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Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent

Our next Division meeting is Friday, February 14, 2014. This meeting is our annual PIZZA MEETING. We'll have a short business meeting which will be followed with Pizza for everybody, provided by your Division. So bring an appetite and have some pleasant conversation with friends. The clinic will be "Life after Floquil" and the monthly contest is Northeast Ohio railroad related structures.

At our last Division meeting, the Nominating Committee was formed for this year's elections. The position of Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent will be vacant. Also, there will be vacancies in the Trustee positions for Quad Counties, Trustee East and Trustee West. If you are interested in running for these, or any other position, contact Chuck Klein, Frank Bongiovanni, or John Puch to express your interest. The Nominating Committee will announce the individuals running for office at the February meeting. Also, the floor will be open for nominations to be made. Ballots for the election will be in the March Flatwheel. Remember, those members running for office represent you, so I urge those interested to come forward. And when you receive a voting ballot, be sure to exercise your voting right.

The Division is sponsoring a FIELD TRIP. This is a big one. The date is tentatively set for August 2 and will be to the Horseshoe Curve in PA. Included in the trip is bus fare, lunch, dinner, admission tickets to the Horseshoe Curve visitor center, Pennsylvania Railroad museum, Galitzin tunnels, and Galitzin tunnels museum. The cost for each person is \$20. For the first few months, the trip will be open to Division members only. If there are spaces left on the bus, we'll open the trip for spouses/significant other and children. We are reserving two buses for the event. This trip is very heavily subsidized by the Division. It's been several years since we have had a field trip. So take advantage of a full and fun filled day to visit or revisit a tremendous engineering accomplishment, the building of Horseshoe Curve.

Activity is really beginning to accelerate with the upcoming National Convention. We have already had to add a second bus for the tour of GE in Erie. As registrar, I have received many inquiries about particulars surrounding the Convention. Chuck and Jerry will have current announcements as to progress. Adequate manpower is paramount to pulling off a project of this size. Don't be bashful about volunteering some hours to cover the dozens of activities that occur during the convention. Your participation is key to insuring success. Let Chuck or Jerry know what activity you would like to volunteer for. The convention is only six months away.

Last month's Question and Answer session was a resounding success producing a lot of questions with a variety of different answers. Lee Sheffield led some lively discussion about various aspects of the hobby. Because of this clinic's success, expect to see more of these sessions, probably in an abbreviated time format as an adjunct to other clinics Larry has planned.

And remember, never trade steam for water.

General Meeting Minutes

Division 4 meeting January 10, 2014

Superintendent Art Bumpus called the meeting to order at 7:35.

Membership chair Joe Mehalic presented new members /visitors: Bob Jump, Dean Cole, Steve Sternad, Jim Bonnis, Steve Cornak and Bill and Billy Ferry.

Joe added that we gained 21 new members in 2013.

Moment of silence for Ed Knipper & Carl Gedeon.

Treasurer's reported approximately \$40,000.00 in the treasury.

Clinic led by Lee Sheffield consisted of questions and answers. Next month's clinic is Life after Floquil and Scale coat.

Modular group - Lee Sheffield reported attendance at the IX center was 28,000. The next meeting of the modular group is Tuesday, January 14, at North Olmsted Library at 7:30 PM. Next dates for the group are Nova, MI, WGH show and the West Lake Library in March.

Flat Wheel deadline is January 30, 2014.

Contest - Dave Lawler announced November winners were Tom McInerney and Dave Williams' repair facility. Next month will be North East Ohio railroad buildings.

2014 convention - Jerry Krueger announced that the February issues of the NMRA magazine will have full details for the convention.

BOD - Awards to be presented to Grafton rail group and Mad River Museum Bellevue, each \$500.00; 4H and Midwest Hist. Society each \$300.00; and Polaris, \$500.00. Joe Filipiak thanked Div 4 for the donation to the Grafton group.

Company Store - Tim Sheffield has hats for \$20.00 each.

Raffle - Mike Klein large selections tonight.

Old Business, none.

New Business- Field trip to Horseshoe Curve plus tentatively set for Saturday, August 2. Actual cost is \$80.00 each; \$10.00 admissions, \$30.00 meals and \$40.00 transportation. Cost per person would be \$20.00 each with Div 4 covering the rest. Up to 100 people, open to members first and then to immediate family or significant other. Steve Kaplan moved to amend the 2014 budget to allow \$5,000 toward the trip. John Hemsath second. Motion passed.

Election Committee - Chuck Klein and Frank Bongiovanni need one additional member:

Letter was received from POLARIS thanking Div 4 for our donation.

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Jim Moore, filling in for Dave James Secretary

Membership by Tom Beutler, Membership co-chair

FEBRUARY 2014 Birthdays:

H Bruce Blonder	Dennis A Brown
Gary B Dunn	Brad Glaze
Thomas F Hemsath	Daniel J. Kovacs
Donald Marcussen	David S Neuzil
Paul J Novak Jr	Michael A Oster
John Puch	John P Rowe
Encie Super	Chuck Sword
Richard P Woodward	

New Members:

Tim Bonness	North Olmstead
Christopher Borgmeyer	Westerfield Center
Philip Imka	Brunswick
Carole James	Brecksville
Michael Langelier	Cleveland Heights

Re-Rail Members:

Donald C Wetzel

Division Roster and Knowledge Depot

It is that time of year for the next publication of both the Division Roster and Knowledge. In order for your information to be included in both documents, you must OPT-IN. In other words, you must give us your permission to have your information published.

You can OPT-IN by going to our Division website and clicking on the link titles "Membership Roster Update Form" towards the bottom of home page. Fill out the form(s) and mail or email a copy to me. My contact information can be found on the form.

Tom Beutler

Co-Membership Chairman

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 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 NMRA layouts in the area belonging to people outside of their membership. If you have a 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!

Module Group Update by Scott Benson

Module group activities for 2014 started early; we displayed at the World's Greatest Hobby show on January 4-5. Over 27,000 attended, we had a constant flow of interested people. It didn't hurt that we were located next to the Thomas the Train ride! Next event: World's Greatest Hobby again, this time in Novi MI on Feb 22-23. It will be our first traveling event (except national conventions); and a small group of us thought we'd try it out.

We had our annual plan-a-thon meeting in January. Here are the events that we are tentatively planning for.

January - World's Greatest Hobby - Cleveland

February - World's Greatest Hobby - Novi

March - Westlake Library Public Display

April - Medina Train Show

Spring - Midwest Railway Preservation Society Open House

June - Cleveland Metroparks Canal Center Train Day

June - 2nd Annual Module Group Work Party

July - National Train Show

October - Great Berea Train Show

November - Berea Library Public Display

November - Lakeland Train Show

November - December - Lorain OH Holiday Trees and Trains Public Display

December - Twinsburg OH Army Reserve Holiday Party

The module group also has gained a handful of new members, and additional kits have been ordered or begun. Many of the new members are excited about having their modules ready for the National Train Show. For those of you not going to Novi, bring a DCC train out and run with us at Westlake Porter Library at the end of March!

National Convention Shirts

Division members have asked about purchasing 2014 Convention Shirts. If you would like to purchase a shirt to wear before the July convention you must follow these steps. Print the order form that appears on the convention website. Fill out what shirts you want to order. Make out check to: 2014 NMRA National Convention No credit cards

DO NOT SEND TO CHATTANOOGA

Send to:

Chuck Klein

11531 Barrington Blvd.

Parma Heights, Ohio 44130

All orders will be processed by February 28th for availability to members in March

Trustees Meeting

Attention members as prescribed by our rules and regulations the Trustees are mandated to have a meeting for members to bring forward to the Trustees any items of business that they feel are not being attended to in the best interests of Division 4. The Trustees meeting will be held at 7:00 Friday the 14th prior to our regular Division meeting. The Trustees are: West Chuck Klein, East Steve Kaplan, Quad County Gary Dunn, Trustees at Large Lee Sheffield and Larry Madson.

Elections

Chuck Klein, Frank Bongiovanni, and John Puch have been charged by Superintendent Art Bumpus as nominating committee for the 2014 elections. We, the committee, believe we have a slate of candidates to present to the membership.

Regards

Chuck Klein

Chairman 2014 Nominating Committee

The Clinic Corner

JDuring the first part of the evening's clinic time, Lee Sheffield solicited ideas for future clinics from the members.

The following ideas were mentioned:

Weathering cars

Casting

Airbrushing

Sandblasting

Layout Wiring, including DC to DCC conversions

Ballasting

Basics of Electricity

Lighting, both (overhead) layout lighting and structure lighting; information on using LEDs

What you've tried but didn't work (avoiding someone else's mistakes)

Operations

NE Ohio Rail Knowledge

Of course, now we need to find people who are qualified and willing to give clinics on these subjects - please let Larry Madson know if you're interested.

February Program - "Life After Floquil"

Several members who are familiar with the "other" paint suppliers, i.e. Scalecoat, Badger Modelflex, Tru-Color, etc. will discuss the paints they use. The program will be a short presentation followed by a group discussion.

If you are interested in participating or contributing to the program, please contact Larry Madson at 440-934-2643 or 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.

Larry Madson

Raffle Report

For February's raffle, we have another theme raffle. Once again it is *Railroads and The Coal Industry*.

There will be something of interest for everyone.

The Raffle Dudes

April 25-27, 2014

It's one of those weekends when everything is happening:

The New York Central Society Convention

The NMRA North Central Regional Convention in Toledo

The Division 2 Jamboree in Pittsburg

The NAMES Expo in Detroit

Admittedly, the NAMES Expo (North American Model Engineers Society) may be a stretch to include, but they do show and sell live steam parts as well as tools and books. Good source for the mini-lathe and mini-mill folks.

Information at <http://www.namesexposition.com/expo.htm>.

Last year's Jamboree in Pittsburgh was very worthwhile, with some really good clinics. The drive isn't too bad since it's held on the west side of town. More at http://www.keystonedivision.org/jamboree_files/jamb2013.html.

Information on the New York Central convention may be found at <http://nycshs.org/nycshs-events/>, where speakers Blaine Hays and Frank Bongiovanni are mentioned. It's the one event happening here in town.

Finally, for those of us planning to work throughout the National, the NCR Convention is an opportunity to just be a participant. http://www.divisiononencr.com/Convention/Toledo_2014.html



Lee Sheffield led a discussion on future clinic topics, then moderated an open question and answer period on modeling topics during the January meeting.

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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 February 27, 2014. The deadline is almost always 2 weeks and a day before the next general meeting.

Contest Corner conducted by Dave Lawler

January 2014 Model Contest: 2 Bay Hopper Cars.

There were 11 entries and 41 votes.

- 1st: John Puch D&RG Hopper
- 2nd: Jim Grell PRR GLc Hopper set
- 3rd: (tie) Tom McNerney HOn3 Hopper,
Dave Lawler Ford, 55 ton Hopper
Joe Kurilec EL Hopper



And now it's Trophy Time for the first half 2013-2014 season.

- 1st: Tom McNerney 9 points
- 2nd: Dave Williams 8 points
- 3rd: Jim Grell 7 points

Congratulations to you three guys and thanks to everyone who participated.

Altogether, 18 people entered one or more of he first half contests.

The February Contest is for Cleveland area railway related structures; stations, towers, water tanks, sheds, bridges etc.

January winners, don't forget to bring your models back for show and tell in February



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A Two Bay Hopper on display during the January contest
More photos on page 9.

Next meeting:

Friday February 14, 2014

Church of the Redeemer
23500 Center Ridge Road
Westlake Ohio 44145

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

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