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Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent On Q

I trust that everyone had a pleasant summer as many of us took a vacation away from Model Railroading. Although some of us took a vacation to Model Railroading (the Grand Rapids National Convention) which was a very nice affair. We had 2014 Cleveland National Convention volunteers taking early registrations and I would estimate about 80 advance registrations were taken.

Our first Fall meeting will be Friday, September 14th. The model contest will be steel built cabooses. You remember cabooses, those funny looking cars, usually red, at the end of the train? The clinic will lead off with a presentation by Bruce Brintnall on the Achievement Program. The purpose is to introduce the idea that the AP program is not as intimidating as many believe it to be. Bruce's presentation kicks off the beginning of several future months presentations by various division members concerning the AP program. Our goal is to increase your modeling skills. Help will be available to you to increase those skills. Bruce's presentation will be followed by Chuck Klein giving us a clinic on the Terminal Tower. Chuck's presentation will be different than the clinic he presented in Grand Rapids; it will be geared to providing more detailed information to modelers familiar with the Van Sweringen dream.

The September meeting is our last meeting opportunity preparing for the Berea Carnival Show. Our last batch of fliers will be available for distribution to various community establishments, fellow modelers, and train enthusiasts. I will have signup sheets for the various tasks that require manpower before, during and after the show. Help is especially needed during the show, followed by cleanup after the show. Just a couple of hours of your time from many of you will help the Division immensely in this, our only fundraiser. Keep in mind that the Carnival provides us the funding for us to be among a small group of Divisions nationwide without dues.

Saturday, November 3rd is our annual Training Day, an outreach effort to attract kids and adults to the great hobby of Model Railroading. Fliers for distribution to local establishments and any individual or group will be available at the September meeting. I will also have signup sheets for volunteers to man a table to give a talk, demonstration, or mini-clinic on some aspect of modeling. The goal is to provide modeling information to spark interest in our hobby. Gary Sole is taking the lead on this event; Gary is asking for at least 16-18 different demonstrations to be presented during the event hours of 10:00 AM, to 3:00 PM. The modular layout will be operating for new train enthusiasts to run trains. Examples of some of the demonstrations given last year included tree making, structure building, weathering, and advice on how to choose the DCC system best for you. So join us and share some of your knowledge, advice, or skills to promote our quest to enlist "newbies".

.....And remember, never trade steam for water.

General Meeting Minutes

Meeting of Div 4 NMRA for June 8, 2012

Called to order by Supt. Art Bumpus at 7:30 PM

Welcome to all the Members. New Officer has taken his place at the front, welcome Dave James as our new Secretary. Very Special thanks to our outgoing Secretary of 4 years, and 8 years of BOD Service - Bruce Bowie.

Treasurer Rich stated that the Div 4 has \$29,494.95 in Assets

Membership Co Chairs Denny and Joe introduced some new members, Roger Ash and his father in law, also introduced several guests Dale McCaatry and Russ Hall. Several special guests were also in attendance: former Supt Al Lee and Lynn Sherry.

Bruce Brintnall handed out several certificates: Jim Grell received several for his modeling at the recent regional convention. At the Regional Convention, Paul Novak Jr. received the Director's Award for his work as region Membership Chairman.

John Hemsath spoke on the upcoming layout tours in the fall -Sunday November 4th and November 11 2012 are two upcoming dates. Look for more details in the Flatwheel. As always he is looking for more local layouts to be open for display.

Scott Benson -Module Committee – group had a very busy May of displaying to the public, first we displayed at the Cleveland Boy Scout Camporee and then we displayed again this year at Day out with Thomas in conjunction with CVSR. Over five days about 30,000 patrons came past the display. Upcoming events for the summer include Canal days with the Metro Parks, and the National Convention and the National Train Show; we have a large display that will include about 30 modules from our members and some from the HUB div of Boston, Mass. Anyone attending the convention is welcome to come and help with staffing and running trains.

Chuck Klein – 2014 Convention – meeting at the IX Center on June 13 at 7pm. Looking for help staffing the booth at the National Convention in Grand Rapids, MI this summer.

Harold Mickley talked of taking a road trip to the NS Heritage Days in Spencer NC- anyone interested in going please contact Harold.

Dave Lawler – Contest Chair – Presented last month 's winners: Bill Kovacs, Dave Lawler and Rich Tressa. He presented the spring award plaques and prizes to 1st place to Dave Lawler, 2nd place tie Art Bumpus and Tom McInerney, and 3rd place to Steve Riddlebaugh. Many thanks go to all the members for bringing out the models for display. The fall 2012 and spring 2013 Contest Schedule will be published in the Flatwheel. Several items were brought in for the show and tell table, including operators Manual for a SW8 and a Baldwin Centipede.

Larry Madson – Clinic Chair – Tonight's clinic is about Soldering 101 by Larry. As always, Larry is looking for Clinics in the fall.

Old Business – Picnic is Saturday, July 21 2012, at the NOLS Park outside Mallet Creek near Medina, 11am till 3:00 PM. Trains start running at noon. Bring a side dish. Hot dogs will be provided. See the Flatwheel for more info and Directions.

Mike Oster- Carnival – Sign up sheets are at the back of the room for you to volunteer at the Carnival in October. Please spend a few hours volunteering at the Carnival to help the Division as we are one of the few that is not collecting dues to run the Division. Flyers are available to anyone that would like to help distribute them.

New Business – new Museum at the Steel Yard Common – Mittal Steel Heritage Center for anyone that has an interest in the steel industry that was in the Cleveland area.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM

David James
Secretary

September 2012

Membership by Dennis Whitaker

September 2012 Birthdays:

JAMES BARTHOLOMEW	LAWRENCE B BRINTNALL, MMR 183
KENNETH E BRUNS	RICHARD FELDMAN
JOSEPH L JONES	BRETT KLUIBER
EDWARD M KNIPPER	JOE KURILEC, JR MMR 79
LUCY MCINERNEY	FRED OBREZA
TED ONDRISH	MARK E PAINTER
MICHAEL A PAOLELLA	LEE SHEFFIELD
ROY SMITH	BRIAN WEISMAN
GEORGE S WOODARD	

New Members:

RITA BRENNAN	Parma
ROGER OESCH	Elyria
ERIC REISING	Rocky River
ALEX A SZADAY	Rocky River

Re-Rail Members:

None

Refreshment Chair Open

With David James as our new Secretary, we have a vacancy in the ever important area of refreshments. The ideal candidate will use the donations to replenish refreshments and make them available during the general meetings. See any officer if you are willing and able to step into this critical role.

Raffle

Here we go with another great season of raffles - and raffle prizes. Look for theme raffles as well as the usual "anything and everything" raffles. See you in September!

The Raffle Dudes

BOD Meeting Minutes from August 25th will appear in next month's Flatwheel.

We call your attention to the letter to the editor printed in the recent NMRA Magazine from Joe Kurilec MMR.

The Clinic Corner

September 2012 Program

Presented by:

Chuck Klein

Cleveland Union Terminal

Chuck will show the clinic that he presented at the 2012 National in Grand Rapids, Michigan This is a historic presentation of the construction and operation of the Cleveland Union Terminal owned and operated by the New York Central and Nickel Plate railroads.

Clinics Wanted

Any Division member with an idea for a program subject or wishing to present a program for the 2012 – 2013 season, please contact me. I am looking for programs for the Jan, April, May and June of 2013.

Larry

Clinic Presentation Aids

Division 4 has a digital projector available for use by division members for presenting clinic programs in digital format The division also has a video camera available for program enhancement. Anyone wishing to use the camera or the projector for their program, contact

Larry Madson. phone: 440-934-2643 or email lmadson@roadrunner.com.

Larry Madson

Regional Contest Results - Finally

The MCR Regional newsletter, The Kingpin, printed the difficult-to-obtain modeling contest results from this year's Regional convention's Jim Grell apparently brought home all the plaques won by Division 4 members:

1st place Passenger Car for his LE&WV Diner D6

2nd place On-Line Structure for his Moriarty's Produce

2nd place Off-Line Display for his Alice's Restaurant

We'll venture a strong guess based on memory that Jim also received probably more than one of the People's Choice (popular vote) awards as well. The 1st place winner for On-Line Structure was former Division 4 member John Wissinger MMR, whose Monitor Sash & Door also recieved our Division's Martha Newberry Award.

The search apparently continues for the photo contest results (editor's note: I was there! We turned them in!)

Holiday Display at Porter Library

This year same as last Porter Library in Westlake has asked us for a model railroad display. The library is so pleased with the model train display that they want us to display for November (Model Train Month) and December. I am looking for some dioramas and craftsman type buildings to display. We should have enough items to change the windows each month. How about some of those peanut butter lid displays? If you have something you would like to display contact: Chuck Klein at 440 845-4915 or cltrn@aol.com.

Holiday Awards Banquet

Circle the calendar!!!! There is no snow yet but this year our Awards Banquet will again be held at Michaud's Town and Country, www.michaudscatering.com, located Strongsville on December 14th. We will again be in the Westin Room. Doors will open at 6:00 pm for a Social hour and dinner will be served at 7:00 pm. The Denny Franz Singers will entertain us with great Christmas and holiday selections. They will perform at 8:00 so we all may enjoy their music.

And as always Santa will be there! I hear The Raffle Dudes are working on some very special items??? Cost will be the same, \$15.00 per person. This is a family event so wives, guests and kids are welcome. That includes grandkids too. Kids 15 and under are free. You are welcome to bring "libations" if you wish but please place them securely in your trunk upon departure. Strongsville police are tough.

PLEASE call in or e-mail your reservation to me at 440-572-9245 or rictre@hotmail.com. (Best way to reach me is e-mail.)

Rich Tressa

Editor's Notes: The major event of my summer was the Grand Rapids National convention. The town of Grand Rapids turned out to be a really nice location - the city has reinvented its downtown to attract people and there were a lot of great restaurants for our evening ventures after the Cleveland Convention table closed for the day. The table was extremely well staffed most of the time - I came down to work a couple of times and decided that six of us at a time would look like we were trying too hard! Add to that a strong showing by the modular group and a few others, and the Division had a definite presence (I better quickly add that Division 1 worked the table a lot as well, and Boston's Hub Division had a section of the modular layout). Bruce Chubb's layout was even more phenomenal than I was prepared for. I expected to see interesting signalling and control panels but he's also done some amazing scenery as well. The layout, which has four levels in some areas, seemed to extend well past the house's foundation (it didn't actually, except that it did go under the garage). All visitors were invited to run through trains. Each run lasted about an hour each way, and most of the time the signals provided all the answers (multiple dispatchers were available as well as roaming volunteers to keep things running smoothly). My only attended clinic for the week was a good one - and you can see it at this month's Division meeting- Chuck Klein's Terminal Tower presentation. It was well received in Grand Rapids, so keep your seat after September's business meeting for it. Both Chuck and co-convention 2014 chair Jerry Krueger kept up a strong pace throughout the week to keep our own convention moving forward. I think that all we heard from Jerry during the day was, "I have to go meet with ... I have to go track down ...", to the point that he missed a ride to Bruce Chubb's. Jerry and Chuck also did a great job of putting together pictures and videos for the display booth. We all got along great with the people at the Atlanta booth and look forward to seeing them next year.

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A volunteer keeps things moving for visiting train crews at Bruce Chubb's house.

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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Carnival by Mike Oster, Chairman

Two and a Half Ways You can Help

First, we need your time. Check the sign-up sheets at the September meeting and/or during the show itself, and fill in where you can. Set-up on Friday mornings has been popular for several years and we thank everyone who participates, but we always seem to run lean in a few other areas. Let the sign-up sheets be your guide.

Second, we need you to support our dealers. If you're planning purchases soon, please considering waiting to see if you can buy it during the Carnival. Dealers who used to do multiple shows are now becoming very selective, and we want them to be happy with their results at Carnival.

... and finally, about that half - if you aren't able to help this year, please be sure to pay for your ticket - *don't* accept a volunteer wristband. We'll look forward to your help next year.

Ormandy's Provides Three LGB Starter Sets

Longtime Carnival supporter and dealer John Ormandy has once again provided prizes for the Carnival raffle. The money we raise from the raffle is used to offset the cost of the buildings' electricity (it's usually a close match). Be sure to thank Mr. Ormandy during the Carnival, check to see what he's selling, and plan a visit to Ormandy's next time you're around Medina's town square.

2012 Winners of the Returning Dealer Appreciation Raffle:

Grand Prize:	Rufus Hamilton	\$100.00
Second Prizes:	Bob Bowditch	\$ 50.00
	Ken Koch	\$ 50.00
Third Prizes:	Jay Himes	\$ 25.00
	Bernard Feltz	\$ 25.00
	Ray Litten	\$ 25.00
	K & L Toy Trains	\$ 25.00

Winners were notified by mail. Prizes in the form of checks will be presented at the Carnival on Sunday.

Training Day November 3, 2012.

This year Division 4's Training Day is scheduled at Saint Christopher's Parish in Rocky River. It will open at 10 o'clock and run until 3 that afternoon. I will need twelve to eighteen people to provide demonstrations. If you are interested in helping out please send me an e-mail; include in the e-mail how you would like to participate, plan to provide a demo (laying track, building kits etc...) giving me a brief description. We'll also need a few volunteers for the membership table.

My e-mail address is gsantafe@wowway.com

Thanks,

Gary Sole

NMRA National in Grand Rapids

Modular Group

photo: Larry Madson



Back Row L to R

Bill Kovacs	(Div 4)
Lee Sheffield	(Div 4)
Jeff Lauren	(Div 4)
Gerry Covino	(Hub Div)
David "Shack" Haralambou	(Hub Div)
Dick Johannes	(Hub Div)

Front Row L to R

Tim Sheffield	(Div 4)
Scott Benson	(Div 4)
Dave James	(Div 4)
Larry Madson	(Div 4)
Dick Ball	(Hub Div)



Working at the 2014 table. Reservations were suggested if you wanted a seat - convention co-chairs Jerry Krueger and Chuck Klein (both left, standing) were out of luck on this occasion. That's Portland's 2015 table next to ours. We had a prime location at the top of the main stairway - so prime in fact that people kept trying to register with us for Grand Rapids!

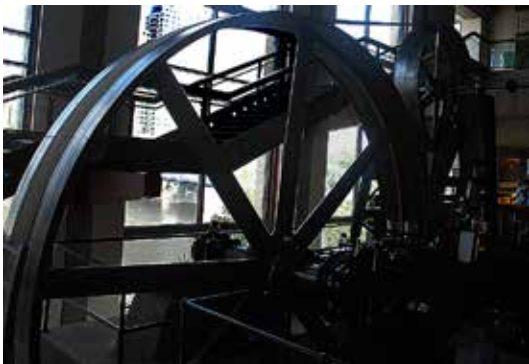
The season's first contest will be for Steel Cabooses. Right now everyone in the Division is tied for first place, so with a little bit of effort (i.e., contest entries) you can work to pull ahead of the pack!



Grand Rapids continued - 2014 Co-Chair Jerry Krueger took a very rare break from convention work to try out the Operations Roadshow.



A balcony view of the Operations Roadshow layout.



A museum across the river featured industrial artifacts, many related to the area's furniture making history.

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Social time starts at 7 pm
Business meeting 7:30 pm



A view into one of many finely detailed buildings on Bruce Chubb's layout. Dr. Chubb's layout was open every day and evening during the National Convention, allowing visitors to run trains - or just railfan.

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