



# THE FLATWHEEL

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### Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent

Our next Division 4 meeting is May 9<sup>th</sup>. The clinic program will be presented by Bruce Bowie on the building of your own static grass applicator. Commercial manufacturers sell these units at a rather expensive price. Bruce will show you how to make one for a fraction of the commercial unit price. The results from using one of these will add to your "bag of tricks" in making scenery. The results are quite remarkable. The contest for May is rolling stock with 2 or 4 wheel trucks from a Fallen Flag (no longer in business) railroad.

The elections are now over. Starting in June, your next superintendent is Steve Kaplan. Lee Sheffield is Assistant Superintendent, Bruce Bowie is treasurer and David James is Secretary. A welcome goes to John Hemsath, Dave Williams, and Fred Obreza as new Trustees for the Division. The Board of Director's will be rounded out with Larry Madson and Jim Moore (who returns to being an elected Trustee after his stint as Assistant Superintendent). Division 4 members are assured of a pleasant ride for the next two years being in the hands of this capable group.

The National Convention, in July, is right around the corner. At the May meeting you will be encouraged to volunteer some time to working at the Convention Center. We need all the help we can get for this undertaking. So please be generous in volunteering assistance to manning the Convention. Members should know that the hours that members and their families volunteer is the criteria for determining how the profit proceeds from the Convention will be split between Division's 1, 4, and 5. Patty Kaplan will be engaging us at the May meeting to secure volunteers to commit hours of time working at the Convention Center.

I would also encourage any members who have not registered for the Convention yet to do so now. We have a track record for putting on a high quality Regional event in years past. This Convention continues that tradition with one exception. And that is the prototype tours, the clinics, the general interest tours, and the layout tours will be even better in quantity and quality than those of past Regional Conventions. Don't miss out on an event that is sure to enlighten, teach, and entertain you.

Again, our **August 2nd** field trip to Horseshoe Curve will occur. We have filled the first bus for this trip. Seats are still available on the second bus. The price for the trip is \$20.00 to members and each family member. Starting at the May meeting, the Division will sell remaining seats to other Division's. So I urge those who intend to join us on this trip to contact Bruce Bowie as soon as possible to secure your reservation. What does your \$20.00 buy for this trip? It includes bus fare, lunch, dinner, and all admission costs to the Horseshoe Curve and Pennsylvania Railroad Museum. The trip also includes a visit to Galitzin Tunnels and the museum at Gallitzin. This trip is a great way to spend a day with friends and see the sights.

That's all for this month, so until next month, remember, never trade steam for water.

# General Meeting Minutes

Division 4 meeting April 11, 2014

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

Membership chair Joe Mehalic: one new member J. Carter. 8 members from the Medina 4-H group were visiting tonight.

Art added that membership is over 220.

Treasurer's report: \$34,547.84 in the treasury. Div4 was given \$200.00 to help fund the Martha Newberry award by her family.

Tonight's clinic is what you want to know about DCC> Next month is Bruce Bowie on How to make a Static Grass Applicator.

*FlatWheel deadline is April 24, 2014.*

*Contest - Dave Lawler, tonight wooden box cars, next month fallen flag B-B diesels. Last month winners were 1st- Joe Kurilec MMR, 2nd Jim Gell and 3rd Art Bumpus.*

2014 convention – Chuck Klein was taking orders for convention hats and that the convention was coming along with many tours sold out.

BOD - Grant of \$300.00 to the Medina 4-H group was presented.

Company Store – Chuck Klein has Div4 hats for \$20.00 each.

Raffle - Mike Klein large selections tonight.

Old Business- Field trip to Horseshoe Curve plus is 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. Bus one is full and bus 2 is filling up. After Mays meeting outsiders will be able to sign up, cost to be set at April 29 BOD meeting

Election Committee – Please return all ballots by mail to Bruce Brintnall by April 15, 2014

Meeting adjourned at 8:15 PM.

Jim Moore, filling in for Dave James Secretary

## Raffle

We have another fine raffle in store for the May meeting. As always, there will be something for everyone.

Thank you for your participation.

The Raffle Dudes

## Membership by Tom Beutler, Membership co-chair

**May 2014**

### **Birthdays**

Michael J Dory PhD  
Myron Krajewski  
Steve Riddlebaugh  
Fritz Schaufele  
Peter M Stroth

William Gorris  
Dale McCarty  
R Jim Rollbuhler  
Robert A Shields  
Fred Unger

### **New Members:**

Journey Carter Brecksville

### **Re-Rail Members:**

Melvin W. McMurtrey  
Daniel Raible

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## Wings Hobby Shop Final Day from Joe Kurilec, MMR

On Friday, 4-25-2014 Wings Hobby Shop pulled away from the station for the last time. I have been going to Wings from the early 1960's when it was located next to the hobby shop we all knew. The original shop was located on Madison Ave. in Lakewood, Ohio. Al's Dad Ron, died some time ago. Wings was ALWAYS the place to find all your hobby needs... on the shelf! If they did not have it, they would order it.



On the last day



The room that had all of those great railroad books and magazines.

Photos provided by  
Joe Kurelic MMR

## Horseshoe Curve Field Trip by Bruce Bowie

Signups for the August 2nd field trip are currently for members and immediate family only. However, effective following the May 9th meeting, the field trip will be opened up to those outside the Division. Please signup soon by contacting Bruce Bowie at 419-602-3584 or email him at in2trains@gmail.com or at the meeting on the 9th so you do not lose out on this great opportunity!

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### Editor's Notes

Sorry for the lack of pictures from the April meeting. I decided that I should see what the Timonium (Maryland) Show was all about and realized on Friday afternoon that it would be smart to skip the meeting in order to get up at 4:30am and drive for six hours. I wasn't extremely impressed with the show but then maybe I wasn't looking for what everyone else wanted. A few familiar top notch dealers like *Tichy*, *Micro Scale*, *Funaro & Camerlengo*, and *Crusader* helped the show look better, but I didn't need to drive that far to see them. There were no signs in the large parking lot to indicate which of the many buildings held the show, and there was at least one other event in progress. I guess the thought was "oh, everybody knows which buildings the train show is in, don't waste money on signs", which I translate into "we're only interested in repeat business coming back from past shows". I had to ask three people to find my way, and of course, I had parked next to the wrong event. The buildings are big but, at least to my 63 year old eyes, are very dark inside. There was a line to use the one and only men's room, which was strange since the show didn't seem very busy. The modular layouts were at best non-descript. I had a vendor shove his way in front of me to show his "real customer" something. The best part of the show was Howard Zane's table, where I bought an autographed copy of his book. At least I guess that was Howard Zane who signed the book. I stayed at the nearby Holiday Inn Express, which was probably 95% dealers. The room had a Las Vegas window (only opens 6 inches so losers can't jump out). The building next door was a vet hospital with barking patients, and behind that was the Hunt Valley Volunteer Fire Department. It had a very loud radio that played emergency calls all night. At least the dogs had the good sense to shut up around 10 pm. I spent a few hours the next day at the B&O Museum in Baltimore, which I would highly recommend. They have a fully restored dynamometer car, with a 15 minute video by an elderly tour guide who explained every lever. He said that a lot of what was recorded by the car beyond speed and drawbar effort were just guys with pushbuttons somewhere on the train, pushing everytime something happened (milepost passed or coal measuring box filled and dumped). The cars were self-sufficient, with their own coal furnace, kitchen and bunks. Just like the Sperry Rail Inspection cars today, being able to cook was a prerequisite for anyone wanting a job in the car.

The North Central Regional was held in Toledo this past weekend. Division 4 normally has a presence at their regionals and their were at least four of us this time. They gave us a table at registration to display for the National Convention and a chance to invite more people to Cleveland during their meeting. They had a good selection of clinics and a lot of open layouts throughout the weekend as well as some good modular displays in the hotel's ballroom. Special thanks to Ron Morgan for driving us to and from Tony Packo's for Saturday dinner.

I left the NCR convention on Sunday and drove up to the N.A.M.E.S. show (think models built with micro/mini/full size lathes and milling machines) in Wyandotte MI on Sunday afternoon. They had a few (very) large scale steam locomotives on display. I bought an operating dynamo that will hopefully look right in a power plant once I spend the "15 hours" slicing off the excess metal. Brian Weisman was an exhibitor at the show; he'd brought some of his father's models to display (and said that he might bring them to a Division meeting in the future).

Dave Williams

## **The Clinic Corner**

**May 2014**

### **Making And Using A Static Grass Applicator**

**Presented by Bruce Bowie**

Bruce will show and demonstrate to us the construction and use of a static grass applicator.

## **June Program**

Richard Todd – Division3

New Lightweight Layout Materials,or

How To Build A Layout Without Consulting A Structural Engineer.

## **Clinics Wanted**

Any Division member with an idea for a program subject or wishing to present a program for the 2014 – 2015 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



A large scale layout featured in last year's layout tours. The station platform has characters from Sesame Street, The Simpsons and Warner Brothers cartoons. The owner's "real" layout is in another room.

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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 May 29, 2014. The deadline is almost always 2 weeks and a day before the next general meeting.

## Contest Corner

conducted by Dave Lawler

April Contest : Wood Box Cars (wood or plywood sides, single or double sheathed, wood or steel ends)

There were 10 entries and 52 votes.

1st:	Jim Grell
2nd:	Art Bumpus
3rd: (tie)	Tom McInerney George Keller

The point standings are as follows:

1st:	Jim Grell	10 Points
2nd:	Art Bumpus	
	Joe Kurilec	5 points each
3rd:	Tom McInerney	3 points

The May contest, last one for the season, is for "Fallen Flag" B-B Diesels.

A B-B diesel is any one having two 4 wheel trucks. It can be from any time period, road engine or switcher.

Bring one that you think everyone will like.

A "fallen flag " is any railroad no longer operating under it's original name.

Generally they were merged into another larger railroad. Since there are only 7 mainline roads still operating in the US and Canada (BNSF, CN, CP, CSX, KCS, NS, & UP) there is a lot of latitude with regard to road names that are "fallen".

Good luck to all,

Dave Lawler

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Jeff Lauren, Ron Morgan, and Paul Havasi visit a layout during the North Central Regional Convention in Toledo.



Next meeting:

Friday May 9, 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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