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

## **Summer Events**



Bellevue Rail Fest



4H Layout at Medina Co. Fair

Division Four's next meeting will be Friday September 11, 2015.

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

Church of the Redeemer 23500 Center Ridge Road Westlake Ohio 44145

(just east of Center Ridge and Clague)

#### 2015-16 Contest Schedule

Division website: www.div4.org



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## HERBIE'S RUMBLINGS

September 2015

Welcome back. I hope all of you had a productive summer and really made some progress on your layout - track, electrical and/or scenery. Most of my efforts were in the electrical area, as I was converting my turnouts from simple DPDT switches to push button and macros. NCE has a number of auxiliary items that make it easy. I now even have what I call a "grand-daughter button". One push and every turnout on the mainline is thrown to normal, so the girls can keep running the trains. But I also made a start on laying the track on the peninsula for the stockyards and mill area.

Make sure to sign up for volunteer duties at the Great Berea Train Show. The sheets will be available at the meeting.

Mike Oster has announced that he is retiring as Manager of the Great Berea Train Show after this year's event. Mike has given us many years in that position, and we now need someone to step up and fill those shoes. Please see me if you are interested. We may find it necessary to spread the duties among a three or so person committee (example = Dealer Relations, Publicity and General Administration.).

Earlier this month I spent a morning down at the Medina County Fair, observing the 4H club's modular layout. I hope some of you also made it down there. They had a sign on their booth thanking the Division for its support, and showing a picture of the four engines that they bought with our contribution from last year.

The microphone system will be available at the September meeting – we will have a lavaliere mike, plus two handhelds, so everyone should be able to hear everything.

The June Flatwheel contained the business cards of the locally owned and operated hobby shops in our five county region. Hopefully we didn't miss anyone. Joe Kurilec has taken up the task of writing a short article about each one, to be published in the Flatwheel over the coming year. We all need to support these local dealers, or they won't be around when we need them. The area actually lost two really good shops over the summer — Whistle Stop in Akron, and Amer's in Boardman.

Bill Ferry has stepped up to assume the position of Membership Chairman. Thanks again to Joe Mehalic for his many years of dedicated service in that position.

As I previously announced, we have temporarily pulled back on the proposed by-law changes – to correct some problems with what we had thought to be routine boilerplate and to make sure they conform to new info from NMRA National. We will have them available for the September (or at the latest, October) meeting.

As I write this, we currently have two or three openings for the field trip to the Age of Steam Roundhouse on September 12<sup>th</sup>. If you want to go, make arrangements with Greg Noeth (216-789-2086). The spots are available on a first paid - first serve basis.

Training Day is set for Sunday, November 8<sup>th</sup>. Please get with Gary Shaefer at the meeting to discuss how you can participate. Our annual Holiday and Awards Dinner will be at the Coppertop on Friday, December 11.

See you at the meeting.

Steve Kaplan

Superintendent - Division 4 MCR

#### June 12, 2015 General Meeting Minutes

Welcome by Steve. Open at 7:30 PM

Membership – Bill Ferry will be taking over for Joe Mehalic. New members in attendance, Rich Balor HO modeler of the NKP, and Glenn Morrical, HO modeler of the view from his office.

Treasurer's report - \$52,805.94

Larry: Clinics June or tonight is Bruce Bowie on, Operations Starter Kit, fall schedule to be announced.

Field Trip will be September 12, 2015, open to all at this time.

Awards Dinner is booked for December 11, 2015 at the Copper Top – Lee Sheffield will head this up.

Contest – Dave Lawler – next Month is Awards for the seasons.

New business – Larry is looking into a better mic system for the meetings, to debut in September.

Other News:

Training Day – November 8, at the Black River Transportation Center. Gary Schaefer is looking for anyone interested in doing a clinic or otherwise demonstrating skills.

Adjourned at 8:12 PM Respectfully submitted

David James Secretary

## Div. 4, MCR, NMRA - Board meeting held in Erie County August 15, 2015

Welcome by Steve. Thank you to Jim Moore and the St John Lutheran Church.

Steve Kaplan: Work continues on the revisions to the Bylaws.

Larry Madson stated that he had found a very good "entry level" microphone/PA system for use during meeting at \$688.00. Since this cost exceeded an amount previously approved by the BOD, a motionwas made to approve the new amount. Motion made by Lee Sheffield and second by Greg Noeth. Motion passed

Training Day – Gary Schaefer. Bill and Billie Ferry are helping on the marketing for the event. Flyers are planned to be placed at approximately 100 locations.

Great Berea Train Show – pretty good shape at this time, may be another event going same day. Mike will keep an eye the events. If anyone needs shirts or hats please contact Mike. Mike has tendered his resignation effective after this year's show and will assist in getting next year started. So we will need a new Show manager. Marketing is being handled by Tom Pascha again. Today Family is a publications that he will be using. We will be surveying the entry crowd for information on how they heard of our show. Motion by Jim Moore, to spend up to \$5000 for advertising on the Great Berea Train Show, second by Fred, to be determined by Advertising Committee. Motion passed. Committee will be Bill Ferry, Dave James, and Gary Schaefer.

#### Other business:

Subscriptions for the NMRA Magazine at local libraries requires additional follow-up..

Awards dinner will be the second Friday in December 12. Lee will run the show.

Age of Steam Field trip - sold out.

Next Meeting of the BOD will be November 10, 2015

Adjourned at 11:15 AM

Submitted by

David James Secretary

#### September 2015

## Frank Bongiovanni

## Researching, Railfanning, and Modeling the Winding Gulf Branch (Virginian and Chesapeake and Ohio

Please join us for what will be an interesting and informative program.

#### **Clinics Wanted**

Any Division member with an idea for a program subject or wishing to present a program for the 2015 – 2016 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 <a href="mailto:lmadson@roadrunner.com">lmadson@roadrunner.com</a>. Larry Madson

### Membership by Bill Ferry, Membership Chair

We have no new members since the last Flatwheel.

September Birthdays are:

James Bartholomew
Lawrence Brintnall
Kenneth Bruns
Richard Feldman
Joseph Jones
Joe Kurilec
Fred Obreza
Mark Painter
Michael Paolella

Lee Sheffield

Brian Weisman

George Woodard

Please let me know if I've overlooked your birthday; it may be because of operator error by the new Membership Chairman, but it may be because I don't yet have your information and permission to disclose.

Thanks, Bill Ferry. clevelandbill@mac.com



Welcome everyone to an exciting new season of Division 4 MODEL CONTESTS.

I'm hoping for more participation in each contest so I've designated some "my favorite" contests.

The first contest in September, for example, is My Favorite Caboose or Van.

I'm sure everyone has one of these so please enter it.

You can go to the Division. 4 website to see the complete list of contests for this year.

Please participate and good luck,

Dave Lawler, Contest Chairman

## **Company Store**

We have only 3 cars left of the FP&E boxcars. About a dozen N&SS boxcars, about a dozen N&SS hoppers. Lots of Division 4 patches, 1/2 dozen hats. Ask me about Division 4 shirts if your interested. We have available the Mid- Central Region laser cut brick schoolhouse kits, makes nice station, store etc.

Chuck Klein

## Raffle

Hello everybody, Time to start a new season of great raffles. The September raffle will be another fine assortment of prizes, once again something for everyone. Looking forward, we will have another great Holiday Raffle for December's Awards Banquet. See you at the monthly meeting.

The Raffle Dudes

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## Contest Schedule for 2015-2016

September: My *Favorite Caboose* or *Favourite Van* if Canadian.

October: A *Haunted/Abandoned Building*, just in time for Halloween.

November: A *Truss Rod Car, Freight or Passenger*,

For modern era modelers an old work car could be used.

December: **No Contest:** so everyone can attend the Awards Banquet.

January: An *On-Line Structure, 2" x 4" Maximum*.

Think of something you can build on the end of a 2x4.

February: My *Favorite Truck*.

Motor vehicle, not a set of freight car wheels.

March: A **Locomotive From a Cleveland Area Railroad**.

Steam, electric or diesel. (NKP, NYC, PRR, B&O,

Big 4, W&LE, Lake Terminal, N&SS etc...)

April: A *Freight House*.

Many towns had one -even tiny Kipton, Ohio. Go ride the LS&MS bike trail and see for yourself.

May: A Grain Car

Any era from a converted wooden box car to a

big modern cylindrical.

#### by Joe Kurilec, MMR

My wife and I go to the Berea Union Depot restaurant a lot. We heard about a grandfather (Bob Savanick Sr.) who brought his grandson (Dustin Savanick) there on Saturdays to have lunch and watch CSX trains - his favorite road.

I was attending a Nickel Plate Road Historical & Technical Society BOD meeting at the restaurant and learned that Dustin and his grandfather there for lunch! I really wanted to meet them as I'd heard that Dustin was VERY interested in trains. After introducing myself, we made plans to meet again during the next week end. I was able to find a Walthers CSX train set locally. At our second meeting, Dustin got a surprise gift of that train set.

That night, I received an email from Dustin's parents and a image of Dustin with his new train! I wanted to share his story with other members.

I asked permission from Dustin's parents about having an article published. They loved the idea! They also were kind enough to send an image of Dustin's first train set at age five and a little "history" about Dustin!

Dustin's parents wrote:

Dustin is 16 years old and has loved trains since he was just a toddler. His very first train was given to him when he was about 3 years old by his grandparents, the late Jan and Ed Cizmar, it was a wooden Thomas the Tank Engine with wooden tracks. When he was very young we would take him every year to a Day out with Thomas the Tank Engine on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. He has accumulated a nice collection of trains over the years which include: The Polar Express Train, a Christmas Train, and now, the CSX Train set. His favorite thing to do is going with his Grandpa, Bob Savanick, Sr., to Berea and watch the trains.

Aside from trains, Dustin likes to swim, ride his bike, and play baseball and soccer, and making things in Woodshop at school. Dustin also enjoys watching train documentary DVD's and playing his train computer game where you build train tracks and customize your destination.

Dustin has some developmental challenges but he works very hard in school to overcome them.

Parents Bob and Suzanne Savanick



left: Justin's original set was a Brio

right: Justin's grandfather

lower left: Justin receives his trainset.

lower right: Justin, up and running that

night.

All photos provided by Joe Kurelic MMR.- Justin and his Brio originally from Justin's parents.









Union Depot coupon provided through Joe Kurelic MMR. Offer subject to change without notice.

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 vour 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 24, 2015. 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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#### The Great Berea Train Show

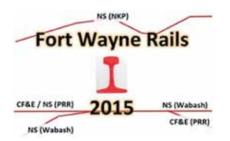
Cuyahoga Co. (Berea) Fairgrounds, Bagley Road about a mile west of I-71

Work Days are Friday through Sunday, October 204, 2015, This is our annual fund raiser for the Division. Your volunteer hours during this show pay most of the Division's bills and help the Division support related groups as part of our 501(c)3 status. Your hours are, in effect, your Division dues. Check the sign-up sheets at the September meeting for open positions. If you can't make the meeting, call any officer to let them know you're looking for an assignment. And if you can't do that, come to fairgrounds and ask where your help is needed. Division members who do not contribute their time are reminded that they need to buy an admission.

#### Conventions

Annual Steel Mill Modelers Meet

September 3-5, 2015 Oglebay Resort Wheeling WV



2015 NCR Convention October 29 - November 1, 2015 Hotel Fort Wayne

Sorry, no list of upcoming events for this issue. Look for information elsewhere in this issue from contributors.

#### Editor's Notes

I'm wrapping up this issue during the NMRA National Convention in Portland Oregon on a laptop that I don't use very often, so sorry for anything omitted or not looking quite right. I wasn't able to format the Great Berea Train Show flyer, so please refer to it on www. div4.org. And oh yeah, my proofreader is a zillion miles back home.

The Amtrak Empire Builder from Chicago to Portland was loaded with attendees, and Brian Barnt was in the room across from me. That worked out really well since we shared views on both sides of the train. The convention itself seems to have gone really well. I spent a lot of my time just riding the streetcars and buses, with misadventures properly documented in an upcoming Flatwheel. The Train Show looked good, with a couple of guys I know (e.g., Div 5 Super David Neff) spending upwards of six hours there. One exhibitor displayed a kind of kidproof "Brio like" system that might have an application for our Training Day. He wasn't selling anything, just "open source" sharing the system he's developed. Besides the ability to display a sturdy and interesting layout, he's got easy "make and take" engines and cars. On a sad note, I learned that Dick Yeager of Oregon Rail Supply passed away last Tuesday. In his younger days, Dick would crawl under and around freight cars taking exact measurements back when just about everybody else thought that "within a foot of so" was good enough for manufacturing. I'm wrapping up the Flatwheel in lieu of going to the banquet, but that's OK since I ate really well throughout the week. Three more days returning on Amtrak starting tomorrow. See everyone next Friday.





## **Celebrate National Model Railroad Month!**

The NMRA MCR Division 4 is hosting MODEL TRANING DAY on November 8, 2015 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. This event will be held at:

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In addition to all of the great activities there will also be door prizes including one for each of the five counties served by The NMRA MCR Division 4 group. The counties are Lorain, Cuyahoga, Medina, Erie and Huron.

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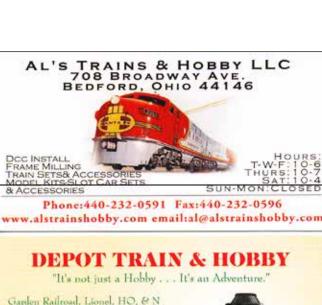
There is a good selection of hobby paints and Woodland Scenic products.



The parts drawers are from the old Hobby House, located in downtown Cleveland. Kemtron, Cal-Scale and Central Valley are just some of the treasures in these drawers!

All photo's by, Joe Kurilec, MMR

First in a series of articles about local hobby shops.





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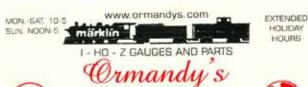


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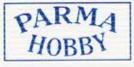
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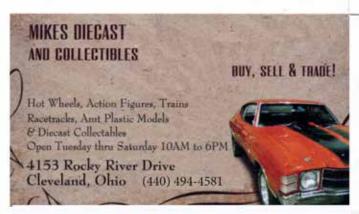
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