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Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent

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Our next meeting is December 10th at Mapleside Farms (see page 5 for address and times). This will be the annual Christmas Party and Awards Banquet. If you haven't made your reservations yet, call Rich Tressa immediately so we can include you in the count. The cost of the banquet is \$15.00 per person, children under the age of ten attend for free. See you there!

John Hemsath did a great job of lining up layout tours during November. Maybe I'm a little bit biased as I was hosting one of the open layouts. However, as past layout chairman, I have seen all the layouts that were on the tour and every one of them is quite interesting. John Hemsath's layout is compact by many folks' standards, but has a lot of detail, even though the completed scenery, at this time, only surrounds the perimeter of the layout. Use of false fronts buildings, craftsman buildings, catchy signage, and oh yes, the nuns walking toward the same corner as the penguins from another direction. Tom McInerney's layout has an incredible amount of detail with all the buildings and trees, dual gauge HOn3 and HO trackage. Tom Businger's layout has the makings of a very interesting multi deck layout. You should see what bench work looks like from a finish carpenter's point of view! David Lawler presented his Canadian flavored layout with expert building finesse using common scrap materials used to build everything from benchmark to quaint rural buildings. I guess you could say David is the ultimate re-cycler. I can't say too much about the other layouts, as my layout was part of the tour for that day and I couldn't get out to see them. But from second hand accounts, they were all appreciated. Welcome back to the group Brian Harko. It's been a while since his O gauge layout was last seen, before that flood from failed plumbing.

What was particularly encouraging from the layout tours was the number of questions that were asked of the layout owners about different aspects of what it takes to do the many different tasks involved with the creating of a layout, including benchwork questions, electrical questions, techniques on building structures, creating scenery, building bridges and the list goes on and on. The point is that layout tours can be a great source of education on how you can do those things that you have never attempted before, or identifying new and innovative methods of doing something that you would like to try in the future. Modelers enjoy sharing the how of what they have done so you can be successful in your endeavors. So if you want to learn something new, go on the next set of model tours. The schedule is for May of next year.

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

November 2010 Meeting Minutes

Location: Church of the Redeemer, Westlake, Ohio

Art Bumpus, Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 7:47 P.M.

Art welcomed everyone to the meeting and stated the Flatwheel was mailed to all members this month with inclusion of details of the upcoming layout tours. The Treasurer reported assets of \$38,323.88. A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the minutes of last month's meeting.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Tom Beutler reported on behalf of Denny Whitaker the current roster is available to any member. A form is available for making changes. Visitor Bob Charles introduced himself to the group.

Carnival – Chair Mike Oster reported that the 2011 Carnival will be held October 1st & 2nd. We have a contract with the Fair Board. Our longtime Fair Board contact is very ill and Mike asked everyone to keep him in their prayers.

Layout Tours – John Hemsath reported layout tours will be held Saturday November 13th and Sunday, November 21st with details in the Flatwheel.

Modules – Chair Scott Benson reported the modules will be setup Saturday at the Berea Library as well as Friday through Sunday the following week at the Xmas Connection. Scott is also organizing a train display at the Cleveland Botanical Gardens.

Raffle – Mike Klein reported a potpourri of items for the night's raffle.

Company Store – Lee Sheffield reported new inventory in the store with the addition of V&O hoppers with three unique numbers available.

Chuck Klein stated the annual Trustees Meeting will be at 7 PM preceding the January meeting. Any member with concerns may bring them to the attention of any Trustee. Dale Owen informed the group of a new book on the NKP & Mad River Museum in Bellevue. He has copies available for \$25 with all proceeds going to the Museum.

Old Business – Next month the Annual Awards Banquet will be held on the 2nd Friday in lieu of a regular meeting. The cost of the banquet is \$15 per person. Anyone wanting to attend should contact Rich Tressa, Treasurer. The group is still in need of a volunteer to handle refreshments for the meetings.

Contest Chairman Dave Lawler stated off line structures is the subject of tonight's contest. Jeff Lauren took 1st place in last month's contest, Ken Orchard 2nd place and Len Sherry 3rd place. There will be no contest in December. The January contest will be 18" or smaller dioramas. Anyone with ideas for future contests should contact Dave. Show 'N Tell - It was noted Cinn. Energy will have its annual Xmas Train Layout again this year.

New Business – Tom Beutler has resigned as Trustee At Large due to personal reasons. Anyone wishing to replace Tom should contact any elected officer. Superintendent Bumpus reviewed the 2011 budget as recommended by the BOD. The BOD recommends the Division maintain a cash position sufficient to cover two years of operations, effectively \$36,000. After discussion, a motion was made, seconded and passed approving adding \$2,475 to the Education/Grants line item. This was followed by a motion, second and passage of the amended 2011 budget.

Clinic Chair Larry Madson reported tonight's clinic will be a presentation on Speeders by Scott Benson. Tom Hemsath advised maps for the upcoming layout tours are available on the side table. Meeting adjourned at 8:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted
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December 2010 Birthdays:

DAVID E ANDERSON
FRANK L FEKO
JOHN H HEMSATH
CHARLES B KLEIN
BEN LANZA
LEE D SOULE
MICHAEL VOLLMAR
JOSEPH WITOUSKI

RUSSELL L CONSER
BO HAMMARLING
PATRICIA HENNING
WILLIAM J KOSTKA
JEFFREY R LAUREN
CHARLES D SPENCER
DENNIS F WHITAKER
E J WOSKOWICZ

New Members:

JAMES A MONDAK

NORTH OLMSTED

Re-Rail Members:

None

The Clinic Corner

No Clinic in December, Enjoy the Awards Banquet

**January 2011 Clinic – All about Tortoises
Presented by Bram Bailey and Larry Madson**

Bram and Larry will be present a clinic on the installation and operation of the Tortoise switch machine. A variety of installation and control techniques used by Bram and Larry will be presented and discussed.



Scott Benson gave a presentation in November on his experiences with Speeders.

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.

2010 - 2011 Clinic Programs

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

Larry Madson

Trustees Meeting in January

Our Division Rules state the Trustee's shall have a meeting independent of the officers. Anyone wishing to bring any items to the Trustees concerning the Division are invited to the meeting at 7:00 prior to the regular Division meeting Friday January 14,2011. The Trustees are: Steve Kaplan, Larry Madson, Gary Dunn, and Chuck Klein. We currently have an opening for an At Large Trustee position. The Board will decide from those individuals who have expressed an interest in filling the vacancy.

Chuck Klein
Trustee West

RAFFLE REPORT



Thanks to all who participated in the November raffle. The Holiday raffle will have something for everyone, including the Ladies, the Young ones and the Young at heart. We will also have another fine "The Henning Picture", thanks to Pat and John. Come and join the fun.

Happy Holidays, Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

The Raffle Dudes

A Few Pictures from the Division Layout Tours



Awards Banquet/Holiday Party

Upcoming Awards Banquet/Holiday Party to be held at

Mapleside Farms
294 Pearl Road
Brunswick, OH 44212-1198
(330) 225-5576

Cost: \$15.00 per Adult, kids under 10 are free.

Date: Friday, December 10th

Arrival Time: 7:00 pm
Dinner will be served at 7:30 pm.

Read the Flatwheel online at www.div4.org

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 January Flatwheel is Thursday December 30, 2010.

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Raffle

Mike Klein

Company Store

Tim Sheffield

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Flatwheel Editor

Dave Williams

Membership

Dennis Whitaker

Modules

Scott Benson

N.O.A.R.S. Representative

Chuck Beargie

Webmaster

Ben Lanza

October BOD Minutes

October 26, 2010

Board members in attendance were Art Bumpus, Rich Tressa, Steve Kaplan, Chuck Klein, Larry Madson and Jim Moore. Committee chairs in attendance were Scott Benson, Ben Lanza, Mike Oster and Denny Whitaker.

Absent were the following Dave Williams, Dave Lawler, John Hemsath, Bruce Brintnall, Gary Dunn, Bruce Bowie, Gary Sole, Tom Hemsath, Tom Beutler and Mike Klein.

Superintendent Art Bumpus called the meeting to order at 7:10 P.M.

Art out lined his agenda for the meeting.

1. Budget for 2011
2. Christmas Awards Dinner
3. Tom Beutler Resignation
4. Scott Benson on membership

Under the budget we were able to "hammer out" a balanced budget for 2011 with a reductions in our giving that is in line with our 10-15% lower net from the carnival. The budget will be given to the membership for approval at the November meeting.

The Christmas Awards Dinner price is \$15 per person; under age 10 are free. We will have the usual cast, DJ and, of course, Santa and Mrs. Claus and a great meal. Mike has promised a very good raffle.

Tom Beutler tendered his resignation from Trustee at Large for personal reasons. It was accepted with regret by the board. At the November membership meeting, Art will ask for names to fill the vacancy.

Scott Benson presented the board with a list of possible activities to increase the number of member in Division 4.

Meeting adjourned at 9:40 PM.

Submitted by Acting Secretary,
Jim

2011 Mid Central Region Convention

Rails of Ages 1961 to 2011

April 28 through May 1, 2011

Featuring all the standard convention fare: Clinics - Industry Tours - Contests - Non-Rail Activities - Silent Auction - Awards Banquet - Raffle - Layout Tours

To be held at The Lodge & Conference Center at Geneva-on-the-Lake

www.TheLodgeAtGeneva.com

Information: Matt Kross, 12049 Sperry Road, Chesterland OH 44026 440-729-3045

www.RailsOfAges.org

Contest Corner

conducted by Dave Lawler

November 2010 Model Contest: Off Line Structures

There were 15 entries and 37 votes. Wow!

- 1st Len Scherry
- 2nd Jim Grell
- 3rd (Tie) Gary Dunn
Paul Novak Jr.
Bill Reese
Tom Hemsath

Point Standings:

1st	Len Scherry	8
2nd (tie)	Jim Grell	5
	Tom McInerney	5
	Jeff Lauren	5
3rd	Ken Orchard	4

There is NO CONTEST in December to allow all our model builders to attend the Holiday Party.

The January 2011 contest will feature dioramas up to 18" square. These can be on-line or off-line subjects. Again, the possibilities are endless so have fun and good luck!

I'm still working on ideas for the second half contests. I don't want to duplicate things we've done recently so here's what I've got so far:

Feb. 2011: Small maintenance equipment, handcars, speeders (Scott Benson's November clinic), HiRailers etc.

Mar. 2011: Passenger steam locomotives

April, & May 2011: I'll come up with some subjects next month after I do a little more research.

Respectfully submitted,
Dave Lawler
Contest chairman



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Next meeting: Friday December 17, 2010 at 7:00 pm
Mapleside Apple Farms
Reservation required



Canadian maritime on a Division layout.

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