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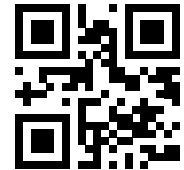
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Rich Mayich's April contest winner somehow managed to have a working model railroad in the hobby shop window.



Division Four's next meeting will be Friday May 8, 2015

Division website: www.div4.org

Social time starts at 7:00 pm
Business meeting 7:30 pm

Church of the Redeemer (just east of Center Ridge and Clague)
23500 Center Ridge Road
Westlake Ohio 44145

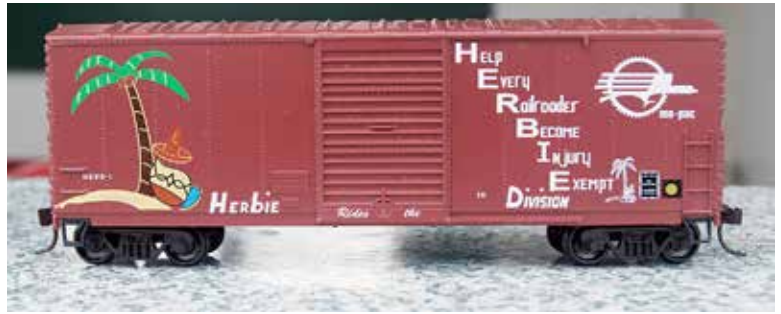
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Herbie:

Help
Every
Railroader
Become
Injury
Exempt



HERBIE'S RUMBLINGS

May 2015

As I write this, I have just returned from Pittsburgh where I attended the one day Division Two annual Jamboree. It is a full day (Saturday) filled with worthwhile clinics, plus an informal lunch and capped by a nice dinner. It was well attended - over 100 registrants of whom were some 20 potential members. The registration fee was minimal, with non-members paying an extra ten dollars which was used to purchase them a six month "Rail-pass". We may look at this format in the future, possibly combining it with Training Day.

NMRA National has furnished the Divisions with a set of about 102 DVD's containing presentations of the Grand Rapids clinics, as well as some earlier ones. Chuck Klein and I will be getting the list to Ben to put on the website. It should be up by the time you read this. Chuck will have these DVD's for your use available at the meeting. There will be no rental charge for these, but we would expect them to be returned after one month of use. If you see one you want to reserve, send Chuck an email or see him at the meeting.

Email or see me if you want to make use of the Fast-Tracks tools that the Division has purchased. We have Code 83 Turnout fixtures for #4, #6 and #8.

We are now almost up-to-date with the roster and Knowledge Depot, thanks to Denny Whitaker, Joe Mehalic and Jerry Krueger. If you haven't updated your info for the new one, please get it to Joe ASAP. By the way, NMRA National is revisiting the concept of a Pike Registry. At this time, they appear to be only thinking in terms a roster of members willing to share their layouts and skills with other members who may be traveling. We will be sending some info on our Knowledge Depot as an example of what can be done in a single location, in case they want to try to expand that concept.

Please read Charlie Getz's report on the Mid-year National Board Meeting in this month's NMRA Magazine. There are a number of items in it that will affect us going forward. The most "significant" one is that there is to be a three visit limit on attending Division meetings without joining (or renewing), This is a National policy, brought about by the insurance requirements.

See you at the meeting.

Steve Kaplan
Superintendent - Division 4 MCR

Meeting Minutes

The Minutes for the April 10, 2015 meeting were not received.

Membership by Joe Mehalic, Membership Chair

May Birthdays

William A Bennett
Steve Riddlebaugh
Von Gruenheit
R Jim Rollbuhler
Anthony Karr
Fritz Schaufele
Linda Klein

Robert A Shields
Myron Krajewski
Peter M Stroth
Robert S Laurent
Fred Unger
Al Lee
Joey Victor
Michael Ramsdell

Company Store

Chuck Klein, Purveyor

How To videos are currently available for checkout for one month (meeting to meeting) from the Company Store. Deposit is \$10.

Raffle Report

Thank you everyone for your participation on the April raffle. May's raffle will be an assortment of prizes. Once again, something for everyone.

The Raffle Dudes

BOD Meeting

May 5, 2015 (Next Tuesday)

BOD meetings are held at the same place as the general meetings and usually start at 7 pm. Members are always welcome to attend.

Contest Corner

Subject: A Hobby Shop

Month/year: April 2015

There were 4 entries and 33 votes

1st: Rich Mayich. No surprise here.

The buildings were nicely detailed inside and out but, that little train going around in the window was really over the top.

2nd: (tie) Joe Kurilec, Dave Lawler

3rd: Aaron Wheeler

Here are the current point standings:

1st: Rich Mayich

2nd: Dave Lawler

3rd: George Gelehrter

4th: Jim Grell

5th: Joe Kurilec

Winners please remember to bring your models back next month for show and tell.

The **May** contest subject is **EMD/GMD Diesel Locomotives**, any era, switchers, road engines, passenger or freight, standard or narrow gauge.

Best regards,

Dave Lawler

Contest Chairman



The Clinic Corner

May 2015

Randy Dettmer – Division 1
“Covered Hopper Cars--Selection for Duty”

Covered Hoppers - how to assign the correct car for the correct job. Which type of covered hopper car is appropriate for the industries on your layout. History and background of covered hoppers is discussed. This clinic is geared to anyone that has covered hoppers operating on their layout regardless of time period.

June

Bruce Bowie
“Operations: A Basic Starter Kit”

There are many types of operating systems from very simple to highly complex, totally manual to sophisticated computer controlled. The goal of this clinic is show members a simple way to initiate operations on their home layouts and give them the necessary tools to give it a try.

Clinic Presentation Aids

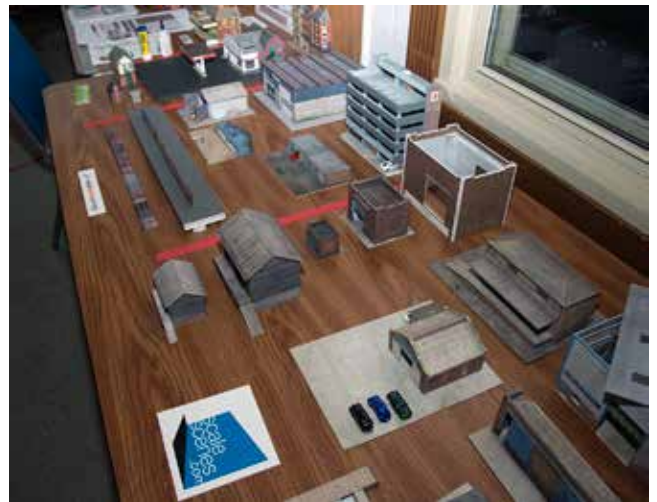
Division 4 has a digital projector available for use by division members for presenting clinic programs in digital format. We now also have a carousel slide projector with carousels. The division also has a video camera available for program enhancement. Anyone wishing to use the camera or the projectors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

phone: 440-934-2643 or email lmadson@roadrunner.com.

Larry Madson



Paul Chappie from Division 5 gave the April clinic on the use of modern paper structures.



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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 May 28, 2015. The deadline is almost always 2 weeks and a day before the next general meeting.

The Flatwheel is no longer mailed.

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North American Modeling Engineers Society (NAMES) Expo

The annual NAMES expo was held in Wyandotte Michigan (just outside Detroit) on April 18 and 19. The rail related portion of the show has shrunk in square footage in recent years, if not in enthusiasm. We might guess that it's because the live steam locomotives are static displays as opposed to a hall filled with busily moving stationary steam models driven by compressed air.

Division 4's Brian Weisman is a regular exhibitor at the expo, managing to fill several tables with some of his father's creations.



Part of the rail section of the expo.



Brian Weisman with just a few of his father's models.

Member Question

Member Bill Ferry has a small (1 mm or so) but glaring ding on a N&W engine caused by a miniscule drop of solvent. He's looking for suggestions on how to restore that part of the engine to its original condition. Please post your responses on the Division's Yahoo Group

Spring Layout Tours Are Here!
Mark Your Calendar!
This Sunday May 3rd & then Saturday May 9th

Don't miss the exclusive opportunity to experience some of the finest layouts in Division 4. It kicks off Sunday, May 3 in Grafton where you can visit Brian Hass and Joe Filipiak's exceptional layouts. While you're in Grafton our members have a special opportunity to tour the famous The Grafton Tower!

Then, on Saturday, May 9th, check out the five terrific west side layouts of Bruce Brintnall, John Witt, Steve Riddlebaugh, John Hemsath and Ron Morgan.

This is your chance to see some great layouts, learn how they were made and enjoy the company of fellow Division 4 members. Remember, layouts are only open twice a year so mark your calendar now and plan to enjoy a couple of fun days this May!

Tom Hemsath and John Hemsath
Layout Committee

If you are a Division member in good standing you should have received layout directions via email. Tours are not open to the public.

Editor's Notes

I won't include it under Area Events, especially since it's the same day as some of our layout tours, but Division 11 is holding their annual Jamboree on May 9th in Dubois PA. It's a small show in the local shopping mall near I-80's exit 101. It's fun but I can't in good conscience encourage too many people to make the 6 hour round trip. Still, if you just happen to be driving by

This Flatwheel concludes my 10th year as editor. It hasn't been the easiest issue and I probably should say sorry in advance for anything obviously wrong with it (and oh yeah, thanks to Ben Lanza for catching the wrong date at the top of the April issue).

The Regional Convention is at the end of the month and the show of hands at the last meeting indicates that I'll be in familiar company. As a lukewarm horse racing fan, I'm looking forward to a side trip to Keeneland Park.

I've given it some thought and have decided that my first reaction to the train in Rich Meyich's hobby shop is the correct answer. It's done with magic.

Conventions

MCR Convention - see the flyer on the next page.



2015 NCR Convention
October 29 - November 1, 2015
Hotel Fort Wayne



The 2015 NMRA National Convention

Portland OR
August 23 - August 30, 2015

Upcoming Area Events

Saturday 5/2. 2015 **TCA Spring Train Meet**
UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Cleveland OH
10 am to 3 pm, \$6 children free

Sunday 5/3 Division 4 Layout Tours

Saturday 5/9 Division 4 Layout Tours

Saturday 5/16/2015 **Rainfanning Days**
Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad St, Painesville OH 44077
10 am to 5 pm no charge indicated
("Days" refers to multiple single days during the year.)

Thanks to Tom Pescha for providing some of this information.

As always, double-check the information using an alternate source before setting out.



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Y'all come and see us!

Rick Cobb, Superintendent

Bruce DeMaeyer, Chairman

Thanks to Oilcan Editor Dave Puthoff for this information.