor and Webmaster for their support of the Carnival publicity. Also, Dennis Whitaker has done a great job with publicity and was thanked by Mike. (NOTE: Dennis will not be handling publicity next year, but has developed an excellent white paper on what and where for the next volunteer to help Mike – *sec.*)

Art has been contacted by Pete Stroh on behalf of the Medina 4-H group. The group is looking for fundraising ideas. More to follow. Over the summer, an idea was floated to advertise the Carnival on Cable TV. It was decided not to try this for this year, but may be considered in the future. Division 5 advertises their show on cable and appears to have been successful doing so.

11:03 A.M.– Chuck Klein arrived after touring the Milan countryside.

Gary Sole provided a written report on Training Day. This year Training Day has a new venue at the Rocky River Presbyterian Church at 21750 Detroit Road. For the first time, Training Day will be held in November, specifically Sunday, November 13. Setup can begin at 9:30 AM and will be open to the public from 11 AM to 4 PM. Flyers will be made shortly for distribution.

Module Chairman Scott Benson submitted a written report.

Art asked everyone to start thinking of possible venues for next year's June Meeting as a change from the last few years at NOLS is being considered.

Ideas for future field trips were discussed, including why members have not been receptive to recent efforts.

Larry Madson provided a written report on this year's clinics. The September clinic will be on the B&O in Cleveland by Mike Lytle. It was noted Division clinics are a great way to dry run clinics for consideration at the 2014 National Convention.

Chuck Klein reported the 2014 Convention Committee is looking for a site in the Brecksville area to hold future meetings. Chuck also reported the National organization is looking for the hosting organizations to take on more tasks along with a larger cut of the profits. Discussion of a prior donation to the local Boy Scout groups was held. The check written two years ago was made out to the wrong entity. The check has been returned and voided. A motion was made, seconded and passed to re-issue a new check in the same amount to the correct local Boy Scout entity.

Webmaster Ben Lanza is asking for more input and content for the Division's website.

New Business – Chuck Klein reported the Porter Library in Westlake is providing two display cabinets for our group to display items related to model railroading. Chuck asked anyone with items to loan to contact him. The cabinet is large enough to display dioramas as well as individual models.

Chuck also displayed a framed 494 Convention flyer from the 1994 Region Convention hosted by Cleveland. The flyer has signatures from the committee members and was provided from Paul Lemermeier's estate. The item was donated to the Division.

Meeting adjourned at 12:08 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Bruce Bowie, Secretary

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## Raffle Report

The more tickets you buy, the better your chances of winning one of our great prizes at the October raffle.

(for) The Raffle Dudes

## Awards and Certificates during September Meeting



Superintendent Bumpus received a model contest award from last season from Contest Chair Dave Lawler (r).



Jim Grell received a Merit Award for a model entered into this year's Regional Contest from AP Chair Bruce Brintnall (l) and also received a model contest award from last season from Contest Chair Dave Lawler

(Note: Art and Jim were absent from the full award presentation during the June meeting. They are not the only recipients of contest awards from last season's second half.)



Bruce Bowie (l) received his Scenery AP Certificate, presented by AP Chair Bruce Brintnall MMR (r).



David James (r) received his AP Associate Volunteer Certificate, presented by Bruce Brintnall MMR, AP Chair.



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Read the Flatwheel online at [www.div4.org](http://www.div4.org)

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Yahoo - The Division has a Yahoo group available for members. Send your request to join to [dave\\_wms@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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 placed 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 November Flatwheel is Thursday October 27, 2011.

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Appointed

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### **Modules**

Scott Benson

### **N.O.A.R.S. Representative**

Chuck Beargie

### **Webmaster**

Ben Lanza

## Contest Corner

conducted by Dave Lawler

September's contest was Food Service Cars

There were 7 entries and 33 votes cast

1st	Len Scherry	NYC Diner #105
2nd (tie)	George Gelehrter	Orient Express Diner
	Jim Grell	LE&WV Rebuilt Diner
3rd	Art Bumpus	B&O Diner

Points: Scherry-4, Gelehrter-3, Grell-3, Bumpus-2, Davis-2.

October's contest is for retail stores of any kind:

bakery, shoes , barber, automobiles, bank, grocery, hardware, tavern, restaurant etc.

Let your imagination be your guide!



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Social time starts at 7 pm  
Business meeting 7:30 pm

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Division website  
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A entry from the September Food Service Car contest.

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