



THE FLATWHEEL

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HERBIE'S RUMBLINGS

October 2014

HELP WANTED! We are light on volunteers for Sunday at the *Great Berea Train Show* – please try to get out there and if you haven't signed up yet, see Mike Oster or me. We especially need help in gate- watching and raffle ticket sales. Watch for our 30 second TV Commercials this week on many of your cable channels.

One of the attachments to this issue is a flier advertising the *Cleveland Model Show*. This event, sponsored by a local chapter of the International Plastic Modelers Association will be held on Sunday, November 2nd in Kirtland. I would like to urge all of you who build or decorate models to get out there and see what can be done. While most of what you will see is military or aviation related, the principles of painting and weathering are still the same. However, the results on display will BLOW YOU AWAY!

Please remember - 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.

There are still some of our members who have not furnished us with an e-mail address. We will now begin the process of phone calls, I am confident that we will be able to accommodate everyone.

And the winner of the “Name Steve’s Message” contest is me. From my favorite road --- It is “HERBIE”.

“Help Every Railroader Become Injury Exempt”

A little history about the HERBIE boxcar

In 1979 the Arkansas division (MoPac of course) safety committee held a contest for a new slogan to be used on safety posters. A car man in Memphis, TN named David F. Newborne who was also a amateur artist won the contest. The committee liked the Herbie idea and his artwork so much that it was decided to paint it on a boxcar to tour the system. So boxcar **MP 129685** was repainted and renumbered to **HERB1** in May of 1979.

Actually, Herbie Meyer was the original artist behind the “fellow enjoying his siesta under a sombrero resting against a palm tree” drawing. The name Herbie followed by a date was always under him. He worked as a switchman for a yard and transfer company, somewhere in the St Louis area, possibly the TRRA (one story has it that he was a switchman on the Wiggins Division of the TRRA). He died in 1995, when he was in his eighties. He is now a legend in the graffiti community, as more and more practitioners are researching the history of railroad graffiti by rail workers and hobos, and “they are finding his prodigious output of drawings on the railcars had an apparent omnipotent presence in the vast railroad network for over three decades” (big words are not mine – spk). After the UP-MP merger another boxcar was painted in the Herbie scheme.

Steve Kaplan
Division 4 MCR Superintendent

Division Four's next meeting will be Friday October 10, 2014

Division website: www.div4.org

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

Church of the Redeemer
23500 Center Ridge Road (just east of Center Ridge and Clague)
Westlake Ohio 44145



General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the 9/12/2014 Meeting.

DIVISION FOUR, MCR, NMRA

Welcome given by Steve Kaplan, Superintendent

New Members - Joe Mehalic gave a welcome to our visitor, Rick Ballard, and new members, Peter, Dino Paris, Mike Gorman, Matt Nickerson. Reminder that new members wear bright green name tags, so welcome to all, thanks.

Treasury report – Bruce Bowie – Current assets- \$35,850.50

Convention report – Steve Kaplan Thanks again to the Volunteers – over 1400 hours by this Division – total volunteer hours were over 2800 hours. New hopper cars are available – see Steve

Plea for more committee participation – Company store, layout tours, beneficiary, Train Show

– Many committees need a backup of one or more trainees

Program/clinics - Larry Madson – October Clinic is going to be a non-technical lesson on DCC. November will be Ron Morgan on the Ethanol plant.

Module Group – Scott Benson – Show on the 20th at Canal way Park Days, and then the Great Berea Train Show. Talked about the National Train Show, Division supplied about 55 modules to the show. Great operations at the Hamlet Junction, and got to run on the HUB division.

Contest – Dave Lawler – show and tell, several of the members that won at the National brought in the awards and the certificates also pictures from the field trip. There will be only one contest cycle (previous years had two – ed.). Bigger prizes this year.

Achievement - awards handed out by Lee Sheffield, Golden spike to Ron Morgan. Merit Awards to Tom Atherton and Mark Filipiak.

Great Berea Train Show – Mike Oster – Vendor tables still not sold out. We have dealers at our show that cover coast to coast, even a dealer from Colorado. Advertising Team is spending about \$3,400.00 for 1300 spots on TV. Take some Fliers. New hats and shirts - if you ordered they are in please see Mike. Please retire the old shirts for the Carnival. Sign-up sheets are available for all members to sign up and help at the show. Need raffle salespeople, this year's raffle prize is from Ormandy's Trains, Medina, Ohio, it is the Lionel set from NASCAR.

Raffle - Mike Klein. Theme tonight was Railroads West of the Mississippi.

Field Trips – David James - Horseshoe Curve Field Trip – expense for the Division was about \$3100. Well below the Division Budget. Thanks for all that attended. Next year's trip will be announced at the budget meeting.

Flatwheel is now an electronic version. Deadline is September 25. Last issue was the one just received. Anyone who has not given us an email please get that turned in. Joe Mehalic talked about the membership photo project.

Other News – Railroad Model Craftsman has been rescued.

Comments for the good of the order.

Adjournment at 8:30 PM

David James
Secretary

Membership by Tom Beutler, Membership co-chair

Welcome to new member James Curtis of Solon.

October Birthdays

John	Buettner
James	Burkhart
Michael	Casey
Aaron E	Dupont
Neal S	Gearhart
Scott	Hicken
David E	James
William	Jenks
Rolf	Krotseng
David R	Lawler
James A	Moore
Joanne	Obreza
Jim	Pollack
Larry L	Potts
Anthony L	Smith
Robert Z	Varga

Cleveland Metroparks Train Days

This year's Train Day became Train Days and was moved from May to September. Saturday, September 20th featured modular layouts from the area in the Canalway Center (Grant Avenue off of I-77). Division Four's Modular Group was present with a good turnout of modules and trains.



Division Four's modules are to the right in this picture.

A walk through the park takes visitors past this CSX bridge. No trains on this visit.



The Flatwheel

Achievement Program

Congratulations to Ron Morgan for earning his Golden Spike Award. Ron credits the ethanol plant on his layout with providing the opportunity to meet all the requirements for the Golden Spike. He'll be giving the November clinic on the plant.

William E. Gorris

We regret to announce the passing of longtime member William (Bill) E. Gorris at 98. George Gelehrter relates that Bill was able to live independently and still drive a stick shift in his 99th year of life. Bill was able to continue attending most Division meetings in recent years with George's assistance. The service will be this Saturday Oct 4, 10 am at Gesu Church, 2470 Miramar Blvd., University Hts., Ohio 44118. Our condolences to Bill's many friends and family.

2014 AWARDS BANQUET -

Start planning now! This year's banquet will be held in lieu of a regular meeting on Friday, December 12th at the

CopperTop Banquet Facility
5740 Center Road (aka Route 303, on the south side)
Valley City OH 44280

The enjoyment and camaraderie will start at 6:30 PM followed with a buffet dinner at 7 PM. This year's main entrees will be PRIME RIB and BAKED HERB CHICKEN. Yes real PRIME RIB! Dinner will include salad, rolls, butter, soft drinks and coffee. The Division heavily subsidizes this event so all this for only \$15 per adult with children 16 and under FREE! WOW!!

This year we will have a cash bar with spirits of your choosing. Also this year, we will have a DJ for your listening and dancing pleasure.

Recognition for outstanding members will be made and as usual, we will have an amazing raffle. (Treasurer - I personally know Mike Klein has been collecting special raffle prizes all year just for the banquet. Thanks Mike!)

This is a family event with free gifts for children, so bring your kids and grandkids! The Division is in contract negotiations with Santa and depending on a successful negotiation, we are hopeful he will be on hand to present the gifts!

Sign Up sheets will be at the October and November meetings. You may also call the Treasurer at 419-602-3584 or email him at in2trains@gmail.com to sign up.

PLEASE INDICATE AGES AND GENDER OF CHILDREN ATTENDING WHEN SIGNING UP SO THE SUPER CAN ENSURE SANTA HAS APPROPRIATE GIFTS.

BOD Meetings

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

The Great Berea Train Show

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.

Raffle

Hello everybody, October's raffle will be another fine Theme Raffle. It is *Railroads that ran in Ohio*. See you at the meeting.

The Raffle Dudes

In the (National) News

Congratulations to Brian Haas and Joe Filipiak for hosting a National Convention tour memorable enough to figure prominently in Jim Zinser's Division Business Car column (see NMRA Magazine October 2014 pages 41-43). The tour included Joe and Brian's layouts and the Grafton Tower.

And Jim Zinser, if you're reading this, thanks for all the good words and support (going back four years to conversations in Milwaukee) for our convention.



1200 of everything awaited placement in convention bags on the Friday before the National this summer. The work was done by volunteers.

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 October 30, 2014. The deadline is almost always 2 weeks and a day before the next general meeting.

The Flatwheel is no longer mailed.

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Great Berea Train Show

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Scott Benson

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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.

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.

Dremel Saw-Max

Thirty-some years ago I was remodeling a bathroom and wished that someone made a small saw. Now, post convention I'm trying to catch up on a few projects around the house and found the Dremel Saw-Max in one of the home improvement stores (also available from Micro-Mark, but the one I bought didn't have all the Micro-Mark accessories). All I've used it for so far is 3/4 inch plywood, but I'm really happy with it. I had been using a router to cut dados but was getting way too much tear out. The Saw-Max cut a relatively clean slot very quickly (I suspect that the minimal tear out could be avoided with more practice). I used a guide but holding a straight line seemed easy. Three-quarters depth is the saw's maximum, and I did encounter some slowing down, so don't throw your table saw or 7 1/4 circular saw away. The instructions warn that the tool generates some torque on start up and they're right - probably best to hold it with both hands to start. I haven't tried the metal cutting blade yet. I can see this tool becoming a big brother to my Dremel rotary tool for layout work.

Dave Williams



Dremel Saw-Max rampant, wallowing in generated sawdust.

Cleveland Model Show 18

“The Local Contest That Seems More Like A Regional!”



Sunday, November 2nd, 2014

Kirtland School Complex in Kirtland, Ohio

9150 Chillicothe Rd. (Rt. 306), Kirtland, Ohio 44094

- * Judges' Best of Show Award * People's Choice Award *
- * “Best Of” Category Awards * Five Special Awards *
- * Big Raffle * Hobby Vendors * Several New Categories!! *
- * “Make & Take” Modeling Program for Kids and Novices

For additional information, please visit our web site at clevelandmodelshow.org or contact:

Chairmen: Tim Glowacki, oldbluemoon80@yahoo.com, 440-944-9228;

Chuck Homolka, chuck-elaine@juno.com, 216-642-0815.

Vendors: Doug Halke, dchalke@windstream.net, 440-371-7145

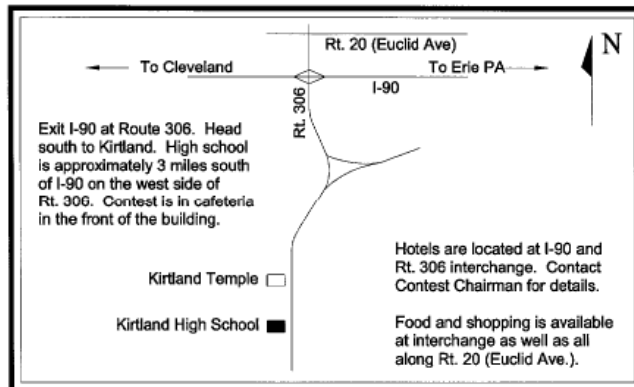
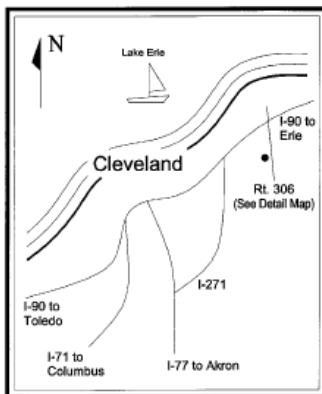
Contest Entry Fees: Adults - \$10, unlimited entries; Juniors and Bantams – Free!

General Admission (12 and Over) - \$3 **Early Entry to Vendors** (8:30 a.m.) - \$10

Vendors - \$35 for ea. 8 ft. table (\$50 after Oct. 22nd)

Show Schedule:

- 7:30 a.m. Vendor Set-up
- 9:00 a.m. Registration and Vendor Areas Open to General Public
- 12:00 p.m. Registration Closes, Contest Judging Begins
- 3:00 p.m. Approximate Time of Awards Presentation (shortly after judging ends)
- 4:00 p.m. Vendor Room Closed
- 4:30 p.m. Show Ends - *Due to Contractual Obligations, the Show Facility must be empty by 5:00 p.m.*



→ This is a family event – no alcohol allowed on school property. ←

Contest Corner

conducted by Dave Lawler

The September Contest was for Any Era Passenger Coach

There were 19 entries and 44 votes cast with the result as follows:

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| 1st: | George Gelehrter | Orient Express coach |
| 2nd: | Dave Lawler | Canadian National, wood, truss rod coach |
| 3rd: | Chuck Beargie | Sierra Railroad coach #2 |

The **October contest** is for a Dump Truck; any scale, any era, any color, clean or dirty, foreign or domestic.

Reminder: You are allowed to enter **one** model in each month's contest.

Any additional models need to be clearly marked as "Display Only".



Module Group Report from the National Train Show

The Division 4 module group joined up with Division 1, the Lake/Geauga group from Division 5, and the Hub Division from Northeast Region for a monster layout at the National Train Show. The layout covered 60' x 100'. Hub brought 36 modules, Division 1 brought 12, Lake/Geauga 5, and Division 4 had 60 (depending on how you count modules). A grand total of 113 modules! We had about 60 - 70 volunteers running the layout over the 3 days. Two junctions connected Hub's rectangle with the "West End" (MCR division modules) with 3 diverging legs. Large radius loops on the three legs allowed us to run our modern and passenger equipment. Hub's rectangle was (mostly) signaled, with a CTC system with large monitors attracting much attention. The West End junction was Scott Carter's new Hamlet NC module. This was a hot spot, with trains passing through from every direction every couple minutes. Division 4 operators took turns manning that tower, and it was a busy job! Friday included two electrical issues which took us down for a couple hours of troubleshooting. Once the trouble spots were found, the fixes each took about 30 seconds! And of course our Chief electrician, Larry Madson, was at lunch for one of them. The railroad ran very smooth the rest of the show. West-Enders and Hub operators began crossing over the connecting junctions in earnest on Saturday and Sunday. Running the entire layout probably took about 45 minutes.

Everyone had a terrific time. Division 1 and 5 guys were quick to ask when we could hook up again. Hub Division has already voted to join up with us at the 2016 Indianapolis National Train Show. It was a great experience for all of us in the Division 4 module group. See you all at the Great Berea Train Show!

Scott Benson, Module Group Coordinator

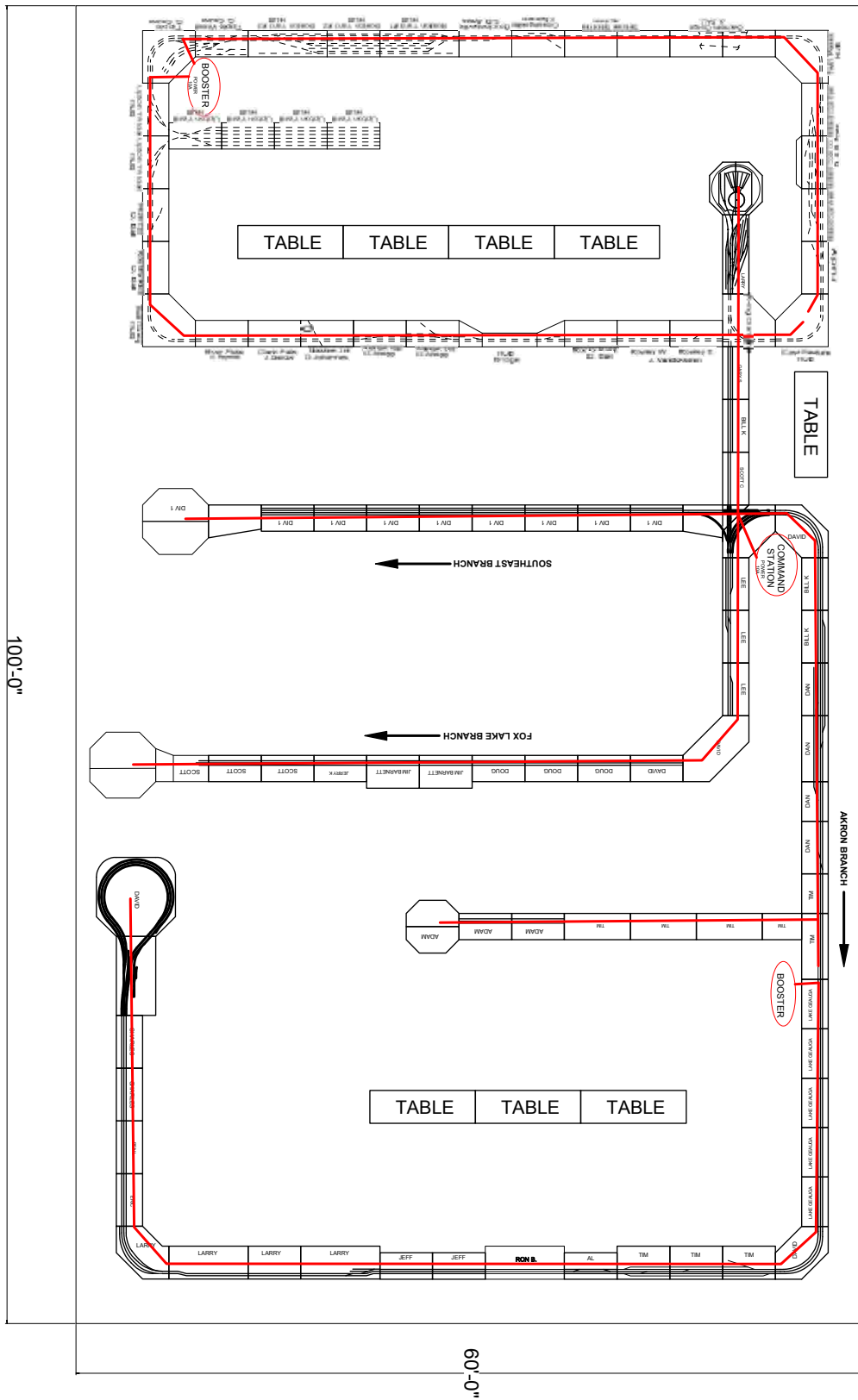
The joint layout staff, still smiling 20+ hours into the show!



NATIONAL TRAIN SHOW 2014 - CLEVELAND, OHIO
JULY 18, 19, 20 2014
COMBINED HO MODULAR LAYOUT
DIVISION 4 MCR, DIVISION 1 MCR
LAKE GEAUGA HO MODULAR GROUP
HUB DIVISION NER



NTS 2014 COMBINED HO MODULES



Larry Madson
07/07/2014 Rev. 8

The joint layout, with the Hub rectangle on the left. Division 1 was on the "Southeast Branch" in the middle. The rest are Division 4 modules, with the five Division 5 modules included in the upper right. Hamlet Junction is situated where the "Command Station" is marked.

The Clinic Corner

October 2014 Introduction to DCC Presented by – Larry Madson

New to model railroading? Back in the hobby after many years? Not using DCC on your layout?, then this program is for you. Larry will present as non-technical as possible a look at DCC and how it has advanced the hobby and how you can incorporate DCC in to your layout.

November Program Walthers Ethanol Plant: Sounds Corny Ron Morgan

Ron presented this program at the 2014 National. The program is a discussion of the process involved in ethanol production and the processing to produce the distillers dried grains with soluble and solids byproducts. What services the railroad provides plus modeling using the Walthers ethanol plant kits.

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

Members' Pictures

The first round of picture taking during the September meeting went well, with about 30 members taking the time to come down to the classroom for a quick photo. Ben Lanza took my picture and I immediately posted it on my Facebook page and received a lot of compliments (my previous no-frills selfies have been politely ignored, except by Ben, who called the last one a mug shot). Anyway, I'm dragging my best equipment to the church in order to do a halfway decent job, so please stop by sometime before the clinic at the October or November meetings. The idea of the pictures is to help the new members learn who the rest of us are, and to help the rest of us learn who the new members are (notice the fancy footwork to avoid calling us "old" or "older"). The results will be attached to the membership roster.

Our next Regional Convention:

Thoroughbred Limited 2015 May 14-17,2015
Lexington Kentucky
<http://thoroughbredlimited2015.yolasite.com>



Building a Model Railroad

Saturday, November 1, 2014
9:00 am to 2:00 pm
Open FREE to the Public
Many "How To" topics presented by experienced Model Railroaders



Attend one or all of the topics
Lakeland Community College
Athletic & Fitness Center (AFC) Gym
7700 Clocktower Drive
Kirtland, Ohio 44094
www.MCR5.org promoday@mcr5.org
440-942-3039 ask for Rob



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National Model Railroad Association
Mid-Central Region – Division 5

DIVISION 1 MODEL RAILROAD FLEA MARKET
SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2014
11 AM - 3 PM

SMALL SIZE: 25 tables LOW PRICE: \$3; \$5 family

NO LONG LINES CLOSE, FREE PARKING

DIVISION 1 MODULAR LAYOUT CONCESSION STAND

This is the place for a model railroader to sell or trade railroad items.

You might find that one item you saw years ago and didn't buy.

You will not find the newest and latest items here.

Here you will find individuals offering older, used or excess equipment.

The Flea Market will be held at:

The Akron Yacht Club

3575 South Main St.

Akron, Ohio

Tables (@6 feet) are \$15 each.

Contact: Bob Ashley, Jr. 3656 Shikellamy Dr. Akron, OH 44319-3742 330-645-6175 evenings tubtoy3656@aol.com

25 tables available. Request your tables early. Setup starts at 9 am.