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From the Editor: I am pleased to begin serving Division 4 of the Mid Central Region of the NMRA as Editor of the Flatwheel. My hope is to continue to provide an engaging, entertaining, and educational publication that is a value to our members. I would like to expand what is included each month. I would like to include a Model Builders article, where a member provides a summary of a recent model building project. Another article I would like to add is quarterly layout tour. I would love to hear ideas from you all for additional newsletter offerings.

Looking Forward to Serving, Scott Eastburn

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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 6:00p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 6:30. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Our meetings are held at the Westlake City Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd, Westlake, OH 44145. Visitors are always welcome.

FROM THE SUPER

Greetings from the Cab

I hope you all had a great summer and are ready to think model railroading. I have started making plans for changes and additions to my layout. Add additional signals, add more detail to the layout, and replace several circuit breakers. Should be fun.

The division picnic was well attended. Great food and great train rides. A good time was had by all. Thanks Larry Kuczynski and family for a job well done.

The Div. 4 BOD meeting was held on August 26, 2023 at my home. Main topic of discussion was the start of preparing for next year's budget, Div. 4 Fall Open Houses, Training Days revisited, a proposed change to the Div. 4 By-Laws to eliminate the term limitation for secretary, the Great Berea rain Show and the 2024 MCR Regional Convention. Very active meeting.

Our next division activity will be The Great Berea Train Show. Sign-up sheets will be on the back table at the September meeting. **This will be the only time we have to sign up to help.** Also, if you would like to spend some time at the membership and clinic area doing a clinic, demonstrating how to make something or work with youth on the time saver talk to Jerry Kruger.

Please sign up to help. **DON'T JUST BELONG – PARTICIPATE!**

Meeting notice for the October business meeting. Due to a city function the October business meeting will be the third Friday of the month, Oct. 20th.

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Well, the train is pulling into the yard and this run is over.

Until next time,

Ron



CONVENTION NEWS

The North Coast Limited 2024 Mid-Central Regional Convention

Planning continues for the 2024 Mid-Central Regional Convention. The dates are May 16th – May 19th, 2024. We have selected the Crown Plaza hotel in Middleburg Hts. as the location for the Convention. They have a nice mix of meeting rooms and ballroom space for hosting the convention. The location on Engle Rd and Bagley Rd right off I-71 will make it easy for everyone to get to from throughout the Region.

We are still looking for members to join the committee and help plan the Convention. If you are interested in helping plan the Convention, please send me an email. We can always use more help.

ORDER YOUR CONVENTION SHIRTS NOW!

Division 4 members that would like to order a 2024 North Coast Limited shirt, I will be taking order for shirts until September 24th for delivery, I hope, in time for GBTS or the October meeting. Orders can be placed through the Convention website (www.northcoastlimited2024.org) or contact me directly for an order form. A variety of styles are available, polo shirt, long sleeve and short sleeve button front and sweatshirts in a variety of colors for each style. Colder weather is approaching quickly, get your sweatshirt now.

Convention cars can also be ordered but will not be delivered until the Convention.

Jerry Krueger



The closing report for the 2022-2023 model contest session for Division Four is a happy report. With the help of twenty-four other model railroaders who shared their models and creative talents with us through the past several months, we were able to enjoy and experience some great and fun entries.

The last contest of the session was something found on a military train. First place went to Jim Grell, second place was given to Dave Davis for his complete N scale hospital train, and George Gelehrter provided a beautiful model for third place. Diorama presentation for first place went to Dave Lawler.

Points are given for the top three winners in both model and diorama contest entries and to everyone who has entered in the contests. At the end of the session, winners are determined by adding all the points up for each person. All winners receive a plaque and a gift certificate to Walthers. First place winners receive a one hundred fifty-dollar certificate, second place winners receive a hundred-dollar certificate, and third place certificates are seventy-five -dollars. The recipient this year for first place models is Jim Grell, second place model is Joe Kurilec and third place model goes to Don Glass. The diorama session first place winner is Dave Lawler, second place is Art Bumpus, and third place is awarded to John Hughes. Congratulations to all and thank you for helping make the contest session a fun success.

The new session of model contests starts when we resume our meetings in September. The subject for this contest is something found on a wreck train. Of course, the big hook will be there but what else is needed? A place to feed and rest the crew on those big wrecks. If the big hook is steam powered, where is the extra fuel and water? Certainly, a tool car or two would be needed. October's contest is equipment needed to set up telegraph poles and lines in remote areas where there are no roads. November finds the contest looking for rail cars serving the meat industry. January is a custom lettered diesel for your or a friend's model railroad. B&O or NYC will not work but Baylines, Plum Creek R.R., or the Red Clay and Glass Belt Line are just fine. February's contest is a structure or building found in an engine facility other than the round house. The March contest is to take one of your unfinished projects and finish it. April is the last car on a passenger train. Finally, the May contest is to take a grab bag from the contest chairman and use all the parts in the bag to build a building of your own design. The hope is that something in the contest challenges will motivate you to become one of the many participants in next sessions contests. I am looking forward to putting your name on the list of winners.

Happy Building-Joe Filipiak

2022-23 1ST PLACE MODELS

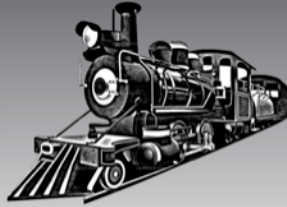


2022-23 2ND PLACE MODELS



2022-23 3RD PLACE MODELS





CONTESTS & ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

2022-23 1ST PLACE DIORAMA



NMRA MASTER BUILDER



2023-24 CONTESTS

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| September | Something found on a wreck train |
| October | Equipment used to set up telegraph poles, lines |
| November | Rail cars serving the meat industry |
| January | Diesel with yours or someone else's road name |
| February | Support building in engine facility (no roundhouse) |
| March | Complete an unfinished project |
| April | Last car on a passenger train |
| May | Grab bag of provided parts to build a building |

CERTIFICATES 1 & 2
SEVEN ARE REQUIRED

**HOW DO I GET STARTED
IN THE NMRA
ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM?**



CLICK HERE!



THINK MODULAR

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

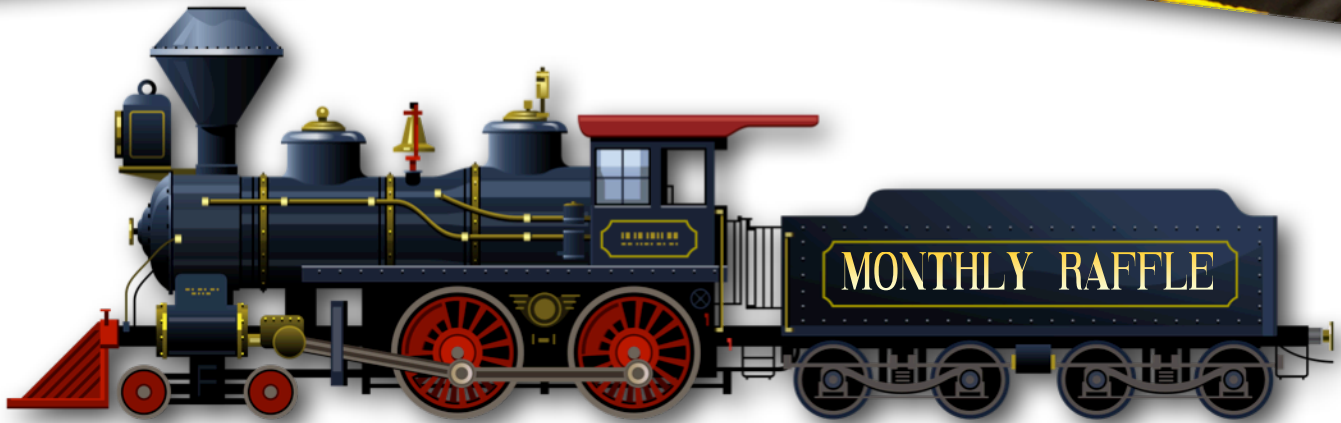
It is that time of year once again: Cuyahoga County Fair and Cleveland Oktoberfest! The module group has been really busy this August with a good-sized layout at the Cuyahoga County Fair and a smaller sized layout scheduled for the Cleveland Oktoberfest. Both events have traditionally been great opportunities for the module group to introduce or re-introduce the general public to the great hobby of model railroading, inform the public of upcoming Great Berea Train Show, and, of course, run some trains! Once these two events are complete, there is a bit of breather before the Great Berea Train Show scheduled for the first full weekend in October.

As always, anyone interested in joining the Module Group, please contact me at woo3482@hotmail.com. I will add you to the module group email list and you will receive all of the latest information regarding upcoming events, operating schedules, etc.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie





Monthly Raffle

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

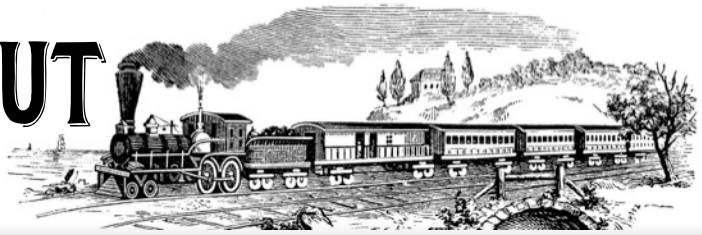
It's been a while since there was a raffle. But do not despair! The monthly raffle will be back with a vengeance at the September meeting! As always, ticket sales begin at 6:00pm. The raffle will take place shortly after the official business meeting concludes. There is always something for everyone!

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



FALL LAYOUT TOURS



Announcing Fall Layout Tours.. Date October 28th

Participants (so Far):

Chuck Shick – 1st time open !!

Joe Filipiak

Ron Morgan

Please consider being open – we can add Sunday October 29th if we have more participants

If you have an unused Cross Buck, we will need them !!

We are anticipating the need for extras for the convention. If you can share yours it – will save us from having to build more !!

A Cross Buck can be made available to you prior to when you will be open again.

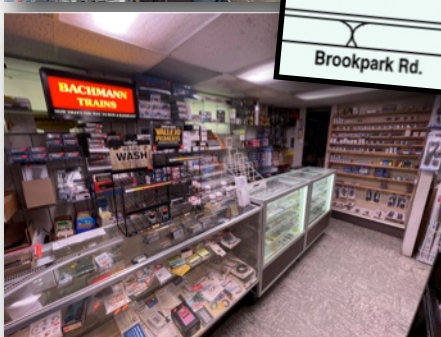
I'll be at the October Train show – and at the October meeting

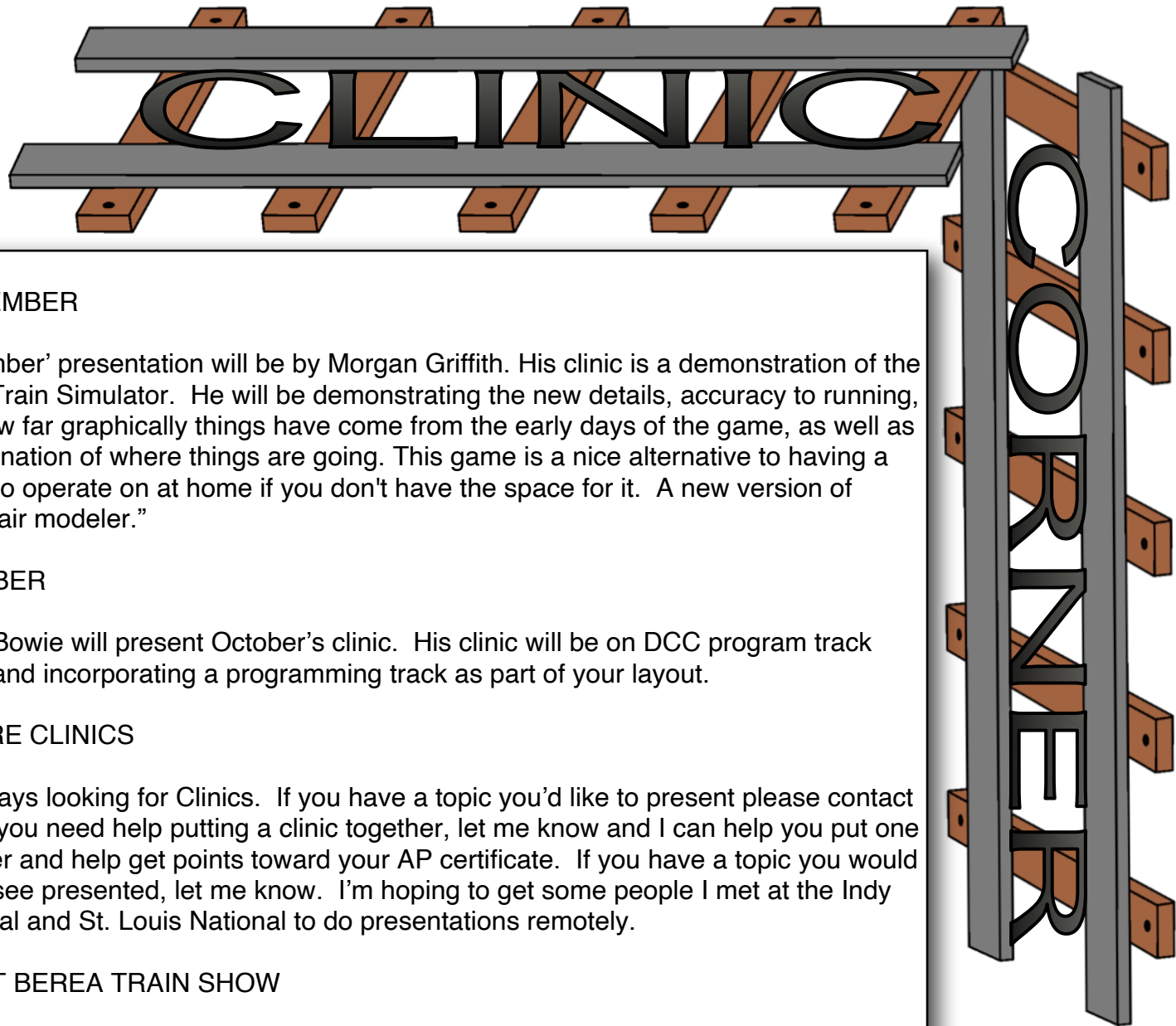
I'll remind you again..

Thanks John Witt 440-539-8945

HOBBY SHOP HIGHLIGHT

Division member Jim Grell has operated Depot Train and Hobby in the Cleveland area for over 25 years. In the day of internet shopping consider giving your Model Railroad needs to Jim. He has a wide range of inventory in multiple scales. Jim stocks an extensive amount of the Woodland Scenics product line. He carries many brands of hobby paint, tools, and a full Walther's product line. Not to mention Jim's years of knowledge in the hobby we all love. Region Members do not forget Depot Train and Hobby for all of your Model Railroad needs.





SEPTEMBER

September's presentation will be by Morgan Griffith. His clinic is a demonstration of the game Train Simulator. He will be demonstrating the new details, accuracy to running, and how far graphically things have come from the early days of the game, as well as an explanation of where things are going. This game is a nice alternative to having a layout to operate on at home if you don't have the space for it. A new version of "armchair modeler."

OCTOBER

Bruce Bowie will present October's clinic. His clinic will be on DCC program track wiring and incorporating a programming track as part of your layout.

FUTURE CLINICS

I'm always looking for Clinics. If you have a topic you'd like to present please contact me. If you need help putting a clinic together, let me know and I can help you put one together and help get points toward your AP certificate. If you have a topic you would like to see presented, let me know. I'm hoping to get some people I met at the Indy Regional and St. Louis National to do presentations remotely.

GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW

We will again have a clinic area at the GBTS in the rear of Building E. I'm looking for Division member who want to present a mini-clinic on either Saturday or Sunday. Mini-clinics should be between 15-25 minutes on general model railroading topics of interest to show attendees. The clinic schedule is 11:00am, 12:00pm, 1:00pm, 2:00pm and 3:00pm on Saturday. The same times on Sunday except no 3:00pm mini-clinic.

Topics should be about basic subjects For example, scenery techniques – ground cover, making trees, water effects; track laying, track wiring, simple kit building, rolling stock maintenance

The BOD decided earlier this year to combine TRAINing Days with the GBTS. If you were a TRAINing Day presenter and are interested in presenting a mini-clinic please contact me with your topics and preferred date and time. FCFC.



DIVISION MEETING MINUTES



Division 4, MCR, NMRA General Meeting Minutes, June 9, 2023

Superintendent Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 6:28 pm. He let us know we are on a brief schedule because the Rec Center was beginning their summer hours this evening.

Ron asked for any new members or visitors to please stand, no one stood.

A motion was made by Brian Haas to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Bruce Bowie seconded the motion. Motion was approved by the Division to accept the minutes.

A Treasurer's report was given by Treasurer Greg Noeth of the balance on all accounts.

OLD BUSINESS: 2024 Regional Convention – Jerry Kruger – We are on the clock. The North Coast 2024 registration is up and running. Go out on line and register.

Division 4 Picnic – Larry Kuczynski – is Saturday, June 24th. 11:00 am to 3:00 pm at NEOLS. Dogs, brat, burgers, and beverages will be provided by the Division. Please bring a dish to share. Come out and have a good time.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Flat Wheel Deadline – NEW EDITOR Scott Eastburn – Keeping the same deadline of the 26th of the month. August 26th will be for the September deadline.

AP Awards – John Hemsath, MMR – Jim Grell took 3 merit awards at Regional. He received 1st place on one of them. Scott Eastburn has earned his Mater Builder – cars, and Master Railroad Engineer – Electrical.

Contests – Joe Filipiak – Winners for May's Contest,
Anything on a War Train:

- Model – 1st – Jim Grell
- 2nd – Dave Davis
- 3rd – George Gelehrter

Season Point Winners:

- Model – 1st – Jim Grell
- 2nd – Joe Kurilec
- 3rd – Don Glass

Diorama – 1st – Dave Lawler

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- 2nd – Art Bumpus
- 3rd – John Hughes

Each Season Winner received a plaque and gift certificate of different denominations. September's Contest is Wreck Train, something found on a Train Wreck.

Tonight's Clinic – Jerry Kruger – Bram Bailey is presenting History of F-Units. Still need someone for Octobers clinic.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and carried by the Division to adjourn the meeting. Ron closed the meeting at 6:44 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Shick
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA

SPECIAL FEATURE

4H MODULE LAYOUT @ THE MEDINA FAIR.
by Joe Kurilec MMR

This years 4H layout showed some very talented 4H members and some very creative ideas. Division four members are invited to the fair to vote on their favorite 4H modules. This years event had a lot to choose from! The 4H flag greeted you as you entered the building where the modules are set up. This module features a Walthers coal mining structure used to make a nuclear power plant display. The cooling towers are plastic drinking cups! This steel mill display was quite impressive. The modeler put a lot of efforts in the details. This Hewlett display caught my eye. Nicely done. When I saw this project on the modules, I took a lot of time to see all the work that was put into it. Some parts are scratch built or kit bashed. The modeler used Rust-oleum textured spray paint! (Home Depot).The spray cans come in several colors. Ron Spiga told me about his using of this paint. I tried it and it does have some nice effects.



SUMMER ACTIVITIES

