



# THE FLATWHEEL



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## On Q

Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent

Our next meeting is Friday, September 13th. The September contest is for anything that uses a trolley pole. There will be two "mini clinics". Joe Kurilec will talk to us about the achievement program. John Hemsath will give us a talk about "non-tool tools for the model railroader". Social hour starts at 7:00 PM and the business meeting starts at 7:30 PM. Come early and catch up on news from your friends over the summer.

The Division's next event is the Carnival. Mike has been working all summer getting the dealers on board. Now it's our turn to come up with the manpower to insure the Carnival runs smoothly. I'll repeat what I have said before. The larger the number of us who work, the easier the load is for everybody. I will have sign-up sheets at the next meeting. We are short of manpower in several critical activities and your volunteering of a couple of hours will tremendously help us in providing adequate manpower for every aspect of Carnival operation.

As I announced earlier this summer, Rich Tressa has found it necessary to resign his post as Treasurer. I would like to thank Rich for his dedicated and meticulous work in this position for the last several years. Rich has provided a valuable service to the Division, and the Board of Director's, as well as the membership, "Thank You!" for your enthusiasm in discharging your duties.

Carrying forward with the task of finding a candidate to fulfill the duties as Treasurer, Bruce Bowie has volunteered to take on the position. The BOD discussed his offer and by unanimous decision, the Board accepts Bruce's offer. Congratulations and thanks Bruce!

On November 9th, the Division will be hosting TRAINing Day. This year's activities will expand the teaching aspect with models from Walther's and Accurail targeted specifically to youngsters for assembly at the event. To help us, both Walther's and Accurail are providing us with the models at very deep discounts. Gary Sole, who is our point person to the event, has performed yeoman's service to do the footwork to make the event our best ever. We'll be looking for volunteers at our September and October meetings to participate in the event.

Leave it to our Division to take on new and different activities/projects, and the event to top all events is the NMRA Cleveland 2014 National Convention. A contingent of members from Host Divisions 4, 5, and 1 attended the Atlanta convention in July. I'll let Chuck and Jerry fill you in on the responses from attendees at the Atlanta convention as to what we have planned, but let me tell you, the prototype tours, clinic, and layout lineup is really impressive. More activities are still to come on board, but what is now solidly committed for the convention will make for a great convention. Mark your calendar for July 13-19, 2014 for the convention at the Cleveland Convention Center.

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

# General Meeting Minutes

DIV 4 NMRA meeting for June 14, 2013 at Westlake, Ohio

Opened at 7:35 PM by Art Bumpus

Treasurer's report - Assets are at \$29,872.10. Reports Available upon request

Membership - Joe Mehalic. Visitors this evening - Stan Dus, Bob Crowley. Many thanks for being here.

Carnival - Mike Oster - Dealer mailing went out. Volunteers Sheets are out on the table, sign up to work the carnival, this is our only fundraiser event so we ask for just a little bit of time to work at the show.

Larry Madson - clinics tonight will be Lee Sheffield on DCC

Scott Benson - Module Group - Canal Train Days is the next event

Dave Lawler - Contests - this month is loco Service facilities. Last month was trucks, 1st place Jim Grell, 2 Gary dun. Tonight's show and tell is examples of contest entries. Check the web sight for the years schedule.

BOD will be August 24 at the Mad River museum in Bellevue, Ohio

4H Club. The June meeting will be about tune up of rolling stock, contact Gary Sole if interested.

Old Business - Regional Convention was in Dayton, Great Show and wonderful layout tours.

New Business - Picnic will be July 27 at NOLS Noon to 3pm.

Received a thank you from the Larry Smith - the recipient of the Martha Newberry Award.

Meeting Adjourned at 8:10 PM

Respectfully submitted

*David James*

## BOD meeting of August 24, 2013

Located at the Mad River and NKP Museum, Bellevue, Ohio

Called to order at 10:10 AM by Art Bumpus, Superintendent

Conversation about the resignation of Rich Tressa as treasurer, it is moved by Steve Kaplan and seconded by Gary Dunn to appoint Bruce Bowie to fill the unexpired term of the treasurer. Arrangement will be made to get the materials from Rich Tressa. An audit of the books will be done before turned over to Bruce Bowie. (An audit is customary when this position changes - ed.)

Carnival - Mike Oster - - sale of tables is much better than last year. One building is sold out and very close on the others. Need to coordinate for the raffle, Brian Haas is to be in charge. Promotions table will be focused on Membership and the National Convention. Liability Insurance certificate will be issued soon for the Fair Board. Darren Ernst will be doing the Brats and Pop on Friday evening. Looking for some job slots to be filled for some of the bigger jobs at the Carnival. Dealers do appreciate the help in unloading and loading. Dealer walk and swap will be on Sunday at 9:30 AM. We will be doing a name of the show change in 2014, to *Great Berea Train Show*. There will be a discussion after this show to talk about the advertising media that will be used in the future.

National Convention, planning continues, registration is going well. Convention Cars and other Swag item will be available for sale online at the convention's store. There will be no company store at the convention.

Training day will be the November 9, 2013. This event will be at our regular meeting location in Westlake. We will be buying some buildings for the training day, and we will be getting cars for building also. Now we just need to find clinicians for the day. Contact Gary Sole.

Clinics for the regular meetings, Larry is always looking for good subjects, it was suggested that we have several on the railroad history of Cleveland leading up to the 2014 National convention. Also we could build a diorama in stages during clinics over the year.

Our host is Chris Beamer of the Mad River Museum and we thank him very much for the time here.

Next regular meeting is September 13, 2013

Adjourned at 11:30 AM

## Membership by Tom Beutler, Membership co-chair

### September 2013 Birthdays:

BARTHOLOMEW JAMES	BRINTNALL	LAWRENCE
BRUNS KENNETH	FELDMAN	RICHARD
JONES JOSEPH	KNIPPER	EDWARD
KURILEC JOE	MCINERNEY	LUCY
OBREZA FRED	ONDRISH	TED
PAINTER MARK	PAOLELLA	MICHAEL
SHEFFIELD LEE	WEISMAN	BRIAN
WOODARD GEORGE		

### New Members:

BRAUN DANIEL PARMA, OHIO

### Re-Rail Members:

NONE

### Tom Newell

The Division lost member Tom Newell on July 22, 2013. Health issues had limited Tom's meeting attendance in recent years. An avid N Scaler, Tom was active in several local groups with N Scale modules and layouts. He was also quite active in the Nickel Plate Historical & Technical Society. He won a first place award from them some years back for an N Scale module of the Mad River & NKP Museum in Bellevue. As a railfan, Tom's "kindly gentleman" disposition could get him in - and out - of areas of interest. Visitation was well attended by Division members.

Tom and Glenda Newell at the NKP convention in 2008.



## **The Clinic Corner**

### **September 2013 Program Non-tool Tools for the Model Railroader Presented by – John Hemsath**

John Hemsath will present a short clinic on “Non-Tool Tools for the Model Railroader.” The hobby shop, Micro Mark, and Sears don’t carry everything you should have. We’ll shop the grocery, the drug store, and the kitchen supply store. At the end of the clinic, we’ll add your ideas too.

### **October Program**

The October program is an information sharing night where you, the members will have an opportunity to meet and learn about the interests of others. We will take a departure from our normal format, and instead offer members the opportunity to give mini-presentations about what they are doing on their layouts and modeling tips. So --- bring your short demonstration and we will give you 15 minutes to show others what you are up to. We will supply the laptop and projector for your digital photos. Please contact Larry Madson in advance at 440-934-2643 or [lmadson@roadrunner.com](mailto:lmadson@roadrunner.com) so he can schedule the number of presentations in advance.

### **Clinics Wanted**

Any Division member with an idea for a program subject or wishing to present a program for the 2013 – 2014 season, please contact me.

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](mailto:lmadson@roadrunner.com).

Larry Madson

## Picnic

Well, after years of good weather on picnic day, it had to happen sometime. Overcast skies and periodic rain during the day kept the usually large attendance down. Plenty of hot dogs and other food for the rest of us! Also, the building provided plenty of shelter for those of who us did make the trip. Extra thanks to everyone who worked this event.

## 2013 National Convention in Atlanta



A group of us from Division 4 as well as members of Divisions 1 and 5 (oh yes, and Fr Bob MacKay from Division 11) made the journey to Atlanta this year to promote next year's National convention in Cleveland. Co-Chairs Jerry Krueger and Chuck Klein have maintained a fairly liberal attitude during the past several years about working our table, but this year most of us hung pretty close to the table or coordinated with people to help with next year.

Behind the table, right to left: Chuck Klein, Jerry Krueger, and Dave Hazlett (Div 1).

A view from the hotel room window. The sky also provided one of the biggest storms imaginable on Saturday. The hotel was very nice.



Would it be Georgia if the drive home didn't include a stand like this?

## REMINDER On 2014 National Shirt Purchases

Those who purchased division shirts at the June meeting: I will have shirts at September meeting. Please bring your \$30.00 in cash or check. Members who wish to purchase shirts through me in the future will need to pay on preorder basis. (money first!!)

Thanks, Chuck Klein

## Carnival Train Show

### Results of "Returning Dealer Appreciation Raffle"

Grand Prize Winner:	James Rollbuhler	\$ 100.00
Second Place Winners:	Dan Melton	\$ 50.00
	Rail Photos Unlimited	\$ 50.00
Third Place Winners:	Bob's Photo	\$ 25.00
	D L H Locomotive Works	\$ 25.00
	Randy Jung	\$ 25.00
	Terry Smyers	\$ 25.00

Checks will be awarded Sunday afternoon during Carnival.

Carnival work days are October 4, 5, and 6. Division members entitled to admission to the show only if they work the show. Sign-up and show up to support the Division.



The Medina 4H Model Railroad group displayed a lot of well crafted modules at this year's Medina County Fair. A working Hulett was featured (unfortunately undergoing heavy maintenance when the pictures were being taken).

## Layout tours this Fall

The next layout tours will be on Sunday, November 3 and Saturday, November 16.

We'll be going to Cleveland's west side to see Bruce Brintnall's layout and to the southwest to see Joe Filipiak's. Others will be added, and, if you're in those areas and would like to be open, please let me know.

John Hemsath  
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## Moving Sale

Member Stan Dus is downsizing to a new residence and needs to reduce his HO collection to match

A list of some the items:

Custom oak & glass display case 39" x 66" x 13" with 6 glass shelves, \$100.00

HO scale, locomotives, new in box:

Athearn Genesis, GP-15-1, C.&N.W., #4400

Athearn R-T-R, GP-35, Wabash

Proto 2000, GP-7, Erie

Proto 2000, SW9/1200, CP Rail, #7401

Proto 2000, SW9/1200, Canadian Pacific, #7400, script

Proto 2000, SW9/1200, Florida East Coast, #226

Proto 2000, GP-7, New York Central, #5804, lightning stripe

Additionally: 15 Proto 2000 locomotives that are not in their boxes but have been sitting on a shelf since purchased new.

50+ cars

Many building kits and completed buildings

Many parts

Please call for details

Please contact Stan at: 440-779-4152

All items will be priced well below any retail price.



The Cincinnati Purple People Bridge (yes, looking a little blue in color) more formally known as the Newport Southport Bridge. Once part of the L&N line between Cincinnati and Newport, it is now pedestrian (and bicycle) only. The Ohio side features a small park while the Kentucky end has a shopping center with restaurants.

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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.

Uncredited photos: D Williams.

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Deadline for the September Flatwheel is Thursday September 26, 2013. The deadline is almost always 2 weeks and a day before the next general meeting.



Winners for the second half 2012-2013 contests:

1st Tom McInerny, 11 points

2nd (tie) Gary Dunn & Jim Grell, 10 points each

3rd Dave Williams, 4 points

New rule: One entry per member per contest. Enter your best and the rest are "Show & Tell".

#### 2013-2014 DIVISION 4 CONTEST SCHEDULE

September	Interurbans, streetcars, freight motors (anything with a trolley pole)
October	Work train equipment
November	Auto/truck repair garage and/or car dealer (not a gas station)
December	Holiday Party/Awards Banquet - no contest
January	2-bay hopper car
February	North East Ohio (Cleveland Area) railway related structures
March	Steam switch engine
April	All wood or wood side boxcar, single or double sheathed or plywood
May	Fallen flag B-B diesel locomotive

#### Traction Meet in Indianapolis (this weekend)

from Mike Oster

Traction Fans please be aware of the:

30th Hoosier Traction Meet September 6th & 7th 2013 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Held at the Clarion Hotel 2930 Waterfront Parkway West Drive (317) 299-8400. Room rate \$72 +tax single or double room. The event consists of open to the public swap meet Friday and Saturday free to all. Auditorium sessions with speakers both days. It's \$30.00 at the door Friday. Sessions held in 150 seat theater style auditorium. There will be eleven (11) different presentations with several repeated to help with meal planning. Our own Blaine Hays will present: *Cleveland's Trackless Trolleys Remembered*.

Others presentations:

Interurban Railway & Terminal Co ---- Cincinnati Lebanon interurban (1901-1922)

The Stream Line ----- Steubenville, East Liverpool & Beaver Valley Traction

Interurban Freight, Illinois Terminal, Grand Rapids streetcars, DeKalb Sycamore & Interurban

Two current industry news sessions

The website is [hoosiertractionmeet.weebly.com](http://hoosiertractionmeet.weebly.com)

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Next meeting: Friday September 13, 2013

Church of the Redeemer  
23500 Center Ridge Road  
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Social time starts at 7 pm  
Business meeting 7:30 pm

2014 National Convention committee members  
toured the new Cleveland Convention Center in  
August.

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