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Superintendent's Letter – September 2014

I had really planned to discuss the Convention in this letter, but President Charlie Getz's 6 page rave in the latest NMRA Magazine said it all. Those of you who did not attend the Convention really missed out on a great experience. For those of you who were there, and who volunteered for the various areas where there were needs – what can I say? Although we are still accumulating data, so far I can say that Division Four members and their families contributed over 1,400 volunteer hours at the Convention Center that week. AND – that does not count the time some of you spent having your layouts open to the attendees.

Six of our members plus the Medina County 4-H Module Group received awards in the various contests at the Convention. If you are one of them, please consider bringing your model to the meeting and share it with us (Larry and Bill – don't bring the Steel Mill though.)

One more thing about the Convention. – The NMRA desk signed up 48 new Division Four members. Members of the Board will be contacting these new members – hopefully all or many of them will be attending the upcoming meeting. New members can easily be identified by their name badge – it will be GREEN. When you see someone with a green name badge, please introduce yourself and make him or her feel welcome. Our goal is to keep them coming back for more.

As I mentioned at the June 13th meeting, this will be the last printed issue of The Flatwheel. The job of publishing and distributing the paper edition has become too burdensome, and the cost continues to climb. We have continuously pointed out that the printed edition was an abbreviated publication anyway, as we could have many more photos and attachments in the PDF version and/or the on-line one. There are still some of you who have not furnished us with an e-mail address. If you really - #1. Don't have one, and #2. don't want one, please see me at the meeting or call me at 216-561-1648. If either you or someone in your household or family do not have a computer, you can still download a copy at your local library.

At this September meeting, we will have the signup sheets for The Great Berea Train Show (formerly the Carnival of Model Railroad-ing). We need volunteers for the various tasks. The new name signifies our intention to continue increasing the stature of the Show. This year you will see heightened publicity in the form of television spots, and perhaps more print media. You can view our 30 second spot on U-Tube at <http://youtu.be/WEX3HQavfpM>. This ad will appear about 1300 times during the week of the show on various cable channels.

We have some openings for more members to serve on various committees, so expect to hear more from me on this subject at the meeting. Many of our positions are handled by members who have done it for a long time, and want to have some backup and some semblance of a succession plan.

This month Adam Woodie will present a clinic on weathering.

And lastly – Chuck Klein's letter was "From the Cab of 765"; Art's was "On Q". I can't decide what to use – we may have to have a "Name Steve's Message" contest.

See you on the 13th.
Steve Kaplan
Division 4 MCR Superintendent

General Meeting Minutes

Division 4 MCR, NMRA general meeting June 13, 2014

Membership Co-Chair Joe Mehalic had visitors introduce themselves. Richard Todd Division 3 is tonight's Clinic Speaker. Roster and the knowledge depot is available from Joe. We're at 217 Members

Treasurer's Report – Assets \$34,735.16

Convention – Jerry- about 950 registrations. If your registered and have not bought tickets for the banquet, you need to do this before the convention – REAL Soon. The NMRA Company Store will be closing online very soon. Volunteers are still needed.

Programs – Larry – he will work on the fall program after the convention.

Modules - Larry – next event is the convention. Close to a hundred modules,

Dave Lawler – Contest – Last month: Joe Kurelic MMR – first place, second Place - Jerry Kruger, third place- Stan Dus. Year end contest winners, Jim Grell, Joe Kurelic, and Art Bumpus. Check the Flatwheel for next year's list of contests. There will only be the year end results in 2014-2015.

Company Store has a new store manager, Chuck Klein. Look for some new products.

The Train Show – Mike Oster. New shirts are available along with hats. He is taking orders now. Signup sheets are ready for the Great Berea Train Show.

Old Business

Field trip August 2, 2014 – 81 pass are signed. Some seats are available. Departure will be in the Brecksville area.

There is no picnic this season because of the convention.

The Training Day will also not happen as of this time. This will be reconsidered at the BOD.

New business – deadline for the Flatwheel is August 28

Other business -Thank you note from the Medina County 4H Club for the Grant we gave them to them.

Adjournment at 8:03 PM

Respectfully submitted

David James, Secretary

BOD Meeting Minutes

BOD meeting at Sandusky, Ohio, St John Lutheran Church

Started at 10 AM

The Great Berea Train Show – funds were turned in for tables to treasurer, refunds also requested to dealers for various reasons, show not quite sold out, a few other dealers still to seal up the deal, and maybe some new dealers. Doing very well, lots of flyers still to get out. Shirt and hat order will be at the September meeting. Raffle prizes are in, great product for this year. Need someone to spearhead the raffle this year. TV ad is a go. \$3100 worth of commercials, cut some to help the show, most will happen the week before the show. Advertising is through Tom Pesche. Sign up at the next meeting to work at the show.

Calendar for the BOD is set. Also look for the Flatwheel and web site for the current calendar dates.

Review of the Bylaws is still process, as reported by Chuck Klein.

Membership – would like to have pictures of members tied to the rooster so members have the ability to help the membership. Members would be able to do an opt out if needed. Dave Williams will help on this. Also Joe Mehalic will contact the new members from this summer's new list.

Clinics – Larry is always looking for clinic and subject materials.

Field trip was well received. A new field trip will be planned for the 2015 season.

Treasurer report, we have a DJ for the awards dinner.

Adjourned 11:40 AM

Respectfully submitted

David James, Secretary

Division Financial Review

It is standard policy for the BOD to periodically request a review of the Division's accounts. Gary Sole completed such a review in June of this year with the following conclusion:

“The Division 4 Treasurer's report accurately reflects the cash assets as reported May 31, 2014.”

Bruce Bowie
Treasurer

Membership by Tom Beutler, Membership co-chair

September Birthdays:

James Bartholomew
Kenneth E Bruns
Ian Harris
Joe Kurilec
Lucy McInerney
Ted Ondrish
Michael A Paoella
Lee Sheffield
George S Woodard
Lawrence B Brintnall
Richard Feldman
Joseph L Jones
Michael Langelier
Fred Obreza
Mark E Painter
Dino Peris
Brian Weisman

Re-Rail Members:

William Mueller
Larry L. Potts
Stephen Prechtel
David Shute
Patrica Henning

New Members:

Mike Angyal	South Euclid
Leonard Bacha	Cleveland
William A. Bennett	Bay Village
Stephen D. Bennett	Olmsted Township
Steve Berger	Norwalk
Raymond Bohac	Westlake
Rich Camarati	Middleburg Hts
Rob Camburn	Olmsted Township
Terry L. Chokan	Bellevue
Noral Copeland	Oakwood Village
Richard M. Dalanno	South Euclid
Michael Drops	Lakewood
Allen R. Fenton	Bedford
Dennis Gamble	Sheffield Village
Louis Grasso	Mayfield Heights
Von Gruenheit	Rocky River
Ian Harris	Avon Lake
Scott Hicken	Avon Lake
Bryan Hinkle	Lorain
Mark Hogg	Amherst
Russell P. Holland	Lorain
Linda Klein	Parma Heights
Robert A. Krockner	Brooklyn Heights
Robert S. Laurent	North Olmsted
Al Lee	Berea
Richard Lewandowski	Vermillion
Terry MacKin	Westlake
Michael Marsh	Parma
Scott McKee	Olmsted Falls
Peter Meinke	Cleveland
James Meleney	Westlake
John Ochenas	Sheffield Village
Dino Peris	Lakewood
Bill Perry	Medina
John T. Pesuit Jr.	Oberlin
Jim Pollack	North Olmsted
Glenn Pryor	Strongsville
Michael Ramsdell	Sandusky
Chris Stokar	Independence
Rich Thoma	Fairview Park
Joey Victor	Olmsted Falls
Martin Walter	Parma Heights
Michael Warman	Medina
Jack Williams	Cleveland
Jeff Winer	South Euclid
Hayden Wolf	Cleveland
David Yost	Broadview
John Zucker	South Euclid

Membership Photo Op

With all the new members in the Division, we all (new and not-so-new) could use a little help in learning who's who. We'll be taking everybody's picture before the Friday night meetings in September, October and possibly November, with additional times as needed. These photos will then be added to the roster.

The camera will be set up in one of the church's classrooms. Please stop in.

Flatwheel Email Notification Alert

This is the last Flatwheel to be physically mailed. If you are receiving this issue via U.S. mail, be aware that starting with the October issue, you should receive an email notice that the Flatwheel is available on the Division website. If you do not, please check with Tom Beutler to ensure that he has your correct email address.

Division 4's National Contest Winners

Scratchbuilt Judged

Freight Cars	1st Tom Atherton TCX 72 Double Dome Car (103 points)
Freight Cars	2nd Tom Atherton Indiana Spring Vinegar (102 points)
Non-Revenue	1st Tom Atherton Little River Logging Flat (102 points)
Structures	1st Tom Atherton 3 Drum Logging Donkey Engine (110 points)
Structures	2nd Mark Filippell NS Cuyahoga River Bridge (99 points)

Kit Judged

Diesel or Other 2nd Ben Lanza Pennsylvania E7 (75 points)

People's Choice

Photo Match 1st Mark Filippell NS Cuyahoga River Bridge

Module Contest

Individual 3rd – Bill Cramer / Larry Madson

Photo Contest Judged

Chairman's Award – Best Fan Trip Jeff Mitchell Home Rails

Model – B&W Print 2nd Jeff Mitchell The Jawn Henry

Pass Contest

3rd Ben Lanza Hell West & Crooked RR issued to Bob Hope

Special Awards

Iwata by Arnest for Most Realistic Rolling Stock Tom Atherton Indiana Spring Vinegar

Module Contest Judge's Award Medina County 4H Model Railroad Club

Other Contest Acknowledgements

Tom Atherton was also a judge in three categories (and, no, he didn't judge his own models!).

Others in the Mid Central Region did pretty well – at the risk of leaving out names, a quick glance shows Dick Briggs, Matt Goodman, Phil Gliebe, Bob Lawson and Sam Swanson. Hard working registration volunteer Pam Notman collected 4 plaques for her Crafts work. A gentleman named Dave Roeder came to town with a collection of winners. Karl Kobel took 1st place judged steam (121 points) for the first large live steam engine anyone could remember being in a contest. And, quite unfortunately, Jim Grell entered a favorite train that was accidentally marked as "display only".

Congratulations to winners, and all participants.



above: Tom Atherton (right) receiving one of his awards from Bob Hamm.

below: Ben Lanza accepting one of his plaques.



BOD Meetings

November 11, 2014
February 10, 2015
May 5, 2015

This year's Awards Banquet / Holiday Party will be on December 12th. That's a Friday.

from Mike Fahler

To Division 4 Members:

Donna and I would sincerely like to thank all who donated to her recent Stem Cell study. It has been one month since she had the procedure(which use her own stem cells). It may take two to three months to see some improvement and/or another procedure.

Deb Lansman successfully organized a dinner/raffle/auction which raised over \$16000 including your donations. The account was not in our name so I didn't see all who donated but did see some of the kind notes. I feel that our friends from Division 4 made a huge contribution to that amount.

Thank-you for support and the generosity that was shown.

Sincerely,

Mike & Donna Fahler

Raffle

September's raffle will be the first theme raffle of the fall season: Railroads that Ran West of the Mississippi

The Raffle Dudes

The Great Berea Train Show

Shirts and Hats

Mike Oster will have samples of the new Train Show shirts and hats available for your review at the September meeting. He will be taking orders. Division members may purchase a shirt for \$15 or a hat for \$16. However, if you place your order for a shirt and hat together, the combined cost is only \$25. If you can't make it to the meeting call Mike at 440-243-7286 , or email him at osterhere@aol.com.

Your Help Is Needed

Remember that this show is your show. The money we make during the show pays the bills for the Division and keeps us from having to pay dues. In effect, our volunteer time during the show is our dues, so if you haven't signed up for work, please do so at the September meeting or contact an officer. If you are unable to work but want to attend, please do not expect or ask for unpaid admission. Work days are Friday October 3rd through Sunday October 5th. Thank you in advance.

Dealer Raffle Winners

Grand Prize:	Strongsville Hobby	\$100.00
Second Prizes	Jay Himes	\$ 50.00
	Larry Sheldon	\$ 50.00
Third Prizes	Brian McCloskey	\$ 25.00
	John Graham	\$ 25.00
	Holger Krogemann	\$ 25.00
	Dave's Books	\$ 25.00

Winners to be notified by mail. Checks will be awarded Sunday during the Show.



Train Watching in Comfort: The north end of the convention center turned into THE place to spend available time during the week. NS provided a lot to watch.



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 next Flatwheel is Thursday September 25, 2014. The deadline is almost always 2 weeks and a day before the next general meeting.

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Great Berea Train Show

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Refreshments

Joe Filipiak

Company Store News

The Company Store will be going through some significant changes in the coming months. We hope to have some products available for Division members that will be unique to our division. This in addition to having the expected inventory of hats and car kits. We are looking at the possibility of Division Shirt sales to be handled through the company store. Also, we'll have Division 4 patches and additional miscellaneous items.

With all that said there might not be a Company Store during the September meeting as the store keeper will be out of town visiting grandkids out west.

Regards Chuck Klein

Holiday Display at Porter Library

We will have a display at the Westlake Porter Library during November and December. We need small dioramas and model buildings in any scale. We would like to have these by the October 10th Division meeting. Contact Chuck Klein or Steve Kaplan.

Horseshoe Curve Field Trip

Two bus loads of us spent all day August 2nd visiting the Altoona Railroad Museum, Horseshoe Curve, the Gallitzin Tunnels, and the town of Cassandra PA. Lunch was a fairly deluxe box lunch at the museum and dinner was rigatoni in Cassandra's town hall (may not sound like much but these folks knew what they were doing). There were plenty of trains at each location. Cassandra has a pedestrian bridge over the tracks, which featured a train going into emergency stop while moving under us (dynamic brake issue) followed a short time later by an Amtrak train passing it. Thanks to Art Bumpus for putting this event on the calendar and everyone who made it happen, to include bus captain Lee Sheffield and especially bus driver/bus captain/ master event arranger David James.



Museum and BRT buses



The Curve

Cassandra Bridge



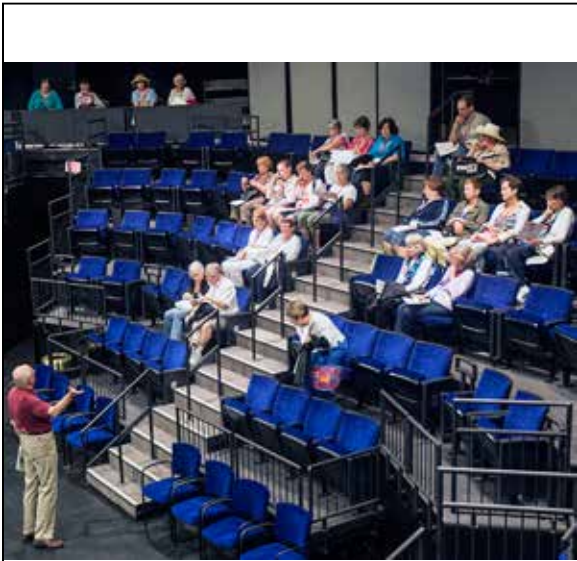
Tunnel Watching in Gallitzen



... and brake broke train under it

2014 National Convention

Convention coverage will have to span a few issues. For now, we'll start by referring you to the excellent coverage in the September 2014 NMRA Magazine. The whole event was well beyond being called a success and seems to be headed toward legend status. It didn't happen by accident, and there are a lot of volunteers to be thanked (not here, maybe on a diamond encrusted plaque somewhere).

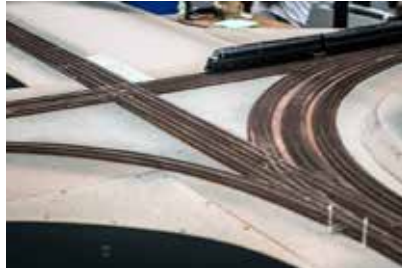


The Playhouse Square tour was led by Division 4's John Hemsath, who is the retired Director of Operations for Playhouse Square.

Tour Departure



Tim Sheffield (right) took his turn as tower operator for the very busy crossing/junction on the multi-divisional module layout.



Jim Moore examines the centerpiece during Banquet on Saturday evening.

Martha Newberry Award

The Martha Newberry Award is presented annually by Division 4 to a contest entry demonstrating excellence in structure modeling. While there is no set criteria for judging, it helps to understand that Martha Newberry's own models were based on her work in dollhouse miniatures. The detail that she provided in both her dollhouse rooms and HO structures provided a lived-in warmth that made the entries both more believable and more pleasant to view.

The award is usually presented at Mid Central Regional conventions. With this year's National convention in effect replacing the MCR convention, we received a green light to give the award during the National convention.

This year's winner was **Dave Capron** from Michigan for his logging camp diorama (we don't have a picture but look on page 11 of this month's NMRA Magazine – to the right of the ore boat). There were some other excellent candidates but Dave had about twenty structures all demonstrating the qualities we were looking for. The diorama also won the Mt. Albert Scale Lumber Award. Thanks to everyone who helped with this year's presentation.

2014 - 2015 NMRA MCR Division 4 Contest Schedule	
<i>This Month:</i>	<i>A Passenger Coach; Not a Combine, Pullman, Diner or Observation, just a plain coach any era wood or steel.</i>
October:	A Dump Truck
November:	Something made from plastic straws - let your imagination run wild.
December:	No Contest; Holiday Party/Awards Banquet
January:	A Non-traditional Tank Car; Chemical, Multi-dome, Fire Tanker, Food Products etc...
February:	A 4-Wheel Lead Truck Steam Locomotive; 4-2-0, 4-4-0, 4-6-0, 4-6-4, 4-8-2, 4-8-4 or Articulated
March:	No Contest; Auction
April:	A Hobby/Toy Store, think of it as a memorial for Wings.
May:	An EMD/GMD Diesel Locomotive
June:	Awards

The Clinic Corner

**September 2014
Weathering with Pan Pastels
Presented by – Adam Woodie**

Adam will start off the new meeting year by showing us how to weather our models using Pan Pastels. The program is instruction and demonstration.

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

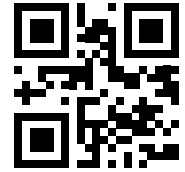
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NS engine 3215 was displayed for an afternoon between the Amtrak station and the Convention Center wearing its NMRA convention logo. The Rock and Roll Museum and Great Lakes Science Center are in the background.



Next meeting:

Friday September 12, 2014

Church of the Redeemer
23500 Center Ridge Road
Westlake Ohio 44145

Social time starts at 7:00 pm
Business meeting 7:30 pm

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