



THE FLATWHEEL

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

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Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent

Election time is upon us. In this issue of the Flatwheel, there is a ballot for voting on all elected officials of Division 4. There are two candidates for the office of Superintendent. Be sure to vote your choices and return your ballot, postmarked by April 15th, to Bruce Brintnall, Teller. You may also hand deliver your ballot to Bruce through April 15th.

Remember that the elected officials are your decision as to who will guide Division 4 through the next two years, so be sure to cast your vote. Results of the election will be published in the May issue of the Flatwheel, as well as announced at the May Division meeting.

Plans for the Division field trip are finalized. The trip is to the Horseshoe Curve in Altoona, Pa. Transportation, meals, and admission charges to the Horseshoe Curve Visitor Center and Pennsylvania Railroad Museum in Juniata, are all covered for a charge of \$20 per person. Also included is a visit to the Gallitzin tunnels. The date for the trip is **August 2nd**. Reservations will be open at the April Division meeting to Division members and their immediate family/significant other. Starting in May, if space permits, we will open reservations to other Divisions. For those who have not contacted Bruce Bowie, I suggest you do so to insure your spot for the trip. It will be an enjoyable day with friends. This trip is heavily subsidized by your Division, so why not sign up and take advantage of this opportunity.

Our next meeting will be Friday, April 11th. The contest will be wood side boxcars. The cars may have steel ends. The program will be "Hands on DCC" with a question and answer period. This will be a non technical program aimed toward those who want to expand their modeling enjoyment of running trains without needing to get into the bits and bytes of digital command control. Larry's goal is to have a clinic that is for modelers, not techies. So come with questions that will help you to better operate your DCC system, or to hear about DCC as an option that gives you more control over your railroad, or help you to use your own equipment on the Division 4 Modular layout.

For those members who have questions about any aspect of model railroading, there is a wealth of information among your fellow modelers. An easy way to get that answer is to use the Knowledge Depot that Tom Beutler emails to members. If you want to be added to the list of members who receive this resource, contact Tom. If you are in need of a hardcopy version of the Knowledge Depot, Joe Mehalic has hard copies available at Division meetings. The Knowledge Depot contains a list of modelers with skills and knowledge of various aspects of modeling or prototype railroads/operations. Don't be bashful, they all volunteered to be a resource for Division members. They will be glad to help you.

That's all for this month, so until next month, remember, never trade steam for water.

General Meeting Minutes

Division 4 meeting for March 14, 2014

Welcome and opening at 7:30 PM

Membership – Joe – Guests - 1, Harold Bailey- Hi Rail O gauge, Mike Langelier – HO , new members –1, we had 21 new members in 2013 and already have 17 new members this year so far, that's 219 total members.

Treasurers report – Bruce – Current Assets are \$34,575.80 Dec 12 awards dinner will be Copper Top restaurant in Valley City, Ohio, also have signup sheets are out for the trip to Altoona, PA

Carnival – Flyers are available

Program/Clinics – Larry – Next Clinic –April, DCC Forum

Modular group – Scott –.Went to Novi Mi. February 21-23, WGH show got us over 50,000 people to the hobby. March will be at Westlake library. May 10 – MWHS at the old B & O Roundhouse

Flatwheel is a great place to find all kinds of information about the division.

Contest – Dave Lawler - Next Month's Model Contest –Wood Box Car. February Contest winners, Brian Haas- 1st place, Joe Filipiak & Jim Grell - 2nd place, Lee Sheffield – 3rd place. (as of March meeting - see Contest page for current standings. -ed)

National Convention – If you have not signed up you might want to do that. Tours are selling well. Convention cars will need to be ordered soon, Tours are selling and selling out fast so be warned the tours are selling out. Be on the outlook for articles in all kinds of publications. So far there are about 729 registrations for our convention.

Old Business – Elections – Art Bumpus presented the candidates for nominations. Art talked about the Superintendent's job and Tasks of the Superintendent. Art then ask the candidates to state their platforms for the job of Superintendent. Al Halvorsen made a motion to vote by acclamation for uncontested positions second by Chuck Klein. Not Passed. Ballots will be mailed with the April Flatwheel

New business – None - Notices

April 25 – 27.2014 the New York Central historical Society Convention is here in Cleveland

Adjournment at 8:24 PM

David James
Secretary

Membership by Tom Beutler, Membership co-chair

April Birthdays:

Tom Athernton
Robert W Butler
James A Grell
Carole James
Patty Kaplan
William D Kovacs
Steve LaConte
A J Mazza
Thomas McInerney
Ronald E Morgan
James Raba
Allen W Seman
Fred Wagner
Donald C Wetzel
John Witt

New Members:

Aileen Armstrong	Hinckley
Frank Forti	Lakewood
David Gallagher	Solon
Frank Haugh	Medina
Andrew M Kachmarik	Parma Heights
Marcia Mehalic	North Royalton
David Mroczynski	Valley View
Kevin Peterson	North Olmsted
Don Smith	Brecksville
Trev Smith	Brecksville
Jim White	Fairview Park
Jim Wilson	Bay Village

Re-Rail Members:

John Armstrong
Fritz Schaufele

Your membership co-chairs would like to thank everyone who manned the membership table at the Division 5 Railfest show. A special mention to Lee and Tim Sheffield who spent the better part of Saturday manning the table!

Horseshoe Curve

Come join us an adventure of the summer. Division 4 will travel to Altoona, PA for visits to the Railroaders Memorial museum, Horseshoe Curve National Historic Site and the Gallitzin Tunnels. We will depart from the area of Brecksville to maximize our time in the Altoona area. Lunch and Dinner are included as we take motor coaches to Altoona. This trip will take place on Saturday August 2, 2014. Cost is only \$20.00 for members of Division 4. Contact Bruce Bowie to make reservation. Hurry, as the seats are limited and are selling fast..

Raffle Report

The April raffle is another great theme raffle. On the raffle table will be a trio of railroads. Erie, Delaware Lacawanna & Western, and Erie-Lacawanna. Once again there will be something for everyone.

The Raffle Dudes



The March clinic featured a presentation on Micro-Mark rubber molds and casting resin by George Keller.

We found ourselves surrounded by two dimensional happy children during the March meeting. This one seems to appreciate a contest entry.



The Clinic Corner

April 2014 DCC Forum Presented by Members of Division 4

DCC (Digital Command Control) was introduced 20 years ago when the NMRA membership approved the DCC Standard. Since then all the major manufacturers and many smaller manufacturers offer DCC products. This forum is for anyone who is new to the hobby, returning to the hobby, or is still a little reluctant to adopt DCC. The format will include brief history of DCC followed by an open question and answer period. There will also be several DCC systems connected to test tracks for you to get a feel for DCC operation.

May Program

Bruce Bowie
Making And Using A Static Grass Applicator

June Program

Richard Todd – Division3
New Lightweight Layout Materials,Or
How To Build A Layout Without Consulting A Structural Engineer.

Clinics Wanted

Any Division member with an idea for a program subject or wishing to present a program for the 2014 – 2015 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.

Larry Madson



This car was awaiting restoration in the old Sacramento SP shop (now run by the California State Museum) during the 2011 National Convention. This summer we'll be providing our guests with new memories to take home.

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. The group is private and does not appear on the Yahoo directory.

Uncredited photos: D Williams.

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Deadline for the next Flatwheel is Thursday April 24, 2014. The deadline is almost always 2 weeks and a day before the next general meeting.

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Tim Sheffield

Clinics

Larry Madson

Refreshments

Joe Filipiak

Flatwheel Editor

Dave Williams

Contest Corner

conducted by Dave Lawler

March 2014 contest: Steam switch Engines

There were 6 entries and 59 votes the results of which are as follows:

1st: Joe Kurilec B&B Mines 0-4-0

2nd: Jim Grell B&O 0-6-0

3rd: Art Bumpus B&O 0-8-0

The point standings are as follows:

1st: Jim Grell 6 points

2nd: Joe Kurilec and Brian Haas 4 points each

3rd: Joe Filipiak 3 points

The April contest is for Wood Box Cars having either wood or plywood sides, single ("outside braced") or double sheathed and wood or steel ends.

The May contest is for fallen flag B-B Diesels.

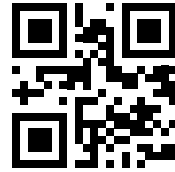
Great response this time everyone: 59 votes. Thanks for your participation.



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Friday April 11, 2014

Church of the Redeemer
23500 Center Ridge Road
Westlake Ohio 44145

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

The March steam switcher contest once again brought out some of the Division's best motive work.

This version of the Flatwheel does not contain a ballot. Issues containing ballots were printed and mailed to all voting Division members.