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The Greenery Of The Hudson Valley. On the evening of May 6, 2025, CSX I157-05 was crossing Doodletown Bight near Bear Mountain, New York, with CSXT 395 leading.

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Please send any articles for the September Flatwheel to:

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by August 26th

Thank You

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Activities & Celebrations

June

- June 12th, 2026. NMRA Division 4 Meeting at the North Olmsted Cabin 7PM

Future Events:

There are regional and national conventions coming up. Don't miss the opportunity to connect with modelers from other divisions and visit some amazing home railroads along with great and informative clinics.

Mid Central Region Conventions



Mid Central Region

Convention Title: **Whistle Stop Dayton 2026**
Location: **Marriot Hotel at the University of Dayton
1440 S. Patterson Blvd.
Dayton, OH 45409**
Dates: **June 4 (Thursday) through June 7 (Sunday), 2026**

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Activities & Celebrations



National Model Railroad Association

Convention Title: **Scenic City Express**

Location: **Chattanooga Marriott Downtown
Two Carter Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402**

Dates: **July 27 (Monday) through August 2
(Sunday), 2026,**

[Visit Convention Website](#)



DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION



OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE **FRIDAY, JUNE 12th, 2026**

6:30pm Set Up/Social Time - Meeting starts at 7:00pm

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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**

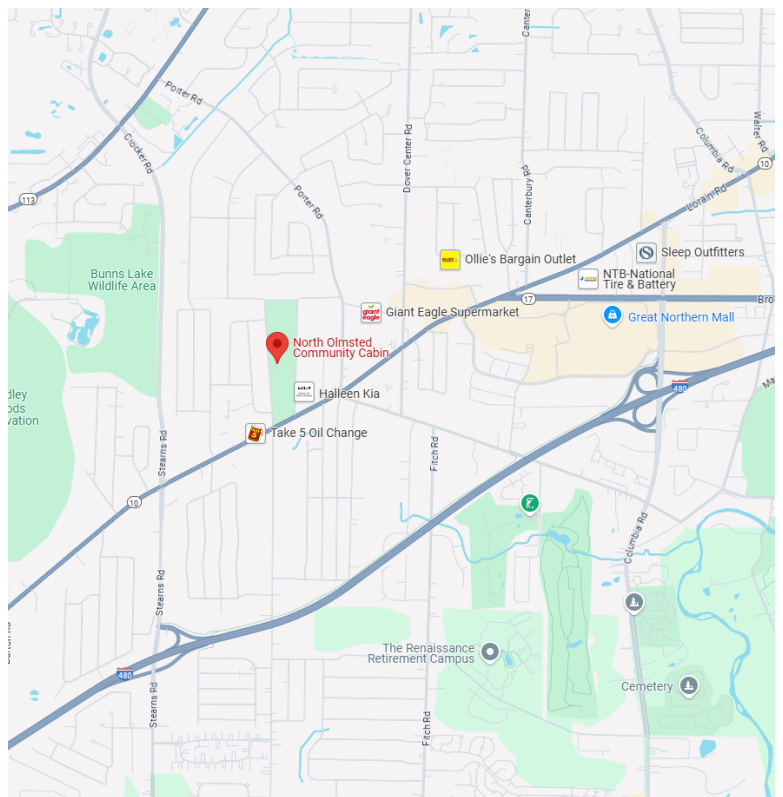
month. A set up/social half hour starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:00. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Starting January, 2025, the meetings are held at the **North Olmsted Community Cabin**, 28114 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted, OH 44070 . 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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GREETINGS FROM THE CAB

Greetings from the cab.

This month's article will be my final one as my term of office is just about over after serving for 4 years. The adventure has been a good one and I am sad to be stepping down, but it is time to make my last run. I am very proud of the effort by the officers, the directors, the chairmen of each department, and support of the membership.

T-1 and counting until the Dayton Regional Convention. Please consider to registered for the convention. Early bird registration has ended, so it is full price now. I am looking forward to a good time in Dayton. The registration and hotel reservations are lagging. Please help out by signing up.

You can now sign up for the MCR Regional Convention in Cincinnati that will be held in 2027. I sent mine in last month. The paper registration form can be found on the convention web site.

Congratulations to the incoming offices and directors for service starting in September of 2026. I hope Bert enjoys his time as Superintendent as much as I did.

Just a reminder, the main entrance to the Cabin in be closed for the June meeting due to construction. You will need to enter through the kitchen at the back of the building. This will no handicap access and there will be no sales tables at this month's meeting.

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

Thank you for all your support over the last 4 years.

Ron



Ron Morgan

Meeting Minutes

Division 4, MCR, NMRA Business Meeting Minutes, May 8, 2026, North Olmsted Cabin

Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 6:58 pm. There were 69 members present. First visit member Barry Wilson stood introduced himself. Barry runs HO Scale and it's mostly CSX.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last meeting as they are. The motion was seconded and carried by the division to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

Treasurer's Report - Greg Noeth - Greg gave a balance of all the accounts. He also mentioned that money is coming in from The Great Berea Train Show and of course a few checks have been written.

Old Business:

Dayton Regional Convention - Ron Morgan - an email was sent out yesterday to remind people to sign up. There hasn't been many registering. They need 60 more rooms to be sold to make quota.

Cincinnati Regional Convention - Ron Morgan - This is in 2027. Ron and Bert are both already signed up. Get your paperwork in early, as this should be like a mini-National Convention.

National Convention Chattanooga, TN - Ron Morgan - our module groups request to display their layout has been accepted. It will be on display and running at the convention in July.

Training Event Schedule - Jerry Kruger - nothing to report

Working on any cool or new projects - Bruce Bowie made a custom sign for one of his buildings. He described how he did it. The building is on display tonight.

New Business:

Ron congratulated all the Officers and Directors who will be serving the Division for the 2026/2027 term.

Division 4 Picnic - Ron Morgan - the picnic is cancelled for this year due to NEOLS double booking.

Meeting Minutes

Potential East Broad Top Trip - Bert Wisbar - This will include a tour of the facilities, a train ride, lunch, and hotel room for one night. Probably sometime in October time frame. Bruce Bowie - mentioned a possibility of sometime spent in Altoona on Day 1. Which would include a two-and-a-half-hour round house tour led by the Senior Mechanic. Three hours for other buildings that the general public doesn't normally get to see.

Potential Wahington, PA Trolley Museum Trip - Bert Wisbar - will include bus, tour, and lunch. Dinner will be on your own. This will be a one-day trip.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Don Oleksa - Articles are due May 26th. This will be the last Flat Wheel before summer break.

Membership - Craig Butler - Nothing to report tonight.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - Tonight is JT Burke, an audio engineer from Scale Sound Systems. Next month is Bram Bailey, presenting Shaker Trolology. September is open. If interested in presenting, please let Jerry know.

Company Store - Scott Benson - Nothing to report this evening.

Raffle -Adam Woodie - All sorts of goodies over here tonight, come and get your tickets. Raffle will begin 10 minutes after the close of the meeting.

HO Module Group - Adam Woodie - Work Picnic is July 18th at the home of Pam and Scott Benson. National Convention in Chattanooga, TN is July 27th to August 2nd. Cuyahoga County Fair August 11th to the 16th. The third weekend in September at Great Northern Mall. The first weekend in October is the Great Berea Train Show.

N Scale Module Group - Ramhog Shearer - The N-Scale Modules will be at Dayton in June. Sign up for the convention through their website.

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - Addresses are on the front table for the tours on May 16th.

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - Mark Pekelnicky received his certificate for Master Builder Cars.

Meeting Minutes

Great Berea Train Show - Chris Shick/ Greg Noeth - Chris - If anyone is interested in purchasing the Great Berea Train Show t-shirts with the saying on the back, please let me know. Greg - money is coming in for the show and being deposited.

Contests - Joe Filipiak - Winners of last month's contest of Rail Car that Serves the Steel Industry are as follows:

Model	1st	Jeff Lauren
	2nd	Craig Butler
	3rd	John Hemsath,MMR

Diorama	1st	John Puch
	2nd	JoeDave Lawler
	3rd	-

There is no Contest next month. The Season's winners will be announced. Joe will also present the Next Seasons subject matter.

Dino Peris made a motion to adjourn the meeting for the evening. Fred Wagner seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:27 pm.

This meeting has reached its final destination,

Chris Shick
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick

MAY MEETING PICTURES



Ron Morgan opens the May Meeting



Mark Pekelnicky received his certificate for Master Builder Cars.

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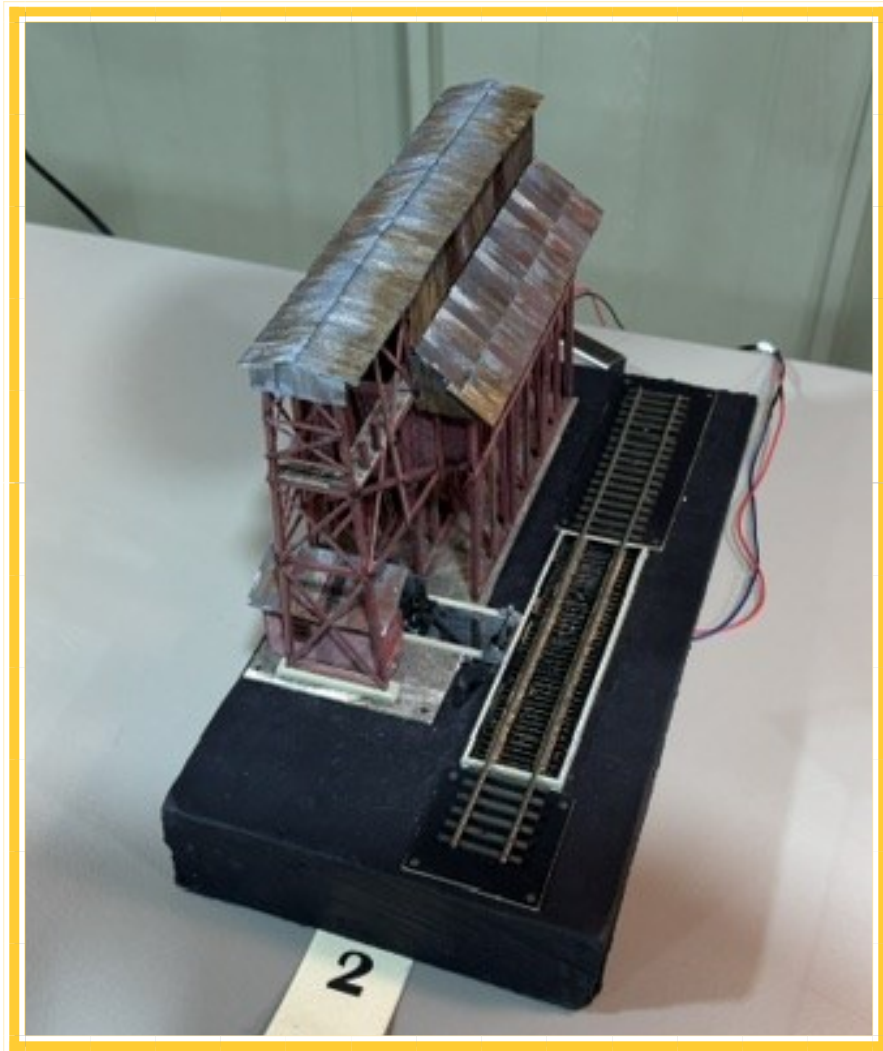


JT Burke, an audio engineer from Scale Sound Systems prior to his clinic.

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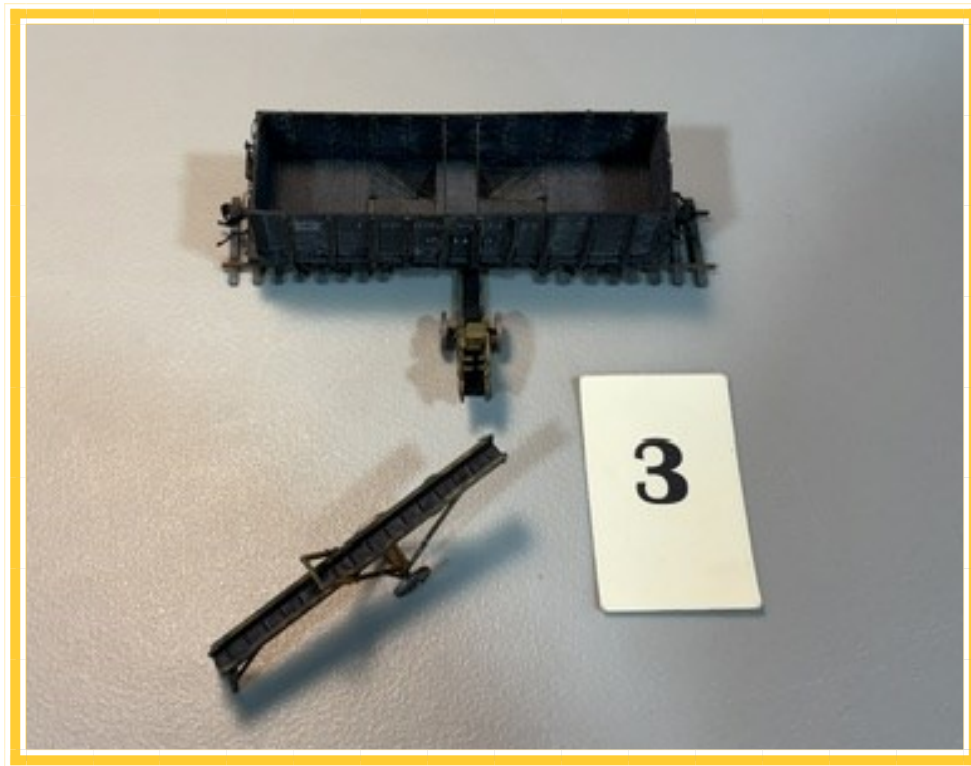


Don Glass



Craig Butler

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Jim Grell



Dave Lawler

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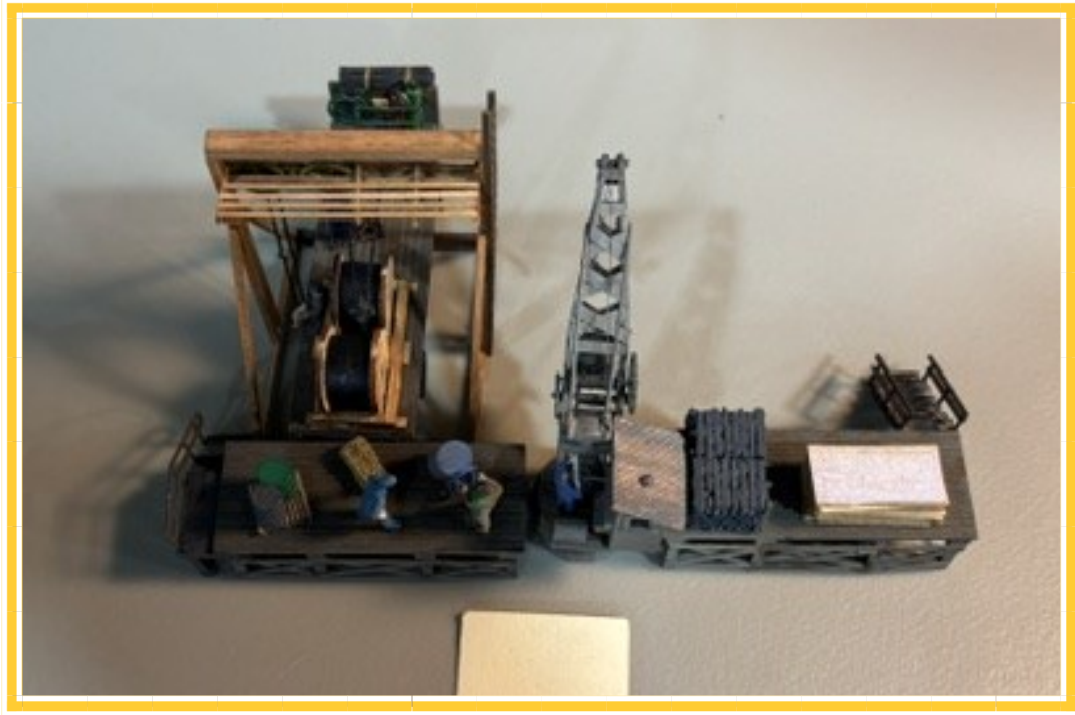


John Hemsath, MMR

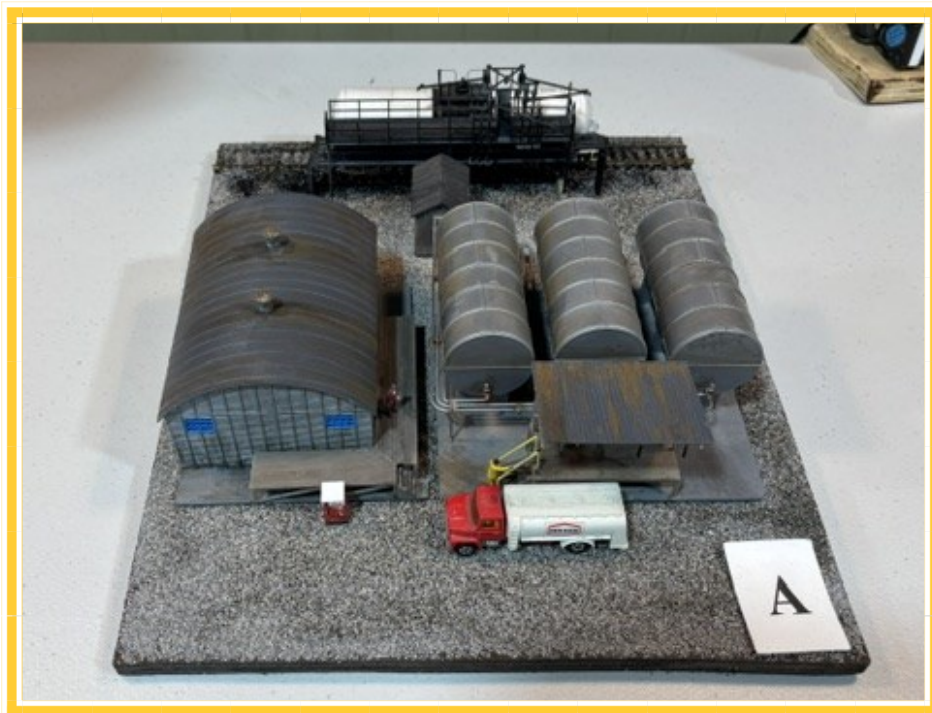


Joe Leighton

MAY MEETING PICTURES



Joe Kurilec, MMR



Joe Filipiak

NORTH COAST OHIO

DIV-4 Leadership

ELECTED OFFICERS

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APPOINTED POSITIONS

Great Berea Train Show - **David James**, c(440)-785-9907

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MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

May has been a quiet month for the modular group. Things will start to pick up again at the end of July with the National Train Show which is scheduled for Saturday, August 1st and Sunday, August 2nd in Chattanooga, TN. This would be a great time to work on those modules and get them ready for the national stage!

As always, anyone interested in joining the module group, please contact me at woo3482@hotmail.com.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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COMPANY STORE

Company Store

See you at the March meeting. I have a handful of finds from the Amherst Model Railroad Show that you might be interested in!

We still have the Division 7 Accurail N&W 2-bay covered hopper (3 available, different #'s). \$20 each.



Reminders:

The Company Store also manages:

- Shirt and hat sales – let me know if you want to order a Division 4 shirt.
- FastTracks jig loans – always helpful if I know before the meeting if you'd like to check one out. We have (all Code 83) #4, #6 and #8 turnouts, cross-over/double cross-over, and gantlet jigs.
- DVD library – lots of nice DVDs on modelling techniques available to borrow at each meeting



Scott Benson

CONTEST TABLE

This article marks the end of the sixth season of model contests that I have had the privilege to run for the division. None of the contests would have happened if it wasn't for you, the members who took the challenges and entered a model or diorama to answer the given project for the month. Each month the project is hopefully going to interest you, cause you to do a little research, and devise a solution to the project. The hope is that the fun of doing this and the resulting model that you submit has given you another way to enjoy model railroading. This past season there were thirty members who found a particular project challenging enough to submit a model or diorama. The last contest of the season was a loading or unloading facility for rail cars. First place went to Joe Kurilec with his detailed entry. Second place was awarded to Craig Butler with his outstanding scratch built coal dock. Don Glass iced third place with his reefer facility. The diorama area had only one entry which was submitted by Joe Filipiak. That entry won first place. Go figure. Thank you to all who entered a model and to all those who voted for their favorite entry.

Next season will start out with the September meeting challenge of; everything Alco. Alco was the second largest steam locomotive manufacturer in the U.S. and when diesels came on the scene, they were twenty years ahead of General Motors in ideas. The October challenge will be a wooden passenger car. November will find you taking one of those cheap Tyco or AMH models that you walk past quickly at train shows and rework it into a worthwhile model. December is the division dinner, so no challenge that month. January subject will be a water tank found trackside. It can be metal or wood. February is the auction. Next model challenge will be in March exploring how railroads promote safety. It can be signage on billboards or buildings or painted on their equipment. April's subject is a flat car or specialty railcar to haul trailers, containers, trucks, tanks, circus equipment, etc.. This is really about the load on the railcar. The last challenge of the season in May will be to take an Atlas switch tower (everyone has at least one) and make it your own by putting an interior in it, painting it, or adding to it. It's time to whistle off and get on down the track for some summer fun. Maybe I'll see you trackside.



Joe Filipiak

CLINICS

JUNE

June's clinic will be by Bram Bailey on trolley systems – PCCs North and South of the Border explores how the Toronto Transportation Commission and Shaker Heights Rapid Transit modernized their fleets with PCC cars blending new and used cars into a fleet that served their very different operations. Not all PCC cars are the same and Bram will point out the differences in the cars and their operations

FUTURE CLINICS

With Union Pacific's Big Boy #4014 coming through Northeast Ohio twice this summer, I'd like to have a clinic put together of a montage of members pictures and videos of the Big Boy on its journey east of its home territory. If anyone wants to participate, please contact me.

Either September or October's clinic will build on April and May's clinics. April's clinic went through disassembling an old stock locomotive drivetrain, cleaning and improving the mechanism. May's clinic by JT Burke focused on sound decoders and speakers. Building on these clinics, we will take the chassis from the April clinic and go through installing electronics including sound, speaker, lights and programming. This be followed up with a Saturday work session on chassis upgrades and installing DCC decoders.

I'm always looking for Clinics. I'm currently looking for clinics to schedule for the 2026 and beyond. If you have a topic you'd like to present a clinic 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!

May had another great monthly raffle and may will be no different! As usual, the raffle draw will be held at the conclusion of the monthly business meeting.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

Mark Pekelnicky has earned his Master Builder - Cars certificate. That is Mark's fifth certificate of the seven required for his Master Model Builder certification. In addition to his Golden Spike, Mark's other certificates are

Model Railroad Engineer – Civil

Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical

Chief Dispatcher

Master Builder – Scenery

John Hemsath, MMR



John Hemsath

N-Scale Module Group

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Interested in the N-Scale Module Group? Please reach out to me using my contact information below.

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Ramhog Shearer

N Scale T-Trak layout



MIDWEST RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

Open June 20th, 24th, & 27th.

It's a rusty, dusty train-lover's paradise and one of the city's best-kept secrets.

Well, the secret is out.

Midwest Railway Preservation Society will find itself in the spotlight to celebrate America's 250th anniversary.

On June 20, 24 and 27, the not-for-profit organization at the bottom of Tremont will host tours of the yard and roundhouse that explore the role of trains in the building of the nation and Cleveland.

But MRPS isn't a graveyard of trains. It's a place where romance for another time and dreams of bringing it back to life reside.

It boasts a circa-1907 Historic B & O Roundhouse – one of three of its kind still functioning in Ohio and 15 in the country — and more than two dozen hulks of the rail.

There's a rare 1918 Light Mikado locomotive and cars that Presidents John F. Kennedy and Jimmy Carter rode.

It's also home to the notorious train that was involved in one of the most grisly accidents in American transportation history: "The Death Car."

In 1943, an accident emitted scalding-hot steam into the car – claiming the lives of 29 passengers, but leaving it unscathed.

Said to be haunted, it's attracted paranormal investigators, even Willem Dafoe, in search of ghosts.



MIDWEST RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY

June 18-28, 2026



canalway

Saturday, June 20th

Open House at the Historic B&O Roundhouse

June 20 @ 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Historic B&O Roundhouse 2800 West 3rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio, United States

Tour Cleveland's Historic B&O Roundhouse and railyard, opened in 1907 and still in active use today. Adjacent to the Clark Yard, two steam locomotives are being restored inside. This is a working facility so appropriate dress is suggested and closed-toed shoes strongly advised. Doors open at 11:00 AM and close at 4:00 PM with the last tour scheduled for 3:00 PM. This event is being held in conjunction with Canalway's Cleveland History Days.

\$10 ages 13 and up, \$5 ages 5 through 12, ages 4 and under free. Advance reservations are not required. Admission can be paid at the door.

Wednesday, June 24th

Free Presentation "Railroads of the Cleveland Area"

June 24 @ 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

The Historic B&O Roundhouse 2800 West 3rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio, United States

Take a ride through time to learn about the railroads that helped build Cleveland into the "Best Location In the Nation". Presented within the Historic B&O Roundhouse, you will learn about the fallen flags that crisscrossed the Cleveland area. Although the historic railroads are gone, they are not forgotten. Among them, the Baltimore & Ohio, Nickle Plate and more.

Free admission, no registration required.

MIDWEST RAILWAY PRESERVATION SOCIETY



Saturday, June 27th

Cleveland Railroad Festival at the Historic B&O Roundhouse

June 27 @ 11:00 am - 4:00 pm

The Historic B&O Roundhouse 2800 West 3rd Street, Cleveland, Ohio, United States

Historic steam locomotive Reading 2100, now American Freedom Train 250, under restoration by American Steam Railroad, will be fired up and under steam power in the yard. A highlight of the Historic B&O Roundhouse and railyard tour, this is a unique opportunity to travel back to the Age of Steam in a facility that has been in continuous use since opening in 1907.

Adjacent to the Clark Yard, many ongoing projects include two steam locomotives and vintage equipment. This is a working facility. Closed-toed shoes strongly advised. Doors open at 11:00 AM and close at 4:00 PM with the last tour scheduled for 3:00 PM. This is a family friendly event and although not ADA compliant, every effort is made to accommodate everyone regardless of ability.

\$25 ages 13 and up, \$10 ages 5 through 12, ages 4 and under free. NO GROUPON TICKETS WILL BE ACCEPTED FOR THIS EVENT!

Locomotive cab visits and whistle blow will be available for an additional charge.

NMRA DIV 2 Jamboree

On April 18th, at the NMRA DIV 2 Jamboree, R. James Whipple, President of the National Association of S Gaugers discuss the Pittsburgh S Gaugers modular 'S' Scale switching layout with Tyler Wisbar and Jerry Kruger. Scale 'S' with also Sn3 and Sn2 trackage. Power by DCC.

John E. Henning



Big Boy No. 4014 Coast-to-Coast Tour

Ohio Dates and Schedule

Saturday, June 6

Fort Wayne, IN
NO PUBLIC ACCESS Depart: 9:00 a.m. EDT

Continental, OH
Near Oak St. and Main St. Arrive: 11:45 a.m. EDT
Depart: 12:15 p.m. EDT

Fostoria, OH
Fostoria Iron Triangle Railpark
499 S. Poplar St. Arrive: 2:15 p.m. EDT
Depart: 2:30 p.m. EDT

Sunday, June 7

Bellevue, OH
NO PUBLIC ACCESS No Public Events

Monday, June 8

Bellevue, OH
NO PUBLIC ACCESS Depart: 9:00 a.m. EDT

Lorain, OH
Near W. 11th St. and Reid Ave. Arrive: 11:15 a.m. EDT
Depart: 11:30 a.m. EDT

Euclid, OH
Chardon Road Crossing, north of Euclid Ave. Arrive: 2:30 p.m. EDT
Depart: 3:00 p.m. EDT

Tuesday, June 9

Conneaut, OH
NO PUBLIC ACCESS Depart: 9:00 a.m. EDT

North East, PA
Near Lake Shore Railway Museum
Near 143 S. Lake St. Arrive: 11:30 a.m. EDT
Depart: 11:40 a.m. EDT

Ripley, NY
State St. Crossing Arrive: 12:00 noon EDT
Depart: 12:30 p.m. EDT

Buffalo, NY
NO PUBLIC ACCESS Private Norfolk Southern employee event

Big Boy No. 4014 Coast-to-Coast Tour

Ohio Dates and Schedule

Sunday, July 12

Conway, PA NO PUBLIC ACCESS	Depart: 9:00 a.m. EDT
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Struthers, OH East of South Bridge St.	Arrive: 11:30 a.m. EDT Depart: 12:00 noon EDT
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Monday, July 13

Conneaut, OH NO PUBLIC ACCESS	Depart: 9:00 a.m. EDT
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Rocky River, OH 19060 Depot St.	Arrive: 1:00 p.m. EDT Depart: 1:30 p.m. EDT
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Fostoria, OH NO PUBLIC ACCESS	Private Norfolk Southern employee event
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Tuesday, July 14

Fostoria, OH Fostoria Automotive Distribution Center 3101 North Township Road 47	On Display: 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. EDT ONLY Free Admission; No Tickets Required Big Boy Display FAQs NO PUBLIC ACCESS outside of these hours
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Wednesday, July 15

Fostoria, OH NO PUBLIC ACCESS	Depart: 9:00 a.m. EDT
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Continental, OH	Arrive: 11:30 a.m. EDT Depart: 12:00 noon EDT
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More information at <https://www.up.com/about-us/history/steam/schedule>

Pennsylvania Trolley Museum Trip

We are working on putting together a visit to the Trolley Museum. As we finalize a schedule for this event we will email the information to you.



Depot 150

DEPOT-150



Celebrating 150 Years of the Olmsted Falls Depot 1876-2026

Join us for a community celebration honoring one of Olmsted Falls' most beloved historic landmarks – a symbol of railroading heritage, small-town charm, and generations of local stories.

Free Admission!

Family Friendly

All Ages Welcome

Food Trucks will be on hand

www.olmstedfallsdepot.org

150TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION EVENT

Date: September 12th and 13th

Time: 10am - 4pm

Location: Olmsted Falls Depot,
25802 Garfield Ave

Presentation on Saturday at 1:00pm

Hosted by the Olmsted Falls Depot and
Model Railroad Museum

EVENT FEATURES

- **Historical Exhibits**
Rare photos, artifacts, and stories from the Depot's 150-year journey.
- **Guided Tours**
Learn about the depot history, architecture and restoration efforts.
- **Model Railroad Displays**
Presented by local hobbyists and NMRA members – fun for all ages
- **Community Presentations**
Hear from local historians and preservationists.



EAST BROAD TOP RAILROAD

We are working to put this together for October. We would be bussed to the area the day before, stay in a hotel and then arrive at East Board top by 8:30 am the next day.

If you are interested in going, please email me at bert.wisbar@gmail.com so we can get a list of people going.

- The Master Mechanic's Tour is a 2 hour tour through the roundhouse and modern day machine shop with our Master Mechanic, David Domitrovich. You'll get an in-depth look at all the locomotives we have and what the restoration crews are up to.
- The Guided Tours are a 1 hour tour stopping at the Freight Office, Stalls 1-3 of the Roundhouse, and our Belt Driven Machine Shop Complex.
- The Extended Guided Tour is a 3 hour tour, stopping at the Freight Office, Stalls 1-3 of the Roundhouse, the Stone House and Store Houses, the Blacksmith Shop, Foundry, and the belt-driven machine shop. This also includes a demonstration of the overhead line shaft system in operation. You would cover the same stops as the 1 hour tour and then expand on it.

If you were coming to the railroad, I would strongly suggest the following based on your interest:

8:30am - Arrival at Railroad

9:00am to 11:00am - Master Mechanic's Tour

11:00am to 11:45am - Boxed Lunches & Break

12:00pm to 1:00pm - Northbound Colgate Grove Excursion

1:30pm to 4:30pm - Extended Guided Tour

5:00pm - Departure from Railroad

That would be the only way to schedule your visit based on the activities.

Please also note that we would only be able to offer this on a Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday in October. Our Steam Locomotive #16 is scheduled to pull excursions throughout October, with Wednesday/Thursday/Friday Departures on October 14-16, 21-23, and 28-30.

Saturday/Sundays are our Pumpkin Patch Express Train Rides, with different train schedules and activities around the railroad. We would not be able to accommodate an itinerary like this on a Saturday or Sunday the latter part of October.

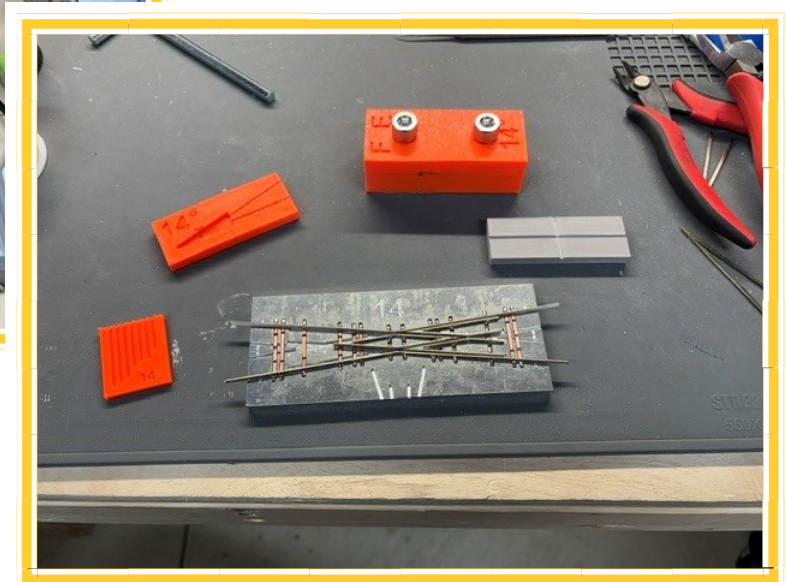
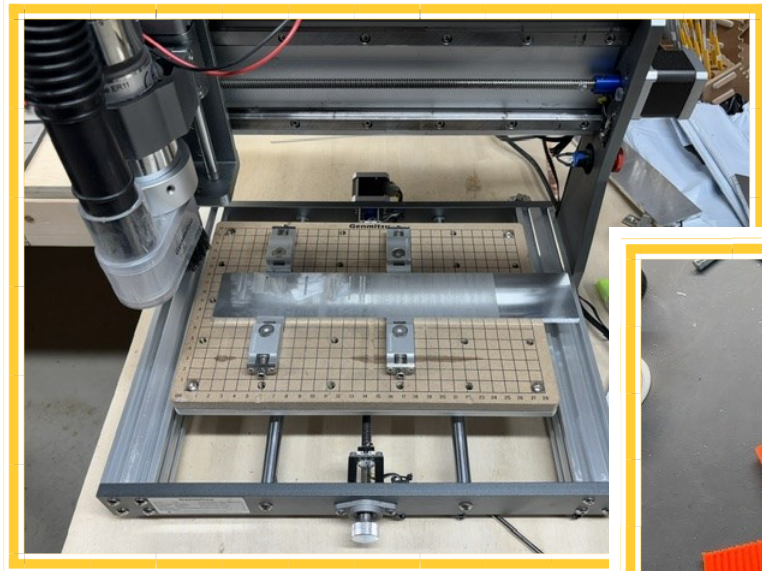
EAST BROAD TOP RAILROAD

Costs for groups of 20+:

- Master Mechanic's Tour: \$37 per person. Two (2) complementary tickets provided for bus driver and guide.
- Northbound Colgate Grove Excursion: \$22 per person for Enclosed Coach seating. Two (2) complementary tickets provided for bus driver and guide.
- Extended Guided Tour: \$47 per person. Two (2) complementary tickets provided for bus driver and guide.
- Boxed Lunches: \$15 per person (no complementary lunches offered as it's through a 3rd party vendor. Lunch options are your choice of the below wraps, along with a bag of chips, Amish Macaroni Salad, and bottled water:
 - * Chicken Bacon Ranch Wrap
 - * Chicken Caesar Wrap
 - * Buffalo Chicken Wrap
 - * Vegetarian Wrap

For the package above, per person cost would be \$121 per person.

What's On Your Workbench



Homemade Fast Track Fixtures

I want to make my own turnouts and trackage in N Scale for a test layout I am working on. So, I looked into the Fast Tracks fixtures and they are currently priced at \$185 a fixture. Way more than I want to spend. So I was looking around the internet and found a YouTube site where someone was making his own Fast Track Fixtures with a 3D printer. I downloaded one of his files and printed one. Tried making a turnout and found that while soldering, the fixture deformed due to the heat of the solder iron. So I thought, why not mill my own. Did some research and found a table top CNC milling machine for \$380 and some 1mm end mills for \$30. The aluminum bar was \$16. Using the NMRA standards for turnout, I was able to make a Fusion360 drawing of the fixture and create a 3D model. Fusion 360 has a module that lets you define the milling process and create a file for a CNC milling machine. Shown above top is the Genmitsu 3020-PRO Ultra CNC Router Machine milling a #6 Right Turnout. Shown above right is a 14 degree Crossing fixture I milled along with 3D printed assembly tools. Now I can make as many fixtures as I want.

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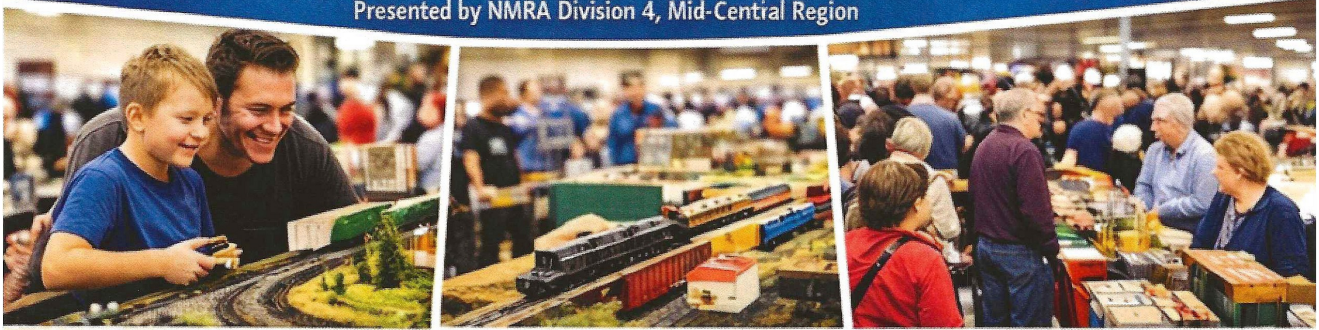
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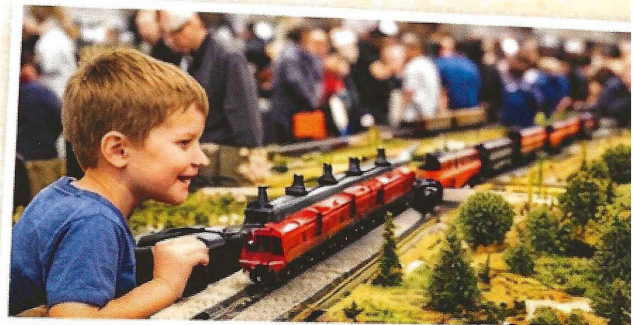
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WHAT'S NEW

Tangent Scale Models North American Car Corp. 1963-design 20,500-gallon non-insulated tank car

Price: \$69.95

Manufacturer: Tangent Scale Models, P.O. Box 6514, Asheville, NC 28816; 828-412-3886; tangentscalemodels.com



North American Car Corp. 1963-design 20,500-gallon non-insulated tank car features include:

- 100-ton Barber S-2 trucks with prototype-specific rotating bearing caps and separate brake beam part
- CNC-machined 36" metal wheelsets
- Multiple five-course tank body details and assembly builds
- Kadee scale couplers
- See-through rooftop walkways and end platforms
- Separately applied tank straps

Release date: Available now

Road names: North American Car Corp. (1966 black lease delivery [Hercules Powder Co. Lessee], 1973+ Anderson Clayton Foods, and 1990+ black lease repaint [Agrico Chemicals Lessee]) and A.E. Staley Manufacturing Co. (1963 delivery). Four road numbers per scheme; also available painted (black and white) but unlettered.

WHAT'S NEW?

Athearn General Electric AC4400CW diesel locomotive

Price: Direct-current model with 21-pin NEM connector, \$269.99; with SoundTraxx Tsunami2 sound decoder, \$369.99

Manufacturer: Athearn Trains, 2904 Research Rd., Champaign, IL 61822; 800-338-4639; athearn.com



General Electric AC4400CW features include:

- Celcon handrails
- Detailed cab interior
- Light-emitting-diode lighting
- Minimum radius, 18"; recommended radius, 22"
- Prototype-specific brass horn
- Wire grab irons

Release date: September 2027

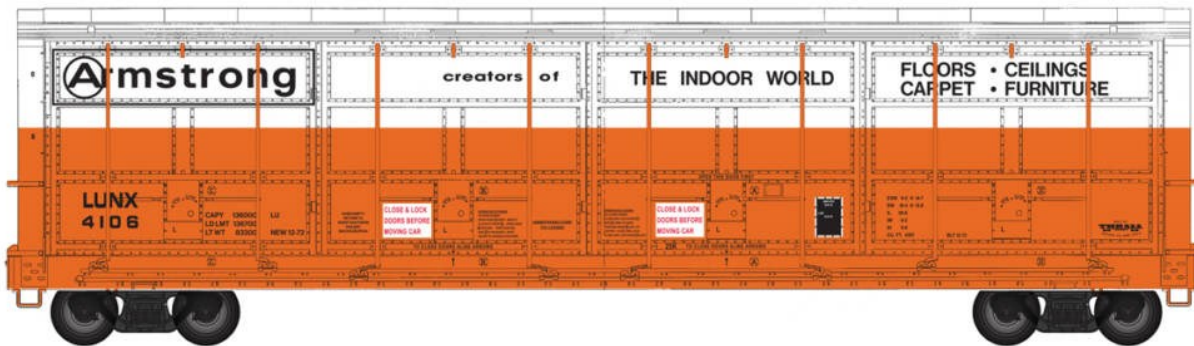
Road names: CSX, Denver & Rio Grande Western, Ferromex, Kansas City Southern, Montana Rail Link, Southern Pacific, *Transportación Ferroviaria Mexicana*, Union Pacific. Three road numbers per paint scheme.

WHAT'S NEW

WalthersProto Thrall 56-foot All-Door boxcar

Price: \$74.98

Manufacturer: Wm. K. Walthers Inc., 5601 W. Florist Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53218; 414-527-0770; walthers.com



Thrall 56-foot All-Door boxcar features include:

- 33" metal wheelsets
 - Etched end platforms with crossover grab iron
 - Proto-Max metal couplers
 - Separate, factory-applied ladders, latch bars, door handles, and brake wheel
- Release date:** Fall 2026

Road names: Armstrong; Ashley, Drew & Northern; B.C. Hydro Ry.; Canfor; Cooperstown & Charlotte Valley Ry.; Green Bay & Western; Illinois Terminal; and Sacramento Valley. Two road numbers per paint scheme.

WHAT'S NEW

WalthersMainline General Electric ET44AC diesel locomotive

Price: Direct-current model with 11mm x 15mm sugar cube speaker, \$189.98; with ESU Sound & DCC, \$259.98

Manufacturer: Wm. K. Walthers Inc., 5601 W. Florist Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53218; 414-527-0770; walthers.com



General Electric ET44AC diesel locomotive features include:

- All new tooling
- Detail kit No. 910-262, sold separately
- Light-emitting-diode headlights and ditch lights
- Minimum radius, 18"; recommended radius, 22" or larger
- Prototype-specific details
- Proto-Max metal couplers

Release date: Spring 2027

Road names: CPKC (red, yellow, and black and America 250 schemes), BNSF Ry., Canadian National, CSX, Norfolk Southern, and Union Pacific. One to four road numbers per paint scheme.

WHAT'S NEW

Fox Valley Models 2-8-4 Berkshire steam locomotive

Price: Direct-current model with 21-pin connector, \$419.99; with ESU LokSound V5 sound decoder, ESU-designed PowerPack with two super capacitors, and speakers in boiler and tender, \$524.99

Manufacturer: ScaleTrains, 4901 Old Tasso Rd. NE, Cleveland, TN 37312; 844-987-2467; [scaletrains.com](https://www.scaletrains.com)



2-8-4 Berkshire steam locomotive features include:

- Die-cast metal boiler and tender body
- Light-emitting-diode lighting
- Metal handrails and handrail posts
- Minimum radius, 22"; recommended radius, 24"
- Operates on code 70, 83, and 100 rail
- Sprung drivers

Release date: November 2026

Road names: New road names and paint schemes — American Railroads (excursion); Chesapeake & Ohio (with and without "For Progress" herald); Nickel Plate Road (excursion with Mars light); Richmond, Fredericksburg & Potomac; Southern Ry. (excursion); and Wheeling & Lake Erie.

WHAT'S NEW

WalthersMainline Gunderson 60-foot Plate F boxcar

Price: \$39.98

Manufacturer: Wm. K. Walthers Inc., 5601 W. Florist Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53218; 414-527-0770; walthers.com



Gunderson 60-foot Plate F boxcar features include:

- 100-ton roller-bearing trucks with 36" turned-metal wheels
 - Detailed underbody with cushioned underframe and brake gear
 - Roof with X and diagonal panels
 - Proto-Max metal couplers
 - Separately applied latch bars
- Release date:** Winter 2027

Road names: TTX Co. (red, white, and blue and yellow-and-black schemes [with high and low reporting marks]), Ferromex, Laurinburg & Southern, Riverside Rail, and Union Pacific (BKTY reporting marks). Four to five road numbers per paint scheme; also available painted Mineral Red with data only.

WHAT'S GOING ON

<p>2026 May 29-30</p>	<p>Militaria Collectors Show at Lakeland (Dean Becker) Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio 44094 Fri. 4 pm to 8 pm, Sat. 9 am to 2 pm Adm. \$5.00 email: lakelandmilitariashow@gmial.com Phone: 440-525-7529</p> <p>Info and Map Flyer</p>
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<p>2026 June 7</p>	<p>History of Cleveland, Painesville and Eastern Interurban Painesville Railroad Museum, 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 2 pm Adm. Free, <i>Donations Accepted and Appreciated</i></p> <p>MAP Flyer WEB Page</p>
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<p>2026 June 8</p>	<p>Big Boy Day - U.P. 4014 Lake County Historical Society 415 Riverside Dr., Painesville Twp., Ohio 44077 11:00 am to 5:30 pm Adm. Free, <i>Donation Accepted and Appreciated</i></p> <p>Map Flyer Web page Tracking Big Boy 4014</p>
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<p>2026 June 27</p>	<p>Railfanning Day & Graffiti Photo Contest Open House - Model Train Flea Market Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot) 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 Graffiti Photo Contest - see web page for details 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. Free Phone: 216-470-5780 <i>Donations Accepted and Appreciated</i></p> <p>MAP Flyer WEB Page</p>
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WHAT'S GOING ON

<p>2026 June TBA</p>	<p>Scout Day - Merit Badge Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot) 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$25.00 Phone: 440-226-9621 MAP Flyer WEB Page</p>
<p>2026 July TBA</p>	<p>Rubber City Model Train Show Emidio's & Sons Expo Center 48 East Bath Road at State Road Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223 10:00 am - 3 pm Adm. \$8.00 Phone: 316-253-5918</p>
<p>2026 July 25</p>	<p>Hobo Day 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 <i>Donations Accepted and Appreciated</i> MAP Flyer WEB Page</p>
<p>2026 August 15</p>	<p>Everett's Train Show and Swap Meet Marion Union Station 532 West Center Street, Marion, Ohio 10 am to 4 pm Adm. Free, Donations Accepted Phone: 740-341-1798 Map Flyer</p>
<p>2026 September 12 & 13</p>	<p>Depot 150 (Olmsted Falls Depot) A celebration of the 150th anniversary of the opening of the Olmsted Falls Depot Olmsted Falls Depot and Model Railroad Museum 25802 Garfield Ave. Olmsted Falls, Ohio 44138 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Adm. Free Map Flyer Wep Page</p>

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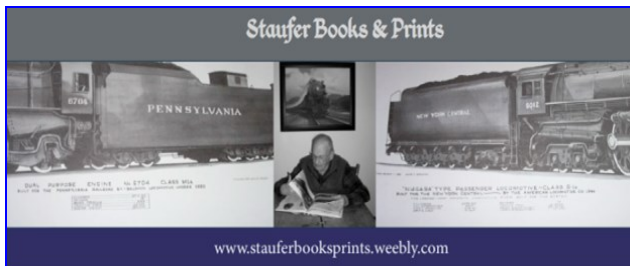
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