

Division 4, MCR, NMRA, General Meeting Minutes, January 10, 2025 North Olmsted Cabin

Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 7:05pm, with a warm welcome to our first meeting at "The Cabin". It will take us a couple of months of growing pains to get used to our new space. He then thanked everyone who helped set up and those that will help with take down. There is a table in the back with a bunch of freebies, please help yourself!

Ron asked for any visitors or new members, there were none. We did have 72 members in attendance.

David James made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Brian Haas seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion and the minutes of the last meeting were accepted.

Treasurer, Greg Noeth gave a balance on all accounts.

Old Business:

Dennis Novak Award - Ron Morgan - Ron presented Jerry Kruger with the second Dennis Novak Award.

New Business:

Budget - Greg Noeth - Greg started off by thanking Ron and crew for finding a nice, new meeting place. He then went over last year's budget and the actual amounts. He then went over the proposed 2025 budget. Greg asked for any questions. David James made a motion to accept the proposed 2025 budget. Bruce Bowie seconded the motion. The motion was carried by the Division to accept the 2025 proposed budget.

Ron presented Brian Haas with a \$50.00 gift certificate from judging of the Medina County 4-H modules in August.

Columbus Convention Presentation - Ken Mc Donough (via phone) - Division 6 will be hosting the Buckeye Express Convention in Dublin, Ohio. The dates are May 15th to 18th at the Embassy Suites. Layout tours will be on the way out of the convention on the 18th. There will be other activities to choose from. Thursday and Friday will be operating sessions, those who register first will have first chance at operation. A Swap Meet, Company

Store, and other side attractions. All can be found on the website <https://buckeyeexpress.div6-mcr-nmra.org/main.html>

Any questions contact Mike Percy who is the registrar.

Working on Cool Projects - Bram Bailey - Bram talked and showed his slides on the improvements going on with his Ontario Central Scenery by his crew. He handed the mic over to Dave Lawler, who spoke about the tugboat "Leotta" he built for the OCS layout.

Bruce Bowie was next with his slide presentation of East Broad Top.

At this time, we took a little intermission and held the raffle.

On continuation of Working on Cool Projects, John Hemsath, MMR gave a report on the moving of his Bayline from the old house to his new house.

Mark Pekelnicky was our last presenter with his slide show Conrail/Adrian Secondary. This is his 5th revision and he showed updated progress.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Ron Morgan - Articles need to be to Don Oleksa by January 26th.

Clinics - Jerry Krueger - there will be no clinics the next 2 months. February is the Auction, March is Pizza Night, Jerry will show movies while we enjoy our pizza. April needs a presenter if interested let Jerry know.

Company Store - Scott Benson -

Raffle - Adam Woodie - was held during our brief intermission.

Module Group - Adam Woodie - Zoo and Trees and Trains went well this year. Tear down for both was on the 4th. Thanks to all that helped. Next up is World's Greatest Hobby at the IX Center. Set up is February 14th and running on the 15th and 16th of February.

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - Spring Tours will be late April, early May. If you are interested in showing your layout please let John know. His NEW PHONE NUMBER IS 440-536-6615 or at wittjab@ameritech.net

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - Ben Lanza has earned 3 awards. On his one box car he scored 112 points out of a possible 120. Great Job Ben!

Contests - Joe Filipiak - Novembers winners of Repurposing of a Passenger Train, are as follows:

Model 1st - Joe Kurilec, MMR

2nd - Jim Grell

3rd - John Witt, MMR

Diorama 1st - Dave Williams

There is no Contest next month, March's will be Streamlined Steam Engine that pulled Named Passenger Trains.

Comments/Concerns - Joe Kruilec, MMR gave us an update of Mike Oster. Mike is currently cancer free and improving daily. Still at the Nursing Home. Ron reminded us next month is the Auction. It will be run as it has in the previous years and there will not be the 10 % charge. He also asked that everyone please help tear down and clean up afterwards.

Craig Butler made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Gary Schaefer seconded the motion to adjourn. The membership carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 8:52 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Shick
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA