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COVER: The Algoma Compass leaving the Port of Huron, Saturday, April 7th. Photo by Hollie Newton

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DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, MAY 11, 2018

WE OFFER GOOD FELLOWSHIP, FREE SOFT-DRINKS/COFFEE AND AN INFORMATIVE CLINIC ON SOME ASPECT OF OUR HOBBY. JOIN US!

Photo from Go Fund Me website by Edward J. Baker, funds to benefit Lorain Lighthouse Foundation, Inc.

WHEN & WHERE WE MEET

The North Coast Division holds 10 meetings a year (none in July and August). Meetings are on the 2nd Friday of each month. A

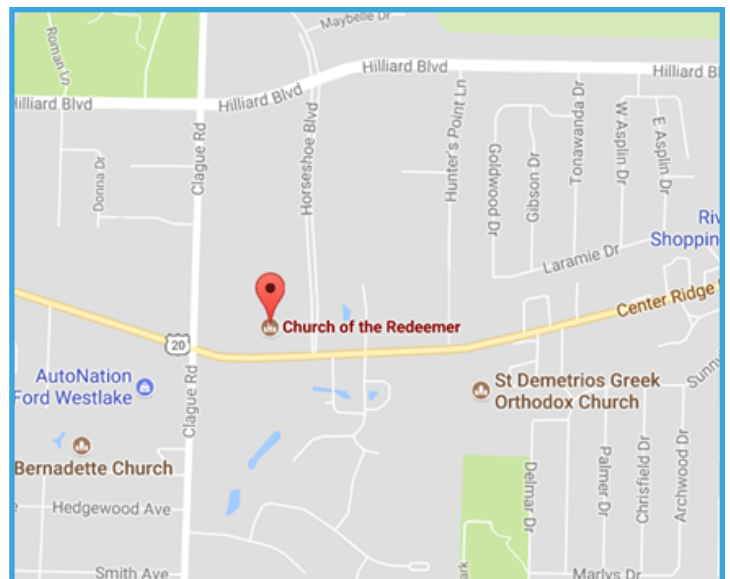
social half hour starts at 7:00 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:30. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Meetings are held at the Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Rd, Cleveland, OH 44145. Visitors are welcome to attend any meeting.

The Division's newsletter, *The Flatwheel* is published monthly (except during July and August) by Division 4 of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). All comments are welcome. Views expressed in *The Flatwheel* do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the NMRA, MCR, or Division 4.

The Flatwheel is typically electronically published no later than the Monday preceding the monthly meeting. Submissions are due no later than the 26th of the prior month, for example, August 26th for the September *Flatwheel*.

Uncredited photos courtesy of the editor or staff photographer Dave Williams.

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. The group is private and does not appear on the Yahoo directory.



AN EDITORIAL



freighters arrived with loads of taconite pellets to be unloaded by steam (later electrified) Hulett's, then transferred into open hoppers to be taken by the NKP to the many steel mills in Ohio and Pennsylvania. Freighters have also been bringing in loads of limestone to the Huron lime plant for 50 years.

The Hulett's and their associated trains are long gone. It was recently announced the lime plant will be shut down as soon as the current stockpile of stone is processed.

Which brings me to the railroad theme of this editorial. The property where the Hulett's once stood is still owned by the NKP's successor, the Wheeling and Lake Erie Ry. The only remaining track is a balloon track that connects with a nearby small yard that in turn connects to the Wheeling's main near Shinrock. Perhaps twice each year a small freighter arrives and using an auto unloader, dumps a pile of limestone near the balloon track. A Wheeling train sporting perhaps 50 open-top hoppers then arrives. For several days the train will inch ahead allowing a clam shoveled crane to load the stone into the hoppers. The train then leaves, using the stone, presumably, for ballast rework.

There she goes! This month's cover photo, taken by Hollie Newton, shows the Algoma Compass leaving the Port of Huron Saturday morning, April 7th, 2018. So why have this as the May cover photo you ask??



Google Earth shot of balloon track and a pile of stone awaiting arrival of a W&LE ballast train. Note freighter shown was docked for long term storage and is now gone.



Port of Huron with Huron Lime lakeside and the two freighter slips farther upriver. Photo from Huron Historical Society website

The Port of Huron has been the center of a great deal of railroad activity for more than 100 years. At one time

So perhaps the Algoma Compass is not the last freighter to work the Port of Huron? Only time will tell. 🚂

BRUCE BOWIE
EDITOR



HERBIE'S RUMBLINGS



HELP EVERY MODEL RAILROADER BECOME INJURY EXEMPT

This is it! The past four years have been a very rewarding time for me. We accomplished a lot – from putting on a National convention, to staffing an exhibit and demonstration for a three month period. In between, we had lots of educational meetings and events but we also had lots of fun. Now we have a strong management team taking over, and I know they will accomplish great things. The new term is starting off with a great car project under the guidance of Chuck Klein.

I can't thank my fellow officers and board members enough. What a team! Many are continuing on, but there are some new faces, as well as a few spots to fill. Lee will talk about those at the meeting.

I first got involved with model railroading 50 years ago in St. Louis, and then transferred to Milwaukee. We moved here in 1977, but I actually dropped out of the NMRA in 1980 or so. When I got back in, in 2004, it was a totally different Division. I was made to feel welcome, and immediately started getting involved. The 2009 trip to the National in Hartford got me really interested in moving up, and well – here we are today.

Chuck and brother Mike will be giving the clinic this meeting – we will be going on the last steam ride of the B&O. Mike is retiring as Raffle Chairman, with Adam Woodie taking over. The raffle has been a mainstay of our meetings for what seems like forever.

I will be bringing some more items for sale from the Collen Clark donation – mostly structures, and perhaps some track items. The proceeds go to the 4-H group.

Our annual picnic will be on July 21st, and we are returning to the live steamers in Lester. This year the Cuyahoga Valley and West Shore Model Railroad Club will be joining us.

It's still not too late to get yourself (and your spouse) signed up for the 2018 Regional Convention in Cincinnati, May 17-20. It promises to be a good one with lots of activities. Also, now is the time to make plans to attend the National NMRA Convention and Train Show in Kansas City August 5-12, 2018. In addition to great clinics, and some of the greatest layouts in the hobby, remember what an important rail center KC is, and has always been. The prototype opportunities are amazing.

Please remember to engage the new members and/or guests in conversation before the meeting, and during the break. They can be identified by a green name tag (or no name tag if they sneak past Bill Ferry).

See you at the meeting, 🚂



**STEVE KAPLAN, SUPERINTENDENT
THE NORTH COAST DIVISION**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Friday April 13, 2018

Superintendent Steve Kaplan brought the meeting to order at 7:30 pm.

Membership Chair Bill Ferry asked for recently joining members and visitors to introduce themselves and received a response from a number of those present. Bill reminded everyone to wear their name badges and said that the Division is looking for a new membership chair as his term is expiring.



Attendance continues strong.

Treasurer Greg Noeth reported assets of \$42,616. Greg stated that he had recently written checks for Train Show advertising and the Division's new car project, and that we would not be making payments to the Fair Board (for Train Show facilities) until the contract in May.

Contest Chair Dave Lawler announced that the evening's contest was small diners or restaurants, and noted that most entries were dioramas. Dave reported winners of the March contest and asked each to briefly describe their model and techniques they used. Next month's contest will be for two bay/two compartment covered hoppers of any era.

Steve (filling in for Clinic Chair Larry Madson) said that the evening clinic would be by Brian Haas on making trees and that next month's clinic would be given by

Chuck Klein on the last B&O steam ride. Mike Klein will assist.



Brian Haas leading his clinic on making trees.

Scott Benson, Modular Committee Chair, said that the group had a good show last week at the Avon Lake Library, with a great public turnout and good publicity by local papers. The group also participated at Railfest last month. The Great Lakes Science Center recently gave volunteers for their Science of Trains exhibit an appreciation breakfast. They stated that they were very pleased with the everyday staffing that we provided along with the Midwest Railway Preservation Society. The Modular Group will now be preparing for the appearance at the National Train Show in Kansas City this summer. Scott invited anyone interested in joining the group to see him after the meeting.

Layout Tour Chair Ron Morgan announced the upcoming east side tour and mentioned that tomorrow would be the Division 1 Open House (information should have been received by everyone by email).

Lee Sheffield reminded everyone of the picnic on July 21 at the NEOLS in Lester Ohio.

Raffle Dude Mike Klein reported on the various prizes for the evening's raffle.

Company Store operator Chuck Klein said that he had 12 wooden reefer kits in stock. The Division's new car project of Davies Steel gondolas is being readied for shipment to us from Accurail. The Company Store will have a limited inventory at the May meeting due to Chuck's involvement with the clinic, so please contact him by email or phone beforehand for any items you wish to buy at that time.

Flatwheel Editor Bruce Bowie stated that the deadline for the next issue would be on April 21st. Bruce is looking for articles for the May and June issues, reminding everyone that they get Raffle Bucks and points toward the Author certificate for articles.

Steve spoke about the donation of model railroad items from the Colin Clark estate. Proceeds from the sale of these items will be given to the 4H group; some items will also be given to our module group and to the Cuyahoga Valley & West Shore club (all 501(c)3 organizations). Lee gave a description of the items available for sale this evening.

George Keller gave a status report on NKP engine 757's return to Bellevue, stating that everything is proceeding well and that the engine may be moved to the Mad River & NKP Museum as early as this summer.

Members of the Medina County 4H Model Railroading group introduced themselves and thanked the Division for its ongoing support of the 4H. They gave a short presentation of last year's modular display at the Medina County Fair. We are invited to show up at their monthly meetings at the Lafayette Town Hall- The June 3rd meeting (1:30 pm) will be dedicated to clinics to help with the modules in preparation for this year's county fair.



Medina 4H members thanking the Division for our financial support.

Gary Shaefer said that he ordered a bunch of undecorated cars shells for future use in either Training Day or clinics for weathering/painting/decals.

Steve invited everyone to keep the conversation going at Baker's Square after the clinic.

The meeting ended at 8:15 pm.



John Hemsath attends his first meeting since his auto accident early this year. WELCOME BACK JOHN!!



**DAVE WILLIAMS, SECRETARY
THE NORTH COAST DIVISION**

THIS & THAT

OWNERSHIP CHANGE - Got this from a e-newsletter from the NYC modeler - *Joe Kurilec, MMR*

News

Tomar Industries and Utah Pacific Have New Owners

PF&S Railway Supply of Pasco, WA is the new owner of these two longtime hobby companies. Former Tomar owners, Duane and Marie Henry will continue with their Alexander Scale Models and Stewart Product Lines.

HAVE SOME TIME? -

<http://hoseeker.net>

Working on several articles for *HOCollector* magazine, I was searching the web and located the site above!

There is a wealth of info on so many old model products, catalogs images. A GREAT way to loose several hours on this site! - *Joe Kurilec, MMR*

While working on The Great Berea Train Show ad project, I came across all sorts of links to MCR division info. You can see what's going on in any of MCR 12 Divisions. Division 12 is new so there is not a lot at this time. Some pages are large so it might take time for those to load. The second links you to all of the MCR divisions newsletters.

The link below is all of MCR's divisions

<http://www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/divisions2.html>

The link below is for all of the MCR division newsletters. Its fun to see what other divisions are doing!

<http://archive.midcentral-region-nmra.org/NewsLetter.html>

Joe Kurilec, MMR

HELP, HELP! - To all historical society and club members. If your organization is having a convention, open house, etc. PLEASE let me know so I may include it in the WHATS GOING ON section of our *Flatwheel*. For example, I personally

tripped across the NYC Convention on page 33 or it would not be shown. - *Editor*

HGR INDUSTRIES - HGR Industries based in Euclid Ohio on Euclid Avenue is looking for someone to help build an "O" Gauge overhead running track around the ceiling of there break room. There is monetary compensation involved. See Chuck Klein if you are interested in more details. - *Chuck Klein*

AP CIVIL - Want to handlay some track to qualify towards your AP Civil certificate?? This track was at the EMD plant at McCook, Ill, circa 1978. Locomotives there were made for several different gauges - *Joe Kurilec, MMR*



LED Source - The eBay company providing the LED lights I discussed in last month's editorial now has a website:

www.wehonest.net

- *Editor*

Nor'easter uncovers 'ghost tracks' on New Jersey beach

FOX NEWS.COM

By Katherine Lam | Fox News

The famed "ghost tracks" seen every so often on a New Jersey beach reappeared over the weekend after a nor'easter hit the East Coast, washing away enough sand to reveal the rare piece of history.

The tracks on Higbee Beach in Cape May County were discovered by residents walking along the beach during the weekend. The tracks reappear during low tide or when a storm hits the area.

"It feels sort of like you came across buried treasure," Samantha Heely told NJ.com.

The part that was uncovered this weekend appeared to be more intact than a segment seen last summer. Several nearby residents have flocked to the beach to get a snap of the tracks.



The tracks were used during World War I. (Nancy Rothhammer Dietrich)

TRAVEL OHIO IDEAS - Saw this printed in the May 2018 issue of *Trains* magazine. The Tourist & Museum section. I just sent along places in Ohio. I think the membership might find it useful as summer is coming. (I'm told it is coming!) - Joe Kurilec, MMR

Ohio

AC&J Scenic Line. P.O. Box 517 Jefferson, 44047-0517 Phone: 440-576-6346 Boarding site adjacent 161 E. Jefferson St. Train ride.

AuGlaize Village. P.O. Box 801, Defiance, 43512 Phone: 419-784-0107 www.auglaizevillage.com

Bradford Ohio Railroad Museum. 200 N. Miami Ave., 501 E. Main St., BF Tower, Bradford, 45308 Phone: 937-552-2196 Open April-Oct. BF Tower & museum: Sat., 10-4. www.bradfordrrmuseum.org

Carillon Historical Park. 1000 Carillon Blvd., Dayton, 45409 Phone: 937-293-2841 Mon.-Sat., 9:30-5; Sun., 12-5. Closed Jan. 1, Thanksgiving, Dec. 24, 25, & 31. Rolling stock exhibits. Scale train rides select dates, April-Oct. www.cprss.org www.daytonhistory.org

Cedar Point & Lake Erie Railroad. 1 Cedar Point Dr., Sandusky, 44870 Phone: 419-627-2350 Early May-late Oct. Train ride. www.cedarpoint.com

Cincinnati Dinner Train. 11013 Kemwood Rd., Cincinnati, 45242 Phone: 513-791-7245 The Cincinnati Dinner Train operates a 3-hour dinner excursion every Saturday departing at 6. Reservations are required and tickets are sold in advance. www.cincinnati-dinner-train.com

Cincinnati Scenic Railway - LM&M Railroad. 127 South Mechanic St., Lebanon, 45036 Phone: 513-933-8022 Themed family train rides offered throughout the year. www.lebanonrr.com

Conneaut Railroad Museum. 363 Depot St., Conneaut, 44030 Phone: 440-599-7878 Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily. Depot museum.

Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. P.O. Box 158, Peninsula, 44264 Phone: 800-468-4070 Train ride. www.cvsr.com

Dennison Railroad Depot Museum. P.O. Box 11, 400 Center St., Dennison, 44621 Phone: 877-278-8020 Year-round, except Mon. Depot museum. Polar Express train rides, 1873 depot, restaurant, and rolling stock. www.dennisondepot.org

ENTERTAINMENT JUNCTION. 7379 Squire Ct., West Chester, 45069 Phone: 513-898-8000 Mon.-Sat., 10-6; Sun., 12-6. Open daily, except Easter, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Wed., Jan.-March. World's largest indoor G-scale model train display. www.entertainmentjunction.com [See our ad on page R-16]

Hocking Valley Scenic Railway. 33 Canal St., Nelsonville, 45764 Phone: 800-967-7834 Weekends, mid-May through Dec. Museum with train rides. www.hvsr.org

Jefferson Depot Village. 147 East Jefferson St., P.O. Box 22, Jefferson, 44047 Phone: 440-576-0496 June, July, Aug., Sept. to Oct. 15; Sat. & Sun., 1-4; Mon. & Thurs., 10-4. Group tours anytime by appointment. 1890 guided tours through the "living history village" museum - 1872 Lake Shore & Michigan Southern Railroad Station, 1918 Pennsylvania caboose, and 14 more restored historic buildings. Free parking on E. Walnut St. www.jeffersondepotvillage.org

Lebanon Mason Monroe Railroad. 127 S. Mechanic St., Lebanon, 45036 Phone: 513-933-8022 The LM&M Railroad offers many family friendly events. This includes Day Out with Thomas and our North Pole Express. Trains depart from historic downtown Lebanon and feature scenic rides through southwestern Ohio. The railroad's location grants visitors the ability to experience the splendor of a charming tourist town. Lebanon is conveniently located halfway between Cincinnati and Dayton, Ohio. www.lebanonrr.com

Lorain & West Virginia Railway. Hwy. 18, Wellington, 44090 Phone: 440-647-6660 July-Oct., weekends and selected weekdays. Train ride. www.lwra.org

Lucas County-Maumee Valley Historical Society. 1051 River Rd., Maumee, 43537 Phone: 419-893-9602 www.walcothhouse.org

Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum. 253 Southwest St., Bellevue, 44811 Phone: 419-683-2222 Memorial Day-Labor Day, daily, 12-4; May, Sept., & Oct., weekends. Museum. www.madrivermuseums.org

Marion Union Station. 532 W. Center St., Marion, 43302 Phone: 740-383-3768 Tues. and Thurs., 10-2; other times by appointment for tours and events.

Northern Ohio Railway Museum. 5515 Baffham Rd., Seville, 44273 Phone: 330-769-5501 Sat., May 7-Oct. 29, 10-4. Take a walking tour to learn about trolleys, interurbans, and rapid transit from Ohio, including a visit to the restoration shop. See how these grand treasures of our past are restored to like-new condition by skilled craftsmen and women. Admission is free, contributions gratefully accepted. Coming soon, demonstration trolley rides. northernohiorailwaymuseum.org

Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation Inc. 12505 County Rd. 99, Findlay, 45840 Phone: 419-423-2995 Quarter-scale steam & diesel train rides, museum, HO/Lionel layouts. Open most weekends, April-Dec., plus special events: Train Show-March, Tracks to the Past-Sept., Pumpkin Train-Oct., Train of Terror-Oct., North Pole Express-Dec. www.nworrp.org

Ohio Railway Museum. 990 Proprietors Rd., Worthington, 43085 Phone: 614-885-7345 Open May through Dec., Sun., 12-4. Unique collection of steam, electric, and diesel equipment. Rides are offered every Sunday in one of the interurban cars or our passenger car, and included with admission. Our collection includes N&W No. 578 (the world's last N&W 4-6-2 steam locomotive) and ITC No. 450 (one of two surviving Illinois Terminal PCC streetcars). www.ohiorailwaymuseum.org

Orrville Railroad Heritage Society. 145 Depot St., P.O. Box 11, Orrville, 44667 Phone: 330-683-2426 Museum with train ride. www.orrville-railroad.com

Toledo, Lake Erie & Western Railway and Museum Inc. 14745 Saylor Ln., Grand Rapids, 43522 Phone: 419-878-2177 May-Oct. Motorcar rides and Bluebird passenger train between Grand Rapids and Waterville, Ohio. Check website for current operating schedules. www.tlewo.org

Train-O-Rama. 6732 E. Harbor Rd., Route 163 East, Marblehead, 43440 Phone: 419-734-5856 Year-round, Mon.-Sat., 11-5; Sun., 1-5. Layouts. www.trainorama.com

Warther Carvings. 331 Karl Ave., Dover, 44622 Phone: 330-343-7513 Daily, 9-5. Ivory, ebony, & walnut carvings showing locomotive history. www.warthers.com

A BIG THANK YOU JOHN ORMANDY!

- A BIG thank you to John Ormandy for his donation of a Z gauge caboose for our annual display at the Porter Library during the holidays. - Chuck Klein



"It was even better this time because I knew what I was looking at," Heely said. "I know some of their history, I know that this eerie thing happens every now and again and I know where to look."

The ghost tracks are all that remains of a rail line that once served as support for sand mining and munitions testing facilities during World War I, according to NJ.com. They were often used throughout the early and mid-1900s to mine sand from the beach and ocean. The sand would then be used to create glass or cement.

When the rail line was put out of use, the tides washed sand over the tracks. It's unclear if Tuesday's nor'easter will uncover more of the historic "ghost tracks" -- or bury them even deeper.



The tracks can only be seen either during low tide or after a major storm. (Nancy Rothhammer Dietrich)

The last nor'easter also uncovered a Revolutionary War-era ship on Short Sands Beach in Maine in early March.

The Associated Press contributed to this report.

GRAFTON TOWER - The Studebaker Auto Club will be visiting Grafton, Ohio to explore the NYC turn-of-the-century interlocking tower. The tower will be open and the history of the tower and the two railroads will be given to those in attendance. The B&O I-12 caboose will also be open for viewing along with many classic Studebaker automobiles. Anyone interested is welcome to join the event which will start at one o'clock on the 20th of May. - Joe Filipiak



TRAINING DAY POTENTIAL - At the April meeting I mentioned that I have received from the NMRA a considerable quantity of undecorated 50' box car shells and roof walks. Please consider created a clinic, demonstration, or make it take it to be used at our meeting or at TRAINING Day or both. Some ideas could be painting, decaling, weathering, kit bashing, and so on. Please contact me if you have any ideas or questions. Thank you. - Gary Schaefer



MODULE GROUP

(Excerpt from this month's minutes - Editor) We had a good show last week at the Avon Lake Library, with a great public turnout and good publicity by local papers. The group also participated at Railfest last month. The Great Lakes Science Center recently gave volunteers for their Science of Trains exhibit an appreciation breakfast. They stated that they were very pleased with the everyday staffing that we provided along with the Midwest Railway Preservation Society. The Modular Group will now be preparing for the appearance at the National Train Show in Kansas City this summer. Scott invited anyone interested in joining the group to see him after the meeting. 🚂

SCOTT BENSON
MODULE GROUP



Iconic mailbox - Photo by Gary Schaefer

Heritage unit, Lehigh Valley, 8104 came by BE tower Berea, Ohio 4-10-18 - Photo by Joe Kurilec, MMR



Module Spotlight

Module Spotlight: WEST BUCKEYE

Owner: Bill Cramer

Article By: Bill Cramer

Included in our Division's HO scale modular railroad is a set of three standard 2 ft. by 4 ft. units called West Buckeye. The scenery on these modules depicts an imaginary western Ohio community where one of the several east - west trunk line railroads is crossed by a north - south branch line that starts in southern Ohio and ends up at a Lake Erie port or into southern Michigan. The flat farmland of northwestern Ohio is dotted with these small communities that grew up around a railroad junction in the second half of the 19th century.

West Buckeye I, the center module, features the branch line crossing our modular railroad's main line tracks. The crossing is guarded by an Alexander Scale Models B&O tower that I originally built in the 1970's and, after some repair and upgrading, still is in service and is identified as WB tower. In addition to managing the crossing, the operator at WB also handles crossover switches on the main lines that give us flexibility in operating trains on the layout. Also on Buckeye I is a Walthers Brook Hill Dairy kit that has a different identity as Buckeye Dairy, and next to it, a grain handling facility, both with sidings for inbound and outbound shipments. The busy module also features a very nice Winton Place passenger station kit from Mountaineer Precision Products. The prototype for this station and its out buildings were located in suburban Cincinnati, but look very much at home in West Buckeye. Also included in the scene are some of the details typically found in this setting, including a water tank to supply the steam locomotives that some of us folks like to run on the modular layout. And, not to be forgotten, is the familiar kind of "run back" tavern found at the end of the street leading down to the tracks. It is an inexpensive Revel kit modified to suit the location.

West Buckeye II. The left, or west side module, features the fairly dramatic Walthers Grain Elevator kit with a few extra details added. This industry's purpose is to collect grain brought in by truck from local farmers,

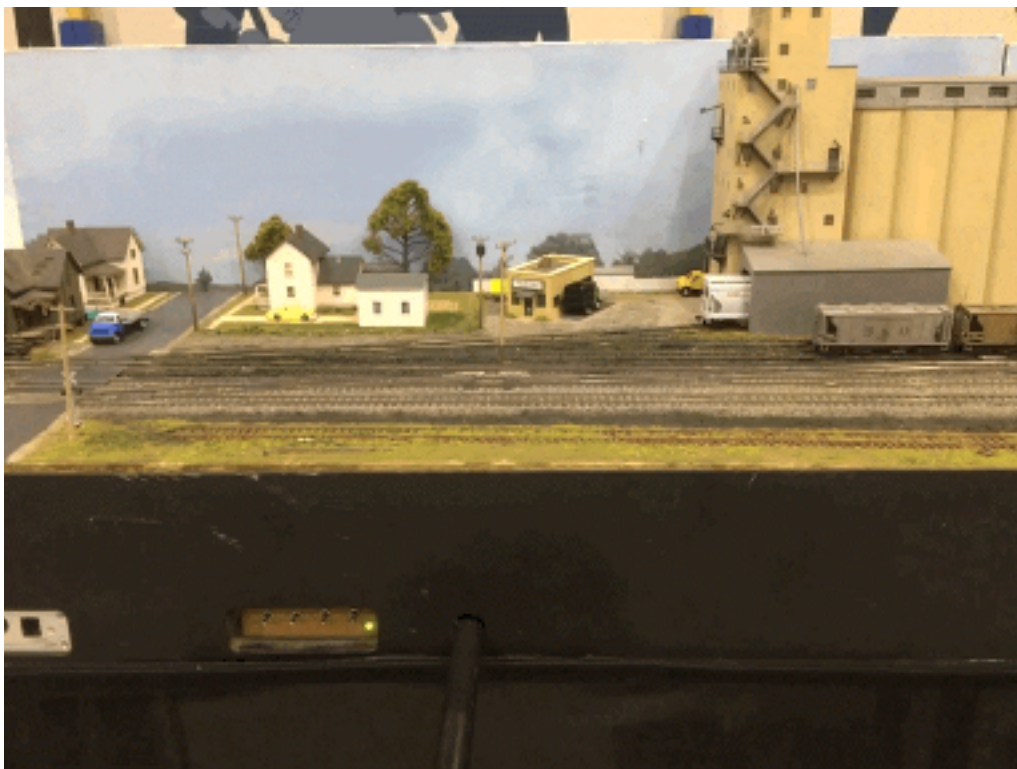
process it and load it into rail cars for shipment to bakeries, cereal plants and other foodstuffs industries. A loading shed and a couple of yard tracks support our West Buckeye Farmers Coop. and give our operators another opportunity for switching work. To give the scene life and a small town look, three Campbell Scale Models houses sit adjacent to the grain elevator. One of the buildings is Campbell's "haunted house" which, with its outhouse and abandoned pickup truck, frequently draws attention and comment from visitors to our layout at shows. These kits date back to the 1960's and were built in the 1970's for Division 4's original HO modular layout. Happily, they were saved for service on the current layout.

West Buckeye III. The right hand, or easterly, module gives us a peek at "downtown" West Buckeye with a street of small commercial buildings and also the rear, or track side of more commercial buildings along an unseen street. These are depicted by a row of "flat" or backdrop structures set against the module backboard. In the foreground sits the West Buckeye freight house, scratch built with Plastruct components to a standard B&O freight house plan. Alongside the freight house is a house track and team tracks that provide more switching opportunities.

The West Buckeye series of modules were among the first units built for our current HO modular railroad and have been in service for 15 years. We expect to have many more years of service along with the excellent modeling work that has since been done as our layout grows in both size and quality. We again have the opportunity to display at the National Train Show, this year in Kansas City, and we also look forward to several opportunities to "show our stuff" at local events later this year to promote our hobby and the NMRA. 🚂



West Buckeye I



West Buckeye II



West Buckeye III

MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBERS

We wish to welcome two new members:

Donna Kowicki, of Parma (yes, this is Larry's better half!)

and Donald Kormos, of Parma.

Everybody: please help to welcome Donna and Donald to our club! And Donna and Donald: let us know how we can help

BIRTHDAY WISHES

We wish to send Happy Birthday Wishes to the following members celebrating their birthdays in May:

Don Glass

Myron Krajewski

Mike Stewart

Dale Guthman

Julie Krueger

Peter Stroth

Edward Hinton

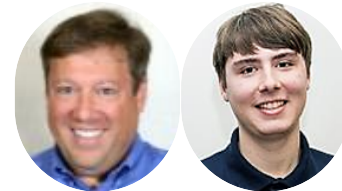
Steve Riddlebaugh

Linda Klein

Fritz Schaufele

MEMBERS: If you look for, but don't find, your birthday in the Flatwheel, it is because the Member Database does not include your birth date 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. 🚚

BILL AND BILLY FERRY MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS



RAFFLE

The May raffle will have another fine assortment of great prizes. Again something for everyone.

THE RAFFLE DUDES



Adam Woodie has volunteered to take over the Raffle. THANK YOU!

COMPANY STORE

New project for Division 4

Davies Steel hopper cars

These are based on Dean Freytag's steel mill modeling. Dean 's railroad was the South Ridge Lines the steel mill was known as Davies Steel.

We have designed a 70 ton three bay hopper car that in theory belonged to the South Ridge Lines and was leased to Davies Steel. There will be four pre lettered cars with application of pre-printed decals to expand a fleet of cars to 12 numbers. Price has not been determined yet!! (probably around \$20.00?) Hopefully the cars will be available by June meeting.They will be sold through the company store. A limited number will be available. 🚂



Wood Side, 2 numbers available \$18 ea.



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CLINIC

May 2018

1958 B&O Steam Finale

Chuck and Mike Klein

This was a trip put together by the Cleveland Railway Club. The club realized steam engines were disappearing from the railroads. They arranged this trip with the B&O Railroad to run from Cleveland to the southern coal region at Holloway Ohio. The trip was touted as the last chance ride behind a steam engine on a class one railroad. Mike and Chuck Klein's father took his two boys on one of life's adventures. This trip has become known as the last steam operation on the B&O railroad. This is the 60th anniversary of this trip.

June 2018

The New York Central's Technical Research Department's

Budd M-497 Jet Project

Don Wetzel

CLINICS WANTED

Help!!!! I am looking for programs for January through June 2019. 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

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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.

LARRY MADSON

CLINIC CHAIRMAN



Who's the good looking kid on the pilot deck of the S-1 Big Six?? Attend the May Clinic and find out!



CONTEST TABLE

APRIL CONTEST REPORT

The April Contest was for a Diner or Small Restaurant and all of the entries were outstanding.

<u>DIORAMA</u>		<u>MODEL</u>	
1st: (tie)	Jim Grell, George Keller	1st:	Brandon Wehe
2nd:	Gary Schaefer	2nd:	Dave Flebbe
3rd:	John Hemsath		

The May Contest is for 2 BAY COVERED HOPPERS and so there will be no confusion I'm attaching a picture of a typical one.

With one contest remaining here are the point leaders:

Mayich-24, Schaefer-23, Flebbe-14, Lawler-19, Lauren-10, Keller-25, Grell-18, Hemsath-24, Riddlebach-10, and M. Klein-9

SEPTEMBER CONTEST

For those who like to get a head start on things, the first (September, 2018) contest will be for **Billboard or Colorful Reefers** any era, old or new, wood or steel, model or diorama. Let your airbrush go wild!



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Express Reefers



APRIL CONTEST

DINERS



SPRING LAYOUT TOURS



BY RON MORGAN
LAYOUT TOURS CHAIRMAN

The following East side layouts will be open on **Sunday April, 29th 2018** from **Noon to 4 PM**. PLEASE respect these members by showing up **ONLY** during the time listed. Thank you. 🚂

Ron Morgan, our Layout Tours Chairman had only the following two members offer their layouts for tour this Spring. Please remember it is all our jobs as members to do what we can to help other members. Seeing what and how you are doing on your layout helps those who view it during a tour. This is a large part of what it means to belong to the NMRA. Please keep this in mind as we approach the call for Fall Layout Tours. - Just my opinion, Editor (Don't agree, or see additional reasons, email me your opinion and get it printed in The Flatwheel! - Editor

Jim Peters

LITTLE SCIOTO & MINGO JCT.

Freelanced HO 24' x 36' around the wall and peninsula layout with 20% scenery. 8 crew members on operating nights. Jim has been awarded NMRA Achievement certificates for Golden Spike & Associate Volunteer.



Frank Feko

Southern Ohio and Michigan RR

Freelanced HO scale 20' x 27' double decker with hidden lower and visible upper staging. The time frame is mid-fall 1955 late steam early diesel with Shaker Rapid PCC trolleys in a city scape. Upper deck is single track, 95% scened and includes the world's longest "drawbridge" and a full floating "steel viaduct." The under construction lower deck is double track including a "swinging lift bridge" and a "rollout table" engine servicing facility complete with round house and "double E" turntable indexing system. Control is by NCE radio. Frank is the proprietor of Sounds of Motion, DCC Sales and Technical Support. Enter through rear door from patio.



Sunday, April 8th GLSC invited Division 4, Mid West Preservation Society (West 3rd. Roundhouse) and GLSC volunteer's to a appreciation brunch.

Division member's who volunteered over 19 hours of service were able to attend. Division member volunteer hours ranged from 19.5 to 192.0 hours.

Division 4 earned a total of 1640 hours!

Scott Benson and myself are really proud of ALL volunteers and ALL of the time put in.

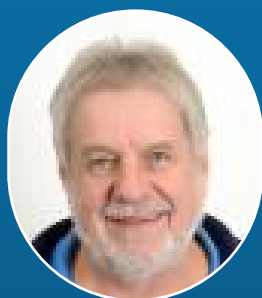
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**Dr. Kirsten Ellenbogen
President and CEO**



GREAT LAKES SCIENCE CENTER APPRECIATION VOLUNTEER BRUNCH



BY JOE KURILEC, MMR



Division 4 members with CEO Kristen Ellenbogen, PH.D. after getting our awards.



Brian & Laurie Haas. Brian was wondering what I was up to.....this is the result!



The brunch that GLSC served to all volunteers was TOP SHELF!



Scott smiling for all of his modular groups efforts at GLSC.

MY PATH TO AN MMR PART 3



BY JOHN HEMSATH,
MMR 602

Editor's note: In the third and final part of this series the author talks about how he continued his journey to becoming an MMR and specifically about gaining his Master Builder Scenery and Master Builder Structures certificates. John then summarizes his efforts to becoming an MMR. Talk with John and any of our other MMR's to learn more about how you might also join the ranks of some of our hobbies best modelers. - Editor

Scenery

My layout is in an urban industrial setting in 1946. It's really pretty flat. No hills, no mountains, no forests. My scenery is concrete, brick, asphalt, and dirt roads, brick, wood, and terra cotta buildings. There are power poles, street lights, and goose neck lamps. And none of them light up. Only three buildings have lights. But there are people, cars, trucks, signs, and it was great fun to build. I asked Bruce Brintnall, MMR to have a look at the section I was preparing for judging to see if I was on the right track. He said, "It's not dirty enough." So I added trash, litter, and filth. Paperwork. The NMRA paperwork is four pages, one of which is the judges' sheet. Name, number, address, boxes to check, sign



here. Two minutes. You have to add photos with captions showing what you've done. I used eight pages with two photos per page. Pretty easy to do in the computer with the Word program.

Master Builder Structures

I mentioned that I like to build models, but TWELVE structures? SIX scratch built!? Holy cow! I saved this one for last. As it turned out, once again, I was further along than I realized I was. In the first place, I had way

more than twelve structures. And only six had to be judged. And NONE of the scratch built structures had to be judged. Of my six scratch built structures, five had been built more than twenty years ago for other layouts including an N scale trestle. One of my current scratch built structures was judged, but the other judged



structures were kit bashed from Walthers kits with details added. All of these structures were judged one Thursday morning in June while they were on my layout.

Each judged structure required a Contest Judging Form just like for car models. I'm sorry I burdened my judges with more paperwork than was necessary. I could have written one page per model. Ten minutes per page. One hour of paperwork. But I made it harder than it needed to be. For my submission to the National for the certificate, I did need to show photos of the models, and more detail, but that was just three pages of the NMRA's fill-in-the-blanks and then one photo page for each of the models. And that took only a couple of hours.

Summary

Is it hard to become a Master Model Railroader? Well, it isn't easy, and it isn't supposed to be. It's an achievement you have to dedicate yourself to. Once you get it, you have something you can be proud of. I've learned a lot in the years I've worked on this. The more you learn, the more you realize how little you know. I have one scratch built structure on my layout. No hand laid track, and electricity still make me sweat. But after I got my Electrical certificate I went back to the layout, divided it into four blocks, and installed a circuit breaker

for each block. There is no doubt that you will gain confidence as you gain certificates.

Every time you receive a certificate, you are required to promise to help others in their quest. That's why I've written this article. In addition, if you'd like to have a look at my paperwork, or the models I entered, or see the work on my layout, just let me know. We'll arrange a mutually convenient time for a visit.

Do attend conventions if you can. Visit layouts. Attend clinics. Make friends. Get going! As a carry-over from my days in theater, "Life is not a dress rehearsal." 🚂



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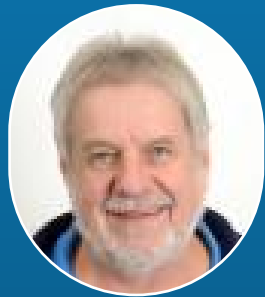


TO THIS



AND FINALLY THIS

PROTOTYPE RAILROAD IMAGES, PART 3



BY JOE KURILEC, MMR

Every so often some real interesting loads come thru Collinwood yards. These were all taken in July and Sept. 2013.

I do not know what the loads are or where they were being shipped to. I feel these could be modeled with little effort and become an eye catching car on your layout.

Till next month..... 🚂



This vessel is being shipped on a Trailer Train car.



A heavy load moves thru the fuel station at Collinwood, Ohio, CSX yards.



Note the three sets of trucks at each end of the car.

WHAT'S GOING ON?



CLEVELAND, OHIO - MAY 4 - MAY 6, 2018

MORE INFO ON NEXT PAGE!!



New York Central System Historical Society, Inc.
2018 Convention & Meeting
 Cleveland, Ohio - May 4 – May 6, 2018
 Holiday Inn Cleveland South
 6001 Rockside Road
 Independence, OH 44131

Schedule

Friday, May 4, 2018

- Registration
- Clinic Presentations
- Self-Guided Activities
- NYCSHS Headquarters Open
- Collinwood Shop open

Saturday, May 5, 2018

- Excursion tour of Bucyrus, Marion, (Lunch) and Galion
- Convention Banquet at Holiday Inn South
- Guest Speaker, Kevin Keefe
- General Members Meeting
- Collinwood Shop open following Meeting

Sunday, May 6, 2018

- Clinic Presentations
- Collinwood Shop Open
- Tours of NYCSHS Headquarters
- Layout tours

NYCSHS Website: www.NYCSHS.org to download registration forms.

Register in our store: www.NYCSHS.net

Disclaimer: The schedule & list of speakers and layouts is the best that the committee understands as of February 22, 2018, and may change due to factors beyond its control.

Historic Sites

- Grafton Tower (Friday noon – 4:00pm) (Sunday 11:00am – 4:00pm)
- Cleveland Terminal Tower
- NYCSHS Headquarters (Friday noon – 5:00pm) (Sunday noon – 4:00pm)
- Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad
- Shaker Rapid Transit
- Midwest Railway Preservation Soc.
- Cleveland, Akron, & Canton Attractions
- Cleveland Museum of Art
- Western Reserve Historical Soc.
- Great Lakes Science Center
- Rock and Roll Hall of Fame
- Pro Football Hall of Fame
- MAPS Air Museum
- Stan Hywet Hall & Gardens
- National First Ladies Library

Hobby Stores & Layouts

- Don Stettin's NKP/W&LE
- Cuyahoga Valley & West Shore Model RR Club (Friday noon – 4:00pm) (Sunday noon – 4:00 pm)
- Ed Enyedy's New York Central System Layout

Hotel Rooms

\$99.00 – Single, Double, or King room, all plus 16.25% tax. Cut-off date for reservations is Wednesday, April 3, 2018. Holiday Inn Cleveland South, 6001 Rockside Road, Independence, OH 44131. Phone 216-524-8050.
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Presenters

- Chip Syme - "The LEARW RR / NYC's Alliance Division"
 - Craig Sanders - "Mattoon, IL & NYC's Illinois Division"
 - Dr. Frank R. Scheer - "CCC&StL Railway Post Offices"
 - Rich Stoving - "Know Thy Pacific"
 - Seth Lakin - "NYC's DES- 5/6 (SW-1) Proto & HO-Scale Modeling"
 - Seth Lakin - "NYC's 17700-17999 MC & CS Caboose Proto & HO-Scale Modeling"
 - Jim Kehn - "Big Four Towers in Ohio"
 - Dan Maners - "NYC Interlocking Towers"
 - Dave Staplin - "Modifying the Walthers' RPO"
 - Chuck Beagle - "Ride the Franklin Branch in the Roaring 20s"
 - Doug Chapman - "Gateway to the Great Lakes: The Ohio Central Lines"
 - Doug Chapman - "Modeling a Fallen Flag Railroad"
 - Richard Wagner - "Working in Interlocking Tower on the NYC"
 - Craig Sanders - "Railroad Town, Mattoon, IL"
 - Kyle Coble - "Introduction to 3D Printing"
 - Don Wetzel - "The NYCS' Tech Dept. and Record Setting Jet RDC"
 - Kurt Schlichting - "Waterfront Manhattan"
 - Manuel Duran-Duran - "Digital Modeling Method –NYC Structures"
 - Mike Connor - "Joint Operations of the Erie and NYC"
 - Blaine Hays - "Interurbans in the Cleveland Area"
- Some of these presentations may change and others will be added. Openings are still available. If you have a presentation you would like to give, contact Shel Lustig at jellaw@ex100.com or Noel Widdifield at NYCBigFour@vsnzoo.net



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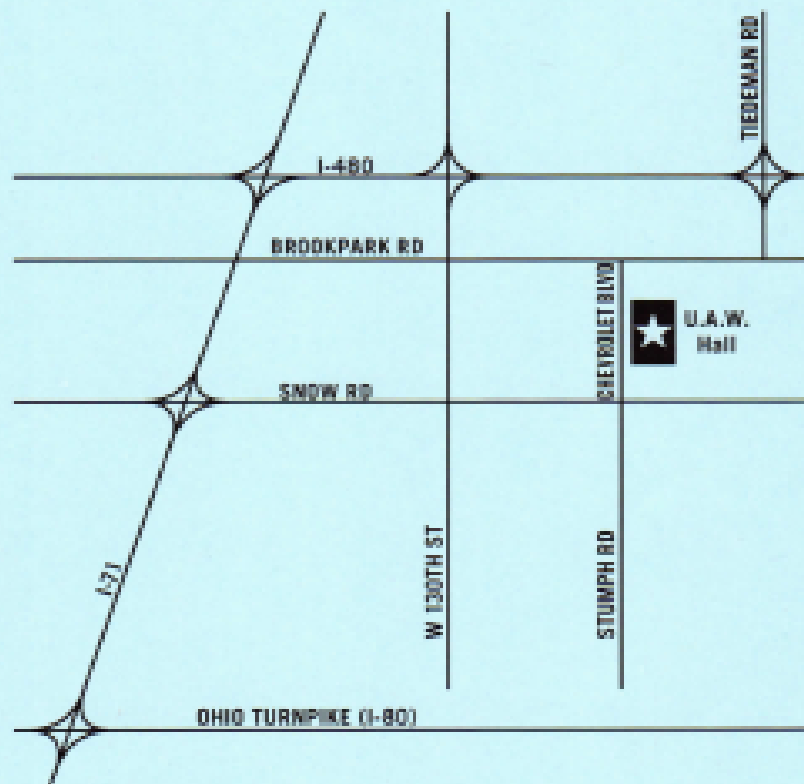
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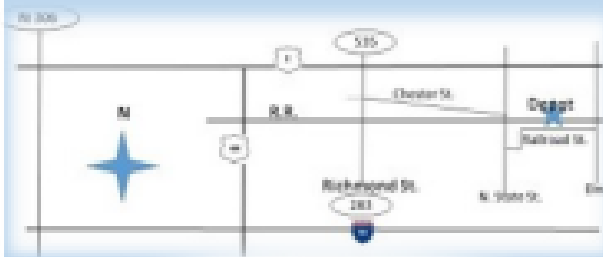
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ABOUT US

We are Division 4 of the Mid-Central Region of the National Model Railroaders Association. With more than 200 members from Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lorain and Medina counties in the state of Ohio. The North Coast Division meetings are normally held on the second Friday of the month to hear guest speakers, share skills, have railroad related clinics, and to share common problems and successes. Many of us get together informally in round-robin sessions to operate and work on each other's layouts, or just to talk railroads and modeling.