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Now that the holidays are over and the Christmas tree is put away along with boxes of decorations, what is left to do? If you are not a model railroader, then it's just cold, dark days and taxes, but model railroaders see these winter months as a great time to work on our models and layouts, and run trains with friends. How great it is to be a model railroader. Sorry, I can't do anything about your taxes. December definitely was a busy month and with the Awards Banquet taking the place of our general meeting, there was no model contest in December. Our January meeting will find us in our new meeting location in North Olmsted and the contest subject matter is a repurposed passenger car. Repurposed passenger cars can be found as yard offices, or converted into diners, or even repainted as tourist train equipment. Some older passenger cars that have been rebuilt into "private varnish" are moved at the end of an Amtrak train. Let's see what you have come up with.

The February meeting will be our auction so there will be no contest at the February meeting. March will see the return of the Model Contest and the subject matter for this contest is a steam engine that was used to pull a named passenger train. The New York Central, Pennsy, B & O, Southern Pacific and many more roads had streamlined passenger trains that were head ended by beautiful streamlined steam engines. March will be the time to show off what you have in streamlined steam.

I have started to put some ideas down for next season's contests. I have already received a few ideas from the membership. I would really like to hear from you as to ideas for a model contest. I just looked outside and it is dark and cold so I'm going to go downstairs where my layout is found to be in mid October, sunny, with the temperature being 69 degrees. Who needs a snow shovel!



Joe Filipiak

ABOUT US

We are Division 4 of the Mid-Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association. (DIV-4 MCR NMRA).

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.



Detroit, Toledo & Ironton RR caboose 101 brings up the rear of a westbound empty hopper train at Ashland Ohio. Aug 1985