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Newsletter of NMRA MCR Division Four



Chuck Klein Division 4 Superintendent

From the Cab of 765



Hello Everyone:

A BIG well done to everyone who participated in Training Day. Thanks to Gary Sole, the module group, those that demonstrated the talents that this division possesses. Some of you folks might want to contact Larry Madson about a clinic presentation. Thanks to Kris and Alexis Sole for the munchies department.

As I said last month, May is a busy month. Remember the Division meeting is the THIRD Friday May 21st. The reason for the change is that the second Friday falls during the MCR Convention in Charleston. Hope to see lots of our Division 4 members there. If you cannot make the convention, Bill Cramer and the B&O Historical Society are having a mini convention near Medina in Lafayette Township. Even if you're not a member you're invited. Lots of great train stuff and information.

The Boy Scouts are celebrating a 100th year birthday and the Greater Cleveland Council will be holding a Camporee at the Berea Fairgrounds. Division 4 is sponsoring the Railroading Merit Badge display Saturday May 22nd. Rich Tressa, Ron Morgan and Dave Williams will be working the booth. If anyone else is interested please contact me, especially if you are or have been a merit badge counselor.

We are also having layout tours. This is a joint effort with Division 5. We'll see some of theirs and they will see some of ours.

There will be a Board Meeting THURSDAY May 27th at the Church in Strongsville, Route 42 and Route 82 at 7 p.m.

Moving to June: our picnic is scheduled for SATURDAY June 12th at the North East Ohio Live Steamers in Lester, OH. As in the past, this is a potluck with the Division providing the hot dogs and condiments. If everyone brings what they have in the past we'll have a great feast. Time for riding trains will be noon till 3 p.m. Bring the kids and grandkids. It's a wonderful time for all.

This is my last view from the Cab of 765. I would like to thank you, the members, for letting me serve you these past four years as your Superintendent. I was fortunate enough to have a great Board to work with. It was my good fortune to be the first Superintendent to have an Assistant Superintendent and, as I often told Art Bumpus, he provided me with great support and additional insight. I feel our Division has continued to move forward. We have a great group with many new faces stepping up to make it happen. Christmas parties, I mean Holiday Awards Banquets, picnics, road trips, activities that make us appreciate one another and the NMRA. Your new Superintendent, Art Bumpus, will bring a little different perspective to his responsibilities. I know Art will do a wonderful job. There will also be some changes within our Board. Involved people taking on new tasks. A special thanks to my wife, Linda, for typing all these reports and putting up with me and the Division demands.

So as one of our past Supers, Paul Lemermeier, used to say, "Be sure to keep off the tracks".

Sincerely,

Chuck Klein
Superintendent
Division 4 MCR

General Meeting Minutes

NMRA Mid-Central Region, Division 4, General Membership Minutes

April 9, 2010

Location: Church of the Redeemer, Westlake Ohio

Chuck Klein, Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 7:46 P.M.

Chuck advised the Xmas Awards Banquet will be held the 2nd Friday, December 10, 2010 and the May Membership Meeting will be the third Friday, May 21st. Art and Chuck attended the Division 5 meeting where they heard that Division 5 is enthused about the upcoming joint layout tours. Chuck invited the Division 5 membership to sign up for our day trip to the Titusville and Oil City Railroad. Division 5 will host the 2011 MCR Regional Convention at Geneva-On-The-Lake. Our June membership meeting and picnic will be the 2nd Saturday, June 12th rather than the earlier reported 19th. The minutes for the May meeting were passed with a spelling correction, HALVORSEN.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Contests- Carnival Chairman Mike Oster reported flyers are available.

Modules – Contest Chairman Bob Lavinski stated the evening's contest is cabooses. Last month's winners of the derricks contest were; 1st – Dave Lawler, 2nd – Jim Grell and 3rd – Tom McInerney. Bram Bailey had the new Rapido caboose on display. Steve Riddlebaugh also brought a 72 year old HO caboose for display. Next month's contest will be stock cars, wood or steel.

Spring TRAINing – Chairman Gary Sole reported a sign-up sheet is available for anyone wanting to participate. There will be 12 tables and 60 chairs available. Setup will commence at 10:45 A.M. with food provided by Gary's wife and daughter.

Elections – Teller Gary Sole stated the ballots will be received through 4/15 after which he will prepare the results for publication.

Modules – Chairman Scott Benson informed the membership the modules will be setup at upcoming the Spring TRAINing event as well as the Strongsville Library on May 8 & 9. The group has a 4'x6' layout donated for a raffle prize after a refurbishment is completed.

Layout Tours – Co-Chairman John Hemsath reported the joint layout tours with Division 5 will be held May 8th with two Division 4 layouts and seven Division 5 layouts open for viewing. May 23rd will see three Division 4 layouts on the west side open for viewing.

One Day Rail Trip – Tim Sheffield showed a photo presentation of the Titusville and Oil City Railroad that will be the venue for the September 11 group activity. Contact Tom Beutler for tickets.

Membership – There will be a manned membership table at the Spring TRAINing event.

Achievement Program – Chairman Bruce Brintnall presented Steve Kaplan with an Association Volunteer certificate and John Hemsath with the Gold Spike certificate.

Flatwheel – Editor Dave Williams stated the deadline for the May *Flatwheel* will be April 29th, earlier than typical due to the MCR convention in May.

Raffle – Raffle dude Mike Klein held a Van Swerigen Brothers themed raffle for the evening.

Clinics – Chairman Larry Madson had Chuck Klein present his clinic he will be presenting at the national convention this summer in Milwaukee. The May clinic will be Dave Lawler presenting how to use Xmas LEDs on your layout including HO street lights. Larry would like to see more clinics next year on modeling techniques and asked anyone with a clinic idea to contact him.

OLD BUSINESS – None

NEW BUSINESS – None

The meeting adjourned at 8:30 P.M.

Respectfully submitted

Bruce Bowie, Secretary

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in memoriam

Division member Edward Halbe recently passed away. His obituary noted that he was a highly decorated veteran of the Korean War. Our condolences to family and friends.

Membership

May 2010 Birthdays:

BRIAN BARNT	EDWARD M BEESLEY
MICHAEL J DORY	RONALD FIEDLER
WILLIAM GORRIS	MYRON KRAJEWSKI
STEVE RIDDLEBAUGH	R J ROLLBUHLER
FRITZ SCHAUFELE	PETER M STROTH
JIM TANN	

New Member:

ALEC BONAWIT	VERMILION, OH
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I am pleased to present the new Division 4 Officers for the 2010 through 2012 term.

Art Bumpus: **Superintendent & Board Chairman**

Jim Moore: **Assistant Superintendent**

Bruce Bowie: **Secretary**

Rich Tressa: **Treasurer**

Steve Kaplan: **Trustee East**

Chuck Klein: **Trustee West**

Gary Dunn: **Trustee Quad Counties**

Tom Beutler & Larry Madson: **Trustees at Large**

On behalf of the Nominating Committee (Ron Morgan, David James & Gary Sole) our congratulations to the new officers. We also want to thank Harold Mickley for his many years of service on the Board as Trustee West. We hope Harold continues to play a dynamic role in the Division's activities as he has for so many years now.

Thanks everyone who took the time to vote.

Regards,

Gary A. Sole

2010 Election Teller



RAFFLE REPORT

This month's raffle will be the last until September. This month we will have a little bit of this and a little bit of that. Stay tuned for the fall and winter schedule we have theme raffles in store and the start of another fine holiday raffle. See you there.

The Raffle Dudes

Baltimore & Ohio Railroad Historical Society 2010 Ohio Mini Convention

Saturday May 15, 2010 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Lafayette United Methodist Church
6201 Lafayette Road
Medina OH \$15 advance, \$18 at the door
contact Bill Cramer: wmhcramer@yahoo.com



Achievement Chair Bruce Brintnall MMR awards John Hemseth (l) his Golden Spike certificate and Steve Kaplan (r) his Association Volunteer certificate.

The Clinic Corner

May 2010 Clinic – Dave Lawler

Dave will present a program showing us how he uses LEDs from Christmas tree lights to make streetlights and other layout illumination projects.

Larry Madson

Titusville and Oil City Field Trip

The deadline for sign-up has been extended to July 1, 2010. The tentative date for the trip is Septemeber 11, 2010 - any change to that date will be listed at www.div4.org soon and in next month's Flatwheel.

The online version of the Flatwheel may be delayed for a couple of days. Ben is out of town and I'm not going to risk deleting the site by trying to upload myself! -ed.

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 place 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 May Flatwheel is Thursday May 27, 2010.

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Mike Oster

Achievement/Membership **Modules**
Bruce Brintnall MMR Scott Benson

Layouts **N.O.A.R.S. Representative**
John and Tom Hemsath Chuck Beargie

Contests **Webmaster**
Bob Lavinski Ben Lanza

Historian/Archivist
Frank Bongiovanni

Raffle
Mike Klein

Company Store
Tim Sheffield

Clinics
Larry Madson

Flatwheel Editor
Dave Williams

Module Group Update by Scott Benson

Training Day was a blast again this year! Thanks to Gary Sole and all the other Division members who put on clinics or otherwise participated in the event.

The module group will be displaying at the Strongsville Library, 18700 Westwood Drive, on Saturday May 8, 11:00-5:30 and Sunday May 9, 1:00 - 4:00. We will also be at the next Midwest Railway Preservation Society open house on May 22, 12:00 - 4:00. The MRPS website for further info is <http://www.midwestrailway.org/> All division members are welcome to come help staff the layout, run your own DCC trains, or help with set-up and take-down.

We're raffling off a module kit to Division 4 members who are interested in getting involved with the modular layout. Tickets are \$5 each and will be available at the next division meeting. Here are the top 5 reasons to buy a ticket or two and join the group:

#5 The kit is a \$80+ value, depending on configuration; so you may get a real deal and avoid some of the start-up cost.

#4 For the work you put into a 2'x4' module, you get an entire layout!! We'll have about a dozen or so events each year, and each time you bring your module to an event, you'll have a layout to run on. No more armchair model railroading!

#3 Here's one that maybe I shouldn't admit... I have a home layout too. The module is a perfect way for me to try out techniques, at a smaller scale, before I commit to the larger layout.

#2 How about a Golden Spike certificate? Our modules are 8 sq ft, the minimum size for a Golden Spike. A little electrical, a little scenery, some nice rolling stock, and you're there!!

#1 Finally, the number one reason; to experience the joy of bringing model railroading to the community. We let the families run the trains, we talk with other model railroaders about techniques and technology, and we just show folks how much fun the hobby is.

Contact Scott Benson at the next division meeting, or by email at sbenson440@wowway.com if you'd like to purchase a raffle ticket.



Training Day 2010

Special thanks to everyone who made this year another success in sharing our hobby with the public. Recognition goes to members of the Sole family for stepping in at the last moment to run the new concession stand. The Module Group ran a record length train. Frank's clinic on repairing expensive brass with garage tools was not the success he'd hoped for (OK, the screwdriver was really just for his display setup). Additional pictures may be seen at www.div4.org in a show that's complete with music.



We hope to see you in Charleston WV May 13-16, 2010 for this year's Regional convention, the *Coalfield Express*.

April, 2010 Caboosees, Wood or Steel

There were 10 entries and 43 votes

1 st Place	Jim Grell	B & O 1-5 #1968
2 nd Place	Dave Lawler	Ontario Southern #272
3 rd Place	Ed Knipper	NYC Pacemaker 20132

Point Standings

		Points
1 st Place	Jim Grell	11
2 nd Place	Dave Lawler	10
3 rd Place	Tom McInerney	6

Model Contest Corner:

Listed below are the guys that entered the contests for the second half and their accumulated points.

	Points
Jim Grell	11
Dave Lawler	10
Tom McInerney	6
Jim Moore	3
George Gelehrter	3
Steve Riddlebaugh	2
Len Scherry	2
Ed Knipper	2
Jerry Krueger	1
Al Halvorson	1
Brad Glaze	1



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Next meeting: Friday May 21, 2010 at 7:45 pm
Third Friday this month

Church of the Redeemer
23500 Center Ridge Road
Westlake Ohio 44145

Visit the Division's website
for directions

www.div4.org

Mailing to all members: layout tour
information enclosed.



Volunteers like Ben Lanza (left) and Jim Grell (upper right) demonstrated their model techniques during this year's Training Day.