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DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

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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 6:00 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 6:30. 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*.

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FROM THE SUPER

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

Happy New Year everyone. Did you get some model railroad goodies from Santa? Maybe not so much from Santa but did you buy that new model kit or engine for yourself and say Santa brought it to you. Either way I hope everyone had a good holiday.

Our Awards Banquet was couple weeks ago at Brennen’s Catering. The food was fantastic, and the facilities were great. I think we found a new banquet location for a few years. Awards were given to Joe Kurilec, Joe Filipiak and Ben Lanza. All three have done an outstanding job supporting our division. And to the entire BOD and appointed chairpersons, thank you for your support over the last four years. It’s you that make our division one of the best.

This leads to elections. Well it’s official, Ron Morgan threw in his hat running for Superintendent. Now we need someone to step up and fill the Assistant Superintendent spot. Hey, it’s only one hour a week. I remember one of the members of my son’s scout troop years ago using that line when he was looking for volunteers. But honestly, it’s a fun job. I have enjoyed leading our meetings and above all meeting all the model railroaders in our division and the other regions and divisions.

Speaking of meetings, don’t forget the January meeting will start at 6:30 PM. An hour earlier than our usual 7:30 PM. Like just about every business on the face of the planet the rec center is short on help. Normal hours for the rec center call for closing at 9 PM and we get to stay till 10. Well with the shortage of help they want us out of the building at 9 PM with the rest of the crowd. I know it may make it a little rough getting to Westlake by 6:30, especially for our members out west, but I think we can work with it. Let’s see how it works.

The module group again has layouts in two locations this season at the Zoo's Wild Winter Lights and in Lorain at the International Trees and Trains display. The Trees and Trains display is back inside for this year and the Zoo greatly enhanced our area for our display by enclosing some of the walls in the pavilion and adding a source of heat. It was still a little cold but not windy like last year. Both displays give us a chance to show the public what model railroading is all about.

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 January 14th.

As always, Model Railroading is Fun !!!

Lee Sheffield



Lee Sheffield

NOMINATING COMMITTEE

“
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Division 4 Members

We need you! We are still looking for someone to run for the Assistant Superintendent position. In fact all positions could have another person run. If anyone is interested contact Dave Flebbe before our January meeting. I can be reached at df2842div4mcr@gmail.com

Thank you



How does a train eat... It goes chew chew!

Submitted by John Janda

PLEASE NOTE

TOM BUSINGER

Please alert the members that Tom Businger's mother passed away 12/8/21:

Tom transferred from Div-4 to the NMRA's Pittsburgh Division several years ago.

Sent in by Denny Whitaker

(nee Wem), age 88, born January 21, 1933 in Cleveland, passed away Wednesday, December 8, 2021. Daughter of Clayton and Margaret Wem (both deceased). Married to Thomas J. Businger (deceased) for 64 years. Mother of Thomas, Michael (Valerie), Robert (Barbara), Richard (Paula), Margaret "Margee", and Maureen (Jody). Cherished grandmother of Kathleen, Steven, Jimmy, Joseph, Chelsi, Robert, Daniel, Claire, and Thomas. Great grandmother of 10. Sister of Richard Wem (deceased). Family and Friends will be received at NOSEK-McCREERY FUNERAL HOME, 8150 BRECKSVILLE RD., BRECKSVILLE, OH 44141 on Monday, December 13, 2021 from 4-7 p.m. Prayers at the funeral home Tuesday, December 14, 2021 at 11:45 a.m. followed by Margaret's Mass of Christian Burial at 12:30 p.m. at St. Basil the Great Catholic Church, 8700 Brecksville Rd., Brecksville, OH 44141. Interment at Ohio Western Reserve National Cemetery, Thursday, December 16, 2021 at 11 a.m.

NORTH COAST OHIO

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MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The holiday season is upon us and with it comes one of the busiest parts of the year for the module group. We have two layouts on display this season. The first one is located at the Cleveland Metropark Zoo as part of the Wild Winter Lights Display. This is the third year the module group has participated in this event. This event began on Thursday, November 18th and will continue through Sunday, January 2, 2022.

Our second event is the Trees and Trains event located at the Black River Landing in Lorain. This event will begin on Saturday, November 27th. Please be sure to stop out for a visit during the holiday season.

On the horizon will be the return of the Module Group Planning Event. This meeting will be scheduled for sometime in January 2022.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

COMPANY STORE



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 end of the year, 2021, is fast approaching but our model contests are moving right along into the new year. There are five more contests ahead of us with the January contest coming up next. The subject for the January contest is a small rural railroad station. There are railroads all over the world and most of them have or had stations on their lines. The station you choice can be from northern Ohio but certainly does not have to be. There are many unique little stations that can make a great subject for your entry.

February's contest is an R.P.O. (railroad post office) car. March is the "blank box car contest". Blank box car bodies are available at all meetings at the Contest Table. They are free for the asking and you can have as many as you want to complete your model project. April's contest is a grain hauling car. Forty foot box cars were the standard until covered hoppers came along. May's contest is challenging you to show a piece of logging industry equipment that needs rail to move on. A piece of equipment other than a locomotive.

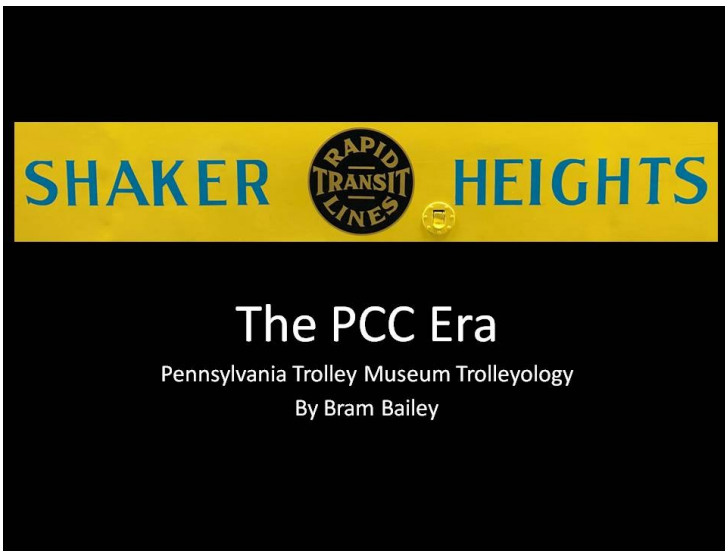
As you can see, there are a lot of contest projects to keep you busy through the winter months and into spring. I am starting to put together ideas for next seasons contest subjects so if you have an idea for one of the subjects, please share it with me. Well, until next time, when we can make a station stop at your station, stay healthy and Happy New Year to you.



Joe Filipiak

CLINICS

January's clinic will be presented by Bram Bailey. The program will focus on the Shaker Heights Rapid Transit line and the history of the various classes of PCC cars used on the SHRT. The program will take us on a photo tour of the SHRT from CUT to Green Rd; the Van Aiken Line to Warrensville Yard; and include photos taken in areas not typically accessible to the public.



Jerry Krueger

RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

It was great to be back at annual banquet along with another successful end-of-the year raffle! Good times were had by all. I have already begun scouting out items for next year's holiday raffle.

Beginning in January 2022, the number tickets for purchase at the monthly raffle will be reduced by half. Overall, the value of the tickets will remain the same with the exception of the \$1.00 purchase. The purpose for this change is to reduce the number of tickets a participant needs to keep track of during the raffle. It will also provide a cost savings by reducing the number of ticket rolls purchased throughout the year. A break down of the coming change is shown below:

Original Quantity	New Quantity	Cost
5 tickets	2 tickets	\$1.00
12 tickets	6 tickets	\$2.00
20 tickets	10 tickets	\$3.00
30 tickets	15 tickets	\$4.00
40 tickets	20 tickets	\$5.00

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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DECEMBER 12th AWARDS BANQUET



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Superintant Lee Sheffield
presenting the Outstanding
Member Award to
Joe Kurilec.

DECEMBER 12th AWARDS BANQUET



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THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE

PART 8

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.



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THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE

PART 8



The Gates Elevator & Mills Company was on the south end of the bridge. Photo, Brooklyn Historical Society.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 8



The B&O tracks seen here go under the Fulton Road bridge. Left and out of sight are the W & LE tracks.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 8



This is a street view of the bridge above. This road once led to Fulton & Denison roads. It also was the location of baseball fields.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 8



A closer look reveals the date the bridge was built. I wonder how the metal brace, just above the date got bent?

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 8



Leaving the Cleveland Zoo area moving southwest toward the Ridge Road bridge we see the B&O tracks on the left. The tracks on the right are the W&LE tracks. They will join the Big 4 railroad (NYC) by crossing Ridge Road.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 8



The tracks go under the Ridge Road bridge and parallel I-71 seen to the left. Looking to the right the tracks start to head to Parma, Ohio. The B&O was realigned for the construction of Interstate I-71 looking north. This part of the interstate system was build during the late 1960s.



As mentioned above, the tracks are now headed towards Memphis Ave. Just beyond the track will be Memphis Kiddie Park. This will continue the trip to Parma, then on to the yards at the General Motors plant on Brookpark Road.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 8



From Memphis Ave. the tracks head toward Brookpark Road going under I-480. The diamonds are CSX tracks and were once The Cleveland Belt line. To the left is now Norfolk Southern's Rockport Yards, once the NYC.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 8

Part 9 will start at the Brookpark Road B&O (CSX) yards by the GM complex.

Thanks for reading. Comments are always welcome. jkurilec@earthlink.net

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The Brooklyn, Ohio Historical Society.

The Strongsville Historical Society.

The Sentinel

Midwest Railroad Preservation Society, West 3rd Street Roundhouse, Clark Avenue Yards. Steve Korpos Board of Director member and Supervisor of Roundhouse Operations.

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

Bill Cramer for guidance and direction!

Ron Spiga as my historical compass and photo collection.

Barbara Kurilec for proof reading.

WHAT'S GOING ON

2022 - Jan. 8	<p>Snow Dogs Train Show Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130 10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00 Free Parking Info & Map VIDEO Flyer Web Site</p>
2022 - Jan. 9	<p>Youngstown Model Railroad Assn. Toy - Train Flea Market Salem Center Plex 1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, Ohio 44460 10 am to 3:30pm Adm. \$5.00 Phone Darrel Balakoff at: 330-718-1057 Flyer</p>
2022 - Jan. 29	<p>Train Collectors Association - Winter Train Meet UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130 10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00 Phone: Charlie Easton at: 216-233-6135 Info & MAP Flyer</p>
2022 - Feb. 6	<p>Medina Train and Toy Show Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256 9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00 Phone: 330-948-4400 Info & Map Flyer</p>
2022 - Feb. 13	<p>Mansfield Train Show Fairhaven Hall, Richland County Fairgrounds 750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906 10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$7.00 Phone: 419-606-7934 Map Flyer</p>

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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.

