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



Remains of a gold mine in the district just east of Cripple Creek, Colorado. The area was served by at least two railroads and a local trolley service.

**Picnic  
is  
Saturday  
July 23, 2016.**

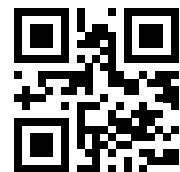
Division Four's next meeting will be Friday June 10, 2016

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

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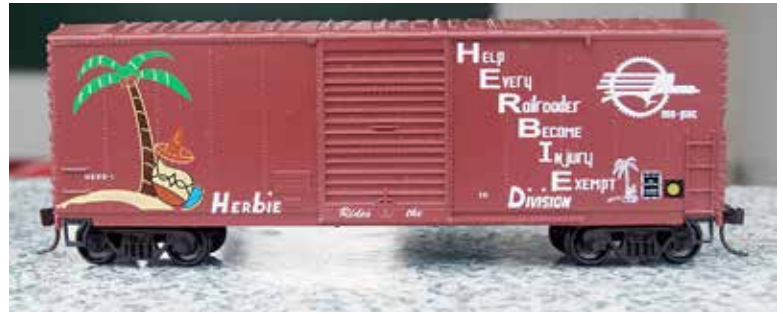


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## HERBIE'S RUMBLINGS

June 2016

Friday, June 10<sup>th</sup> will be our last regular meeting until September, but there are a number of additional great activities available for us, starting on June 18<sup>th</sup> with the annual invitation to join Divisions 6 and 9 at the Marion Union Station for a day of clinics, raffles, flea market, fellowship and of course, train watching. (See flier attached or go to <http://div6-mcr-nmra.org> for more info.)

A lot of us are planning on going to the National Convention in Indianapolis July 3<sup>rd</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> and/or the National Train Show July 8<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup>. It's not too late to register for the Convention. If you are only going to the Train Show, no registration is necessary (there is an admission fee).

Our Division picnic will be July 23<sup>rd</sup> at the Northern Ohio Live Steamers near Medina. More info is elsewhere in this issue.

And I hope every one of you will get down to the Medina County Fair August 1<sup>st</sup> through the 7<sup>th</sup> to see the great modular layout the 4-H group has on display. Our division support of the group's activities is a significant part of our educational activities, and a great turnout of encouraging support by us is warranted. There will be a place for Division Four members who go to sign up and a drawing will be held after the Fair among those who do. The prize, to be announced later will have definitely made the drive worthwhile.

Again, I want to point out again that you can get some great ideas from what the other Divisions are doing by visiting their websites and reading their newsletters. The easiest way to find them is to start at <http://www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/divisions2.html>. In fact, you can access every Division in the NMRA's website by going to the NMRA website and hitting the "Regions" button on line three.

Don't forget to take home a few DVD's from our library. You will have all summer to use them. See Chuck in the Company Store. And, see me if you want to check out a set of Fast Tracks tools. Several members have started using the Fast Tracks tools – we have #4, #6 and #8 turnout kits available. Also available are other turnout fixtures owned by individual members who have agreed to loan them out – these include a crossover and a gauntlet track.

See you at the meeting,

Steve Kaplan  
Superintendent - Division 4 MCR

## General Meeting Minutes from May

Meeting started at 7:30 p.m. with a greeting by Superintendent Steve Kaplan.

Bill Ferry – Membership: Announced new members and asked visitors to introduce themselves. Bill explained the name badge system.

Steve gave an invitation to go to Baker's Square after the meeting.

Greg Noeth – Treasurer: \$59,463.82 in all accounts.

Larry Madson – Clinics: George Keller tonight on modeling brick structures. June will be Brian Barnt on 3D CAD and printing.

Larry Madson – Modules: The Division modules will be part of the National Train Show in Indianapolis in July, joining some modules from Division 1 and Boston's Hub Division. The layout will be in 50 x 150 feet of space, using approximately 75 modules. Larry invited anyone interested in joining the module group to see him during the break. He has kits available for purchase (at about the cost of materials) and also plans for anyone wishing to build their own. Larry also has apparel, including winter wear available from a local vendor. More details will be available by September.

Bruce Brintnall MMR – Achievement Program: Ron Morgan received his Scenery AP certificate. Jim Grell received a merit award for the freight car he entered in the Regional contest. John Hemsath received both his Electrical and Civil Engineering AP certificates.

Dave Lawler – Contests: Tonight's contest is grain cars. Last month's winners discussed the origins and details of how their models were built. Show and Tell items discussed, including Dave's technique for sandblasting Delrin trucks. Jim Grell shared his paperwork on his contest entry to demonstrate that it's really not too difficult. No contest in June; next season's contest hasn't been developed yet but grain elevators will be the September contest.

John Hemsath – Layout Tours: In addition to this month's upcoming open houses, there will be tours again in November (13 and 19). John listed all layouts to be open this month and mentioned that layout work on these layouts tends to be a collective effort.

Steve mentioned Regional contest awards received by Jim Grell, John Hemsath and Ron Morgan.

Steve said that David James couldn't attend tonight's meeting but that the Scenic Express field trip is progressing, and the Fairgrounds Great Berea Train Show arrangements are also progressing.

Chuck Klein - Company Store: Still have N&SS hopper cars; new refrigerator cars in both steel and wood sides. Additional cars as well as patches.

Mike Klein – Raffle: theme of railroads that ran west of Chicago and west of the Mississippi.

Darl: Rick Fowler, Mansfield Show organizer, is having health issues and will no longer be running the show, which may stop if no one takes over.

Steve spoke briefly on the Regional convention.

Dave Lawler discussed the possibility of a flea market as well as module display at the Avon Lake library in the Fall. George Keller gave the upcoming schedule for the Mad River & NKP Museum, including Memorial Day being a free-to-the-public day. A steam engine will be appearing soon as well.

Meeting adjourned.

Dave Williams  
Acting Secretary in David James' absence

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## Raffle Report

Another fine raffle is in store for the June raffle. A great variety of prizes.

The Raffle Dudes

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## Company Store

We had some very good interest in the MDT reefers. Remember this is a limited supply and you can not get them anywhere except at the Division 4 company store. Division 7 Cincinnati are the original distributors of these cars but Division 4 now owns the entire remaining stock. \$20.00 for steel reefer, \$18.00 for wood side reefer. \$72.00 for all four numbers ( 2 steel , 2 wood ) while they last.

Chuck Klein

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## Membership

Bill and Billy Ferry, Membership

### Birthdays

#### June

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Joseph J Filipiak  
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Dennis Super  
Terry MacKin

#### July

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Timothy Baker  
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Joe Mehalic

#### August

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Glenn Pryor  
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M C Kolenich  
Thomas J Businger  
Richard M Dalanno  
Jerry Krueger

MEMBERS: if your birthday does not ever appear in our Flatwheel birthday section, it is because our database does not include your birthdate information. That, or the Membership Chairman is out to lunch. Just as likely. We'd like to congratulate you on your birthday; if you'd like that too, please email Membership at [ClevelandBill@mac.com](mailto:ClevelandBill@mac.com), or, if you still don't use email, just pick up your rotary-dial phone and call: (440) 570-2112. Western Union has officially ceased delivery of telegrams ... so don't use that ... Alternatively, I can stand out by the street and you can kick your mailbag from your car ...



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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.

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Deadline for the next Flatwheel is Thursday August 25, 2016. 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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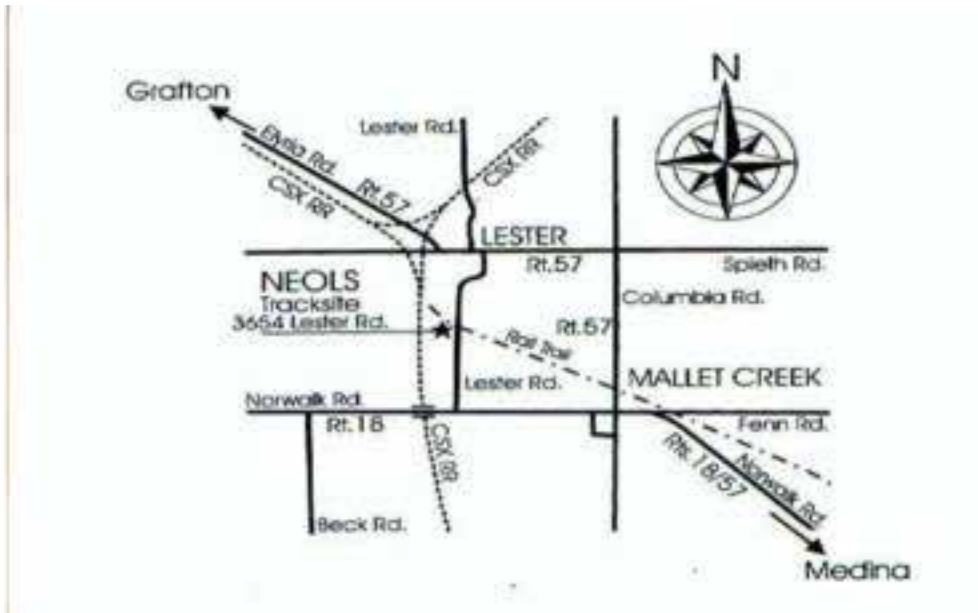
Flatwheel Editor  
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 Gary Schaefer

## Picnic

Saturday July 23, 2016 Trains run between noon at 3 pm

It's back! We're once again going to be at the Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers (NEOLS) for our picnic. Bring a side dish and we'll fill you and your family full of hamburgers, hot dogs and - new this year! brats! Some soft drinks available but you may want to bring your favorite.

The real fun is always riding through the park on one of the trains, so save the date and we'll see you there!  
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## NOARS Meet at the Age of Steam Roundhouse

The Northern Ohio Association of Railroad Societies will be hosting a meet at the Age of Steam Roundhouse on Saturday October 2. This date conflicts with our train show but you should mark your calendar in case we have plenty of volunteers signed up for that day. (The date was the only one available for this event.) More information as it becomes available.

## Upcoming Events

July 3 - 10, 2016 NMRA National Convention Indianapolis, IN see [www.nmra2016.org](http://www.nmra2016.org)

Please check other articles in this Flatwheel for other events.

Additionally, Bob Netzler does an excellent timetable in the Division 11 newsletter - go to <http://www.div11-mcr-nmra.info/> and click on *newsletter page*.

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## The Clinic Corner

**June 2016**  
**Brian Barnt**  
**Model Design - 3D CAD & 3D Printing**

Don't miss this program! We'll discuss 3D CAD, and use a Free 3D cad program to make 55-gallon drum, and then 3D print it.

Thanks to all who presented programs for the 2015-2016 season, your generosity in sharing your knowledge is appreciated by all. -- Larry

### **Clinics Wanted**

Help!!!! I am now looking for programs for 2016 -2017. If any of you would like to share your modeling techniques, know of someone I could contact for a program, or have a suggestion for a program topic, please contact me. If you have contacted me previously about a program, please take time to remind me again.

Larry Madson  
lmadson@roadrunner.com  
440-934-2643 or 440-864-2305  
Thanks, 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.

Larry Madson



## Contest Corner

Dave Lawler

This month's contest was for Grain Cars.

There were 13 entries and 41 votes another great showing. The results are as follows:

1st: Joe Filipiak

2nd: (tie) John Hemsath, George Keller, Richard Mayich and Darrall Swift

3rd: (tie) Jim Grell and Jerry Krueger

Honorable Mention: (tie) Larry Kowicki and Gary Schaefer

Now the moment you've all been awaiting, final point standings for awards are as follows:

1st Place: George Keller

2nd place: Richard Mayich

3rd place: Jim Grell

Honorable Mention: Joe Filipiak, John Hemsath and Dave Lawler

No contest in June. Thanks for another great season. The next season (2016-17) contest schedule is located elsewhere in this issue.

Dave Lawler  
Contest Chair



## 2016 – 2017 CONTEST SCHEDULE

**September:** A Grain Elevator (\*)

**October:** A gondola or flat car loaded with steel sheet, plate, structurals or scrap. NO COILS

**November:** An ALCO/MLW Locomotive Steam or Diesel.

**December:** No Contest; Awards Banquet

**January:** An Observation Car or Business Car these generally go on the end of a train.

**February:** A Water Tank or Water Tower either railroad or industrial. (\*)

**March:** No Contest; Auction

**April:** A "Patch Paint" Freight Car

This can be as simple as a fresh paint patch for the reweigh dates to an entire railroad name change like B&O to Chessie, GN to BN etc...

**May:** A Small Engine House or Car Repair Shed (\*)

**June:** No contest - Final standings announced

(\*) These subjects can be done as dioramas

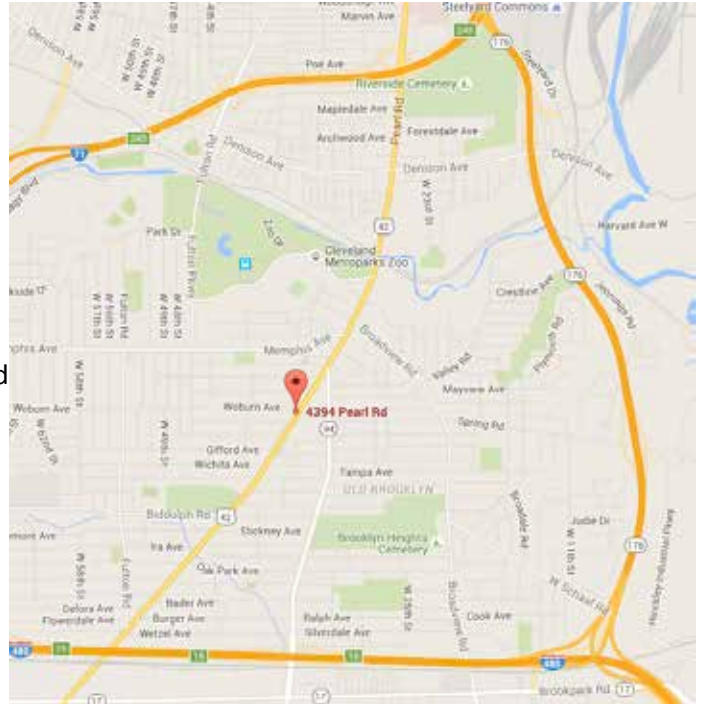
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