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# DIVISION 4

## THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 2021.

### 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. Starting September, 2020, the meetings are held at the **Westlake City Recreation Center**, 28955 Hilliard Blvd, Westlake, 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.

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# FROM THE SUPER

“Driving the train doesn’t set its course. The real job is laying the track.” *Ed Catmull*

March's Flatwheel column usually starts with a review of Member Appreciation Night and Pizza Party. But with everything else this year, it was a bust. We did have a zoom meeting and I was kind of surprised only 30 people signed in. The meeting went well with a very minor hitch. I have to mention it because many of us need a chuckle during these difficult times. When we decided to have the meeting through zoom at the BOD meeting earlier in the week our treasurer Greg Noeth said he was going to attend. Well come meeting night, no Greg. This is where I can relate, he didn't make it because he and his chair became close friends and he didn't wake up until it was too late. Yep I can't tell you how many times my chair and I get together and things don't go as planned. Now wasn't that worth a chuckle. But regardless we had a good meeting. Bram Bailey presented a clinic on a custom car project for his railroad. And we had a good chat about this and that to fill out the evening.

As I mentioned, Tuesday the 9<sup>th</sup> we had a BOD meeting. The main topic of discussion was the Great Berea Train Show. We are at a point where we have to make a decision to plan on the show in October or not. At this point in time we are go for the show. The first round of letters and applications are due to be sent out and we gave David the green light to proceed. The next topic to be discussed was the February meeting. I know I had announced plans to have the meeting in person but after a discussion we changed to a zoom meeting. The change of plan with short notice may have caused the low turnout. Thirdly, it was the time of the year for our Director's to have their meeting. Only one topic was brought up and that was how we are having meetings during the pandemic. After discussion we have decided that March's meeting will be a face to face meeting with a feed through zoom for those who do not wish to attend in person. David James and Ramhog Shearer graciously offered to set up a video feed of the live meeting and allow those attending remotely to participate. I feel this will offer the best of both worlds and have a productive meeting. March of the year is traditionally our semi-annual auction. However, this year we have chosen to push it back a month or two depending on how the progress of the vaccinations are proceeding. We will discuss it at the next meeting.

During our zoom meetings we have chatted about what everyone has been doing on their model railroads over the past year. Myself, I continue to work on a little bit of everything. I have managed to finish a number of unfinished projects I have started over the years. Replacing trucks on two cars, finish painting and installing some grab irons on a couple of cabooses, getting some engines organized into new storage boxes and building a few more car kits. I hope each of you has kept active with model railroading. Spending that hour or so each evening working on model trains helps to keep my sanity in check.

Upcoming train shows, most notably Div 5's Kirtland show and many conventions continue to be canceled. But the train shows in Medina and Mansfield have started up again. Apparently they have met the requirements of their respective Health Departments to proceed. I haven't heard any news of outbreaks from those who have attended so they must be doing something right. Myself, I just don't feel that comfortable to attend every train show that is coming up. I admit I did attend the last show in Medina but I kept my distances from others. Dealers are itching to sell as I noticed all of the tables at the Medina show were sold out and the attendance was pretty good.

Please continue to welcome any new members and visitors to our meetings. Try to answer their questions the best you can or refer them to another member who might have the answer. Remember, we were all green at some point. See everyone on March 12th.



Lee Sheffield

As always, Model Railroading is Fun !!!

# BOARD MEETING MINUTES

## NMRA MCR Division 4 Board Meeting Minutes for Tuesday, FEBRUARY 9th, 2021 This was a ZOOM meeting

Present: David James (host), Ben Lanza, Scott Benson, Joe Kurilec, Ron Morgan, Frank Bongiovanni, Brian Haas, Chuck Shick, Lee Sheffield, Jeff Lauren, Chris Shick, John Hemseth, Larry Madson, Joe Filipiak, Gary Schaefer, Greg Noeth, Adam Woodie, Fred Wagner, & Fred Obreza

Superintendent, Lee Sheffield opened the meeting at 7:03 pm.

First order of business was plans for The Great Berea Train Show. David James let us know the fairgrounds are willing to deal with us and let it go on. We need to be okayed with the Board of Health, so we should be a go. David will send out letters of explanation to vendors. We will need signs printed up about hand sanitizing, mask wearing, and social distancing. Also discussed was keeping the back gate for vendors only and using the main gate as the only entrance for all others. Possibly having security there to send all others to main gate.

Lee reminded the directors that they needed to have their annual meeting this month. David James will host the Directors meeting on Friday, February 12, 2021 at 7:00 pm via Zoom.

General meeting will be held via Zoom at 7:30 pm, on Friday, February 12, 2021. At this time there is no clinic planned. If anyone would like to pre-send pictures of their current work to share with Division they may do so by sending them to David James a head of time. Best if they are already in Power Point.

At Medina Train Show most of the rest of the Fritz Estate stuff was sold. Proceeds from it and what Adam Woodie has sold on E-Bay will be deposited into our account.

Joe Filipiak let us know that Westlake Rec Center is not charging us for our missed meetings. They are crediting our account for future meetings.

Ben Lanza and Joe Kurilec will be sending out pictures of your personnel layouts. They request you do a description of your layout, and then describe each picture. You can send up to 8 pictures.

Ben Lanza was thanked by many for his continuation of his daily emails.

We continued talking how everyone is doing and what they have been working on.

Next in person contest will be: A typical commercial building found in the business district within one block of the railroad.

Meeting ended at 7:43pm.

Respectfully submitted,



Chris Shick  
Division 4 MCR, NMRA Secretary

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## NMRA MCR Division 4 General Meeting Minutes for Friday, FEBRUARY 12, 2021

Superintendent Lee Sheffield opened the meeting at 7:34 pm. Meeting was held via Zoom and hosted by David James. David, thank you for all you do! We had 29 present.

Went right to Committee Reports:

Membership – George Keller – Name tags are all caught up and he cant wait to meet in person to see what additions or corrections may need to be made.

Clinics – Gary Sole – Working on getting things together for when we meet in person. Bram Bailey will be presenting a clinic tonight after the business part. So stay around.

Modules – Adam Woodie – everything is pretty quiet right now. Looking forward to setting up for the Cuyahoga County Fair in August and Octoberfest in September. Also Estate Sale stuff (that needs to be sold) give Adam a call and he'l set something up.

Flatwheel – Chuck Shick – Articles due by February 26<sup>th</sup>.

Awards – John Hemsath – there is 1 Golden Spike award to be handed out, but will wait until we have an in person meeting to hand it out.

Contest – Joe Filipiak – he will be running 2 contests at the same time during next meeting. First contest is A typical commercial building

Raffle – Joe Kurliec - is doing a Virtual Raffle again, be sure to enter via email before February 28, 2021. GOOD LUCK ALL!

Report from Director's Meeting – Brian Haas (held earlier this evening) – Thoughts of having and in person and Zoom meeting for March. David James and Ramhog Shearer will set this up for March. What are we going to do about Auction and Membership Appreciation Night?

David James and Ramhog Shearer will set up for Zoom meeting in March so those at home are able to join the in person meeting.

Auction will wait until we see how vaccinations are going. It will be left to a wait and see situation.

Meeting closed at 7:55 pm.

Bram Bailey did a nice from home clinic.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Shick  
Division 4 MCR< NMRA Secretary



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Division 4 MCR< NMRA Secretary

# CLINIC

This is an update to my January clinic comments. The Auction is now scheduled for the Friday May 14<sup>th</sup> General Meeting. This coming month is the first in-person meeting in 2021. If someone could do a 20-minute clinic I would appreciate hearing from you! I'm also looking for something for April. That meeting is the Friday after Easter.

There are some Great Modelers out there, someone has to be able to do a clinic.

You can e-mail me at the address below, or call or text me on my cell phone. Until next month...

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The Clinic Guy  
Gary Sole



# THIS & THAT

Attached photo. “Rumored to have been spotted rolling through Deshler, Ohio this week”.

This was sent to me by Gary Schaefer.



# MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The Module Group is currently in holding pattern regarding any upcoming events until further notice. Hopefully, events will begin to turn a corner in late spring or early summer. Events such the Cuyahoga County Fair (August 2021), Cleveland Oktoberfest (September 2021), Great Berea Train Show (October 2021), etc. should be back on track this year.

One thing that I am currently doing is compiling a list of estate dealers and/or vendors interested in purchased model railroad estates. We are often asked at events by individuals if we know anyone interested in model railroad estates. I would like to have a printed list of interested vendors to pass out. I have already acquired information from six vendors at the Medina Toy and Train Show held on February 3, 2021 but would like more names to add to the list. If you or know someone you know that would be interested in being added to the list, then please contact me at the email shown below with a name, address, phone number, and email address.

As always, if you are interested in joining the module group or would like to just come out and run a train to try it out (once we are back on track), please don't hesitate to contact me at my email address [woo3482@hotmail.com](mailto:woo3482@hotmail.com).

Until next time.



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

# COMPANY STORE

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We have sold the last of the Davies Hoppers! I have some cars and building kits from our sister divisions (made for their regional conventions). From Division 1: Accurail HO scale ACY gondolas are available – 3 different road numbers (\$20 each), and Micro-Trains N scale ACY 50' PS-1 boxcars – 2 numbers (\$25 each).



From Division 2: HO scale laser-cut wood kits for B&O-prototype buildings. We're currently sold out of these kits. They are available in various scales. Please let me know if you'd like to order any of these kits, and I'll put in a group order and save on shipping!! Check out the web site for more info. [https://www.keystonedivision.org/convention\\_kits/convention\\_kits.php](https://www.keystonedivision.org/convention_kits/convention_kits.php)



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Scott Benson

# CONTEST TABLE

The next model contest looks as though it's really going to happen. The March meeting appears that we will have a green signal for an in person meeting at the Westlake Rec Center. Remember that place; big, clean, well lit, comfortable chairs, it's been a while. I kicked around the idea of possibly running two contests at once, but there is only so many tables and we have to be nice and share. One contest at a time is the way we will continue and the contest for the March meeting is a building in a town or city that is within one block of the railroad that passes through the area. I know some of you reading this could have built the real thing in the time that has gone by but let's just bring in the models for the contest.

The next contest after the "building in the city" will be large (non-steam) motive power and yes, the entries can be something other than diesel. Please, no yard or four axle road switchers.

Well, that's it from the contest box for now. I will see you in a couple of weeks barring a huge, road closing snow storm. Keep your shovels at the ready!



Joe Filipiak

# RAFFLE

Raffle will be held at the next Face To Face meeting. I hope it will be the March meeting.



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

# EDITORIAL

Spring is on its way, It is a good time to get those needed additions or changes to our Train Layouts done.

If you have any stories or pictures of your Layout that might be of interest to our members, please submit them. Also if you want to submit an article, Please do.

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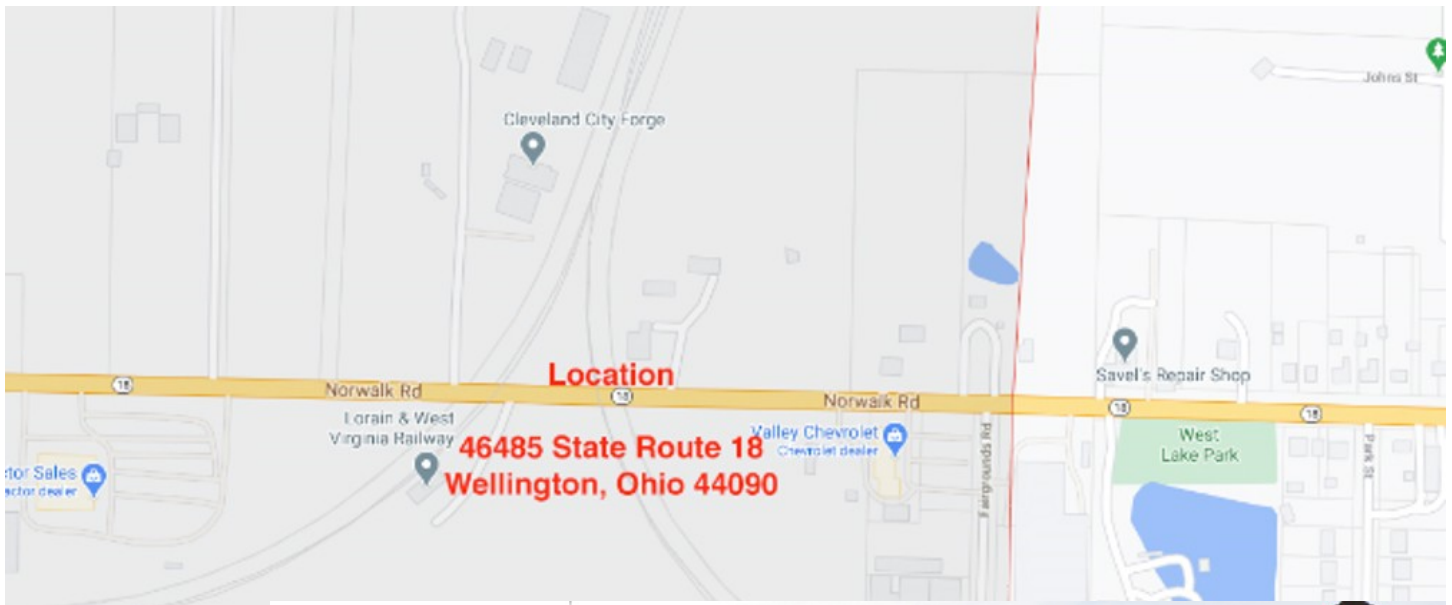


Chuck Shick, Flatwheel Editor

# Visiting the Lorain & West Virginia Railroad in Wellington, Ohio.

Joe Kurilec, MMR

During the Division 4 layout tours in 2019 I stumbled on to the Lorain & West Virginia Railroad located in Wellington, Ohio. (<https://www.lwvry.org/>)



As you drive on to the property you'll find the station greeting you.



# Visiting the Lorain & West Virginia Railroad in Wellington, Ohio.

Some of the items stored at the museum. While the the items are not in the best of shape, they still peak your interest.



I am guessing that when the museum is open, these cars will make up the tourist train ride.



# Visiting the Lorain & West Virginia Railroad in Wellington, Ohio.

The loco seems to be in good shape. I do not know what railroad the cars or loco came from.



Across the street from the Lorain & West Virginia museum is an old NKP 384, 0-6-0. I am pretty sure this was on display at a park in Lorain, Ohio in the 1960's/1970's.





# Visiting the Lorain & West Virginia Railroad in Wellington, Ohio.

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The tender seems to be OK.



The backhead view of the loco show the need for a lot of "tender" loving care. I would love to see what the Age of Steam Roundhouse in Sugarcreek, Ohio could do with this!



# WHAT'S GOING ON

Many Events have been cancelled already.

These events are still on the schedule. Please check by calling ahead to make sure they are still going to be open.

2021 - March 27

## Train Collectors Association - Spring Train Show

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130  
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2021 - April 10

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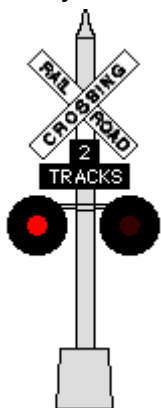
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2021 - April 11

## Medina Train and Toy Show

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2021 - May 8



## Model Train Flea Market

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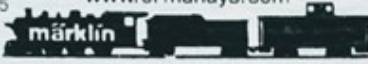
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With more than 200 members from Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lorain and Medina counties in the state of Ohio.

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 talk railroads and modeling.

