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DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, October 8, 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.

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*.

Westlake City Recreation Center
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FROM THE SUPER

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

As you are reading this column the Great Berea Train Show for 2021 will be hours away or in the history books depending on Chuck’s delivery of the Flatwheel. I am hoping for a good show despite the constant effects of the bug still on our minds. This year the Timonium Show decided to have their show the same weekend as ours. Despite David’s discussions with their promoter they still went through with it. The Timonium show used to be a premier show but has been in a tailspin the last few years under various promoters. This conflict caused a few of our big dealers to change plans and participate in the Timonium show. I can’t say I blame them as it was a lot closer to home for these dealers. This along with some dealers who have thrown in the towel over the bug caused us to shrink a little. The market is evolving, I just don’t feel it’s evolving our way. So, I hope you helped all our attending dealers by spending money. And I thank you for your hard work volunteering to put on our show. If we didn’t have the great group that we have there wouldn’t be the nicety’s that we all enjoy. The Awards Banquet, Pizza Night, bus trips etc are all a result of our hard work. Thank you.

When I was researching my past columns, I realized we have been meeting at the Westlake Community Center for a year now. Even though we missed several in person meetings it has still been a year. As a side note, the Church of the Redeemer just opened back up for meetings. We were fortunate that we had a great place to meet that was open. We owe a big Thank You to Joe Filipiak for all his work to get things set up and in place at the Westlake Community Center.

My plea for a Clinic Chairperson paid off. Jerry Krueger approached me after the meeting and said he would take on the position. I expect a smooth transition as Gary Sole has clinics lined up for October and November leading into our Awards Banquet in December. Thank you Jerry for taking on the clinic position.

FROM THE SUPER

Speaking of the Awards Banquet. I am putting the final details together with Brennan's Banquet Center for December 10th and I will have the sign up sheets ready at the October meeting. We are keeping the cost per member at \$15.00 per member or guest. Kids under 16 are free.

Keep working on those model railroad projects and remember November is budget month. Hopefully we will have some profits from the train show to spend next year. I for one am looking forward to a bus trip. See you on October 8th.

Remember, Model Railroading is fun !!!

Lee Sheffield



Lee Sheffield

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BOD MEETING MINUTES

Division 4 MCR, NMRA BOD Minutes from August 24, 2021

Superintendent Lee Sheffield opened the meeting at 7:01 pm. Approximately 19 present.

We went right into discussion about The Great Berea Train Show, with David James leading the discussion.

- At this time we have 265 tables that have been reserved. Plus food trucks.
- David will reach out to local vendors who haven't replied yet.
- There will be only one Entrance and Exit through the Main Gate. Signs will be posted stating this. The Eastland Gate will be for vendors and volunteers only.
- Hand sanitizer stations and possibly one running water hand cleaning stations will be throughout the whole show.
- Signs about nonvaccinated must wear mask will also be posted.

David will also be checking with Polaris and the local police department about security.

Gary Schaefer made a motion to go ahead with The Great Berea Train Show. Brian Haas seconded the motion. Majority passed the motion, we will move forward with the show. David James will continue to be the go between the Division and the Fair Board.

Gary Schaefer mentioned it would be a good idea to have 5 operating displays of quality to fill in spaces if need be.

Division 4 needs a new computer, old one is ancient. A new computer would be helpful with Zoom of meetings, Clinics, and at The Great Berea Train Show. At the Show it will be helpful to process credit card payments easier.

Brian Haas made a motion to purchase a new computer to meet the clubs needs, but not to exceed a total amount of \$800.00.

Chris Shick seconded the motion. Majority passed the motion. Gary Schaefer will look into purchasing a new computer for the Division costing no more than \$800.00.

Gary Sole will be stepping down as Clinics Chairman. Clinics are taken care of for September, October, and November. If anyone is interested in taking the position please let Lee know.

David James is looking into a possible "Work Party" on the Thursday before The Great Berea Train Show, to set up tables early.

BOD MEETING MINUTES

It was brought up to set up a table at Roads, Rails and Sales for extra advertisement of our Divisions up and coming activities. The table will need volunteers to be manned.

Volunteers are also needed for Training Day on November 7, 2021. Both Training Day and Trees and Trains are a go for this year!

Layout Tours – Ron Morgan is thinking of having monthly tours, usually the weekend after our monthly meeting. Ron is working on this idea.

Probably no bus tour this year.

The Regional Convention is looking for Clinic Presenters.

Banquet- Lee will be picking a place soon. He thanked those who did the research for him, Joe Filipiak, Joe Kurilec, and Chris Shick.

Both Cuyahoga County Fair and Oktoberfest have made donations to our Division for sharing our displays.

Meeting adjourned at 8:06

Chris Shick
Div4, MCR, NMRA
Secretary



Chris Shick

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for NMRA MCR Division 4 General Meeting
Westlake Recreation Center, Westlake, Ohio

10 September 2021

Superintendent Lee Sheffield called the meeting to order at 7:29 pm. He proceeded to keep members updated on events the module group has done during this summer and mentioned upcoming events.

Minutes of June's meeting were approved. (Special Thanks to Dave Williams for filling in for me).

Greg Noeth gave the Treasures Report.

David James gave an update on The Great Berea Train Show, about set up and to please sign up to volunteer at one of the stations. Lee continued by going over the Board of Directors Minutes from August.

Clinics – Lee Sheffield – Gary Sole will no longer be able to fulfill this spot. Lee sent out a plea for someone to please take this position or we will not be able to have Clinics after our meetings. Clinics are covered until January at this time.

Module Group – Adam Woodie – gave a brief run down on The Great Berea Train Show, Training Day, Trees and Trains, and Lights at the Zoo. Module group will be set up at these events.

Flatwheel – Chuck Shick – Deadline is September 26th.

AP Awards – John Hemsath – nothing tonight.

Contests – Joe Fillipiak – Tonight is tank night. Be sure to vote! Next month is Small Switcher Steam Engines. Please participate and make sure to vote!

The Great Berea Train Show – David James – Lightyear Bill Toolman will be here next year. We are down to 4 buildings. We need someone to man an information booth for the Division at "Roads, Rails, & Sales" at Black River Landing on the 25th of this month, to talk up the train club and Berea Show.

Training Day – Gary Schaefer – it is a go and will be on November 7th at Black River Landing in Lorain, Ohio. Volunteers are needed to display and show what they work on. Like painting cars or working on modules.

Awards Banquet – Lee Sheffield – Will be held on December 10th. Lee is leaning towards Brennen's Party Center on Triskett or Tom's Country Place. He also thanked Chris Shick and Joe Filipiak for doing all the leg work for him. Sign up will begin at October's meeting. Cost will be \$15.00 per person and children under 16 are free.

MEETING MINUTES

Layout Tours – Ron Morgan – Ben Lanza sent out a notice for tours on November 13th and 21st. Ron is trying to get with Norwalk and possibly Sandusky Train Clubs so we can do layout tours more often and outside the division.

No bus tour this year due to Covid restrictions still. Ron is looking into Blissfield, MI and or Pittsburgh's Trolley Museum for next tour.

4H Display at Medina Fair – Lee Sheffield – only 11 members showed up to vote. Lee then did the drawing for the train engine and the winner was Brandon Wehe, Congratulations Brandon!

Company Store – Scott Benson – nothing this evening.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – Usual fun stuff, get your tickets.

Be sure to visit all of our tables along the side of the room.

Membership – George Keller – Name tags have been weeded out, if you do not have one, sign up on the sheet and George will make you a new one. We had 4 new visitors. New members stood up and introduce themselves. Welcome Gentlemen!

Joe Fillipiak gave a little talk about the Hobo Group. He explained what it is and what they do. If anyone is interested in joining please let him know. He then talked about the work being done on the Grafton Caboose and the New York Central Tower. Joe offered anyone interested in touring the tower to let him know and he will schedule a tour.

Chuck Klein updated us on the Cleveland Trollies and the work that is being completed on them.

Raffle at 8:30

Adjourned at 8:12

Tonight's Clinic provided by Frank Bongiovanni on The New York Central Railroad in West Virginia.

Respectfully,

Chris Shick

Secretary Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick

MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

August was a very busy month for the module group and September was no different. The module group had a small layout set up at the Cleveland Oktoberfest. This event took place over Labor Day Weekend as well as September 10th and September 11th. This was the module group's first time participating in the event. Friday evenings were rather slow and lightly visited by the general public. However, things really picked up on Saturday, Sunday, and Labor Day Monday. It was very well received by the general public that attended the event. No official attendance numbers were provided. However, it appeared that this event was very popular. Similar to the Cuyahoga County Fair, numerous flyers were passed out for the Great Berea Train Show (GBTS) at this event as well. Hopefully, those flyers translate into new attendees for the GBTS.

No sooner has the layout been taken down for the Cleveland Oktoberfest, the module group is gearing up for Great Berea Train Show. As everyone is well aware, this event will take place at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds beginning Saturday, October 2nd and conclude on Sunday, October 3rd. Don't forget to stop by the layout for a visit. After the GBTS is complete, the module group will be set up at the Training Day as well as the Cleveland Zoo.

In summary, mark your calendars for those upcoming events. If you are interested in joining the module group and operate a train or two on the layout, then please don't hesitate to let me know. There will be plenty of opportunities over the next couple of events for anyone that would like try their hand at module model railroading. Please email me at woo3482@hotmail.com and let me know if your are interested.

One more thing, the manufacturing of modules is scheduled to take place in October. If you are interested in building a module (or several), please let me know. I will send you the current price for each kind of module type.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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COMPANY STORE

The Company Store will not be present at the September and October Division meetings. If you'd like to order a Division 4 shirt, please contact me at Sbenson440@zoominternet.net. See you in November!!

Scott Benson



So you want to build some turnouts - whether you are working on Achievement awards, or upgrading your trackwork, this is a reminder that the Division has an inventory of Fast Tracks tools and supplies for use by members. All are HO Code 83.

We have #4, #5, #6 and #8 turnouts (left or right), #6 Gantlet, and #6 crossovers (single or double). Plus all supplies including the Quicksticks.

Contact Steve Kaplan - 216-533-4319 spk@skaplanassociates.com to arrange to borrow what you need.

Steve

216-533-4319

CONTEST TABLE

The start of the new season of model and diorama contests got off to a good start with a total of eleven participants. I just have to say, tanks a lot. Fifty-one division members voted for their favorite tank car model. A total of sixty-four members were in attendance. The model that received the most attention as well as the most votes, was a labor intense wooden tank built by "Mr. Cheerios" Dave Lawler. Second place went to George Gelehrter with his Canadian Air tanker loaded with details. John Hemsath pulled in third place with his excellent tank car. Even though the entry that John Hughes brought in didn't place in the top three, thinking outside the box, or in this case, the tank, should be recognized. John's model used a Civil War cannon mounted on a flat car which created a "tank car". First place in the dioramas went to John Witt with one of his fine pieces of work. John Puch won second place with his entry.

The October Contest is a small switcher type steam locomotive that was found moving cars around small yards, steel plants, or at logging camps and even at dock side locations. They were found in many different designs with some having saddle tanks and others were even steam kettles. Engines without boilers. We will leave the big road engines for another time. November's Contest is sand facilities found at engine servicing areas.

Now that the weather is causing us to turn our thoughts to our model railroading, I hope to see plenty of entries at the October meeting. That's it for now from the Contest Box.



Joe Filipiak

CLINICS

The October program will be presented by Chuck and Mike Klein.

Their father worked for the Cleveland Transit System (C.T.S.) for thirty plus years. He started when the C.T.S. still operated Streetcars. This is a brief history of Cleveland trolleys and the years he worked operating them.

When I met their Dad,

In the summer of 1967 my business career started with a Cleveland Press paper route. Having some cash in my pocket, and being into “Model Motoring”, I often walked to the local hobby shop on West 110th and Lorain Avenue, Hobbyville. The owner was Andy Pachasa, the youngest brother of the men who owned Cleveland Model, later National Hobby. There was another gentleman who helped Andy, Bernie Klein. At the time Bernie worked Wednesday afternoons, and Saturdays, as he worked fulltime for Cleveland Transit System. He started with CTS when he returned home after WWII in late 1945. His career with CTS probably started in early 1946. Bernie liked to talk automobiles with me. One evening in 67, after the store closed, Bernie offered me a ride home. We walked out to his car, a 1949 Pontiac with a three-on-the-tree. When we pulled away from the stop sign, and turned onto Lorain Road, Bernie glided through the gears, and I never felt him shift. The only other person I knew who could drive a standard shift like that was my maternal Grandfather. All three of these men would influence my driving style a few years later!

Bernie was the recipient of the “Million Mile Award” from CTS; for driving one million miles without a chargeable accident or moving violation. He retired in 1976, the same year I graduated from High School. That started a new chapter for us, as we worked together at Hobbyville until the store was sold to Andy’s nephew in October 1978. Bernie continued on at the store, and I moved over to National Hobby in Parma. Making him, the store’s longest employee!

I hope you enjoy the clinic,
Gary



Gary Sole

RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

September had a great raffle. What better way to follow up a great raffle than with another one. October will be no different. As always, there will be something for everyone.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE, CLEVELAND, OHIO FOLLOWING THE LINE WEST OUT OF THE FLATS.

PART 5

By Joe Kurilec, MMR

More information can be found in The Sentinel Second Quarter 2014 issue in the well-written article "The B&O in Cleveland" by Bill Cramer, Mike Lytle and Ron Spiga. All issues of the Sentinel can be purchased on 3 CDs from the B&O Historical Society Company Store. <http://borhs.org/> Look for the link "Videos and other digital Media."



Looking at a 1927 Plat map above you will see lower right, bottom an arrow pointing at the location of the Brooklyn, Ohio station at Harvard Road. Directly above the arrow is The Harshaw Chemical Company. The arrow near the top right side points to The Cuyahoga Soap Company and Stadler Products Company. Cuyahoga Soap was serviced by the B&O. See below for an ad for Cuyahoga Soap.

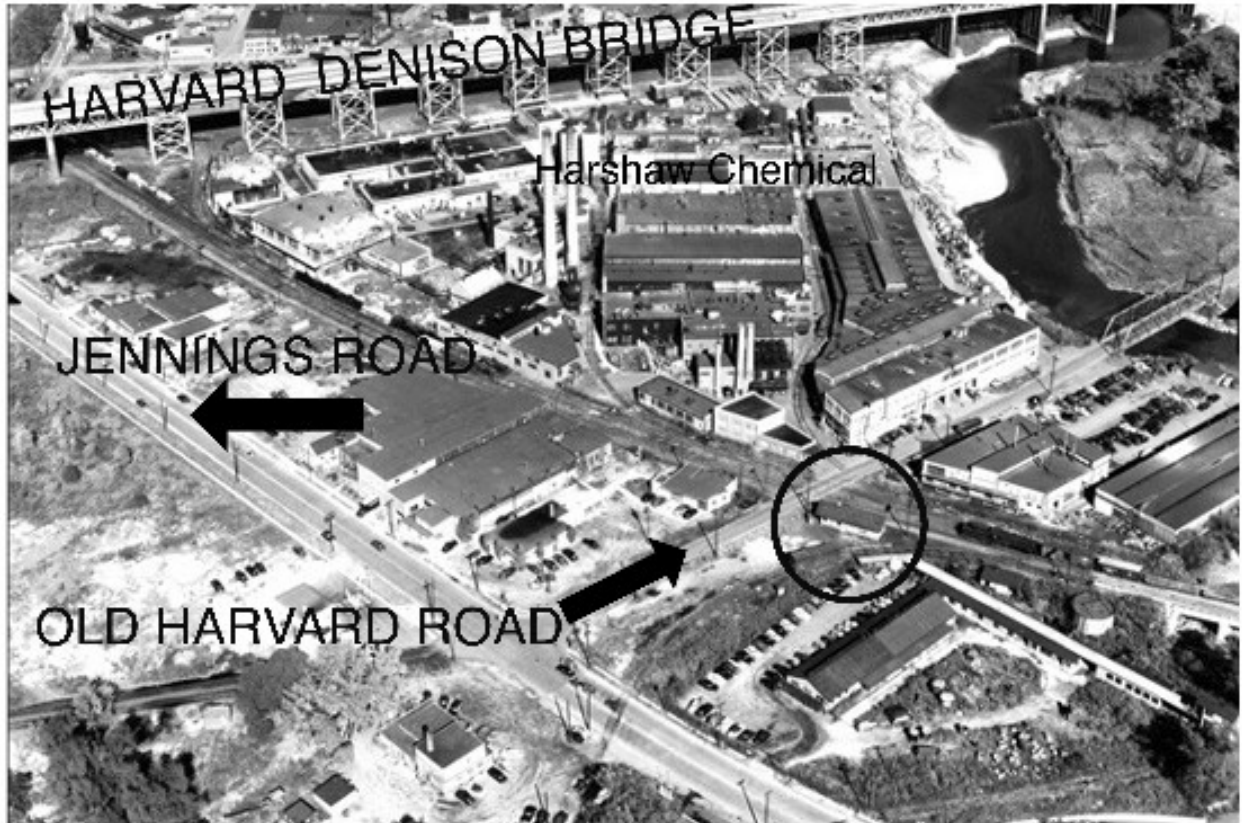
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This ad was in the 1894 Cleveland City Directory. The word "rendering" was dropped from its name around 1930

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PART 5



This air view of Harvard & Jennings Roads shows the larger station in the black circle. Below the station is the curved siding seen in other images. It crosses Jennings Road. Views of this station can be seen in Part 4. Above the large station is the Harshaw Chemical Company.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE, CLEVELAND, OHIO
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PART 5



Here we see the smaller station in the white circle. To the left of the station you'll see a modern high-tension pole. You'll also see the remains of the siding that went behind the station. The large complex on the other side of Harvard Road, originally called The Kessler Company became Harshaw Chemical. Research on the Harshaw Chemical Company revealed Harshaw contributed to the Atomic Energy Commission's Manhattan Project! It was also noted that between 1942 and 1953 the company released 4000 pounds of radioactive particles annually!

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE, CLEVELAND, OHIO
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Today Harshaw Chemical is gone. This 2019 view places the old Brooklyn station directly behind us. Looking at the new Harvard bridge above center, C L & W crossed the W&LE, just under the Denison-Harvard Bridge. Here the C L & W tracks head west to Strongsville, Ohio and on to Lester, Ohio.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE, CLEVELAND, OHIO FOLLOWING THE LINE WEST OUT OF THE FLATS. PART 5

This ends part 5.

Part 6 will start under the Harvard - Denison bridge. We will look at a tower that once stood at the crossing of the W & L E.

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The Strongsville Historical Society.

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Case Western Reserve University Encyclopedia of Cleveland History (case.edu/ech/) Online research.

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Bill Cramer for guidance and direction.

Ron Spiga as my historical compass.

Thanks for reading. Comments are always welcome.

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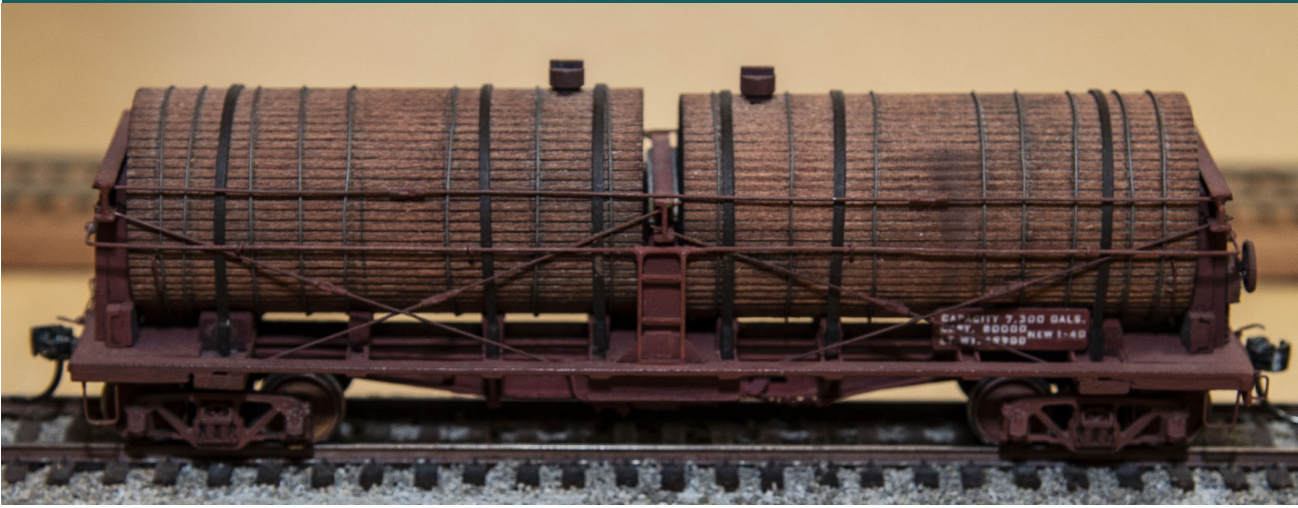


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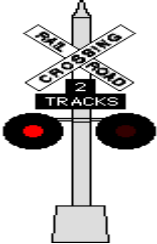


BRAM BAILY'S Ontario Central



Picture provided by Bruce Bowie

WHAT'S GOING ON

<p>2021 Oct. 2 & 3</p>	<p><u><i>This show is a GO!</i></u></p> <p>The Great Berea Train Show Model Train Show NMRA Div 4 Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds 19201 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130 Sat 10 am - 4 pm, Sun 10 am - 4 pm Adm. \$8.00 Phone: 440-785-9907</p> <p>Info & Map VIDEO Flyer Web Site Dealer Application</p>
<p>2021 - Oct 9</p> 	<p>Model Train Flea Market Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot) 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. Free Phone: 216-470-5780 Donations Accepted and Appreciated</p> <p>MAP Flyer WEB Page</p>
<p>2021 - Oct. 10</p>	<p>Lorain Co. IPMS Fall Swap and Bull Don Umerley Civic Center - Rocky River Rec Center\ 21016 Hilliard Blvd., Rocky River, OH 44145 9:00 am to 2:00 pm Adm. \$3.00 Contact: Stu Purvis (440) 960-1540</p> <p>Map Flyer</p>
<p>2021 - Oct. 16</p>	<p>Iron and Steel Train Show and Expo St. Mary's Assumption Social Center 365 S. Belle-Vista Ave. Youngstown, Ohio 44509 10:00 A. M. - 3:00 P. M. Adm. \$6, 12under free Contact Dennis Mamone 330-503-5510 consultdennis@hotmail.com</p> <p>Map Flyer</p>
<p>2021 - Nov. 6</p>	<p>Model Training Day! NMRA MCR Div. 4 Black River Landing & Transportation Center 421 Black River Lane, Lorain, Ohio 11:00 am to 4:00 pm Phone: (440) 570-2112 Email: info@div4trainingday.org Web Page Flyer</p>

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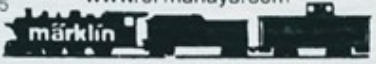
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