



THE FLATWHEEL



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On Q Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent

Our next meeting is May 10th. The contest for this month is semi-tractor trailers. Steve Kaplan and David James will provide us with a view of how to obtain the Volunteer Achievement Program Award. Social time begins at 7:00 PM and the meeting will start at 7:30 PM.

It is now 15 months to the Cleveland NMRA National Convention. Chuck and Jerry have been doing a lot of outreach work in attracting quality field trips and clinics for the convention. A smorgasbord of interesting prototype tours have been lined up with more to come. A large number of quality clinics have been lined up with clinicians from all over the country. Several clinics from excellent modelers participating in Jim Six's program will be participating in our Convention. I'll let Chuck and Jerry go into the particulars of where we are and what's on tap (I don't want to steal their thunder). Hear more at our Division 4 meeting.

It's still not too late to register for the Dayton Regional Convention. If you are so inclined, go to www.mcr2013convention.com to see all the activities. The dates for the convention are May 15th to 18th. You will meet new friends, engage in lively conversation, and see some fantastic modeling. In addition, there will be many operating sessions.

If you are in the beginning stages or in the active construction phase of building a module and/or a complete layout, there is a great resource locally accessible for your benefit. It's the various layout owners in the Division. A perfect time to tap into this resource is by attending the model railroad tours which are coming up on May 5th and May 11th. You get to talk to layout owners about how they did what they did. You'll see the results of different methods used to make bench work, lay track, build structures, model mother nature...the list goes on. There's always several different ways to do something, and they are all right. If you are unable to attend the current group of open railroads in May, more will be open in November. Remember too, that the Knowledge Depot contains specific information about fellow modelers who will be glad to help you. Many layouts are identified which you can view on an appointment basis.

I don't ordinarily plug any manufacturer but this time I'm making an exception. There is a new model release, B&O I12 round roof cabooses. The detail on these models is amazing. Constructed of styrene and metal, the cabooses are painted and ready to run. They are only available from www.springmillsdepot.com. The first run of cabooses (4 different paint schemes/eras) sold out in about 30 days. You can place a reservation for the next model runs now. Special discounts apply until May 31st with an early December release. These models are fantastic. I know several modelers, who are not B&O fanatics, who bought these because they are done that well.

Until next month, remember, never trade steam for water.

General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Div 4 Meeting April 25, 2013

Called to order at 7:30 PM

New members introduced: Darl Kreninger of Tiffin Ohio. Pete Stroh, advisor for the Medina 4H group introduced that organization's officers and members.

Clinics tonight is a topic on Railroad oddities by Joe Kurilec MMR. John Hemsath gave a brief presentation on the Golden Spike Award.

Contests – this meeting is about the geared locomotives. Last month first place winner was Gary Dunn. The May contest will be Semi trucks and June will be Fueling facilities. First half contest winners are Jim Grell, George Gelehrter and Art Bumpus
Layout tours will be May 5 and 11. Look for info via email notice and printed Flatwheel to be mailed.

National Convention 2014- lots of stuff going on, look for further info in the Flatwheel.

Old business – None

New business – the Officers of the Medina 4H group were presented a grant from the Division for the 2012 year. The officers were very thankful and invited Division members to attend their meetings, normally held on the 4th Sunday of the month. June 23 they will be holding a special meeting on rolling stock tune ups and could use some help from the div 4 members. Contact Art if interested. Look for the group's large layout at this year's Medina County Fair.

Notices – the B&O Historical Society is having a mini Convention in Fostoria Ohio on May 18, see Bill Cramer if interested.

Adjourned at 8:10 PM

David James
Secretary



Superintendent Art Bumpus (right) presents the 4H group their grant during the April meeting.

RAFFLE REPORT

The May raffle will be an assortment of great items. Once again there is something for everyone. Thanks. See you at the May meeting.

The Raffle Dudes

Membership by Tom Beutler, Membership co-chair

May 2013 Birthdays:

MICHAEL J DORY, PHD
MYRON KRAJEWSKI
STEVE RIDDLEBAUGH
FRITZ SCHAUFLE
FRED UNGER

WILLIAM GORRIS
DALE MCCARTY
R JIM ROLLBUHLER
PETER M STROTH

New Members:

RF RIESTER
ROBERT CROWLEY
DARL KRETSINGER

CLEVELAND OH
MEDINA OH
MELMORE OH

Re-Rail Members:

NONE

We regret to announce the loss of **Elizabeth “Betty” Novak**, wife of Paul Novak Sr., and mother of Paul Jr. and Phillip. Betty attended many Division family events as well as some conventions. If you never had the good fortune to meet her but have been to the Novaks’ layout, you know her doll collection from the display case in the layout room.

Division member **Steve Wolken** passed away suddenly. Steve was involved in helping to set up the 2014 NMRA National Convention prototype tours.



National Convention 2014

On April 18, part of the convention committee went on a tour of the new Convention Center with NMRA National representatives (left). Jerry Krueger and Chuck Klein have been busy giving presentations at various events, including last Saturday’s Division 2 Jamboree in Pittsburgh (right).



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nmra2013.org

NMRA National Convention
Atlanta Georgia

July 14-20. 2013

Calendar of Upcoming Events

May	5	Layout Tours
May	11	Layout Tours
May	15-18	Regional Convention, Dayton
July	14-20	National Convention, Atlanta
Oct	4-6	Carnival work days
Nov	9	Training Day

(Not all events are included)



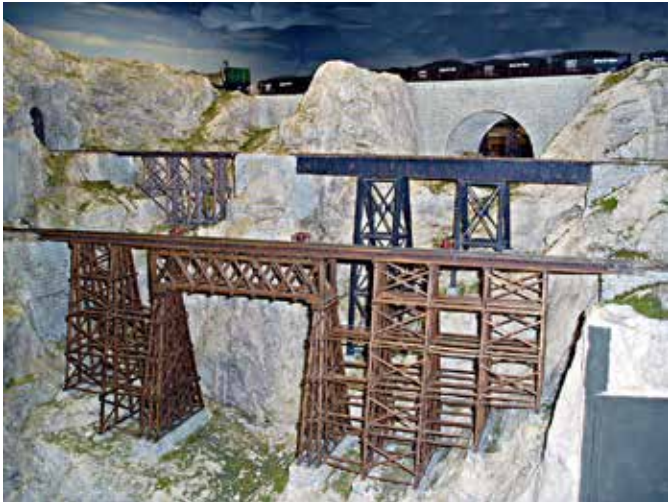
**Operations
Dayton
2013**



Mid Central Regional Convention
May 15-18, 2013
Dayton Ohio

www.mcr2013convention.com

Layout Pictures



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Jerry Krueger notches to seven during an Operations Roadshow session at last year's National Convention.

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.

We also have an email list to notify you when the Flatwheel is placed on the website. You are no longer required to join the Yahoo Group for this service.

Uncredited photos: D Williams.

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Deadline for the June Flatwheel is Thursday May 30, 2013.

Joe Krilec's Page

I found these two CSX inspection cars in Collinwood Yards on April 2, 2013.

This one is a Geometry Car (like a Sperry rail car). The name on the side is *Columbus*.



This second car has a rear glass window with "stadium seating" behind it.



A heavyweight seen in Collinwood Yard on April 7, 2013.

Over to modelling, I found a use for old carpet tiles. I place them under my model work area to "maybe" catch small parts as I drop them!

I use a flat surface for support, in this example, it is a piece of ceramic something. I think it was a countertop.





April 2013 Contest: Geared Locomotives

There were 7 entries and 32 votes cast.

1st: Tom McInerney,	Three Truck Shay	14 votes
2nd: Jim Grell,	Consolidated Mining #14	9 votes
3rd: Dave Williams,	Penndarren	6 votes

Point standings for the second had contests are as follows:
Tom McInerney-7, Jim Grell-4, Gary Dunn-4, Dave Williams-3

The May contest is for Semi tractor-trailer rigs, any size, any scale.

If you bring a 1' = 1' rig, please leave in the parking lot and I'll ask everyone to go out to see it before they vote.

The Clinic Corner

May 2013 Program CUSTOM BACKDROPS FOR YOUR LAYOUT MADE EASY! Presented by - Joe Filipiak

Remember Bob Ross and his happy little trees. I'm going to show you how you can make your own "happy little trees" as well as buildings of interest to you, even your own house. No computers or high tech knowledge necessary or even needed. Don't spend your money on store bought backdrops that you will find on others layouts. Use that money instead to buy a little paint, colored pencils, and glue to achieve a backdrop that has interest and meaning for you and will be a one-of-a-kind work that you will be proud of. You do not need bushy black hair to do this.

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

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Layout Tours this month!
Information is inside.

Next meeting:

Friday May 10, 2013

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

Division website: www.div4.org

An entry in the April geared locomotive contest.

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