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Bellevue Ohio approach from the south, as seen from Kemper Rail Park.

Division Four's next meeting will be Friday November 11, 2016

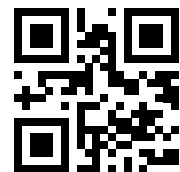
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Social time starts at 7:00 pm
Business meeting 7:30 pm

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Training Day is this Sunday (November 6th)

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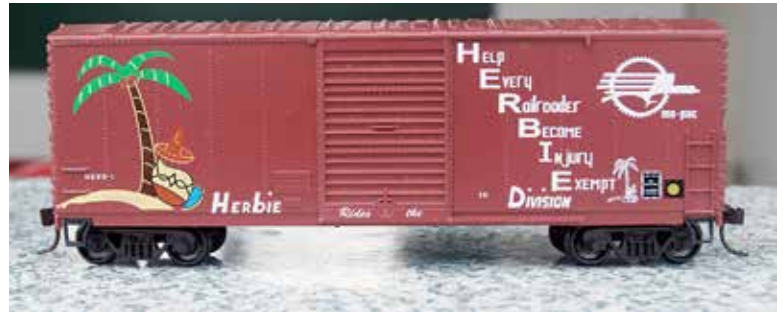
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HERBIE'S RUMBLINGS

November 2016

It's November, and the main topic of the business meeting will be finalization of the 2017 budget. There will also be more detailed reports on the results of Training Day and The Great Berea Train Show.

I am sorry to have to announce that Dave Williams will be stepping down as Editor of the Flatwheel. We need someone to step up and take over. January will be Dave's last issue as Editor. Please talk to Dave and/or me if you are interested.

In September, Patty and I traveled to Albany for the Northeastern Region Convention. Actually, she spent her time in Cooperstown at the Hall of Fame, while I attended clinics. Dave Williams and Allegheny Plateau Division member Bob McKay were also up at the convention. The clinics were very informational, and I managed to hone my skills through two make and takes. I know that a number of our members will be going up to attend the North Central convention next month, and Bob Weinheimer just returned from the Mid Eastern in Durham NC.

You can get some great ideas all year long about what other Divisions, as well as Regions, 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 by going to the NMRA website and hitting the "Regions" button on line three.

Another opportunity to meet people and get fresh ideas is to attend one of the many Historical Society conventions that take place throughout the year. I just returned from the Missouri Pacific one in Jefferson City, MO. In addition to clinics and tours at the Convention, I got to see Stephen and Cynthia Priest's layout in Kansas City on the way between the KC airport and Jeff City. Much work is going on to make this a premier attraction at the 2018 National in KC. Chuck Klein will be chairing the 2017 Nickel Plate Historical Society convention here next year.

The Akron Canton Youngstown Division (One) is going to be hosting the 2019 Mid-Central Regional Convention. Jim DePaola has indicated that they are looking favorably at a site in Cuyahoga Falls. We know that many of you will volunteer to help out.

Division Four is actually named the North Coast Division. The "Official" names are more indicative of the location and other facts about each Division. As I have attended the Mid-Continent and Northeastern Region conventions, I discovered that they generally use only names. In fact, in some instances, it was obvious that many attendees did not know where the various numbers were located.

I want to remind all of you to support the few remaining hobby shops in our area, but also be sure to read Dave Neff's article on "the other hobby shop" in the current Kingpin, which is now available for download (http://archive.midcentral-region-nmra.org/NewsLetterFold/MCRNFLFold/16C_Kingpi_1610.pdf). You can't beat their prices for sanding boards and the sponges you need to apply Pan Pastels.

Again, the main topic of the November business meeting will be finalization of the 2017 budget, along with the Board's thoughts and suggestions on what will be happening next year. Remember, it is your Division – please relay any thoughts or suggestions, likes or dislikes, etc to one of the Board members. See you there.

Steve Kaplan, Division 4 Superintendent

Training Day

Greetings,

Training Day 2016 is on **this** Sunday November 6th. 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It is again at The Transportation Center at Black River Landing, Lorain, Ohio. We have a great line up this year with over 20 members participating. I will have a complete report at the November meeting.

Thanks to all!

Gary Schaefer

Training Day from a couple years ago shows Lee Sheffield running a make-n-take session while Scott Benson talks about trains with module visitors in the background.



Remember to set your clocks back on Saturday night!

Modular Group

Scott Benson

The modular layout display at the Great Berea Train Show went very well and was well-received by all the visitors. Thanks to all Division 4 members who helped with layout setup and takedown, as well as staffing the display.

The group also displayed at the Avon Lake Library on October 22-23. We had a good flow of visitors, and many children were given the opportunity to run our trains. Thanks to Dave and Carol Lawler for their efforts in preparing for the event!

We're all looking forward to TRAINING DAY, which may be complete by the time we read this issue of the Flatwheel. We'll have a 50' layout there, similar to the display last year. If it's as good as last year, it's going to be a fun day.

We hope that Div 4 members get a chance to come out to the Fifth Annual International Tree and Model Train Display at the Black River Transportation Center in Lorain. The event starts on November 26, and runs every weekend through December 30. Bring a DCC train with you and run on the layout with the group!



photo provided by Scott Benson

Display at the Avon Lake Library.

The Clinic Corner

November 2016

Darrall Swift

Burlington Northern/Milwaukee Road in North Central Montana

Why I chose to model the Burlington Northern/Milwaukee Road in North Central Montana, Great Falls to Shelby, Circa: August –September of 1979. We'll look at the history of both lines in this part of Montana, Industry, Train Operations, and equipment used by both railroads during this period.

December 2016

No Clinic – Enjoy the Awards Banquet

Clinics Wanted

Help!!!! I need a few more 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

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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

Raffle Report

Hello all, Another fine raffle is in store for November. Don't forget we will have another great raffle for the December banquet.

The Raffle Dudes

Company Store

The Company store has 8 N&SS hopper cars left once there gone there gone!! We have a couple dozen MDT reefers. Plus the usual, hats, patches, MCR Region laser cut school houses.

2017 Nickel Plate Convention

Chuck Klein, Convention Chair

To Division 4 members, this coming year the Nickel Plate Historical Society is holding its national convention in the Cleveland area. It will be at the Holiday Inn in Independence at Rockside Rd. and I-77.

Several Division 4 members are on the committee. We are planning a number of activities of interest to model railroaders. Tony Koester one of the founders of the society will be present to discuss the Nickel Plate Railroad and how to model it. A couple of tours are in the works. Yes! you have to be a member of the society but for a nominal fee of \$ 35.00 you are a member. See Chuck Klein, Joe Kurilec , David Williams, or Mike Klein for further details.



... and some on the 2016 convention

Chuck receiving the banner from this year's convention chair Chris Beamer.

Saturday afternoon had layout tours that featured Division 4 layouts in the area as well as the Monroeville Club. Thanks to everyone who made sure the visitors had a great time in Division territory.



Division member and Mad River & NKP Museum officer George Keller (left) was everywhere overseeing everything, and somehow still managed to give the Division clinic on Friday night!



View from the bridge: Like at Bellevue's annual Train Day, George arranged to have the route 4 overpass become pedestrian friendly on Friday afternoon.

2016 Awards Banquet – Friday December 9th

Make sure you mark your calendars. The Awards Banquet will take the place of our normal December meeting (2nd Friday, December 9th). No meeting at the church.

This year's Awards Banquet will be held again at CopperTop at Cherokee Hills golf course, 5740 Center Road, Valley City, OH. Dinner will be buffet style with Top Round of Beef as the main course. There will be two additional dinner entrees, potatoes, vegetable, tossed garden salad, coffee, tea and soft drinks. There will be a cash bar available. And I promise I will double the number of cakes and cookies from last year. DJ service will be by Freddie James DJ's for your listening and dancing pleasure. Santa will be joining us after dinner with gifts for the kids and our own Mike Klein will be putting together another fantastic holiday raffle for the big kids.

The cost to attend is still \$15.00 per person, and kids 16 and under are free. The Division subsidizes the balance of the costs. This is our reward for the hard work we put in at our Train Show and other events. To sign up see Greg Noeth or Lee Sheffield at the November meeting or give Greg a call at 216-398-3428 or email at GNoetharch2@aol.com.

Lee Sheffield
Assistant Superintendent

Notes from the Editor

Some of this issue is more Nickel Plate than October meeting for the perhaps obvious reason that I spent that weekend in Bellevue. I can't apologize too much since at least 15 of our members participated in the convention one way or another (some in several ways). The Mad River & NKP Museum people did a fabulous job of hosting the convention, to include serving several meals to us. I also have a renewed appreciation for our members who make the trip from the western part of the Division to the meetings - a bridge too far for me that Friday night! Thanks to David James for covering as Secretary on short notice - I lost track of a weekend somewhere along the line. As mentioned elsewhere in this issue, next year's Nickel Plate convention will remain in the Division geography, with some of our members playing prominent roles.

As has been announced, I will be stepping down as Flatwheel Editor after the January issue. When I started 12 or so years ago, the Flatwheel was a print-only, black & white publication mailed to everyone, and that worked well for me. It's changed. The Flatwheel began appearing on the website, which really meant color photography. I can do color, but a communications aspect gets overlaid with an oh-so-pretty component that isn't always in keeping with needs to be conveyed to the viewer. The Flatwheel stopped being printed a couple of years ago after ten years of my wife Julie doing assembly, stapling, folding, fastening, stamping, and labelling of over 15,000 copies (10 years, 10 issues a year, 150 recipients minimum). Dropping the printing has changed the dynamic of what the newsletter needs to be for the members. In case anyone is reading "hidden insidious forces" in the changes I'm mentioning, I was a part of bringing them about. Just like my decision to let someone else do the website, it's time for a new vision for the Flatwheel.

As Steve mentioned in his column, Fr. Bob McKay and I went to the NER convention in Albany in September. My primary objective was to mark off the Rensselaer Polytechnic institute's layout from my must-see list - and it exceeded all expectations. The Saratoga and North Creek Railroad trip was pretty amazing for distance, scenery, and luxury as well. It was an all day round trip in a domed dining car! Father Bob was driving on this trip, so I wound up visiting a lot more layouts than I would have on my own, which was a good thing. Patty and Steve Kaplan and I managed to squeeze in a lunchtime tour of the convention hotel's environs.

Dave Williams

Membership

The Division welcomes these New Members from September 2016.

Kyle Kogler of Medina (His father, Scott, has been a member)
Irv Kaplan of University Heights (no relation to our Superintendent)

We wish to send Happy Birthday Wishes to the following November birthday members:

Scott Benson
Jeff Creary
David Davis
Mike Fahler
Billy Ferry
Donald Golden
Paul Justy
Jason Kovalchuck
Dominic Lapeus
Emil Orenick
C Perkins
Steve Prechtel
Douglas Steiskal
Rich Thoma
Joseph Toth
Julie Williams

MEMBERS: If you look for, but don't find, your birthday in the Flatwheel, it is because the Member Database does not include your birthdate information. If you'd like it to be added, please email Bill Ferry, Membership, at ClevelandBill@mac.com or call (440) 570-2112 and leave a message.

William C. Ferry

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Deadline for the next Flatwheel is Thursday November 24, 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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The October contest was for a Flat Car or Gondola with a steel load not coils.
There were 12 entries and 38 votes

1st place: John Puch

2nd place: Rich Mayich

3rd place: John Hemsath

Honorable Mention: Jim Grell, George Keller

The November contest will be for a Alco or MLW locomotive either steam or diesel any era.
This should allow a lot of latitude for everyone to pick a COOL engine to enter.

Fall Layout Tours

Ron Morgan, Layout Tour Chair

Save the dates! Details will be emailed to Division members soon.

Sunday Nov. 13, 2016

Cuyahoga Valley and Westshore Model Railroad Club

Joe Filipiak
Brian Haas
Ron Morgan

Saturday Nov. 19, 2016

John Hemsath
Dave Lawler
Steve Riddlebaugh

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