



# THE FLATWHEEL

VOL 44 NBR 7 SEPTEMBER 2010

Newsletter of NMRA MCR Division Four



## Art Bumpus Division 4 Superintendent On Q

I trust that everyone had a great summer. As many of you know, our National Convention Bid Committee worked during the summer to develop the Bid presentation to the NMRA national selection committee. This bid was presented by Jerry Krueger and Chuck Klein on July 10<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee. They apparently had some kind of impact since we were the chosen candidate for the 2014 National Convention. Congratulations (or sympathies, however you wish to take it) go to Jerry and Chuck. While Chuck and I were at the Milwaukee Convention, Tony Koester was overheard recounting to folks attending the convention that 42% of the US population was within a one day drive to Cleveland. That statement came directly from the presentation!

The bid presentation was based on the idea that Cleveland has a lot to offer model railroaders. With only ten minutes allowed for our “pitch” for Cleveland, most of that time was spent on presenting possible tours in our area and the many home and club layouts in the vicinity. Another factor that swayed the committee was their knowledge of how we present regional conventions. Apparently, we are now known nationally as group with the organizational skills to provide a great convention experience. Chuck and Jerry will be giving a review of the bid presentation at one of our Division meetings in the not too distant future.

Our next Division meeting is September 10<sup>th</sup>. This is our preparatory meeting for our annual Train Show on October 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>. I will have signup sheets for the various activities for which we will need your help during the show. A couple hours of your valuable time spread among many volunteers will lighten the load for everyone. A big thank you goes to Ormandy’s, a consistent contributor to our show raffle prize offering. Proceeds from the raffle are a big help in defraying some of our costs in putting on the show.

The model contest for September is gondolas, with or without loads. So bring out one of your gondolas and give your modeler colleagues a wide choice of entries with which to cast their vote.

Beginning on September 11, 2010, the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad will be operating a Viscose Company #6, an 0-4-0 T, and **NKP 765 Berkshire** on a full set of trips in the valley. There will also be a night photo session opportunity on Saturday, September 25 which is a public event. Go to the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad web site or call 1-800-468-4070 for more information on trips, prices, dates, etc. My understanding is that the engines will here during the month of September.

During November, John Hemsath has model railroad tours planned. John will be speaking more about specific dates and geographic areas that will be showcased during those tours.

In the meantime, never trade steam for water.

Location: Northern Ohio Live Steamers, Lester, Ohio

Art Bumpus, Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 1:03 P.M.

A motion was made, seconded and passed to dispense with the routine business items. Al Seamen, Division 4 member and V.P., NEOLS thanked Chuck Klein for his work as Superintendent over the past 4 years. Al also thanked the group for using NEOLS for their June meeting. Art thanked both Chuck and Harold Mickley for their work while holding their past elected offices.

(Sec: The Treasurer provided an assets report of \$26,545.29 to the Secretary outside the business meeting)

**COMMITTEE REPORTS**

Carnival – Chair Mike Oster noted sign-up sheets are available with more help making for less work and more fun for all. There are currently (2) dealers on the waiting list.

Modules – Chair Scott Benson facilitated the drawing for the module fund raiser. Chuck Klein’s number was drawn from a hat by Art Bumpus.

Contest – Chuck Klein reported for Chair Bob Lavinski the final results for the 2<sup>nd</sup> half contest. 3<sup>rd</sup> -Tom McIlerny ; 2<sup>nd</sup> – Dave Lawler; ..... 1<sup>st</sup> – Jim Grell

2014 Convention – Art indicated there had been a series of email communications as regards the contract between the national NMRA and Division 4 should the Division win the bid in July. Gary Sole shared his concerns with the recommendation language be added to the contract effectively allowing the contract be re-opened should either organization have a significant change in their financial position. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed approving the Division host the 2014 National Convention and signing of the associated contract with language reflecting Gary’s suggested modification discussed with the National.

New member Larry Kuczynski was introduced to the group.

Meeting adjourned to eat dogs and other foodstuffs.

**National Convention 2014** by Jerry Krueger, Committee Co-Chair

As you have probably heard, Cleveland has been chosen to host the 2014 NMRA National Convention. The bid presentation was made on July 10<sup>th</sup> in Milwaukee to the NMRA Board of Directors. The other cities making presentations were Memphis, TN and Calgary, CN. The Board was presented with two options – a downtown option and a suburb option. The Board chose the downtown option with the convention to be located at the to-be-built Med Mart with the downtown Marriott and Renaissance hotels to be the convention hotels. The convention will be July 13 – 20, 2014.

Our presentation to the National BOD described the convention committee was a joint project of Division 4, Division 5, and Division 1. The convention committee is currently being formed. As you can imagine, the real work is now just beginning. We need individuals to help in all areas of planning the convention – industry tours, layout tours, clinics, non-rail activities, publicity, transportation, LDSIG, OPSIG, etc. Come to the meeting on September 10<sup>th</sup> and learn how you can help and sign up to be a part of the team bringing the National Convention to Cleveland for the first time since 1961.

**Membership** by Dennis Whitaker

**September 2010 Birthdays:**

JAMES BARTHOLOMEW  
KENNETH E BRUNS  
RICHARD FELDMAN  
EDWARD M KNIPPER  
MIKE LINK  
TED ONDRISH  
MICHAEL A PAOLELLA  
ROY SMITH  
GEORGE S WOODARD

LAWRENCE B BRINTNALL, MMR #183  
JOHN EHRLINGER  
JOSEPH L JONES  
JOE KURILEC, JR, MMR #79  
FRED OBREZA  
MARK E PAINTER  
LEE SHEFFIELD  
BRIAN WEISMAN

**New Members (during summer):**

LARRY KUCZYNSKI BRUNSWICK OH  
DAVID S NEUZIL PARMA OH

**Module Group Report** by Scott Benson

And the winner of the module kit raffle is... Chuck Klein!! We look forward to seeing Chuck's module in future events! Speaking of events, we participated in a couple railroad-themed events this summer. In June, we displayed at the Metroparks Canal Center Train Day. Again this year, this was a big event with big crowds. In August, we joined the Division 5 module group at the Last Stop Willoughby train celebration. Lots of families out enjoying the Heart of Willoughby festival and the railroad displays. We're at 9 events and counting for 2010. A busy fall is in front of us too, with at least 4 events planned, including the IX Center Christmas Connection show and CARNIVAL of course! See you there!

Here are a couple photos from Willoughby.

The Division 5 (on left) and Division 4 (on right) modules share the main room at the Masonic Temple for Last Stop Willoughby.



Location: Village of Milan Administration Building, Milan, Ohio

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Art Bumpus at 10:05 A.M.. Officers in attendance in addition to the Superintendent: Bruce Bowie, Jim Moore, Rich Tressa, Tom Beutler, Larry Madson, Gary Dunn, Chuck Klein and Steve Kaplan (Quorum).

Chairman Mike Oster provided a status update for the upcoming Carnival. While the waiting list is shorter than years past, Mike expects all tables will be in use by October. Tom Hemsath has advertising well in hand. Mike will be providing a list of vendors to the Ohio Commerce Department upon closure of the show as requested. Manpower needs will be emphasized at the September meeting. Dennis Whitaker has materials in hand for the Membership table and will be looking for helpers. Dennis is also facilitating the auction of a \$350 valued train set donated by Ormandy's of Medina. A thank you will be published in the upcoming Flatwheel.

Membership Committee chair Dennis Whitaker detailed the information available to officers from the membership database. The information is available in a number of formats.

Raffle Dude as reported by Chuck Klein all is in hand for this year's raffles including already lining up material for the Xmas Awards Banquet raffle.

Spring TRAINing Day Chair Gary Sole reported by Chuck Klein that the 2011 event will be held on April 3 at the same location as the two prior events.

Xmas Awards Banquet is lined up for the 2<sup>nd</sup> Friday in December, (December 10) at the same location as the last several years [Mapleside Apple Farms -.ed]. Santa has agreed to again stop by to provide gifts to the children.

Convention 2014 bid team reported on their successful bid. Plans are already underway for the Convention Committee to begin meetings as early as September or October to ensure this is a highly successful event. An article is being prepared for an upcoming Flatwheel.

Clinic Chair Larry Madson reported Frank Bongiovanni will present the September clinic on Laser Kits for Klutzs. This should be educational as well as entertaining. The purchase of a HD video camera for \$600 was approved.

Modules were reported on by Larry Madson for Scott Benson. The modules are already lined up for a number of events including Willoughby, the Carnival, and the B&O Roundhouse. Talks are underway also with the Lodi Outlet Center and the Xmas Connection.

Layout tours are tentatively planned for November 13<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> with details under development by Tom Hemsath.

The next BOD is planned for 7 PM, September 21<sup>st</sup> at the United Church of Christ in Strongsville. All members welcome.

Meeting adjourned around 12 noon.

Respectfully submitted,

**Bruce Bowie**, Secretary

[in2trains@neo.rr.com](mailto:in2trains@neo.rr.com)

cell 419-541-1416



## Titusville and Oil City Field Trip

The date for the trip is September 25, 2010. Tom Beutler will no doubt have more on this trip at the September meeting.

Read the Flatwheel online at [www.div4.org](http://www.div4.org)

Yahoo - The Division has a Yahoo group available for members. Send your request to join to [dave\\_wms@sbcglobal.net](mailto: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.

The Flatwheel is published monthly (except during July and August) by Division Four of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). The Flatwheel can be mailed to all Division Four members free of charge, however we request that all members with Internet access decline receiving a mailed copy. Subscriptions are available to others for \$12.00 annually. All comments are welcome, however, those views expressed in the Flatheel do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the NMRA, MCR, or Division Four.

Deadline for the October Flatwheel is Thursday September 23, 2010.

## DIVISION FOUR OFFICERS

Elected

### Superintendent

Art Bumpus (440) 526-9184 [abumpus@cox.net](mailto:abumpus@cox.net)

### Assistant Superintendent

Jim Moore h (419) 684-5833 [moorez@aol.com](mailto:moorez@aol.com)  
c (419) 370-3007 fax (419) 684-7030

### Secretary

Bruce Bowie h (419) 499-4750 [in2trains@neo.rr.com](mailto:in2trains@neo.rr.com)  
c (419) 541-1416

### Treasurer

Rich Tressa (440) 572-9245 [rictre@hotmail.com](mailto:rictre@hotmail.com)

### Trustee East

Steve Kaplan (216) 561-1648 [spk@skaplanassociates.com](mailto:spk@skaplanassociates.com)

### Trustee Quad County

Gary Dunn (419) 625-0413 cell (419) 504-8090  
[trainguy@bex.net](mailto:trainguy@bex.net)

### Trustee West

Chuck Klein (440) 845-4915 [cltrn@aol.com](mailto:cltrn@aol.com)

### Trustee at Large

Larry Madson (440) 934-2643 [lmadson@roadrunner.com](mailto:lmadson@roadrunner.com)

### Trustee at Large

Tom Beutler (419) 231-1038 [tombeutler@bex.net](mailto:tombeutler@bex.net)

### Carnival

Appointed

Mike Oster

### Achievement

Bruce Brintnall MMR

### Layouts

John and Tom Hemsath

### Contests

Bob Lavinski

### Historian/Archivist

Frank Bongiovanni

### Raffle

Mike Klein

### Company Store

Tim Sheffield

### Clinics

Larry Madson

### Flatwheel Editor

Dave Williams

### Membership

Dennis Whitaker

### Modules

Scott Benson

### N.O.A.R.S. Representative

Chuck Beargie

### Webmaster

Ben Lanza

## Editor's Notes

The hallmark of a good National convention is to have a great time but then still be upset because you didn't have a chance to do ALL of the great things that were offered. Milwaukee definitely passed the test. Julie and I arrived on Saturday in case Cleveland won the 2014 bid and for the reception given for the occasion. I believe I had the honor of being the first to know that we'd won as we wandered around the hotel looking for information. We were graciously admitted to the evening session of the National Board where we were officially told that there was no reception. We then repaired to the hotel bar to successfully improvise a dinner celebration - but don't try to order Budweiser (spell checker wanted me to use bed-wetter here) in the *Miller Time Pub*.

I was pleasantly surprised by the number of convention attendees who spoke very favorably of the idea of coming to Cleveland in 2014. The English contingent was especially vocal on their probability of returning for what they expect to be a great convention (way to turn up the heat on us guys!). Having been to England, I know these folks take our hobby very seriously, and they are most definitely outside the radius of the 42% geographically close to us.

I managed to catch Chuck Klein's last Holloway Trip presentation (after I was delayed downtown by a lift bridge) and it really looked good. I think the absence of back-of-the-room conversations let me hear everything from start to finish (hint, hint).

Finally, I thought the National Train Show was one of the best - that's very subjective, because different people are looking for different things at this event. In my case, I'm looking for products that I probably won't find anywhere else, and boy, did I find them! The current offering of laser and etched metal kits is really amazing. Their colorful boxes will look great on my basement shelves for years to come.



Chuck posed in front of the opening slide of his well received presentation



Milwaukee offered a beautiful riverwalk near the convention center.



## National Contest

Sometimes we've joked at past conventions saying that we could have won with a shake-the-box kit in some categories because there weren't any real contestants (Traction at the Toronto convention comes to mind - I think Hiroshi Nakazawa has now pretty much closed that open door). Milwaukee was definitely **not** one of those conventions. A large room was filled with entries and many of them were quite astonishing. Division Four winners were:

**Jim Grell:** 1st place Caboose in Judged Models; 1st place Favorite Train in People's Choice; United Transportation Union Brass Lantern (Best Over the Road Caboose).

**Thomas Atherton:** 3rd place Freight Cars in Judged Models and the Hunterline Award for his Water Tank. Tom also participated as a Conformity Judge.

Accomplishments by these gentlemen - and I've noted in a past *Flatwheel* that they both tend to win anytime a National is within 500 miles of us - have gone a long way toward building the credibility of Cleveland (and Division 4).

This information is from the September issue of the NMRA Magazine, which has a picture of Jim's B&O caboose (page 27). The Hulett on page 33 - I guess started out as the Walthers kit but builder Bill Day motorized every potentially moving part into a working model. Finally, some of the contest models - especially the dioramas, deserve a special award - The *What in the World were you thinking when you transported something that fragile hundreds of miles for this event?* award. The fear of the cake decorators on the Food Network is probably nothing in comparison to what these modelers must go through.

---

## The Clinic Corner

### September 2010 Clinic – Laser Kits for Klutzes Presented by Frank Bongiovanni

Tips and techniques tailored to those with less than optimal skills for assembling laser cut structure kits to build usable models for their layouts. Includes thoughts on paint, color, and perception.

### A Digital Projector for the Division

The Division 4 digital projector is available for use by division members for presenting clinic programs in digital format. Anyone wishing to present a program in digital format contact Larry Madson. phone: 440-934-2643 or email [lmadson@roadrunner.com](mailto:lmadson@roadrunner.com).

### 2010 - 2011 Clinic Programs

Any Division member wishing to present a program for the 2010 – 2011 season, please contact me.

Larry Madson

## Help and Donations Requested

submitted by Scott Benson, Modules Chair

Earlier this year, a 4' x 6' layout was donated (back) to the division. We've decided to provide it as a Door Prize for Carnival this year, but... it needs some work and a train! If you're interested in helping to refurbish the layout, we could use some help. It is in need of new legs, general touch up of the scenery, and replacement/repair of a broken crossing signal.

We'd also like to provide a train to run on the layout. So we are requesting donations of the following items:

- a DC transformer (nothing fancy, but reliable)
- a DC locomotive with Kadee-compatible couplers (a good runner)
- a handful of rolling stock with Kadee-compatible couplers (something that will stay on the track)

If you are willing to help refurbish the module, or have some equipment to donate, please contact Scott Benson at 440-238-2115.



## A Few Additional Upcoming Events from Joe Ploefko

Sept 14 at 7 pm Tuesday Cuyahoga Co. library Parma Snow Branch Jim Toman will speak on Cleveland landmarks

Nov 8 at 7 pm Monday Cuyahoga Co Parma Snow Branch and  
Nov 9 Tuesday (7 pm assumed) Brooklyn Branch  
Midwest Railway Preservation Society presentation

September 16-18 Penn Central convention near Pittsburgh

September 24 - 26 Conrail convention in Cleveland

Check the organizations' websites for further information



Model Railroader magazine's staff were seen throughout the National convention week, as evidenced here during Saturday's Social Hour before the banquet.



Congratulations to the winners of the second half of last season! We've got a whole new year of contests ahead of us, beginning with Gondolas (with or without loads) for the September meeting.

Congratulations also to Jim Grell and Tom Atherton for another fine showing at this year's National (their awards are listed elsewhere in this issue).

After a number of years at the controls, Bob will be retiring from his position as Contest Chairman soon. If you are interested in taking over, please contact Superintendent Art Bumpus or any other officer. -ed.

---

**Raffle Report** by the Raffle Dudes

Well, here comes another year of raffles, including the extra special one to be held at the Holiday/Banquet party. We look forward to seeing you at the first of the season in September.

---

At the National:



Pat Oster (l), Art Bumpus (2nd from right) and Chuck Klein (r) share the banquet with Aubrey Olsen of Caboose Industries. Mr Olsen received a Distinguished Service Award for his work on reliable manual turnout control, cited as an important component (along with DCC) in walkaround train operation.



Steven Otte (l) of Model Railroader Magazine explains one of many project layouts at Kalmbach during a tour. That's George Gelehrter on the right. Steven selects the Trackside Photos as part of his job.

Two interurban cars restored to be dining cars provided a pleasant dinner train experience, even if they didn't have A1 sauce. The Wisconsin countryside gave the feeling of a trip occurring many years earlier.



The Flatwheel

# THE FLATWHEEL

VOL 44 NBR 7 SEPTEMBER 2010

Next meeting: Friday September 10, 2010 at 7:45 pm

Church of the Redeemer  
23500 Center Ridge Road  
Westlake Ohio 44145

Division website  
[www.div4.org](http://www.div4.org)

Carnival is coming!

October 1-3 are work days.



A logging camp at this year's National Convention in Milwaukee during a layout tour.