



# THE FLATWHEEL



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## On Q Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent

Our next meeting is Friday, November 8th. The November contest is for an auto/ truck repair facility. The facility can be an Auto or Truck Repair Garage and/or an Auto Dealer but not a gas station. The clinic for the November meeting will be in two parts. Part one is a short presentation by Steve Kaplan/ David James on an aspect of the Achievement Program. Part two is a clinic presented by Bill Cramer entitled "Remembrance of the Chicago Division on the B&O". For those who have not heard any of Bill's presentations, you have missed a real treat. It doesn't matter what the subject is; the amount of knowledge and information he possesses is readily apparent. Bill will be one of the featured clinic speakers at the upcoming Cleveland National Convention.

Our November meeting will include discussion and approval by the membership of the proposed 2014 budget recommended by your Board of Directors. This budget will reflect a modest expansion from our 2013 budget ostensibly due to our success this year with our Berea Train Show. This budget is only possible because of the active participation of you, the membership, who worked at making the event possible.

November 9th will be our TRAINing Day at Church of the Redeemer. The November meeting will be the last opportunity for members to sign up for demonstrations they would like to provide to the public who will be attending the event to learn more about Model Railroading. Gary Sole has arranged for several "To Do" clinics which will include the assembly of buildings and railroad cars to provide a hands on experience. Various subject areas will be covered in the demonstrations. The various subject areas that will be covered include weathering, track/turnout assembly, DCC information, kit building, tree making, etc. If you would like to give a demonstration that is listed, or any other subject you think would be helpful, please sign-up. These demonstrations are informal and do not involve a great deal of preparation time. Gary will welcome you with "open arms".

In addition to the various demonstrations, the Modular Railroad will be set up for the public to try out running a model locomotive/train. Division members are also encouraged to attend and run your DCC equipped motive power or power provided by our Modular Group.

The Division Holiday Party and Awards Presentation will be held at Michaud's Party Center on Pearl Rd in Strongsville on December 13th. This event, starting at 6:30 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM, is heavily subsidized by the Division. Bruce Bowie will have a sign-up sheet for those interested. The food is good, entertainment is provided, and we will again have the raffle with lots of prizes. Recognition for outstanding members will be made. The cost of the dinner is \$15 per person and children attend for free. If you are coming with young children, let Bruce know how many, so that we will have Christmas presents for each youngster. If you are unable to sign-up at the November meeting, contact Bruce at [in2trains@gmail.com](mailto:in2trains@gmail.com) or call him at 419-602-3584.

That wraps up all the news for now...So remember, never trade steam for water.

# General Meeting Minutes

Division 4 meeting for October 11, 2013

Welcome and opening at 7:30 PM

Membership - Joe Mehalic- new members/visitors: Dave Johnson - Solon, Dan Braun, Calvin McKinley, George Keller.

Division member Joe Polefko has passed away.

Treasurer's report - Bruce Bowie - Current Assets are \$44,357.50. Also gave report on the Carnival \$\$ Carnival - Great Show. Attendance was up, despite the rain. Manpower looked better. We did a challenge grant with the dealers, to help the Polaris Law Enforcement class and we will be sending the class \$1,000.00. Many thanks to all for the help. Many Thanks to Pat and Mike for all the Work.

Training day - Lee Sheffield - November 9 10 AM till 3PM at the church. Still looking for members to just come and work on your stuff. The module group will be set up. Signup sheets are filling.

Program/Clinics - Larry Madson - Next Clinic -Bill Cramer on the Chicago Division of the B&O.

Modular group - Scott - Many events this fall.

Flatwheel is a great place to find all kinds of information about the division.

Contest - Dave Lawler- Next Month Contest is repair facility Paul Novak Jr.- 1st place, Brian Weisman, Jim Grell, Paul Novak Sr.- 2nd place, Joe Gelheter - 3rd place

AP Program - Merit award to Steve Kaplan, Jim Grell received two Merit Awards

National Convention - No report

Layouts tours - November the 3rd and the 16th. Details to follow in the Flatwheel.

Old Business - none

New business - Holiday Party/Awards Banquet, same price as last year. Please sign up with Bruce Bowie at the next meeting.

Notices - BOD meeting October 29 at the Church of the Redeemer , 7:00 PM All committee heads need to be there.

Adjournment at 8:00 PM

David James  
Secretary

## 2014 National Convention

While one or two of us might find the idea of coming to Cleveland for a summer vacation to be less than ideal, we've encountered virtually no one with that attitude outside of the area. Recent planning meetings have shown us why - we have a lot to offer for both rail and general interest tours (and their related clinics). While other Nationals have almost certainly been scrambling to find enough worthwhile destinations, we actually have too many "grade A attractions" for the time available. Even with what we're going to offer, people have seriously asked if it's a two week event!

Thanks to Peter Zwick and Jerry Krueger for getting the Cuyahoga Valley and West Shore article published in the NMRA Magazine this month (November 2013, page 10, *Welcome to the CV & WS*). For that matter, thanks to all of the CV&WS members who made this club worthy of national recognition (again). The Sebring Club also has a national article, which they were kind enough to postpone until it could be associated with the convention.

When it comes to thanking people, the list is growing. Besides committee members, there are a lot of people making calls to people they know to get doors open for us.

Dave Williams  
Secretary  
2014 National Convention

## Membership by Tom Beutler, Membership co-chair

November 2013 Birthdays:

Benson Scott	Davis J David
Fahler Mike	Golden Donald
Justy Paul G	Krueger Bob
Kuczynski Larry	Matos Michael A
McGowan Charles J	Orenick Emil J
Perkins C J	Richardson David M
Salva Vladimer M	Steiskal Douglas
Toth Joseph J	Williams Julie

New Members:

Scott Carter  
Patty Kaplan

Re-Rail Members:

NONE

Welcome to new Membership co-chair Darrall Swift, who joins co-chairs Tom Beutler and Joe Mehalic.

The Division lost two members since the October issue of the Flatwheel.

**Joe Ploefko** passed away following a lengthy illness. As a former railroad employee, Joe was something of an encyclopedia of Northern Ohio rail information. Joe's brother said during the eulogy that Joe liked to make people smile more than anything else. Perhaps not coincidentally, the horn of a nearby train could be heard at the end of Joe's graveside service.

**Chuck Baad**, who worked at Carnival and was at the October meeting, died of an apparent heart attack following a brief hospital stay. Chuck's other hobby was cars, which was very obvious by the chopped Monte Carlo that Chuck took to the Division picnic and layout tours. His license was "IM BAAD". Chuck earned the nickname "Green Giant Killer" after thrashing a car called the Green Giant in a drag racing encounter.

Both men were friendly and well liked, and will be missed. When people ask "Why belong to the NMRA?", we have two excellent examples in Joe and Chuck.

If you hear of the passing of someone in the model railroad community - NMRA member or not, please send the information to [dave\\_wms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dave_wms@sbcglobal.net) for inclusion in the subsequent Flatwheel. It'll also be forwarded to Ben for the website. Thanks.

## Raffle

November will have another great raffle with plenty of great offerings. Buy a lot of tickets but save a little for the fabulous Holiday Party raffle.

The Raffle Dudes

# New York Central System Historical Society Inc. Layout Tour Exchange

Mr Bill Feth (Division 1) is coordinator of layout tours for the upcoming NYCSHS convention to be April 25-27, 2014 at the Holiday Inn on Rockside in Independence OH. He is looking for an "availability exchange" of New York Central layouts in the area - our convention will be able to visit NYCS layouts not normally part of NMRA tours and the NYCSHS convention will visit NYC inspired NMRA layouts in the area belonging to people outside of their membership. If you have a New York Central themed layout and would be willing to be open during the convention (April 25-27, 2014), please contact John Hemsath: hemsathj@gmail.com by email or at a Division 4 meeting. John will then coordinate information with Bill Feth. Mr Feth has started things rolling by offering his own layout for viewing during our convention, and it sounds like a really good one!

## Training Day

Saturday November 9, 2013

Church of the Redeemer (Division 4's regular meeting location)  
10 am to 3 pm

Division members are welcome to attend and participate on both sides of the table. Learn new skills and teach new skills to others.

## Route 30 Express Layout Tours

Saturday November 23, 2013

10a to 4p

The website has the tour locations: <http://www.route30express.org>

Please, by all means, attend the Division 4 layout tours, but if you want to see more, take a drive down to route 30 on the 23rd. The first layout is in Ashland - close to I-71, and the last layouts are near to I-77, so it's an easy drive to and from. This same tour will be featured during the 2014 National Convention, but you'll be able to say you did it first!

## Carnival

Despite some rain, or maybe because of it, this year's Carnival had a very good attendance. Many of the dealers reported good sales as well. Ormandy's of Medina donated four small train sets for our raffle. Sunday had radio coverage by FM 88.9's Sunday Oldies Jukebox show, who also donated a replica lantern for raffle. Thanks to all who helped out.



Artist Jim Rollbuhler (left) received the grand prize in the Dealer Appreciation Raffle from Carnival Chair Mike Oster. Jim is located in Lorain is also a Division 4 member.

# The Clinic Corner

November 2013 Program

## Reminiscences of the Chicago Division

Presented by Bill Cramer

Reminiscences of the Chicago Division, a photo odyssey of, the B&O Railroad from Willard, Ohio to Garrett, Indiana.

### A Future Program

I have an idea for a clinic that can possibly be presented at the March 2014 meeting. I would like to title it "Life After Floquil". I would like to have several participants who are familiar with the "other" paint suppliers, i.e. Scalecoat, Badger Modelflex, Tru-Color, etc. This program can be a presentation, a group discussion, or a combination of both.

If you are interested in participating or contributing to this idea, please contact Larry Madson at 440-934-2643 or [lmadson@roadrunner.com](mailto:lmadson@roadrunner.com)

### Clinics Wanted

Any Division member with an idea for a program subject or wishing to present a program for the 2013 - 2014 season, please contact me.

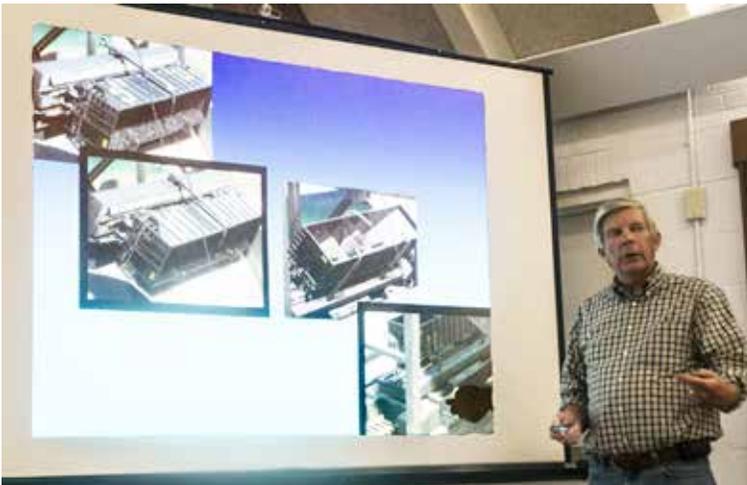
Larry

### Clinic Presentation Aids

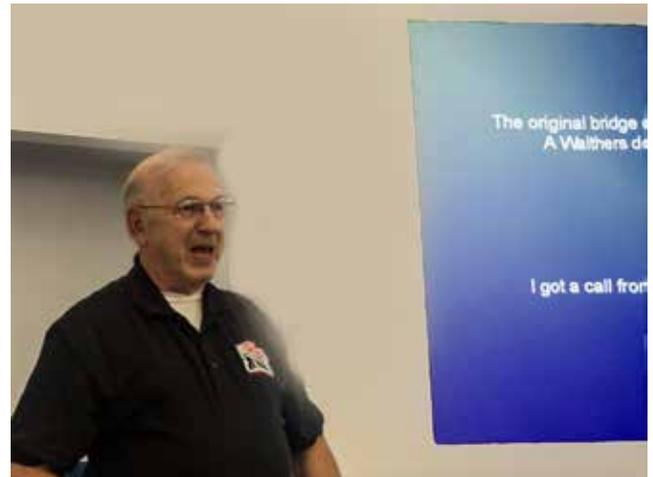
Division 4 has a digital projector available for use by division members for presenting clinic programs in digital format. We now also have a carousel slide projector with carousels. The division also has a video camera available for program enhancement. Anyone wishing to use the camera or the projectors for their program, contact Larry Madson.

phone: 440-934-2643 or email [lmadson@roadrunner.com](mailto:lmadson@roadrunner.com).

Larry Madson



Joe Filipiak explained actual coal dumping on his layout during his part of the October Clinic.



Larry used his part of the October clinic to describe his methods of scratchbuilding a bridge.

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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.

Uncredited photos: D Williams.

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Deadline for the next Flatwheel is Thursday November 28, 2013. The deadline is almost always 2 weeks and a day before the next general meeting.

October 2013 Model Contest: Work Train Equipment

There were 11 entries and 42 votes.

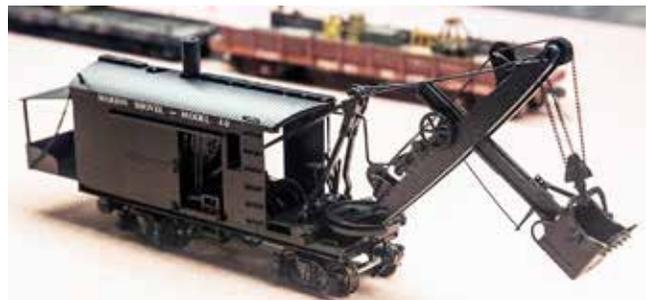
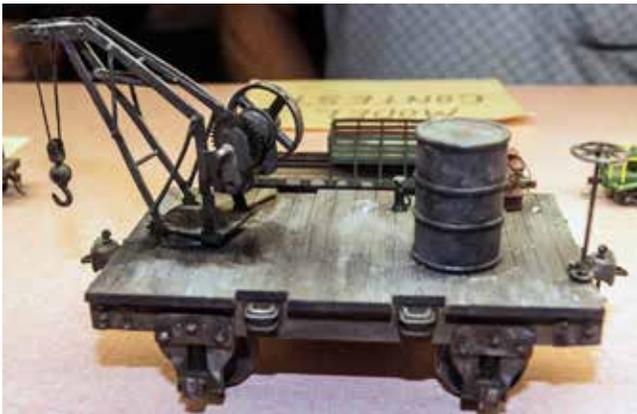
- 1st: Dave Williams Large Scale Crane
- 2nd: Tom McInerney Work Train
- 3rd: Bob Orlando Triple Dormitory Car

Point Standings

- 1st: (4 points each) Paul Novak Jr., Jim Grell, Dave Williams
- 2nd: (3 points each) Brian Weisman, Paul Novak Sr., George Gelehrter, Tom McInerney
- 3rd: (2 points each) Chuck Klein, Bob Orlando

November contest: Auto or Truck Repair Garage and/or an Auto Dealer (Not a gas station)

Photos of models included/not included from the contest are based on the quality of the pictures, not the models. -ed



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Next meeting:

Friday November 8, 2013

Church of the Redeemer  
23500 Center Ridge Road  
Westlake Ohio 44145

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

Doug Steiskal (left) urges throttle moderation to Len Scherry (right) during Avon Lake Library's Railroad Weekend. Len, a veteran motorcyclist, is rumored to have twisted open a throttle once or twice. The Modular Layout had a good turnout of visitors (and members) on both days.

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