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An entry in the November contest.

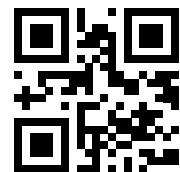
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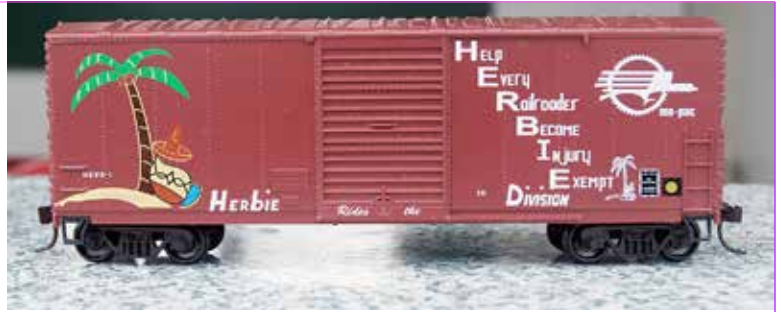
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## Herbie's Rumbblings from the North Coast Division December 2016

Although we covered it at the November meeting, I want to thank everyone again who participated in Training Day, and congratulate Gary Schaefer and crew for their tremendous efforts which made the event such a success.

As National Model Railroad Month draws to a close, I hope a lot of you were able to take part in one or more of the available events – Divisions 4 and 5 Training Days, the various layout tours, The NCR Convention, Nickel Plate Convention, or the Youngstown area tours and open houses. There is also an open house December 3rd and 4th at the Cuyahoga Valley and West Shore MRC depot in Olmsted Falls. Also, you should make it a point to stop by the Porter Library (27333 Center Ridge Rd, in Westlake) to see our Division's annual display. The display is put up by Chuck Klein, with assistance from brother Mike and myself. It will be there for the entire month of December.

Last month we announced that Dave Williams will be stepping down from his twelve year stint as Editor of the Flatwheel. So far, two qualified individuals have stepped forward to indicate a willingness to take over, and I hope to have a decision soon – perhaps to announce at the Awards Dinner. We do hope that Dave will continue to produce the high quality photographs we have gotten used to having.

It is time to start thinking about those annual New Years' resolutions. I haven't considered mine yet, but I'm sure that it will involve completing at least something. I do have one request for all of us though. It's not really railroad related, but let's try. It is 'THINK – before you hit the "Reply All" button.' We get into some of these "conversations", and the last three or four emails (which get read by 25 to 30 people in the thread,) are "well thanks", "no problem", "OK", "You're welcome", "Later!", etc. etc. etc.

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.

At this point, we are tentatively planning on switching the February and March events around. That is, the February meeting will be the annual Auction, and the March meeting will be the Member Appreciation ( i.e. Pizza) Night.

There is no business meeting in December, but I hope to see many of you at the Awards Dinner. There "may" still be room if you haven't signed up. Get in touch with Greg Noeth to see if you can still sign up.

See you at the Dinner, or if not, at the January meeting.

Steve Kaplan, Superintendent  
Division Four, MCR (The North Coast Division)

Steve Kaplan, Division 4 Superintendent, began the meeting at 7:01 pm.

Income and expenses were discussed concerning the Great Berea Train Show. Some figures for the show are still “in progress” and will be resolved later by David James, Show Chair and Treasurer Greg Noeth. This will be the first time in our recent history that the Train Show’s balance sheet will be available for members’ review at the November meeting. Steve pointed out that David James did an unbelievable job on his first time out as Show Chair. Table fees and gate prices were discussed. Hours for the show will be changed to 10 am to 4 pm on both days. Door prizes will now be included in the gate cost rather than as a separate raffle. We may have a 50/50 raffle instead. 72 new visitors were identified by the survey. Television advertising may not be used again in the near future as it’s been shown to be a high expense in drawing new visitors. Polaris Vocational student security cost has been treated as a donation from us in the past but will now be treated as a Show expense.

Other committees’ requests were reviewed and their budgets generally remained the same as 2016 (these figures were reviewed during the November meeting by the membership). Training Day had plenty of presenters as well as 131 visitors. Flatwheel projected expense covered the possibility of the next editor requiring software (the current editor uses business related software at no cost to the Division). Grants for 2016 were discussed to include Polaris, Lorain (Training Day and Trees and Trains site), Medina County 4H (and tentatively Lorain County 4H if that group forms) and several other groups.

Steve said that he would put together the figures for presentation to the members at the general meeting on Friday (November 11, 2016).

Steve mentioned that the by-laws were being to reflect that elected official formerly known as Trustees and now called Directors do not own the assets of the Division. He also suggested that the positions for Directors of East Cuyahoga County and West Cuyahoga County be changed to being two Directors from Cuyahoga County. The Division has relatively few members living east of the Cuyahoga River. The revised by-laws will be available as soon as Steve completes his work on them.

Jim Moore asked the BOD to recognize the success of this year’s Training Day.

Meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.

David M. Williams  
Secretary

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## NOARS - Rep Wanted

Dave Williams (current rep)

There’s a least one person in the Division - maybe it’s you - who would be very happy as the Division’s representative to the Northern Ohio Association of Railroad Societies (NOARS). Why? Because most of their members are encyclopaedias of their areas of prototype railroading. One spent years in NYC Operations out of Grand Central Station. Another is a consultant to current day railroads- he recently advised on the hidden locations of steam era piping in an abandoned yard. A third member has written books on local transit. The group meets for dinner about once every three months at the Union Depot in Berea. Most of dinner will be a mix of talk about current and historical rail activities, interrupted periodically with comments about trains passing by the window (and these guys know - usually - where the train is from, going to, and what it’s carrying.) Your part (if you’re like me and not well versed) is to listen, and report relevant information back to the Division. While I like the company and the stories, I’m just not avid enough on prototype interests to feel that I’m the best fit for this position. Contact Steve Kaplan or myself if the position sounds good to you.

# General Meeting Minutes: November 2016

General Meeting Minutes taken Friday November 11, 2016

Division Superintendent Steve Kaplan opened the meeting at 7:30 pm with a greeting to all in attendance. Being Veterans' Day, Steve requested all veterans present to stand and be recognized.

Joe Andrews, owner of Eastern Ohio Trains, gave his thanks to the Division members who stepped forward to cover his tables at the Train Show when his wife became very ill. He stated that the situation, while very serious, was temporary and that she has made a full recovery.

Representatives of the Girl Scouts requested that we leave the church hall in our present configuration for their event on Saturday.

Bill Ferry, Membership Chair introduced new members; no visitors were in attendance.

Larry Madson, Clinic Chair, said that Darrall Swift would give the second clinic on his layout choice. No clinic in December due to the Awards Banquet. In January, Darrall will conclude his series with a discussion on choosing the right cars to model a specific date.



Joe Andrews

Treasurer Greg Noeth reported that the Division has \$57,000 currently in assets. He also said that he had a sign-up sheet for the December awards banquet.

Gary Schaeffer, Training Day Chair, asked that all members who helped please stand and be recognized. Good attendance at the event. Gary gave a list of training stations at various tables as well as the presence of the module group.

Scott Benson, Modular Group Chair, said that the Trees and Trains event would be starting the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Help will be needed – come out even if you're not currently a member of the modular group. Modules will also be present at the Kirtland Toys & Trains Show on December 18. The annual planning meeting of the modular group will take place at the North Olmsted library in January.

Ron Morgan, Layout Tour Chair, said that there would be a contest in conjunction with the upcoming layout tours and asked if everyone received their tour list emails.

Dave Lawler, Contest Chair: tonight's contest is an ALCO or MLW locomotive. Previous month's winners and their models were reviewed. No contest in December, January's contest will be for a business or observation car.

Lee Sheffield gave information on the upcoming Awards Banquet (specifics elsewhere in this Flatwheel). Chuck Klein, Company Store, said that the hopper cars have sold out. Reefers still in stock as well as miscellaneous items. Chuck also reminded attendees that the Porter Library had again provided us with a display case for model railroading, which he and other people had filled.

Mike Klein, Raffle, described items in tonight's raffle and reminded everyone of the special raffle to be held during the Awards Banquet.

Steve reported that at least one person had shown interest in taking over the Flatwheel, with the invitation still open for additional candidates.

Steve led a discussion of the proposed 2017 budget. Specifics, presented on a series of projected spreadsheets, are not included here. Anyone not at the meeting who feels it necessary to see the details of the presentation may contact Steve. The membership asked questions and made some suggestions (e.g., Al Seman suggested that the Train Show's new 50/50 raffle be held daily instead of the proposed two day raffle and the suggestion was met with approval). Art Bumpus suggested that dealers be asked to again share in the support of the Polaris security for the Train Show (it was overlooked this year). At the end of all discussion, the budget was approved unanimously by the membership present.

Meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm.

David M. Williams

Secretary

## Layout Tours

Another successful layout tour is behind us. Good time had by all.

I want to thank the CV&WS Model Railroad Club, Joe Filipiak, Brian Haas, John Hemsath, Dave Lawler and Steve Riddlebaugh for being part of this years Fall home layout tours. The next home layout tour will be in the Spring so please let me know if you would like to participate.

For those who took the time to visit the layouts that were open on November 13th and 19th the layouts were well worth the visit.

Most of the layouts owners had made major improvements to their layouts since the last time they were open. Great to see the changes.

For those who did not take the opportunity to visit the layouts, you really missed a good time and some impressive layouts.

I also want to thank those 4H members that made the effort to visit the layouts. Great deal of interest on their part. The future of the hobby.

Thanks again for coming.

There were several members from Division 1 and 5 who also came out for the layout tour. It was nice to have them and hope they will return for the Spring open houses.

This year's fall layout tour had a twist. I like change and hope to provide more on future tours. There were several contest going on during the layout tour. The winners are as follows:

Count The Monkeys (13) on my layout - George Keller

Count the Moose (18) on Dave Lawler's layout – Samuel Meredith Find the names referenced on the contest sheet on John Hemsath's layout – Greg Noeth

The winners will be presented their prize at the January business meeting.

All the contests were great fun and was a great way to get to know and study someone else's layout.

Have a great Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Think Spring!

Ron Morgan  
Layout Tour Chairman

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Visit *Trees & Trains* at the Black River Transportation Center in Lorain during the holiday season to see the Division's modular layout and others along with Christmas trees with decorations from around the world.

421 Black River Lane, Lorain 44052.; check for hours online by searching **Trees and Trains Lorain**.

## 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 or give Greg a call at 216-398-3428 or email at [GNoetharch2@aol.com](mailto:GNoetharch2@aol.com). Deadline November 30th - there may be a waiting list after this date.

Lee Sheffield  
Assistant Superintendent

Social Hour starts at 6 pm  
Dinner at 7 pm

## Module Group Annual Planning Meeting

The module group will meet on January 12, 2017, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, in the basement meeting room of the North Olmsted Library. This will be our annual discussion of events and other topics. All interested Division 4 members are welcome to attend.

Scott Benson

## Holiday Raffle

Ladies and Gentlemen, young and old. The Holiday Raffle is upon us. This year's raffle at the Awards Banquet will once again have pictures, books, puzzles, baskets and more. So come join the fun.

Happy Holidays to All.

The Raffle Dudes

Training Day overview: A long row of clinic tables are in front of the camera. The modular setup is to the left, going down the center length of the room. Another row of clinician tables is located on the other side of the modules.



## Membership

Bill and Billy Ferry

The Division welcomes these New Members from October 2016.

Robert Bays of Cleveland, Cuyahoga County  
Lance Warner of Sandusky, Erie County

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

Russell Conser  
Joseph Witouski  
John Pesuit Jr  
Frank Feko  
Dennis Whitaker  
Michael Vollmar  
Bob Orlando  
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Patricia Henning  
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John Hemsath  
Ed Woskowicz  
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Lee Soule  
William Ferry

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](mailto:ClevelandBill@mac.com) or call (440) 570-2112 and leave a message.



Brandon Wehe (on right) listens to a visitor's story at Training Day. Brandon gave demonstrations throughout the day on his method of decaling.

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Deadline for the next Flatwheel is Thursday December 29, 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 Clinic Corner

**December 2016**  
**No Clinic – Enjoy the Awards Banquet**

**January 2017**  
**Darrall Swift**  
**How to Research and Build an Accurate Roster of**  
**Freight Cars for August and September 1979**

We'll look at how modelers can apply real AAR rules to their freight car rosters, how to read data off of freight cars, how to research freight cars in Official Railway Equipment Registers (ORER's), and being an educated consumer, we'll look at how to apply this data when purchasing models of freight cars.

**February 2017**  
**Division 4 Bi-annual Auction**

Auctioneers Lee Sheffield and Frank Bongiovanni will be on hand to auction off your unwanted stuff.

### 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](mailto: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



Darrall Swift's November clinic covered his prototype's geography in Montana. His series will conclude in January.

The November Contest was for an ALCO or MLW (Canada) steam or diesel locomotive  
There were 11 entries and 37 votes.

1st: George Keller

2nd: Richard Mayich and Jim Moore

3rd: Jim Grell, Bill Marquarott and Gary Schaefer

Honorable Mention: John Hemsath and Dave Lawler

The point standings now are:

1st: George Keller and Rich Mayich

2nd: Jim Grell and John Hemsath

3rd: Dave Lawler

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5th: Jim Moore

There is no contest in December.

The January contest is for an Observation or Business Passenger Car any era.



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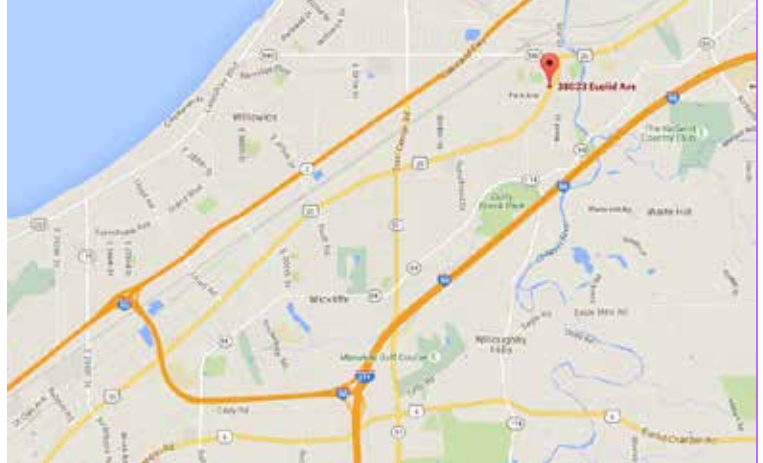
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## Received from National

### Notice of Winter BOD meeting in Atlanta

The Winter Board of Directors meeting will once again be held in Atlanta, Georgia, on February 18, and 19, 2017 at the Drury Inn & Suites. The Budget and Operations meeting will begin at 2:00 PM on Friday, February 17, and the Board will be in caucus that evening. Both of those meetings are only open to invited guests.

The regular, open session of the BOD meeting begins at 9:00 AM on Saturday, February 18. Because the agenda is not yet finalized, there's no way to tell if the meeting will continue on Sunday. All members are invited to attend the open sessions. Watch [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) for details.

### News about the 2017 NMRA Elections

By John Stevens, NMRA Secretary

We are fast approaching the 2017 election. This election is different than the elections of the last two years. Those elections included worldwide positions that required ballots distributed through NMRA Magazine. The 2017 election has no worldwide positions and therefore there will be no ballot distributed in the magazine.

This election cycle has five positions under consideration. One of them is the Region Advisory Council Director, or RACD position. Each Region has a representative on the RAC and they are the only ones that are eligible to vote. There are three candidates for the RACD position. This election should be completed by Christmas.

Three of the positions in 2017 are the Canadian Director, NMRA Canada President, and NMRA Canada Vice-President. This election will be run by NMRA Canada. Those of you who are members of NMRA Canada should be receiving your ballots sometime around February 1st.

The last position up for election is the Central District Director, or CDD. The Central District includes the states of Alabama, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kentucky, Michigan, Minnesota, Mississippi, Ohio, Tennessee, and Wisconsin. Only those members living within those states are eligible to vote for the CDD. In years past, the members have received a ballot in the mail. They then filled out the ballot and mailed it back to Headquarters.

**Editor's Note: Here's important. I'm pretty sure this last one is the one Steve Kaplan is a candidate for, so please don't ignore your ballots.**

This election cycle, we will be mailing ballots to the membership, but we are going to be offering the option of returning your ballot by voting electronically. We will be using a service called Election Buddy. This service has been used successfully by a couple of Regions. The service generates voting codes for each individual eligible to vote. The individual goes online and enters the voting code. They then view the ballot and vote. Once they complete the process, they can't use the voting code again.

At the end of the voting window, we receive two reports. One report is the results of the election. The second report tells us who voted electronically. Using the two reports there is no way to know how a member has voted. In the meantime, some of you will have filled out your paper ballots and mailed them to headquarters. The second report will be checked against the paper ballots. If HQ receives a ballot from you and you have also voted electronically, the paper ballot will be declared invalid and your vote will be the electronic one.

The current plan is to mail the ballots in mid-January. The election window should be February 1 through February 28. Since we will still have to process some paper ballots, the election results will not be known until the end of March.

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From Trains Magazine:

Amtrak marks record performance in spite of gas prices

WASHINGTON — Dire predictions that falling gas prices might hurt Amtrak's patronage and pricing failed to materialize as the company's fiscal year drew to a close on Sept. 30, 2016. Yet other trends continue to impact the passenger railroad as President and CEO Wick Moorman settles into his new job.

Ridership rose to a record 31.2 million passengers while generating \$2.1 billion of ticket revenue — both slightly ahead of last year's numbers. But Amtrak had originally based its expense budget on almost 31.8 million riders and \$2.3 billion in ticket sales. In December 2015, with early returns showing weakness, management began cutting expenses based on revised forecasts that dropped passenger counts by 1.2 million and receipts by \$167 million.

Several Northeast Regional frequencies were cut (two were eliminated by dropping the New York-Savannah, Ga., Palmetto's "receive only" southbound and "discharge only" northbound boarding restrictions), job vacancies weren't filled, and long-distance dining car patrons faced the same menu on every train all summer. As it turned out, the forecast was too pessimistic, though the original budget had been too optimistic.

If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You will find those addresses at [www.nmra.org](http://www.nmra.org) or in the NMRA Magazine

If the person holding a region or division office changes, or their email address changes, please contact me at [tcdraider@aol.com](mailto:tcdraider@aol.com) with the corrected information.

Regards,

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Director – Support Services

Editor's note: the list of presidents on the next page were originally part of the email body. Parts of the text surrounding the chart may have been lost during all the voodoo required to convince it to display in a civilized fashion.



NMRA Presidents					
No	Term		No. Years	Name	
	From	To		First	Last
<b>1 Year Terms for President</b>					
1	1935	1937	2	W. W.	Hanerly
2	1937	1938	1	Forrest	Fottler
3	1938	1939	1	William	Rau
4	1939	1940	1	Albert	Kamm
5	1940	1941	1	Kirke	Comstock
6	1941	1942	1	Victor	Ketcham
7	1942	1943	1	Paul	Zickgraff
8	1943	1944	1	Adrian	Buyse
9	1944	1945	1	Lawrence	Sagle
10	1945	1947	2	Ed	Ravenscroft
11	1947	1948	1	Edward R.	Campbell
12	1948	1949	1	Vernon	Guess
13	1949	1950	1	Wilbur E.	Hare
14	1950	1951	2	H. A.	Schultz
15	1951	1953	2	Edward M.	Van Leer
16	1953	1955	2	George H.	Brown
17	1955	1957	2	Ivon S.	Preble
18	1957	1959	2	Dr. Eber H.	Allen
19	1959	1961	2	Leighton	Keeling
20	1961	1963	2	A. Ballard	Bradley
21	1963	1965	2	Robert P.	Brinkman
22	1965	1967	2	Robert I.	Thronily
23	1967	1969	2	Whitney K.	Towers
24	1969	1971	2	Kenneth	Mortimer
25	1971	1973	2	D. E. (Gene)	Colborn
26	1973	1976	3	Eugene E.	Hickey
<b>Start of 2 Year Terms for President</b>					
27	1976	1978	2	Eric	Bracher
28	1978	1980	2	Craig	Brown
29	1980	1982	2	R.H. "Huebe"	Hubenthal
30	1982	1984	2	Anteiss H. "Jack"	Weir
31	1984	1986	2	Paul	Shimada
32	1986	1990	4	Bob	DuPont
33	1990	1994	4	Eric	Lundberg
34	1994	2000	6	Bob	Charles
35	2000	2004	4	Allen	Pollock
36	2004	2006	2	John	Roberts
<b>Start of 3 Year Terms for President</b>					
37	2006	2012	6	Mike	Brestel
38	2012	2018	6	Charlie	Getz

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