



# THE FLATWHEEL



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## Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent On Q

Our next meeting is October 12th. The model contest will be a model house. The clinic will lead off with a short presentation on the Achievement Program. This will be followed by a program given by Lee Sheffield and Larry Madson on scenery. A Woodland Scenics scenery kit will be used for demonstration purposes. This should help us in learning some techniques that aren't used very often. The purpose is to demonstrate how simple it is to do. I'll let Lee and Larry cue you in with the specifics during the meeting.

Even though I am writing this article prior to the Carnival, I would like to give a big THANK YOU to those members who participated in volunteering their time to the event. The signup sheets show that many more of you stepped up to the plate to help. This year's member participation is much improved over last year. We will have a preliminary report at the October meeting as to how well the show was received by the public, our participating dealers, and a broad compass heading on the impact to our finances.

One of my personal goals during my tenure as your superintendent has been to give, what I call, more entertainment value to our members. To this end, the BOD has discussed and implemented several ideas to increase that entertainment value to you. Our hope is that we've been successful. I guess I could simplify it to, "During the last two years, has the Division provided more fun to you?" It's up to you to define the word "fun". We have taken steps to simplify and shorten business meetings, improve our contests, provide more interesting clinics, promote education to new and long-time members alike, and to showcase member talent in models, modules, and layouts. If we have been successful, I'm well satisfied. But if we haven't, let us know with constructive ideas how the Division can better serve your needs. Tell any of the officers or trustees your ideas. We will discuss them in BOD meetings as to what we can do to increase "fun". It's pretty easy for us to sometimes take ourselves too seriously.

The next event that engages the entire Division is TRAINing Day, Saturday, November 3rd. I will have more fliers for distribution, as well as a signup sheet for those members who would like to demonstrate some aspect of model railroading to the public. We encourage you to come forward and provide your expertise, even if the subject area is being covered by someone else. Last year we had several demonstrations on similar subjects (tree making is an example). The neat thing is that there are so many different ways to make trees, and they all do creditable justice in coming up with a realistic looking tree. The same can be said for many different modeling subjects. So why don't you spend some time with us during TRAINing Day. Demonstrate your talent by showing everyone how you do it.

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

# General Meeting Minutes

## Meeting of Div 4 NMRA for September 14, 2012

Called to order by Supt. Art Bumpus at 7:38 PM

Treasurer Rich Tressa stated that the Div 4 has a \$36,233.22 balance.

Membership - Co Chairs Denny Whitaker and Joe Mehalic introduced new members, Gary Deucher, who will be giving a Short Line Clinic in the near future and Scott Carter, also 1 new reraill member was in attendance. As always the membership table is in need of a few members to help at the Carnival. Carnival - Mike Oster - The signup sheets are on the table for Members to put a little time in to help in the only fundraising project this Division has. Please stop in to help. For various reasons this year we still have tables left to sell (15). The waiting list exhausted, and we will continue to take reservations from dealers. The Div 4 module group has been moved to the big building, as always we could use member help for dealer set up on Friday and clean up on Sunday. Promote the SHOW. Thank you.

Training Day - Flyers are available for distributions, signup sheet for putting on demos are also on the Table. Dave Williams spoke of another div that put on a white elephant type sale at the training day to help new comers to acquire less expensive cars to model with, Contact Dave Williams if interested. Publicity is increased for this event. More flyers will be at the next meeting.

Clinics - Larry Madson - Tonight is Chuck Klein's clinic on the Terminal Tower Complex. October - Lee and Larry will put on a clinic that involves a Woodland Scenic learning Kit. November - Gary Deucher, will present a program on Short Line Railroads.

Module Committee - Scott Benson -The group had a very busy Summer of displaying to the public, first we displayed at the Canal Days with the Metro Parks, and then the National Convention and the National Train Show, we have a large display that included about 30 modules from our members and some from the HUB div of Boston MASS. We placed third in the Group Module Contest. Plaques are presented for participation. The display was big and got lots of good reviews especially on how we ran our layout. We took the rest of August off and got going again in September with a display at the Lodi outlets for the Lodi Train club. We will have a large display at the Carnival and then again at the i-Hobby Trade Show, October 13-14 2012 at the IX Center.

2014 Convention - July 13-19 - Chuck Klein & Jerry Krueger - Next meeting at the IX Center on Sept 27 at 7pm, look for the email for more info. We actually took reservation at the convention; 108 registrants signed up to attend in 2014 and 1 Family registrations was also sold. LOTS of interest from lots of people. Big push over the next 12 months to complete all of our planning efforts. Next year's convention is in Atlanta, 2014 Cleveland, and 2015 will be Portland OR..

Flatwheel Deadline is September 27th.

Dave Lawler - Contest Chair - The contest tonight is Cabooses', many thanks to all the members for bringing out the models for display. The fall of 2012 and spring 2013 Schedule are published in the Flatwheel.

New Business - Denny Whitaker is stepping down as membership chair - Tom Beutler will be taking his place. Many thanks to Denny for all the hard work he put into the membership committee.

Refreshment Chair is still open. We are seeking a volunteer for this position. See Art.

We will again be displaying at the Porter Library, this time for two months. November will be a Modeling display and December will be more toy train and holiday display. Contact Chuck Klein for information.

Bruce Brintnall, MMR - gave a presentation on the Achievement Program. Each month there will be a short segment of the meeting on the subject of the AP program put on by various Division members. The Division's goal is to help members improve their modeling skills.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:30 PM

Respectfully submitted

David James

## Membership by Dennis Whitaker

### October 2012 Birthdays:

CHUCK BOROWIAK	RITA BRENNAN
JOHN BUETTNER	JAMES BURKHART
MICHAEL CASEY	JOSEPH J FERENCIE
NEAL S GEARHART	LYNDALL HUGHES
DAVID E JAMES	WILLIAM JENKS
ROLF KROTSENG	DAVID R LAWLER
DAVID A MARVINNEY	JAMES A MOORE
THOMAS W NEWELL	JOANNE OBREZA
JANE RABA	ANTHONY L SMITH
ALEX A SZADAY	EDWARD J TELECKY
ROBERT Z VARGA	

### New Members:

KENNETH F KALLUTZ      CLEVELAND 44109

### Re-Rail Members:

JAMES FOLEY      CLEVELAND 44105



Modular Committee Chair Scott Benson (r) handed out plaques and pictures to National Convention module participants. The layout took third place. Tim Sheffield (l) is receiving his award.

## 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.

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## RAFFLE REPORT

Thanks to all who participated and supported the September raffle. The October raffle will be the first theme raffle of the fall and winter season. It will be "New York Central Night" on the raffle table. Once again, there is something for everyone. See you there.

## The Raffle Dudes

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## BOD Meeting Minutes

.... not received. I'll ask Ben if he can post online when they come in.

(Editor's note (online version only) - the BOD Minutes are submitted to the Flatwheel at my request to inform the membership of all discussion points. It is my opinion that Art covered all relevant topics during the September general meeting and are covered by the Minutes on page 2, so I'm not overly concerned that I haven't printed the BOD Minutes yet).

## **The Clinic Corner**

### **October 2012 Program**

#### **Trees, Trees, Trees - Make and Take**

**Presented by: Lee Sheffield & Larry Madsom**

#### **Trees, Trees, Trees Make and Take**

Join in and have some fun, we will be making trees using a *Woodland Scenics* learning kit. To participate, just purchase the kit for \$5.00 ( a \$15.99 value). We will make a few trees from the kit and you get to take them home to place on your layout! The session is limited to 25 participants.

#### **November Program – Short Line Railroads---A Modeling Opportunity**

##### **Gerry Deucher – NOARS**

The program will feature a selection of short line railroads to illustrate the unique aspects of this type of railroad with regards to location, methods of operation and physical plant and how these features may be applied to model 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 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 [HYPERLINK "mailto:lmadson@roadrunner.com"lmadson@roadrunner.com](mailto:lmadson@roadrunner.com).

Larry Madson

#### **Training Day is scheduled for November 3.**

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](mailto:gsantafe@wowway.com)

Thanks,

Gary Sole

## 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](mailto:cltrn@aol.com)



Time to leave the refrigerator and head to Porter Library!

## 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](http://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](mailto:rictre@hotmail.com). ( Best way to reach me is e-mail.)

Rich Tressa

## Also for Training Day

We're looking for your functioning but unwanted cars and locomotives for our Training Day White Elephant Sale. You know the ones – sporting horn hook couplers that haven't seen layout time since Conrail was formed. The idea is to let young visitors take home an affordable working souvenir from Training Day and hopefully keep the idea of model railroading alive at home. Proceeds will be donated to the sponsoring church. Please bring your items to Training Day, the October meeting, or, if you can't make either of those events, bring them to Carnival and give them to me directly, or hide them under the membership table with a note – I'll pick them up Sunday afternoon.

We got this idea from the Division 11 show earlier this year. They also had a small scenery make-n-take project for the kids. It doesn't look like that idea will come together for this Training Day, but look for it in the future.

Thanks, Dave Williams



September clinician Chuck Klein prepares to present his *Cleveland Union Terminal*.

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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.

Uncredited photos: D Williams.

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## Your Layout Could Be On The 2014 National Convention Layout Tour by John Hemsath

In preparation for the National Convention, the Layout Tour Committee is looking for layouts. We'd like yours to be one of the layouts offered. We have some amazing layouts in the Division...yours may be one of them.

Let's face it, we are all critical of our own work. I wish I had a nickel for every time I've heard, "Oh, my layout isn't good enough for an open house." That's where you're wrong. In every layout I've visited, no matter its condition, I've always found something interesting about it to make my visit worthwhile. Don't underestimate the amount or quality of the work you've done. I've seen layouts on tour that not only had no running trains and didn't even have any track laid. And that's OK because what they had was very interesting bench work. It was a great opportunity to see the layout in that stage. I've seen a fascinating layout that had bench work with track that ran great, but not a speck of scenery or structures. Again, that layout offered a great opportunity to learn.

So no more excuses! 2014 is just around the corner and we want to include all the layouts we can. Wouldn't it be great to show your layout to some of the luminaries of our hobby and hear them say, "Nice job!?" Who can appreciate what you've done better than your fellow modelers?

Included in this issue of the Flat Wheel is a guide (we call it a Rubric) to review your own layout. This guide will help you focus on where you might want to make changes or improvements before opening it up for the Convention. But this is just a guide. Again, just because a layout may not be 100% complete...like lacking scenery or track...doesn't mean it's not good enough to show at this stage. But, you be the judge. If you'd like an outside, gentle, diplomatic opinion, give me a call (440.871.9676). I'll visit you layout and we can review it together.

Now is the time to set your goal of sharing your layout with model railroaders just like you...from all over the country. Don't miss this exciting opportunity.

Layout Information and Rubric					
<b>Layout Owner Information</b>					
Name					
Address					
Phone			Email		
Scale	Gauge	Era	Location	Cntrl system	
<b>Railroad Name</b>					
<b>Bold all that apply</b>					
Single Deck MMR	Multi-Deck Nat'l Publicized	Operations SIG Issues	Layout SIG Layout Handbook	CTC/Dispatcher Volunteer Official	Certificates
Visitors	Individuals	Sm. Group	Large group	Includes Crew Lounge	
Concept or Theme					
Owner will host		Bus Tour	Self-guided	Both	
<b>25 Point Rubric</b>					
Quantity of Scenery	1 0% with bldgs	2 25%	3 50%	4 75%	5 100%
Quality of Scenery	1 NA	2 Started	3 Lots completed with some nice scenes	4 Almost complete with some detailed scenes	5 super detailed awesome
Reliability of operation	1 Doesn't run	2 haltingly	3 NA	4 NA	5 reliable
Layout Design (Subjective)	1 C	2	3 B	4	5 A
Special Features	1 Lighting	1 Handicap Accessible	1 Animation	1 Signaling	1 Control Panel(s)
Total Points					

## Carnival

If you receive this before Oct 7, there's still time for you to help at this year's Carnival, Oct 5-7 (work days) at the Berea Fairgrounds. See you there!

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# Model Training Day!

**Saturday, November 3, 2012**

**10:00 am - 3:00 pm**

**St Christopher's Church**

20141 Detroit Rd, **Rocky River, OH**

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## Contest Corner                      conducted by Dave Lawler

Sept. 2012 Contest: Steel Caboosees

There were 11 entries and 57 votes.

1st place:        Art Bumpus                      B&O I-12 caboose, 29 votes (Nice model and lots of B&O fans)  
2nd place:        Jim Grell                         PRR N-5 caboose, 9 votes  
3rd place:        George Gelehrter              N&W No. 500837 center cupola caboose, 5 votes

As this is the first contest of the year the point standings are predictable as follows:  
Art-4, Jim-3, George-2 everybody else with an entry has 1 each.

Winners please remember to bring your models to the October meeting.

October contest is for small houses 20' x 30' maximum, haunted or otherwise.



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Two steel cabooses on display during the September contest.

Next meeting: Friday October 12 2012

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

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

The November issue of the Flatwheel will be a full mailing and will include Layout Tour information for Sunday November 5, 2012.

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