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Newsletter of NMRA MCR Division Four

Art Bumpus Division 4 Superintendent

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Hello again to everyone. I trust that all of you had an enjoyable summer. September marks the resumption of our monthly meetings; the next meeting being Friday, September 9th. Social time will be 7:00 to 7:30 PM. At 7:30 the business portion of the meeting will occur, followed by the clinic.

For many of us, this is the time when many of us start thinking about model railroading again and settle in for resuming model rail activities. Not so for the Modular group. During the summer, the Modular group attended a number of venues, the largest of which was the Thomas the Tank event which drew 25,000+ attendees. From all accounts the Modular group was a resounding success. Many thanks go to Scott Benson and all the module participants in the planning and execution of the five day event at the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. While this was the largest event put on by the modular group, there were also several other venues during the summer which were also attended by the Modular group.

The model contest for September will be Food Service Passenger cars, including diners, tavern, buffet, and lounge cars made of wood or steel. I encourage everyone to participate in this, and all of the contests. All of the meeting participants get to enjoy the efforts of the model owners. We have a special treat for the clinic. It will be a presentation on the Baltimore and Ohio rail operations in Cleveland and Lorain. The presenters come from our own backyard and will be Bill Cramer and Mike Lytle. Both these individuals are established research authors and have had many published articles, most of which can be found in the *Sentinel* magazine, which is a quarterly periodical of the B&O Historical Society. You can be assured that Bill and Mike will provide us with an informative, interesting, and enjoyable presentation.

The Division's next big event is the Carnival (Berea Train Show) which will be October 1st and 2nd. I will have signup sheets at the September meeting. This is the last Division meeting before the Carnival. We have many manpower needs for the event. Some of them are setup, takedown, security, cashiers at front and back gate, membership table volunteers- I think you get the idea. Your help of a couple hours or more is important for the success of the train show. Remember, this event is our only fund raising event to support all the needs of the Division. A couple of hours of help by a lot of our members makes the work load manageable. So please sign up at the September meeting. (Sounds like a WVIZ contribution commercial, doesn't it, but it's true.)

If you recall, at the June meeting we made some changes as to how the meeting was structured. We asked for input on how it went. Many of you did not like the new format. We had no significant ground swell of comments from those who did like the new format, so we are dropping the unpopular parts of the format. Future meetings (including September) will go as follows:

Social hour 7:00 to 7:30.

Business meeting 7:30 to a target of 8:00. Committee reports will be abbreviated at meetings to include topics not included in the Flatwheel or of a time sensitive nature. Members should rely on the Flatwheel for news about what is going on with the various committees.

Raffle 8:00 to 8:30.

Clinic 8:30 to 10:00.

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

Meeting Minutes

A regular meeting of the NMRA Mid-Central Region, Division 4 was called to order at 1:15 pm on Saturday June 11, 2011 at the North East Ohio Live Steamers. The meeting was led by Assistant Superintendent Jim Moore in the absence of Superintendent Art Bumpus. Secretary Bruce Bowie was absent so Minutes were recorded by Linda Miller-Moore.

Bill Kovacs moved to dispense with the reading of the previous meeting. Motion was seconded and adopted. Treasurer Rich Tressa reported a balance on hand of \$30,757.80 . Bill Kovacs moved to accept. Motion was seconded and adopted.

Assistant Superintendent Jim Moore thanked everyone who helped with Thomas the Tank Engine weekends.

The following contest final standings and awards were presented by Dave Lawler:

First – Jeff Lauren

Second – Tom McInerney

Third (tie) – Jim Grell and Art Bumpus

The following contest was announced:

September 2011 – Food Service Cars

Discussion was held on the possibility of a group-building project car.

The December awards banquet will be held December 9th at Michaud's in Strongsville.

Al Seman accepted a check for \$250.00 on behalf of NEOLS from the Division. [The Division presents such awards to organizations as part of our ongoing support of rail oriented education, -ed.]

Jim Moore reminded members to sign up to for the Carnival in October.

Al Seman moved to adjourn at 1:25 pm. Seconded and approved.

Linda Miller-Moore

Acting Secretary

Linda, thanks for taking the Minutes during the June meeting. Due to a formatting problem, I had to retype some portions of the Minutes, so I take the blame for any errors. Dave Williams, editor

Membership by Dennis Whitaker

September 2011 Birthdays:

JAMES BARTHOLOMEW	LAWRENCE B BRINTNALL, MMR 183
KENNETH E BRUNS	JOHN EHRLINGER
RICHARD FELDMAN	JOSEPH L JONES
EDWARD M KNIPPER	JOE KURILEC, JR MMR 79
MIKE LINK	LUCY MCINERNEY
FRED OBREZA	TED ONDRISH
MARK E PAINTER	MICHAEL A PAOLELLA
LEE SHEFFIELD	ROY SMITH
BRIAN WEISMAN	GEORGE S WOODARD

New Members:

FRED UNGER	BAY VILLAGE
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Re-Rail Members:

NONE

2014 National Convention Update

To Division 1, 4, and 5 members: a little update on the 2014 National Convention. At the Sacramento 2011 Convention a core committee group met with the National Management Team for future NMRA conventions. They wanted to know where we were at in our planning for 2014. The management group suggested we consider using the 2011 Convention as a model for what they perceive as planning and implementation of future conventions.

They suggested that more emphasis be placed on SCALE model railroading. They would like more inclusion by RPM modelers. Jerry Krueger is already ahead of the curve on this as he has had conversation with RPM modeling groups concerning clinics and model displays.

The 2014 Convention has been approached by the Operations Road Show group for space to set up their layout for clinic presentations on TT & TO operations. This will be a really great hands on experience for convention attendees.

The Layout Committee headed by Jim Peters Div 1, Matt Kross Div 5, and John Hemsath Div 4, are looking for layouts to be on the tours for 2014. As of right now we are looking for some layouts to photograph for magazine write ups. Dave Williams and Ben Lanza are the individuals handling this.

The 2014 Convention is still looking for committee people. 2014 will be here before we realize it. We can use all that wonderful talent for a convention that involves people from around the world. If you would like you get involved contact Jerry Krueger or myself.

Best Regards

Chuck Klein and Jerry Krueger
Co-chairs 2014 National Convention

The Clinic Corner

September 2011 Clinic “The B&O in Cleveland and Lorain” Presented by Bill Cramer and Mike Lytle

Bill Cramer and Mike Lytle, members of the Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Historical Society, will present an overview of the history and operations of the B&O Railroad in Cleveland and Lorain, including service to Cleveland Union Terminal and the Lorain coal and ore docks.

October Clinic

Mechanical Interlocking Presented by Dave Williams
Use of towers at junctions in the early 20th century (and beyond).

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.

2011 - 2012 Clinic Programs

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

RAFFLE REPORT

Welcome to another season of Division 4 meetings and another season of GREAT raffles.
There will be a variety of items on the table, something for everyone, so come and join us.

The Raffle Dudes

Porter Library Holiday Request

The Division's display in a small display case last year was so well received that Porter Library in Westlake is asking us to fill both large cases this year. We need some good quality scale models to help fill the space. Any scale: buildings, cars, locos, vehicles etc etc including possibly dioramas ...Contact **Chuck Klein**, listed on the officers' page.

Module Group Report, by Scott Benson

The module group had some of the old and some new this summer. We supported the Canal Center Train Day in June and Last Stop Willoughby in August- the third or fourth year in a row for those events. We also tried out a new venue when we were asked to display at the Broadview Hts Church of the Assumption summer festival in August. The layout was on display for one of the three festival days, and we had a lot of positive response and interest. That is 9 events so far this year, with 5 - 7 to go. Everyone is looking forward to the big Carnival layout. We're also beginning planning to display at the National Convention next summer in Grand Rapids. If you're interested in joining in on that fun, now is a good time to start working on a module or two! Contact Scott or Larry if you're ready to jump in!

CARNIVAL

Setup for the show begins Friday morning September 30th, with plenty of volunteer opportunities throughout the weekend. Sign up sheets for all volunteer positions will be available at the September meeting- if you can't make the meeting, show up at the Fairgrounds and check in for an open assignment. Thanks for supporting the Division - working this show is the way we cover Division expenses.



Carnival '11

Saturday, October 1, 2011
10 a.m. – 5 p.m.

Sunday, October 2, 2011
11 a.m. – 4 p.m.

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds – Berea, Ohio



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Carnival '11 Model Train Show --- Raffle Prize

John Ormandy, owner of **Ormandy's Trains & Toys of Medina**, has once again donated a very generous Raffle Prize to Division-4's annual Carnival & Model Train Show.

We will be raffling off Lionel's "Pennsylvania RR - Flyer Freight" --- complete ready-to-run O-gauge train set. This valuable prize has a manufacturer's retail price of \$230. It features a die-cast metal locomotive with puffing smoke, whistle and operating headlight; a large 60" x 40" oval of Lionel's patented "FasTrack;" a powerful Lionel transformer; an industrial diorama; telephone poles; and a special billboard.

To see more Lionel, Marklin, and other model trains (including a wide variety of accessories and supplies), go to Ormandy's Trains and Toys, 10 Public Square, Medina, Ohio (www.ormandys.com or Tel: 330-722-1019). Please tell John, "Thanks for the ongoing support of Division-4 and our hobby."

Returning Dealers Appreciation Raffle submitted by Mike Oster, Carnival Chair

Grand Prize	K & D Hobby	\$100.00
Second Prize	Terry Smyers	\$ 50.00
	Kim's Trains	\$ 50.00
Third Prize	Bernard Feltz	\$ 25.00
	Robert Thon	\$ 25.00
	Michael Knoll	\$ 25.00
	Randy Jung	\$ 25.00

Winners were notified by mail. Prizes awarded at Carnival on Sunday.



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 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 October Flatwheel is Thursday September 28, 2011.

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2011 -2012 Season Contests

September: Food service passenger cars; diners, tavern, buffet lounge etc., any era, wood or steel.

October: A retail store; grocery, drug, hardware, shoes etc.

November: "Critters" (Industrial Locomotives); steam, diesel, gasoline etc.

Also in November: A one-time "favorite photo taken by you" contest with separate awards for the winners.

January: Automobiles or pickup trucks; for personal use, no commercial vehicles.

February: Stock cars; any era, railroad type, not NASCAR.

March: Branch Line/Way Freight Train: Steam or diesel era, maximum 5 units including the locomotive.

April: Diorama on a peanut butter jar lid (3" diameter), any subject, any era.

May: 6 axle (C-C) diesel locomotives: Any manufacturer, era, freight or passenger.

As many of you may remember we used to have a regular railway related photo contest in addition to our model contest each month. In time, it got to be a "little much" so we dropped the photos. I think it might be time to try another contest once during next season and if it works out, maybe we can have one every year in the future. I'll get some ribbons or small trophies for the top photos in the contest.

Therefore, in addition to the model contest in NOVEMBER 2011 we're going to have a RAILWAY RELATED SUBJECT, PHOTO TAKEN BY YOU, CONTEST. Please include description of the subject, date and location and be sure to bring your cameras on vacation this summer.

May winners: Please bring your entries to the September meeting.

Art Bumpus and Jim Grell, please see Dave for your last season awards.

Congratulations to **Jerry Krueger** on having one of his RPM models included in the Sacramento Convention photos in the NMRA Magazine - see page 27 of the September issue.



Jerry's display in the RPM room.

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The 2014 National Convention to be held in Cleveland means that national publications are starting to show extra interest in local layouts. This photo is a recent test shot from one such layout. Please contact Dave Williams dave_wms@sbcglobal.net or at a meeting to discuss working on a magazine article for your layout.

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