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Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent

Our next meeting is Friday, October 11th. The October contest is for any car that is part of a work train (big cranes are excluded). Our clinic for the night will be a short presentation by Steve Kaplan on an aspect of the Achievement Program. This will be followed by a series of short (10-15 minute) presentations on what members are doing to their layouts.

I would like to thank all of you who volunteered hours of your time to man the Carnival Train Show. The dollars it generates run the division throughout the year. The direct benefits to all our members include a “no dues” to Division members for the activities of the Division (which is a rarity in the NMRA). To name just a few of the activities, there is the annual Holiday awards presentation, education grants to worthy groups, our TRAINing Day seminars for the public, and our model contest program at each Division meeting.

Our next event is TRAINing Day for the public. The date is November 9th. The event is being held at our meeting place, The Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Road, Westlake. I will have signup sheets at the October meeting for the various demonstrations that will be given.

We are looking for volunteers to give informal demonstrations on subjects like weathering, car kit building, tree making, backdrop painting, DCC operation, track/turnout building, etc. If you have a special topic you would like to present, we can accommodate, so signup. For those who might be interested in just viewing some of the presentations, you are welcome to come as well. The purpose of this event is to promote interest in the hobby through an environment of learning by observing and doing.

It is now T minus 10 months to the Cleveland National Convention. The Host Committee has been busy and it is now time to start lining up volunteers to help in “making it happen”. The manpower comes from Division 1, 4, and 5. Start thinking about what you would like to do. Remember that you can volunteer, as well as enjoy the convention activities too. You do not need to work every hour that the convention is going. The dates are July 13th-19th, 2014. Chuck and Jerry will be keeping the membership “in the loop” as to convention activities.

At our last meeting, I am glad to report that we had a lot of members attend who don’t ordinarily attend Division meetings. This is GREAT. Your Board of Directors has worked to increase the “enjoyability” factor in our meetings. This includes a time for socializing, modeling contests, clinics, and a brief business meeting. If you have an idea as to how to further improve our meetings, please let me know.

That’s all for now. So remember, never trade steam for water.

General Meeting Minutes

Division 4 meeting for September 13, 2013

Welcome and opened at 7:35PM

Joe Mehalic – Membership – NEW members - Scott Carter, Dan Braun, and visitors from Div 5, and Ralph from Oklahoma. Joe has some extra copies of the Knowledge depot if needed. Tom Beutler would like to have everyone to check their listing and notify him of any corrections. Rich Tressa is not well, cards would be welcome. Joe Polefko is now at Holy Family Home. Please keep both in your prayers.

Treasurer's report – Bruce Bowie - assets= \$39614.58. An audit was done and the Books are in good order per Steve Kaplan and Gary Sole.

Carnival – the Show is sold out to vendors, help is needed, and signup sheets are out, please help. Lots of jobs are available for this one and only fundraiser for the Division.

Training Day – Lee Sheffield - November 9, 2013 will be held here. Signup sheets are available. Need members to demonstrate the building of anything that may be of interest...there are flyers available for anyone to take.

Clinic Programs – Larry Madson – John Hemsath is doing a Clinic on nontool tools for model railroading, Joe Kurilec, MMR will speak on the Motive Power certificate requirements for the Achievement Program. The October program will be mini presentation on what you are doing on your layout. Contact Larry if you would like to present your layout. We need some ideas for future programs.

Modular groups – Scott Benson – Lodi this weekend, end of October at Avon library and various other events through the fall.

Contest – Dave Lawler – this month's contest is anything with a trolley pole, June's winners were: 1st place Tom McInerney, 2nd place – Gary Dunn, 3rd place (tie) – Jim Grell and Dave Lawler. Several items are on the table for Show and Tell. New rule for the contest: there will be only one entry per person. Next Month's contest is work train equipment (no cranes please).

Half year awards for January – June 2013 were also presented.

2014 National Convention – Chuck Klein - 10 months away, time is getting close. Volunteers will be needed. Look for signups after the first of the year. Convention Cars are available as are Clothing items - via the web site. All orders are to be done via a preorder only via the convention web site. You must be registered for the convention to be able to go on the neat tours that will be held.

Layout tours – November the 3rd and the 16th. Details to follow in the *Flatwheel*.

Old Business – None

New business – the Audit committee reports that all the books are in order. Awards given out this evening, Tom Beutler from the MCR, Paul Novak from the MCR, both for outstanding service to the MCR. Superintendent Art Bumpus received his AP Certificate of Achievement for Association Official.

Adjourned at 8:27

David James
Secretary

Tom McInerney presents
Art with his Association
Volunteer Award.



Contest Awards

Dave Lawler
presents awards
to Gary Dunn
(left) and Jim
Grell (right)
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Membership by Tom Beutler, Membership co-chair

October 2013 Birthdays:

Brennan	Rita	Buettner	John
Burkhart	James	Casey	Michael
Gearhart	Neal	Hughes	Lyndall
James	David	Krotseng	Rolf
Lawler	David	Marvinney	David
Moore	James	Obreza	Joanne
Smith	Anthony	Szaday	Alex
Telecky	Edward	Varga	Robert

New Members:

NONE

Re-Rail Members:

Aaron Dupont

Thanks to the efforts of David James, we have a new member who signed up at the September meeting, Scott Carler, from Brecksville, Oh. In addition, Daniel Braun from Parma, OH has also joined the group.

A hearty welcome aboard to both Scott and Daniel!

Joe Mehalic and TomBeutler

Div-4 Membership Co-Chairmen

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... and a modeling
award to Tom
McInerney.



RAFFLE REPORT

Welcome back to another fall season of model railroading. Once again the October raffle will have another fine assortment of prizes. Something for everyone. See you at the October meeting.

The Raffle Dudes

Apologies to the Raffle Dudes for our not including their report in last month's Flatwheel. As many of you know, they were able to carry on with a fine raffle anyhow. -ed.

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!

Hobo Stew

host: Don Glass

address: 14917 Darrow Road, Vermilion, OH 44089

cell phone: (440) 541-8916

on Saturday October 12, 2013, starting around 4- 5 pm.

Don has 3 acres of land and a B&O I5 caboose on the property

Layout tours this Fall

The next layout tours will be on Sunday, November 3 and Saturday, November 16.

We'll be going to Cleveland's west side to see Bruce Brintnall's layout and to the southwest to see Joe Filipiak's. Others will be added, and, if you're in those areas and would like to be open, please let me know.

John Hemsath
HemsathJ@Gmail.com

Carnival Train Show

Carnival work days are October 4, 5, and 6. Division members entitled to admission to the show only if they work the show. Support the Division. Our weak spot always seems to be Sunday afternoon - don't let the gates get lonely! Work your hours and have fun visiting the dealers.

The Clinic Corner

October 2013 Program Modeling Tips – Presented by Division 4 Members

The October program is an information sharing night where you, the members will have an opportunity to meet and learn about the interests of others. We will take a departure from our normal format, an instead offer members the opportunity to give mini-presentations about what they are doing on their layouts and modeling tips. So far only two members have stepped forward. We could use some more members who are willing to share their modeling tips. We will supply the laptop and projector for your digital photos. Please contact Larry Madson in advance at 440-934-2643 or lmadson@roadrunner.com so he can schedule the number of presentations in advance.

November Program

Bill Cramer will present a photo odyssey of, what else?, the B&O Railroad. His program is titled **Reminiscences of the Chicago Division**

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.

Larry Madson



September Clinic

Joe Kurilec MMR (left) identifies some easier-to-do locomotive scratchbuilding projects.

John Hemsath (right) describes various “outside the box” modeling tools.



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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.

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Deadline for the next Flatwheel is Thursday October 24, 2013. The deadline is almost always 2 weeks and a day before the next general meeting.

September, 2013 Contest: Anything With a Trolley Pole

There were 7 entries and 42 votes

- 1st: Paul Novak Jr., Shoreline Freight Motor
- 2nd: (three way tie)
 - Brian Weisman, Cleveland Peter Witt car
 - Paul Novak Sr., YVTL Steeple cab Motor
 - Jim Grell, Lisbon Street Rys #301

3rd: George Gelehrter, Shaker Hts., PCC car

A lot of folks sure liked Paul Novak Jr's freight motor. It received nearly half of the total votes.

Good job, nice model!



The October contest is for Work Train Equipment.

Bunk cars, supply cars, ballast cars, small work cranes, pile drivers and so forth

No big Wreck Cranes, we'll save them for another contest in the future.

And remember, one entry per person, please.



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Next meeting: Friday October 11, 2013

Church of the Redeemer
23500 Center Ridge Road
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Social time starts at 7 pm
Business meeting 7:30 pm

See You at Carnival!

Paul Novak Sr.'s entry in the September meeting's "Anything with a Trolley Pole" contest.