



# THE FLATWHEEL

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Newsletter of NMRA MCR Division Four



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## Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent

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Well, this year's Carnival Train Show has been put to rest as a memory. A big thank you goes out to all who contributed their time to make it a success. There's a lot of work to making a train show happen, and Division Members are the folks who work hard to make it a success. We were again a dealer sellout for tables, and dealers, for the most part, were satisfied with their sales. Mike and Patti Oster deserve a big round of applause (can you hear it Mike and Patti?) for all the work they put into this year's (and every year's show).

November 12<sup>th</sup> is our next Division meeting. The BOD will present their recommended budget for 2011 to the membership. Members will have an opportunity to review, discuss, and make changes to the BOD recommendations. The budget will then be finalized by membership ratification.

Our annual awards presentation and **Holiday party will be held on December 10<sup>th</sup>**. We will be at Mapleside Farms on Pearl Road, in Strongsville, for a buffet dinner. It's a good time, so bring the family. Children under the age of ten will attend for free. Contact Rich Tressa to place your reservation and pay. The cost is \$15.00 per adult. We will need to finalize the count for Mapleside Farms fairly soon. So make your arrangements with Rich now, as **the deadline is November 30<sup>th</sup>**. We will also need to know how many children will be attending as Santa needs to know how many gifts to bring to the dinner. See Rich at the November meeting.

John Hemsath has arranged for Layout Tours on Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, November 21<sup>st</sup>. Again, the layouts are geographically arranged to minimize your travel time. I encourage you to visit the open layouts. They represent an ever increasing quality of modeling and are a good source of ideas and examples of what you might want to do on your own layout. Or, just visit to soak in and enjoy what your compatriots are building. For those who have never gone out to see these layouts, or those who have not gone for a number of years, now is a good time. Most modelers have made significant progress on their layouts and would enjoy your participation in viewing them.

Your Board of Directors is working on a couple of initiatives for all members and for the Division. One of them is how to increase/maintain our ranks. Another is to reformulate how our meetings are conducted. We see both as being intertwined. With respect to our meetings, over the coming year, we'll be making changes that will emphasize more the social and modeling aspect of the hobby and minimizing the business aspect of the meeting. If you have any ideas that you would like to share, speak with any of the trustees or elected officers.

That's about all for this month. So, ...remember, never trade steam for water.

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

October 8, 2010

Location: Church of the Redeemer, Westlake Ohio

Art Bumpus, Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

Art welcomed all in attendance. A motion made and seconded and passed to defer the reading of the Treasurers report.

A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the minutes from September's membership meeting.

Visitors present were Todd Livengood, Norwalk and Ed Qinones, Westlake. Both were welcomed and invited back. New member Lee Sole from Euclid was also welcomed. (Sorry Lee about the roads being closed.)

## Committee Reports

Carnival- Chair Mike Oster reported. Old business - two people have not picked up their shirts. Mike thanked all who worked over the weekend. Sunday was again light on help. Mike went on to give special thanks to Patty, his wife, for her work throughout the year; to Tom Beuther for being the front man; to Darren Emst, Ben Lanza, Kenny Orchard and Tom for being building reps. Final bill from the fairgrounds totaled \$931.64; \$383.64 for electric and the balance for picnic benches and food vendors. Thanks to the raffle guys who raised well over \$700.00 helping to cover the final costs. Next year, October 1 and 2 are the dates for the Carnival. The buildings alone will cost \$13,000.00 plus. Mike will sign a new contract later this year. Mike also asked that we hold off on making any changes to the flyers till after the BOD meeting. Art added we will net between 9500 and 10200 for the show; last year was 12 thousand. It looks like about 15% down turn in attendance and the vendors were not unhappy with spending. They caution that we are not in the 90's anymore. Mike thanked the raffle guys for raising over 700 dollars and everyone who helped make our show a success. We didn't have the Polaris law enforcement students this because Mike's letter was not given to the right department.

Modules-Brian Brant filling in for Scott Benson. October 31 is Medina train show and November 13 is Berea Library, open 9 A.M.

Clinic- Brian filling for Larry Madson; November, Scott Benson – Speeders.

Contest-Chair Bob Laviniski. In his last night as chair. Last month gondolas w/or w/o load: 1<sup>st</sup>, Tom McInerny; 2<sup>nd</sup>, Dave Lawler; 3<sup>rd</sup>, Len Sherry, John Hemsath and Jim Grell. November is off line building. Bob thanked everyone for all the support over the years.

Layout Tours-Co chair John Hemsath. Tours are Saturday November 13 and Sunday November 21. Addresses will be in November Flat Wheel. John asked for more help for Saturday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Let him know if you can help.

Old Business- None

New Business- .Grant awards for 500 hundred dollars each to NMRA for the digitizing of the picture library and the Medina County 4-H group; 250 dollars each to N.O.A.R.S. and the Lodi Northern Ohio Live Steamers; 175 dollars each to Mad River NKP RR Museum and the Lodi Railroad Museum. Next year suggestions from the general membership will be accepted by April 30, 2011. They need to be educational and railroad related either model or 1 to 1.

BOD meeting October 26 at Rich Tressa's Church in Strongsville at 7:30 P.M. to set the budget for 2011. All committee chairs, please be in attendance with budget needs. The new budget for 2011 will be presented at the November meeting.

On October 2, 4 there is a meeting in Columbus for the Mid Central Region. If you have anything that you want presented to the regional board, see Art Bumpus, Chuck Klein or Jim Moore.

Chuck Beargie gave a presentation about N.O.A.R.S., what they are and that they have a web site NOARS.org. He thanked us for allowing the group to use a meeting room at the church after our regular meeting in January 2011 and for the donation.

Dave Lawler who is our refreshment chair is moving next month to contest chair and we need a replacement or we have no refreshments. Please, someone step up and take over Dave's job.

Mike Klein has a mixed lot to raffle off tonight from playing cards to a belt buckle.

Ron Morgan announced that the Austin Town Model Railroad Club in having open house the first two weekends in November. The Sebring Model Railroad Club's open house is the second and third weekend in November. Check with Ron on how to get to either.

Meeting closed at 8:22 P.M. Submitted by Jim Moore MooreZ@aol.com

## Membership by Dennis Whitaker

### November 2010 Birthdays:

SCOTT BENSON  
J DAVID DAVIS  
DONALD GOLDEN  
BOB KRUEGER  
MICHAEL A MATOS  
EMIL J ORENICK  
WILLIAM S REESE  
VLADIMIR M SALVA  
JOSEPH J TOTH  
JULIE WILLIAMS

AARON M BERGER  
MIKE FAHLER  
PAUL G JUSTY  
LARRY KUCZYNSKI  
CHARLES J MCGOWAN  
C J PERKINS  
DAVID M RICHARDSON  
DOUGLAS STEISKAL  
STEVE WARD

### New Members:

LAWRENCE R KOWICKI PARMA  
CHARLES D SPENCER BEDFORD

### Re-Rail Members:

BRYAN HARKO GARFIELD HEIGHTS  
TOM HOLTkamp CLEVELAND

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## Module Report by Scott Benson

The module group is planning to display at the Christmas Connection show at the IX center, November 19-21. Any Division 4 members are welcome to assist in staffing the display. Please contact Scott Benson if you are interested in doing so.

September brought our first integration of a Medina County 4H module into the Div 4 layout, at the Lodi Outlet/Lodi Railroad Museum train show. The photo shows the creative tornado scene created by the 8-yr old 4H-er. He joined us and ran trains as well. We're looking forward to additional opportunities to bring the 4H group into our displays.



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## The Clinic Corner by Larry Madson

### November 2010 Clinic – Speeders Presented by Scott Benson

Scott Benson will be presenting a clinic on Speeder meets he has participated in, including excursions on the Everett Railroad, departing from Claysburg PA, the SW Pennsylvania Railroad, departing New Stanton PA, and Wheeling & Lake Erie meets departing from Wellington and Plymouth OH. Info will be presented on how these meets are conducted, and highlights from the various trips

### No Clinic in December – Enjoy the Christmas Party

### 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.

**Carnival** Mike Oster Chairman



Ray from Crusader Rails accepts his dealer appreciation raffle prize.



Winner from Neff Video



T-Shirts and books made the journey from North Carolina



We were graced with the presence of Gloria Schollenberger and friends as she gave the model railroad community a chance to purchase items from husband Bill's collection. Bill was a longtime Carnival volunteer and his hard work and friendliness were, and will continue to be, missed by the Division.



A couple of shots of the Division's modules. The coal train may or may not represent a record number of train cars on the modules - reports varied.



Jerry Krueger once again provided demonstrations of his talent.



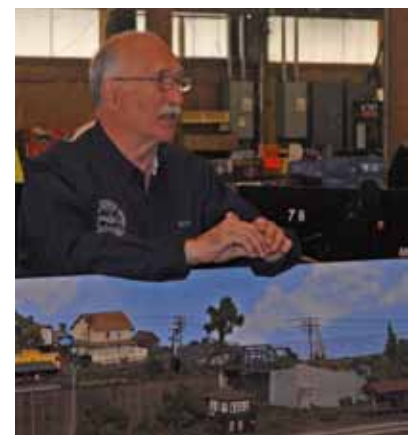
Raffle and Membership efforts ran smoothly. We had a lot of interest (and ticket sales) for the Harry Potter set that Ormandy's donated to us.



Vendor True Scale provided demonstrations of their product line.



Bob Lavinsky behind his club's layout.



## Holiday Party

December 10, 2010

Mapleside Apple Farm

\$15 adults; children under 10 free

Make your reservations with Rich Tressa at the November meeting or contact him before November 30, 2010.

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

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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 placed on the website. You are no longer required to join the Yahoo Group for this service.

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Deadline for the November Flatwheel is Friday November 26, 2010.

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### **Carnival**

Appointed

Mike Oster

### **Achievement**

Bruce Brintnall MMR

### **Layouts**

John and Tom Hemsath

### **Contests**

David Lawler

### **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



Note: These Minutes are from the September meeting, not last week's BOD.

## BOD Meeting Minutes from September 21, 2010

Board members present were

Art Bumpus, Rich Tressa, Steve Kaplan, Chuck Klein, Larry Madson, Scott Benson, Ben Lanza, Tom Beutler and Jim Moore.

Absent were

Dave Williams, Dave Lawler, John Hemsath, Bruce Brintnall, Gary Dunn, Mike Oster, Bruce Bowie, Gary Sole, Denny Whitaker, Tom Hemsath and Mike Klein.

Superintendent Art Bumpus called the meeting to order at 7:20 P.M.

Art out lined his agenda for to night's meeting.

1. Division 4 initiatives and rank order for those initiatives.
2. Education Project grants and criteria for selection.
3. Updates from committee chairs requiring BOD action.

The 2010 Education budget was covered to determine how much could be given this year. One Thousand Eight Hundred and Fifty dollars is left in the budget for grants.

Medina County 4-H group	\$500.00
Lodi Railroad Museum	\$175.00
Erie Mad River NKP Museum	\$175.00 Pullman Dome car Restoration Project
NMRA	\$500.00 scanning of the Kalmbach Memorial Library
Live Steamers	\$250.00
NOARS	\$250.00

Motion was made by Steve Kaplan, seconded by Tom Beutler Vote was taken and passed.

The board wants the general membership to help in the future to suggest grants based on criteria focusing on railroading, model or full size, and nonprofit status. Discussions will begin in the spring. Motion was made by Larry Madson, seconded by Chuck Klein. Motion passed.

Art asked members for their initiatives for getting new members and retaining present members. The board is to come to the October meeting with ideas on how to attain this objective. The following suggestions were made by the board members:

- A. Member retention
  - B. Membership recruitment
  - C. Get more members to participate
  - D. Needs of members
  - E. Clinics that draw more members to meeting
  - F. Achievement Program
  - G. Restructure meeting with more time to visit
- Tom Beutler gave a short report on the carnival. Six tables were canceled; 10-15 are on a waiting list. Securing a vendor's license is a problem for some.
- Superintendent Art Bumpus reminded member s that the next BOD meeting is October 26th, 7PM at Rich's church in Strongsville.
- Meeting adjourned at 9:20 PM.

Submitted by Acting Secretary,  
Jim Moore



### 2014 National Convention

An open meeting was held in October to provide information on the direction and needs of this effort. The next meeting is tentatively scheduled for January 2011. Co-Chairs Jerry Krueger and Chuck Klein presided. Besides Division 4, Divisions 1 and 5 were well represented, along with members of other rail organizations.

## Contest Corner

conducted by Dave Lawler

### Diesel Switchers

From the October 2010 contest:

There were 4 entries and 22 votes.

1 <sup>st</sup>	Jeff Lauren	CUT #9630 EMD Switcher
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Ken Orchard	S. P. GP-35
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Len Scherry	B&W Switcher #3553



### Point Standings:

1 <sup>st</sup> (tie)	Ken Orchard	4
	Len Scherry	4
	Jeff Lauren	4
2 <sup>nd</sup>	Dave Lawler	3
3 <sup>rd</sup> (tie)	Jim Grell	2
	John Hemsath	2



### November 2010 Contest: Off Line Buildings

This can be any structure not directly connected to a railroad such as churches, houses, stores, gas stations, hotels, factories without rail sidings etc. Use your imagination. The possibilities are endless. Good luck!

Respectfully submitted,  
Dave Lawler  
Contest chairman

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Congratulations to Tom Atherton, who, on good authority, took a second place award at the recent narrow Gauge Convention in St. Louis with his flanger.

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## RAFFLE REPORT

Thanks to all who participated in the October raffle. The November raffle will have something for everyone. We have a great Holiday raffle for December in the making. See you at the November meeting.

THE RAFFLE DUDES

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Next meeting: Friday November 12, 2010 at 7:45 pm

Church of the Redeemer  
23500 Center Ridge Road  
Westlake Ohio 44145



photo provided by Tom Hemsath

A long time downtown Cleveland landmark for model railroaders, The Hobby House, lives on, at least on a local layout.

Full membership Mailing -  
the online version does not  
contain layout information.

**Layout Tours this month**