



THE FLATWHEEL



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Official newsletter of Division Four, Mid Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association.

Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent On Q

Our next meeting is February 8. Members should bring an appetite. This is our member appreciation meeting and the Division will be providing pizza. The contest this month will be a gas station. Our program will be a presentation on the Regional Convention in Dayton. One of the new activities being introduced is an "Op till you drop" session scheduled for Thursday evening. The convention dates are May 15th to May 18th 2013. Our Division will present the second annual Martha Newberry structure award at this convention. This award is presented to one of the entrants entering a structure in the convention, which is deemed as the best structure. The award is chosen by three Division 4 members. Consider going to the convention since it's one of those activities in which you can be with great company and you can be totally immersed in model railroad activities.

As a 501c3 organization, one of the activities we are involved with is the awarding of "grants" to groups/organizations. For 2012, Division 4 is proud to announce the following grants: A \$100 dollar grant is awarded to the Cuyahoga County S Gaugers, Burning River River N Gauge group, the Norwalk and Western group and the Cuyahoga Valley and West Shore group. The Division awards this in appreciation for their consistent participation in our Carnival Train Show. A \$300 grant is awarded to the Medina 4 H group, and a \$500 grant is awarded to the Mad River Nickel Plate Museum in Bellevue. Finally, the Division is awarding a \$600 grant toward the Sacramento Rail Museum's NMRA exhibit. The grant to the Sacramento Rail Museum will be matched, dollar for dollar (up to \$250,000) by an anonymous donor for the NMRA exhibit. Our Division is proud that our 2012 grants total \$1,800.

Looking ahead to our March meeting, the Division will hold its auction. Think about those items that you no longer need and get them ready for selling them off. You'll not only relieve yourself of unwanted items, you'll also be helping the Division with the 10% sales fee. The next Flatwheel will have forms for you to complete in advance so you won't be rushed on auction night. There will be more on this in the next newsletter.

Lastly, we have instituted a swap and shop section to our web site. If you have items you need, or want to sell, let Ben Lanza know and he'll get it posted on the Division 4 web site. See the swap and shop section of the Division 4 web site for the common sense rules for posting items.

Until next month, remember, never trade steam for water.

General Meeting Minutes

DIV 4 NMRA meeting for January 11, 2013 at Westlake, Ohio
Opened at 7:30 PM by Art Bumpus
Welcome to the New Year

Treasurer's report – Assets are at \$41,837.16. Reports Available upon request

Membership - Joe Mehalic. Many visitors this evening - Gary Schafer, Justin Minik, Bob Kaywood, Jim Winter, Trump, Aaron Wheeler, Chris Borgmir, Mike Gorman. Many thanks for being here.

Bruce Brintnall presented a Merit Award to Art Bumpus and a Golden Spike Award to Joe Filipiak.

Jerry Krueger – 2014 National convention. Jerry mentioned several places that the committee will be displaying and promoting the convention will be a road trip to Elkhart IN for Jim Six' Model railroading School, April 19, 2013. The Indianapolis NMRA Regional Convention in May. The RPM Meet West, March 22 & 23, 2013. RPM Meet Central , April 26 & 27, 2013.

Larry Madson – clinics tonight will be Scratchbuilding 98 by Frank Bongiovanni. February will be Mike Narian promoting the Regional Spring convention

Scott Benson – Module Group – in the past year this group has attended and displayed at 17 events over 32 days and over 1100 hours of volunteer time. There will be a planning meeting Jan 17 at 6:30 PM at the Parma Snow library branch.

Dave Lawler – Contests - this month is head end cars. Thanks to all that brought models in for display. The last contest in November was won by Jin Grell (1st), Ken Orchard (2nd), and George Gelehrter (3rd). Next Month will be Gas Stations.

Layout tours – John Hemsath – Tours this spring will be May 5 & 11. Check the Flatwheel for more info (the May edition –ed.)

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- develop advertising recommendations consistent with the strategic plan. This may necessitate a change in advertising and may need to include cable TV
- review the table and entrance fee structure

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Grants were reviewed and approved for the following groups – 4H club of Medina, \$300.00 – Belleview Nickel Plate Museum, \$500.00 –Sacramento NMRA Museum Exhibit, \$600.00 _ and \$100.00 to the following groups Cuyahoga Valley S Gaugers, Norwalk and Western model RR, Burning River N scale Module Group and the Cuyahoga Valley and West Shore RR Club. Next meeting is Member Appreciation Night, which we will dine on Pizza and refreshments provided by the division. Meeting Adjourned at 8:25 PM

Respectfully submitted

David James

February 2013

Birthdays:

H BRUCE BLONDER

DENNIS A BROWN

GARY B DUNN

CARL J GEDEON

BRAD GLAZE

BRIAN HAAS

THOMAS F HEMSATH

DANIEL J KOVACS

DONALD MARCUSSEN

DAVID S NEUZIL

PAUL J NOVAK JR

MICHAEL A OSTER

JOHN PUCH

JOHN P ROWE

CHUCK SWORD

RICHARD P WOODWARD

New Members:

DAVID HAMMER

LORAIN

OH

JIM KOLEZYNSKI

STRONGSVILLE

OH

Rerail Members:

NONE

Congratulations to the following members listed in this month's NMRA Magazine Achievement Program:

John Puch

Golden Spike

John Reynolds

Master Buidler - Scenery

BOD Meetings

February 26, 2013

April 30, 2013.

Meetings start at 7 pm and are held at the church on the NW corner of routes 42 and 82 in Strongsville.

Railroad Prototype Modeler meet near Pittsburgh, PA

It is time to make your RPM-East plans and rekindle your modeling efforts after a long, cold winter! Less than two months remain until this prototype modeler gathering in suburban Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania. There will be plenty of action over March 22 & 23.

- two days of prototype and model presentations
- a large display room to share your modeling efforts and learn new techniques
- a variety of vendors selling goods for prototype modeling
- Thursday evening operating sessions on local model railroads
- an informal Saturday buffet
- Sunday model railroad layouts to visit

Registration is only \$35, with an additional banquet cost of \$28.
There is a special hotel room rate of \$89 per night.

Registration forms, hotel information and more can be found at the RPM-East website:

http://www.hansmanns.org/rpm_east/index.htm

RPM-East is sponsored by Division 2, MCR-NMRA.

At this time, a wide variety of rail-related subjects will be presented. Here's the current RPM-East presenter line up:

Keith Albright, Art Biehler, Dom Candelore, Jim Dalberg, Keith DeVault, Jeff English, Dick Flock, Nick Fry, Steve Funaro, Eric Hansmann, Jerry Jordak, Larry Kline, Fred Lagno, Bob Leverknight, Jim Panza, Ramon Rhodes, Jim Ruffing, Stan Rydarowicz, Mike Schleigh, Neal Schorr, Bob Stutzman, Mont Switzer, Tony Thompson, Roy Ward, John Wesner

Presentation titles will be posted soon to the RPM-East website while the specific presentation schedule will be available at the registration table when you arrive at the event.

http://www.hansmanns.org/rpm_east/index.htm

Set your schedule and register now for RPM-East!

Eric Hansmann
RPM-East Publicity and Web Guy



Operations Dayton 2013



Mid Central Regional Convention
May 15-18, 2013
Dayton Ohio

www.mcr2013convention.com



MODEL RAILROAD SPRING FLEA MARKET & SWAP MEET

Sponsored by Cincinnati Division 7 NMRA
www.cincy-div7.org

Saturday, MARCH 9, 2013
10 AM to 3 PM

LAKOTA WEST FRESHMAN CAMPUS

5050 TYLERSVILLE ROAD
WEST CHESTER, OH. 45069

FEATURING LOCAL MEMBERS & HOBBY DEALERS

\$4.00 ADMISSION
\$3.00 YOUTH (11-15 years of age)
Under 10 years of age **FREE**
TABLES \$17 (each 30 inches x 8 ft)
Table Reservations: rhord@fuse.net

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Calendar of Listed Events

Feb	8	General Meeting
Feb	26	BOD
March	9	Dayton Show
March	16/17	Railfest
March	22/23	RPM East, and RPM West
April	19	Jim Six School
April	26/27	RPM Central
April	27	Pittsburgh Jamboree
April	30	BOD
May	5	Layout Tours
May	11	Layout Tours
May	15-18	Regional Convention, Dayton
July	14-20	National Convention, Atlanta
Oct	4-6	Carnival work days
Nov	9	Training Day

These are listed as a guide to events mentioned in this Flatwheel. It does not include all events during the range (example, Division meetings after February).

2013 Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree

Sunday April 27, 2013
Sewall Center Robert Morris University
Moon Campus
early registration \$22.00

see www.keystonedivision.org
for more details

2013 Railfest

March 16/17, 2013 10 am to 4 pm
Lakeland Community College
Kirtland, Ohio 44094
(Rt 306 exit from I-90)

One day admission	\$7
Two Day Pass	\$12
Couples/Family Pass	\$12

more information at

www.railfest.org



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NMRA NATIONAL CONVENTION
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NMRA National Convention
Atlanta Georgia

July 14-20, 2013

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Appointed

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Bruce Brintnall MMR
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Scott Benson

Contests
David Lawler
N.O.A.R.S. Representative
Chuck Beargie

Historian/Archivist
Frank Bongiovanni
Webmaster
Ben Lanza

Raffle
Mike Klein
Refreshments
(open)

Company Store
Tim Sheffield

Clinics
Larry Madson

Flatwheel Editor
Dave Williams



Overhead shot of a detailed building on Bruce Chubb's layout

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 March Flatwheel is Thursday Feb 21, 2013.

Board of Directors of DIV 4 NMRA meeting for January 8,2013 at Strongsville, Ohio

Opened at 7:05 PM by Art Bumpus

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The Treasurer will have his books reviewed* by Steve Kaplan and Gary Sole.

Raffle committee donated \$200 to the treasury

Meeting Adjourned at 8:50 PM

Submitted by David James, Secretary

(* editor's note - I wasn't at this meeting but, if I'm correct, this is a routine periodic audit as required by our charter/bylaws. It was discussed at the previous BOD as well.)

Railfest Membership Table

The following Division 4 members have volunteered to work the joint NMRA table during Railfest Saturday/Sunday, March 16th and 17th (these were the names submitted by the deadline).

Tentative days/times are shown. These members will report in at the main gate to receive their wrist band.

Lee Sheffield	Saturday/Sunday as needed
Fred Obreza	Sat 10-12
Art Bumpus	Sat 12-2
Joe Mehalic	Sat 2-4
Chuck Baad	Sat afternoon

Ben Lanza	Sat 10-12
Dave Williams	Sun 10-12
Bob Kaiser	Sat or Sun 12-2

Thanks!

Also thanks to Chuck Klein, Mike Klein, and Gary Sole, collectively known as *Bernie's Bargains*, who always are ready to provide backup support.

Joe Mehalic
Division 4 Co-Chairman of Membership

Module Group: 2012 in Review

By Scott Benson, Module Group Chairman

Last year was another great year for the Division 4 module group. Our modules were displayed at 17 events over 32 days in 2012. The feature events were: Day Out with Thomas at the CVSR, the National Train Show in Grand Rapids, Carnival, the iHobby Show at the I-X Center, and the division Training Day. In between those, we displayed at 5 train shows, 3 libraries, Metroparks Canal Center Train Day, the Boy Scout Camporee and finished off at the Army Reserve in Twinsburg for their family Holiday Party. Two of those events were successful joint displays with the Division 1 module group, and the Hub division from Massachusetts brought a handful of modules to join us at the National Train Show. Our displays at National Train Show, Carnival and iHobby exceeded expectations for layout size and numbers of modules. In other highlights, Larry Madson and Bill Cramer rolled out the slag dump corner module to augment the steel mill, and Dave James and Scott Benson got new large radius (>30 inch) return loops up and running, so the passenger trains and modern equipment are starting to roll. Many thanks to the division members who put all the time and effort into the events for 2012.

We now have four division members who are working on their first modules. They will be joining the group's again-busy schedule for 2013. A planning meeting was held in January, and the Division 4 modular layout will be out representing the hobby and NMRA in force this year. We're also already looking forward to Cleveland 2014, with plans for a joint layout with our co-sponsor divisions and Hub too!

There's always room for more participation, whether it is just staffing the display, running a train, or building a module. Contact any of the module group members if you're interested in participating. More info is also available on the Division 4 website.

Raffle Report

Join us at the next meeting, buy raffle tickets, and have a good chance to get a great item for your layout or collection.

The Raffle Dudes

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.

Editor's Notes

Mainly to say, sorry, I had a small dose of whatever is going around and missed the BOD and General meetings, so just file photos in this issue.

I'm planning to go to the Dayton Regional. The last one there was low key but still pretty good. Gary Sole and I went to an operating session where the club had used the wrong product to clean their tracks, which made it pretty entertaining, if not overly productive. Gary worked the yard and I did some local switching, so we were exempt from the mainline breakdowns (but not from overhearing the occasional discouraging word).

Contest Corner conducted by Dave Lawler

January 2013 Contest: Head end passenger cars.

There were 11 entries and 42 votes cast.

1st:	Jim Grell	12 votes
2nd:	Joe Kurilec	8 votes
3rd:	Chuck Baad	6 votes

The final point standings for first quarter TROPHIES are as follows:

1st:	Jim Grell	15 points
2nd:	George Gelehrter	8 points
3rd:	Art Bumpus	5 points

The February contest will be Gas Stations.

Please note: There will be NO CONTEST in MARCH due to the AUCTION/FLEA MARKET.

The contest schedule is moved ahead one month as follows:

April:	A geared locomotive
May:	A semi-tractor trailer truck
June:	A small diesel or steam locomotive fueling facility

Help Wanted: Joe Kurilec left a photo in a Plexiglas mounting of his express reefer underbody on the contest table. If someone picked it up please bring it to the next meeting and return it to Joe.

The Clinic Corner

February 2013 Program Mike Mereness – Division 3 MCR

Mike will present a program that will hopefully convince you to attend the MCR Spring Convention in Dayton, May 15 - 18, 2013

March 2013 Bi-Annual Auction

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 a program for June, 2013.

Larry

Clinic Presentation Aids

Division 4 has a digital projector available for use by division members for presenting clinic programs in digital format. We now also have a carousel slide projector with carousels. The division also has a video camera available for program enhancement. Anyone wishing to use the camera or the projectors for their program, contact Larry Madson.

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

Larry Madson

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A scene on the Novaks' layout

Next meeting:

Friday February 8, 2013

Church of the Redeemer
23500 Center Ridge Road
Westlake Ohio 44145

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

Division website: www.div4.org

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