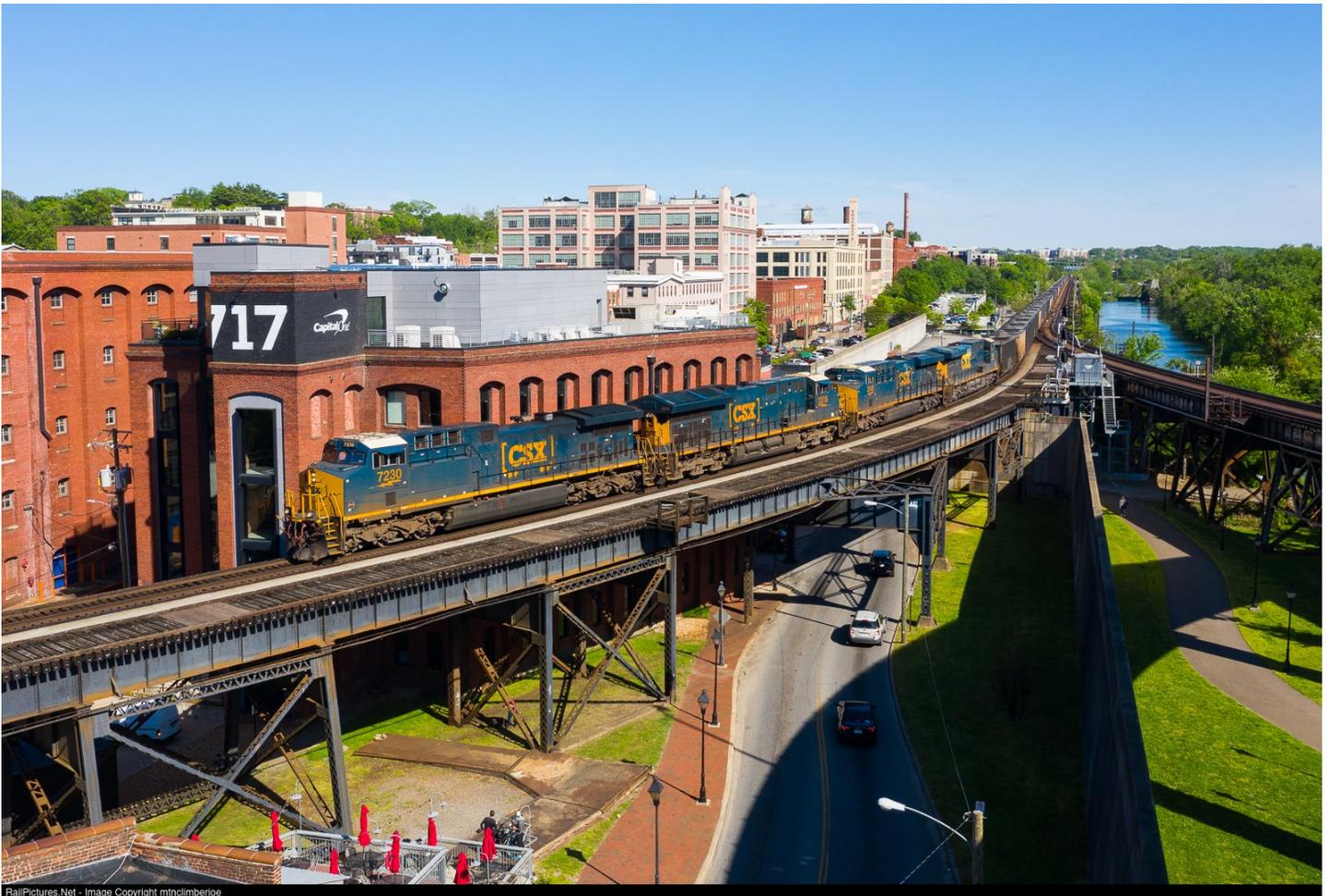




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A quartet of CSX GE's lead empty coal train E123 as it departs from Fulton Yard in Richmond, Virginia and begins its trek to the West Virginia coal fields after unloading at Newport News. The train is rolling through downtown on the elevated trackage of the Peninsula Subdivision.

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Please send any articles for the November Flatwheel to:

chuck.shick@hotmail.com

by October 26th

Thank You

DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2024

6:00pm Social Time - Meeting starts at 6:30pm

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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 so-

cial 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*.

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

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GREETINGS FROM THE CAB

Greetings from the cab.

I am writing this article a week before the Great Berea Train Show. According to David James the dealer's response has been good. The few tables that remain hopefully will be sold. The students from Polaris will be back in full force this year and that is a big plus. The biggest concern is the lack of support from the membership to help out with the show. That needs to be fixed! This is the divisions major money maker for the year.

Burt Wisbar will be in charge of the October business meeting. Gayle and I finally have a chance to get away. **Remember the meeting is the third Friday October the 18th.** The rec center has taken the meeting room away on the 11th for another city event.

Speaking of the rec center, our contract is up the first of the year. The new hours that the city put into effect in September calls for the rec center to close at 8:00 pm. This is not acceptable. I am currently working with the director of the City of North Olmsted Community Cabin to secure the Community Cabin for our new meeting place. This will be up to the membership and Bert will be asking for membership approval at the October meeting. It is cheaper to rent, has a nice size meeting room. and good parking. The big plus is that the city has **nothing scheduled at the community cabin on Friday evenings!** The cabin is located right off Lorain Road and is accessible from the turnpike and freeways. As the crow flies, it is three miles south of the rec center. More, on this later.

Don Oleksa will be putting together this month's Flatwheel. Welcome aboard Don.

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

That's all I have for this month. Try not to be too hard on Bert.

Ron

MEETING MINUTES

NMRA MCR Division 04 Meeting Minutes for Friday September 6, 2024 Westlake Recreation Center, Westlake, OH

Superintendent Ron Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:30pm. Ron asked if any new members were present. Bob Wykoff responded that it was his first meeting and gave a brief statement about his modeling interests. Ron then asked for additions, changes, or corrections to the June meeting Minutes. On hearing none, he requested a motion to accept the Minutes, which was received and seconded, and approved verbally by members present.

Treasurer Greg Noeth gave a report of the Division's finances, including the status of payments made to the Fair Board for the upcoming Train Show.

Jerry Krueger (MCR 2024 Convention Chair) stated the recently hosted MCR convention went well and thanked everyone who was involved. Treasurer Greg Noeth provided a summary of the convention's financial results. Scott Benson stated that the Company Store has a small quantity of each convention car still available. Ron Morgan reported that money donated for the Medina 4H Club by convention attendees had been presented to that group.

David James (Train Show Chair) reported on the preparation for the Great Berea Train Show, stating that everything was going well, and we will again be using five Fairgrounds buildings. David encouraged everyone to sign up as volunteers for the show.

Several members presented items for Show and Tell.

The Flatwheel deadline was stated as September 25, with submissions needing to go to Chuck Schick.

Jerry Krueger (Clinic Chair) reported that he would be presenting the evening clinic on building structures, next month's clinic would be given by John Annetti on 3D printing of structures, and that Spain James would speak in either November or January. Jerry said that mini clinics would be given during the Train Show and requested that anyone interested in presenting should limit their clinic to about 15 minutes.

Craig Butler (Membership Chair) presented his plan to have membership tables both near the modules to receive a high volume of traffic and also near the clinic table when clinics were scheduled.

Scott Benson (representing both Module Group and Company Store) said that the Modular Group was currently displaying at Oktoberfest and would be set up again during our Train Show. Scott then mentioned that the evening's raffle had a good selection of prizes.

MEETING MINUTES

John Witt MMR (Layout Tour Chair) said that layout open houses would be on October 19th and October 29th, with information to be sent out to members. He stated that a couple of slots are still available for layout owners.

John Hemsath MMR (AP Chair) presented the following awards: Jim Grell earned a Merit Award for a car that he entered at the May convention. Ben Lanza earned a Merit Award for each of two locomotives he entered. Mark Pekelnicky earned a merit award for his hand laid trackwork on his layout. Mark also earned his Master Modeler- Civil certificate.

Joe Filipiak (Contest Chair) reviewed the May contest results and listed the contest categories for the current season.

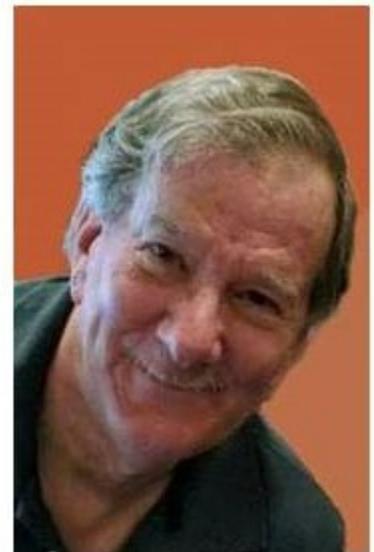
Ron Morgan mentioned the passing of member Darl Kretsinger. Ron is also hosting an estate train sale for Jim Stevenson's collection at his home of September 21 and 22, with specific information emailed to members.

Ron reported that the Division is searching for a new meeting location due to ongoing scheduling issues with the rec center. Several locations are being considered. The change would tentatively occur in January 2025.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:30pm.

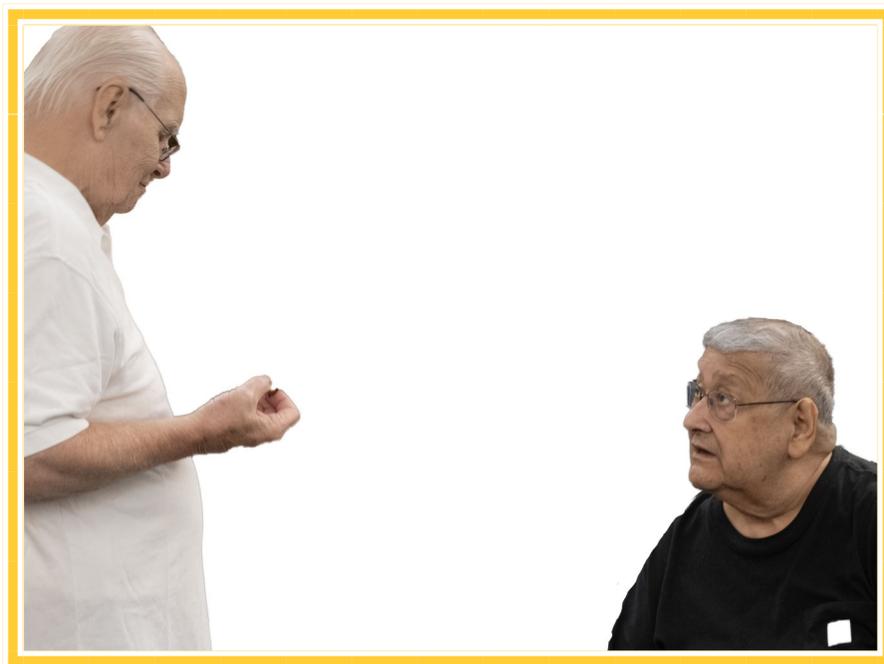
Respectfully Submitted,

Dave Williams

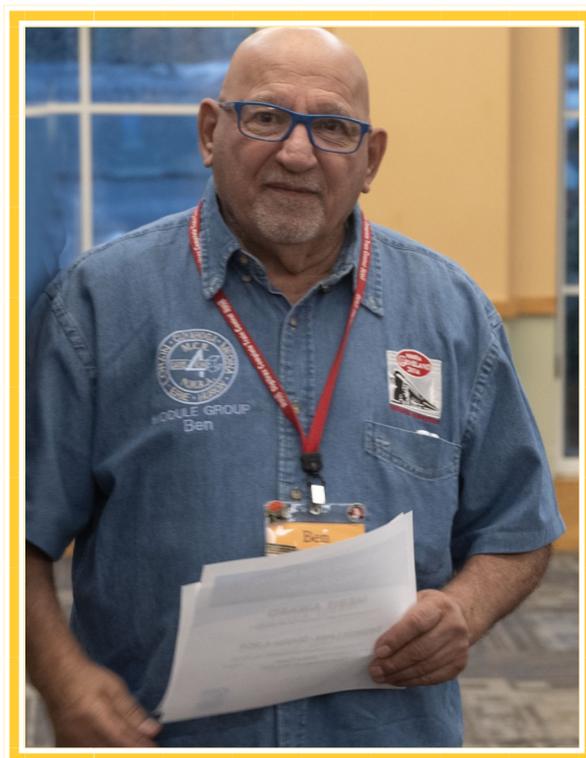


Dave Williams

SEPTEMBER MEETING PICTURES

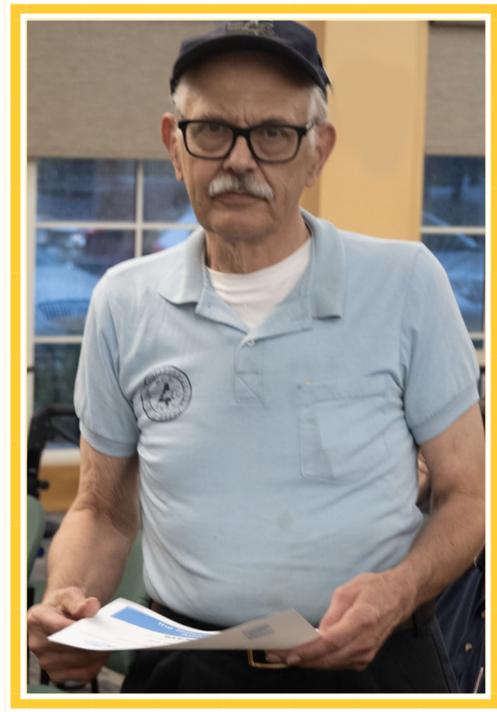


Tom McInnerney talking to Art Bumpus. Welcome back Art!



Ben Lanza earned a Merit Award for each of two locomotives!

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NORTH COAST OHIO

DIV-4 Leadership

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MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Fall is upon us, officially! And that means the Module Group is in full swing with displaying at various events. We recently concluded a modular layout display at the Cleveland Oktoberfest held at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. This event is held Labor Day Weekend as well as the following weekend. The group can enjoy the next few weekends off until the Great Berea Train Show (GBTS)! We will once again be located in Building "D" with a sizable layout with multiple routing options. Set up will take place on Friday, October 4th with operations commencing on Saturday, October 5th and Sunday, October 6th.

After GBTS, we will have the remainder of October off. However, November and December will be busy once more with the Wild Winter Lights at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo.

Be sure to come on out and see us at any of the upcoming events. As always, anyone interested in joining the module group, please contact me at woo3482@hotmail.com.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

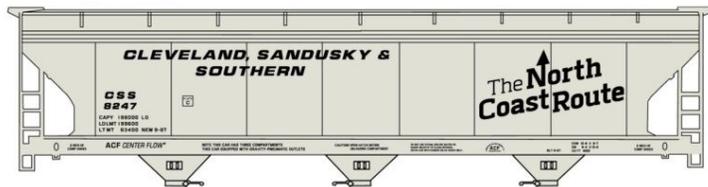


Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

COMPANY STORE

Convention Cars are available!!

We have the Division 4 convention cars for sale for \$28 each; the Accurail ACF 3-bay covered hopper (3 available) and Accurail 40' boxcar (17 available). These are lettered for the Cleveland, Sandusky and Southern Railroad (the modular layout railroad).



Also available at \$25 each:

The Division 7 Accurail N&W 2-bay covered hopper (3 available, different #'s)



The Division 6 Accurail 41' Steel Gondola lettered for The Buckeye Steel Castings Co (3 available)



I'll have these at the October Division meeting. If you do not plan to attend and want me to hold some for you, please let me know!

Scott Benson

CONTEST TABLE

The new season of model contests started with railroad scrap. Scrap from all the different sectors of the railroad industry were represented, from ties and rails to actual rail cars being scrapped. Even though attendance at the meeting was somewhat light, the vast majority of those in attendance voted for their favorite models and dioramas. The results of the voting gave Joe Kurilec's model a first place. Jim Grell's load of railroad scrap got second place while George Geleurter's entry received third place. The diorama entries results had a first place awarded to John Puch. A neat material recycling scene by Dave Williams came in second place. Third place went to caboose scraping by Joe Filipiak. Thanks to all who submitted entries and to all who voted.

The October meeting, which is the third Friday of October, will have a model contest that has an abandoned trackside building as contest subject matter. The building can be a small shack to an abandoned hotel or warehouse. Even an old station or coaling tower would be interesting. Let's see what you come up with. The November contest is snow removal equipment.

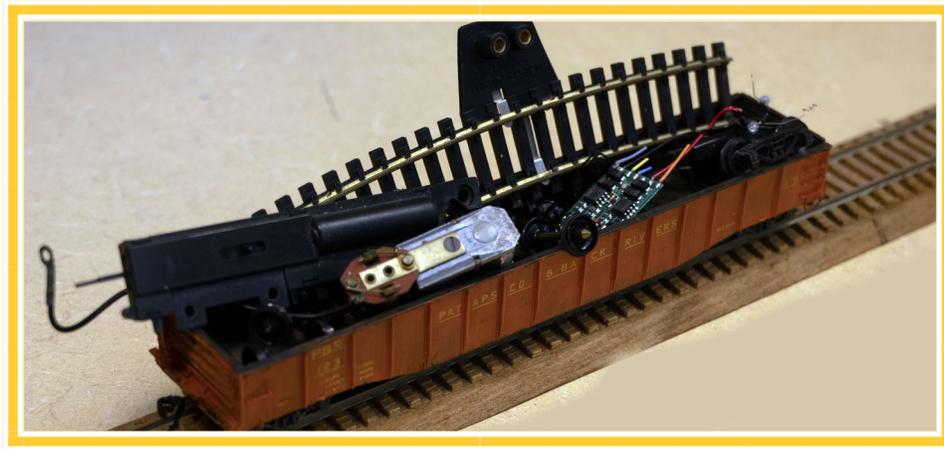
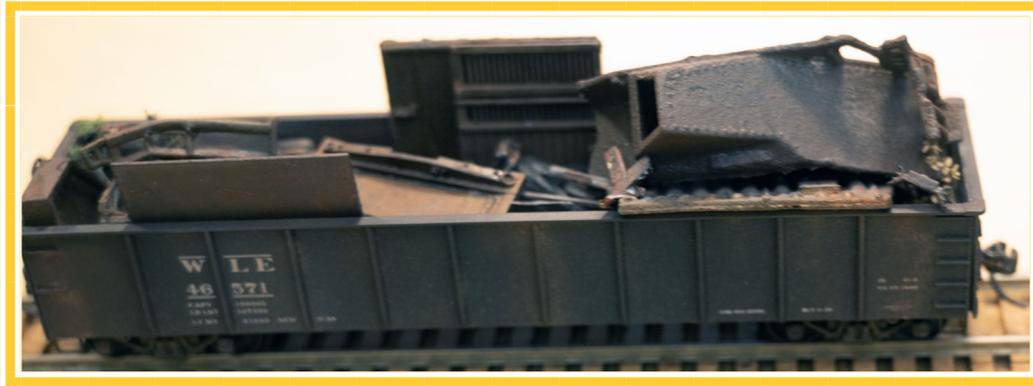
It's time for me to sign off and get back to my contest entry with wild abandon so I can make my building look, well, abandoned.



Joe Filipiak

CONTEST TABLE

September Model Entries



CONTEST TABLE

September Module Entries



CLINICS

OCTOBER

October's clinic will be by Ed Enyedy, owner of Leopard Architectural Models. Ed produces 3d printed models of railroad structures. He will talk about how he picks a building to be modeled and the process involved in creating the final model to be produced. He will also share some of his techniques for painting and finishing the models. Among the models produced by Leopard Architectural Models are the Berea Train Station and towers in Grafton, WV (Sorry Joe!).

NOVEMBER

November's clinic will be by Spain James on Cleveland's cable cars. For a decade at the end of the nineteenth century, Cleveland, like many other cities, followed in San Francisco's footsteps and had a cable car system. Traces remain in quite a few cities. In Cleveland, you can see traces of the trolleys in quite a few places, but the only known remnant in Cleveland is peripheral. This ivy covered building once ate cable car steam but didn't power them.



Puzzled? Good. The answers will come in November.

CLINICS

FUTURE CLINICS

I'm always looking for Clinics. I'm currently looking for clinics to schedule for the 2024-2025 meeting year. Keep in mind in December the Awards Banquet takes the place of the regular meeting so there is no clinic. February 2025 and March 2025 will have no clinic presentation since the bi-annual auction is one month and member appreciation/pizza night is the other month.

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.



Jerry Krueger

RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Even though I was unable to attend the September meeting, does not mean the monthly raffle was cancelled. Oh no. The show must go on! A big thank you to Scott Benson for running the raffle in my absence. Next month, I should return with another great monthly raffle. There is always something for everyone!! Be sure to purchase your tickets preferably before the start of the business meeting.

Mark your calendars for the annual Holiday Party / Awards Banquet which is held in the month of December! This event typically includes a great meal, cash bar, good company, and of course the end of the year raffle! For those that have never attended this event, you are missing out! The raffle includes several multi-car sets, gift baskets, art work and, of course, the mystery prizes.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

FALL LAYOUT TOURS

John Witt MMR

Oct 19 1 PM to 4 PM

Please see member page for addresses and phone numbers

Steve Riddlebaugh - The Sandy River and Rangeley is an On30 point to point layout – running from Farmington to Rangeley- crossing detailed bridges with prototype structures and features hand laid rail.

John Witt - The Copper Peninsula Railroad – a “ turn of the century railroad “ set in Michigan’s UP – on the Keweenaw Peninsula. Railroad services the towns of Hancock, Calumet – Eagle Harbor and Copper Harbor – in a point to point setup. The upper deck has L’Anse and Crystal falls – along with a logging site.

Joe Kurilec - The Erie Plate RR is set in Cleveland from 110th street to the BE tower. Both Nickle Plate steam and Erie motive power works on the highly detailed Railroad .

Oct 17th 1 PM to 4 PM
except Scott Eastburn – 2 to 5 PM

Scott Eastburn “ Old Slow and Easy” – On30 layout. Scott has made many improvements which we would like to show our members.

Dave Lawler — The CNR and ONSO railway depicts Ontario in October 1944, and features Steam and early diesel power. Highly detailed scenery and towns with excellent automobiles and trucks !!

John Hemsath, MMR

John and Barb moved from Bay Village to Avon Lake in April. He salvaged all he could from his layout in Bay and has begun work on the new Bay Lines. The benchwork, which is complete, on brackets attached to the wall The era and theme are the same as on the last layout: September 1946 in a midwestern industrial area much like Cleveland’s Flats. The layout is in an L shape and will feature a staging yard and three operating areas. The track in the yard is laid and wired, and work has begun on the first switching area. Have a look at what John has done in six months. Please park in the driveway or on the opposite side of the street. Enter through the front door

Tom McInerny

The Elk River Logging RR set in 1920- with small geared Locos pulling trains thru spectacular scenery. Freight delivered to Snug Harbor and Red Hook Wharf.

MCR Convention Contest Division 4 Winners

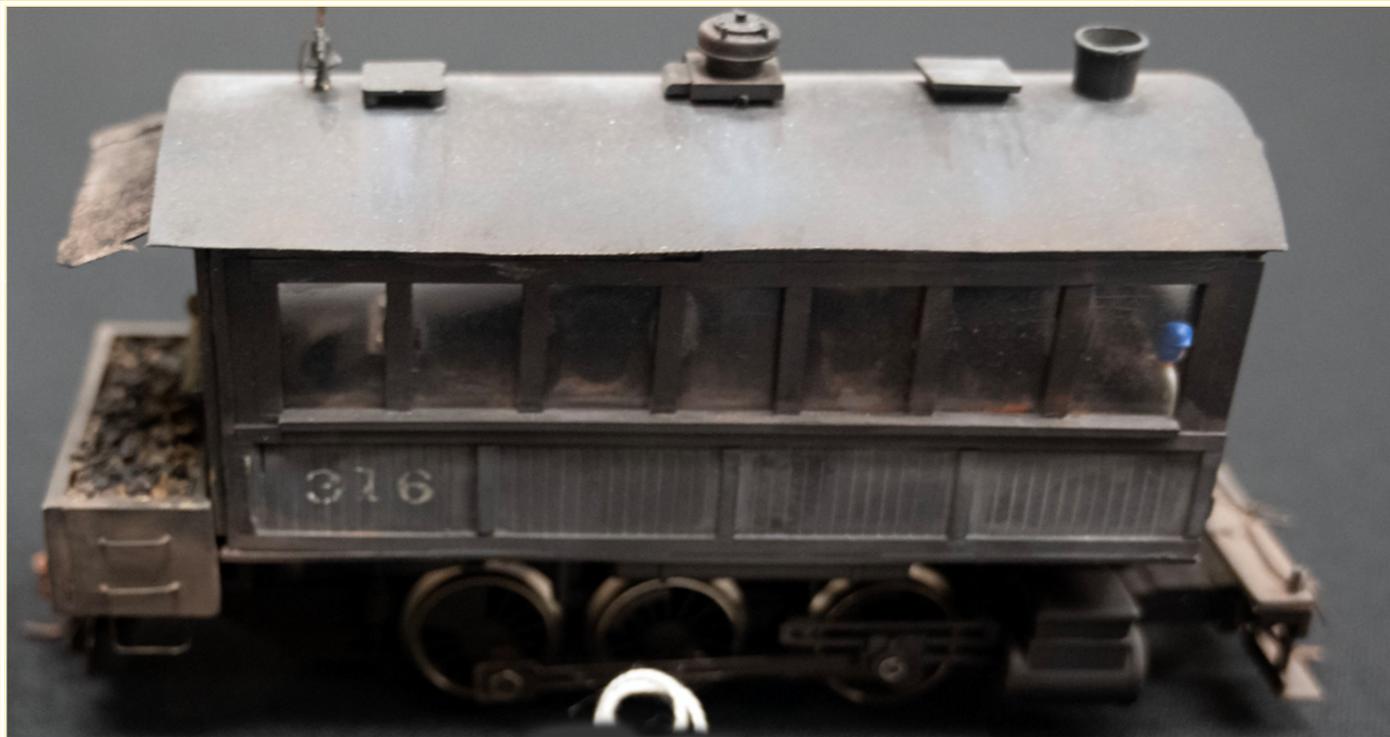


John Witt MMR—Contest Judge



Dave Williams gets the Director's Award

MCR Convention Contest Division 4 Winners



Ben Lanza—2nd Place Steam Locomotive
Seam “over all cab loco base on B&O 316



Ben Lanza—1st Place Duesek & Other Locomotives
Great Northern Railway E7A #505

MCR Convention Contest Division 4 Winners

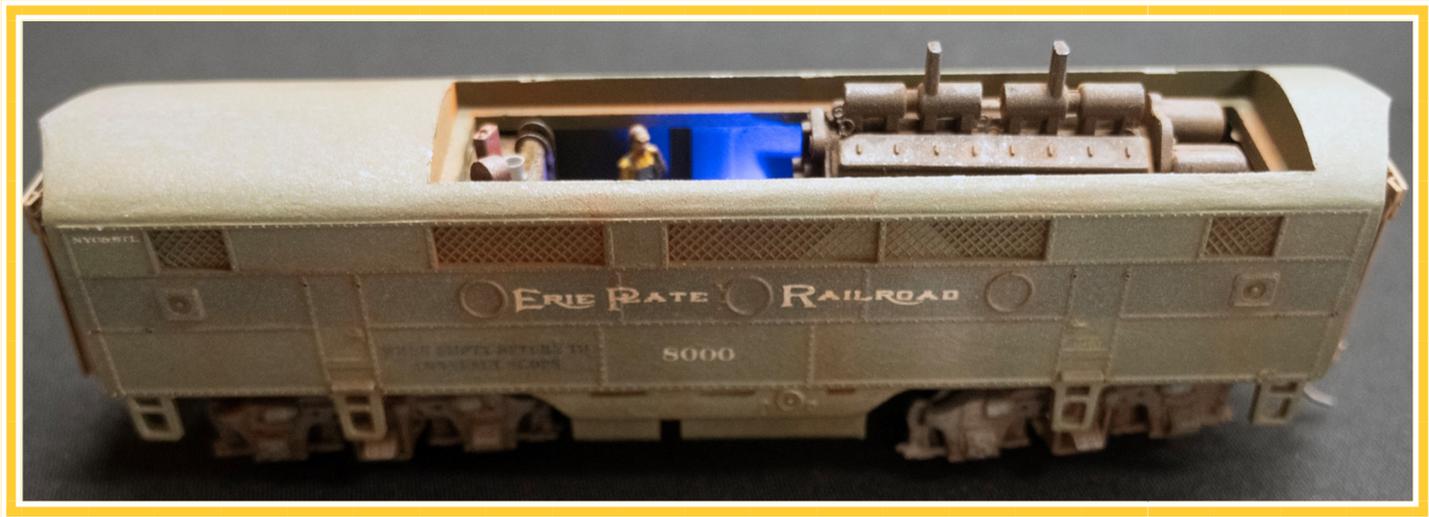


Ben Lanza—2nd Place Diesel & Other Locomotives
Four Wheel Boxcab Diesel

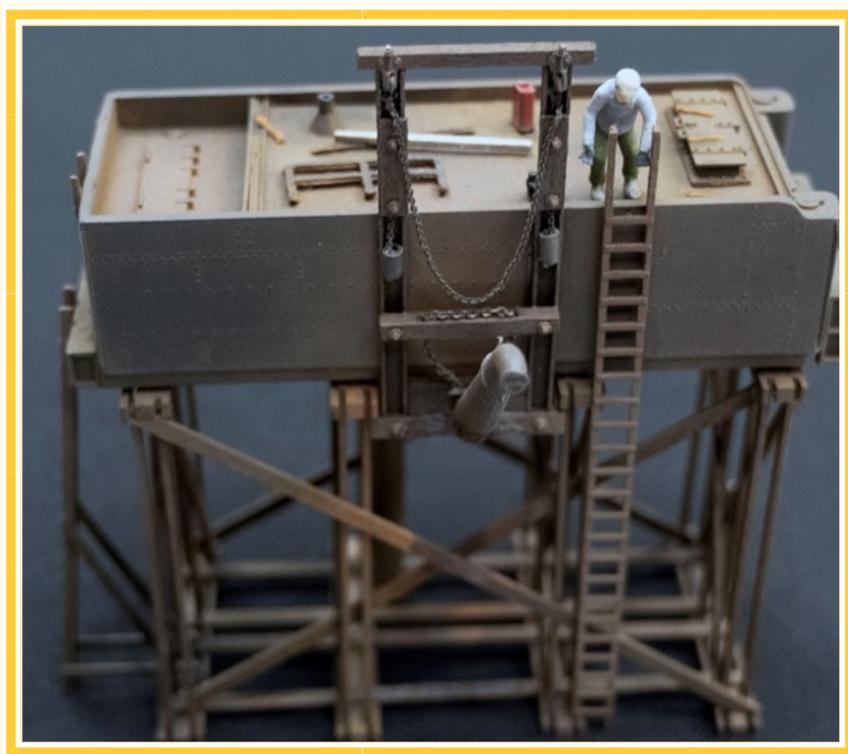


Jim Grell—2nd Place Non-Revenue Car
LE&WV X602 Wreck Train Truck Car

MCR Convention Contest Division 4 Winners



Joe Kurilec MMR—3rd Place Non-Revenue Car
Prototype Dummy B Unit



Joe Kurilec MMR—3rd Place Structure
Small engine terminal water tower

MCR Convention Contest Division 4 Winners



Craig Butler—Display Gest of Show
Engine house



Joe Kurilec MMR—3rd Place Model Color Photo
Welding

MCR Convention Contest Division 4 Winners



Ben Lanza—2nd Place Arts & Crafts
RR Pass Hell West & Crooked River

Great Berea Train Show Help Needed!

THE DIVISION NEEDS YOUR HELP!

The Great Berea Train Show is 8 days away and we need more volunteers. All volunteer areas are understaffed and that needs to be corrected before the show.

Attached is the Signup Genius Website. It is very simple to access and to enter your name and email address. It should take just a few minutes of your time.

YOU DO NOT NEED TO REGISTER. Just go to the attached link, find the area you want to help with, hit sign up and enter your name and email address in one of the areas that still needs help. It just that simple! A few days before the show you will get an email reminding you of your work schedule. How hard can this be.

This is the major money maker for the division and we need your support.

The major concerns are setup on Thursday evening, the Ticket Booth, Front Gate Wrist Bands, Back Gate, Membership and any other jobs that still needs filling you want to volunteer for.

Remember, don't just belong, participate! Join in on the fun.

Big thanks,

Ron

[GBTS Sign-up](#)

WHAT'S GOING ON

| | |
|-------------------------|---|
| <p>2024 - Oct 4</p> | <p>Model Railroad Demonstrations & Displays NMRA MCR Div. 5 Thompson Public Library 6645 Madison Rd., Thompson, Ohio 44086 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. FREE MAP Flyer Web Page</p> |
| <p>2024 - Oct 5 - 6</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. \$10.00 Phone: 440-785-9907 Info & Map VIDEO Flyer Web Site Dealer Application</p> |
| <p>2024 - Oct 13</p> | <p>Canfield Train and Toy Show Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana, Canfield, Ohio 44406 Being held in new Event Center 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$7.00 Phone: 330-651-1042 Map Flyer</p> |
| <p>2024 - Oct 18-20</p> | <p>Model Motoring Car Club 26701 US 62, Beloit, Oh 44609 9:30 am to 3 pm. Adm. \$30.00 Flyer</p> |
| <p>2024 - Oct 19</p> | <p>Fundraiser Dinner Painesville Railroad Museum (aka Painesville Depot) 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 3:00 pm to 8:00 pm Adm. pre-sale \$30.00 Phone: 216-470-5780 At the Door \$35.00 MAP Flyer WEB Page</p> |

WHAT'S GOING ON

2024 - Oct 27

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](#)

2024 - Oct 27

NMRA Div. 6 Train Show

Pritchard Laughlin Center, 7033 Glenn Hwy, Cambridge, OH 43725
 10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$5.00
 Phone: 740-607-3223 [Flyer](#)

2024 - Nov TBA

Cuyahoga Valley Terminal Model Railroad Club Open House

Northampton Road & W. Bath Road
 (behind Northampton Town Hall)
 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Adm. \$5.00
[Map](#) Flyer

2024 - Nov 2-3

2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130
 Sat. 11 am - 4 pm Sun. 9 am - 1pm Adm. \$10.00

[Flyer](#) For Table Registration form Click [HERE](#)

For all table information, contact Skyler Shippy
 (skylersh767@gmail.com)

2024 - Nov 2-3

Model Train Open House

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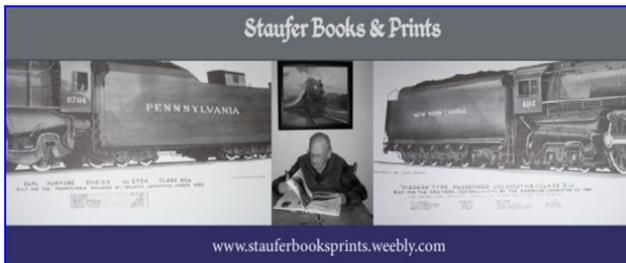
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With more than 200 members from Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lorain and Medina counties in the state of Ohio.

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.



The cab on NS U48 rolls across the wooden trestle over Roaring Fork Creek approaching Roaring Fork, Virginia. October 14, 1999.