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Here is the CPKC symbol 928-11, a Norfolk Southern haulage train that becomes the K30 at Saratoga Springs, NY, but arrived in Rouses Point off CN as the L5282110, with the NS 1080 and 8112. Red Rocks, in Willsboro, NY.

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by November 26th

Thank You

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Activities & Celebrations

November

- Veterans Day - November 11
- NMRA Division 4 Business Meeting – **November 14th 6:30 pm**
- This month's model/ display is a Combine Car



- Thanksgiving - November 24
- Cleveland Zoo (Module Group)-November/ December

December

- NMRA Division 4 Business Meeting- **December 12th 6:30 pm**
- This month's model/ display is Advertising on Rail Cars



- Christmas - December 25
- New Year's Eve - December 31

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Activities & Celebrations

January

- Happy New Year-January 1st



- Awards appreciation Dinner – January 9th-6pm
- Great Train Show/ Ohio Expo Center Columbus- January 10th- 11th
- Springfield Train Show- Amhurst Mass. -January 24th & 25th

DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 14th, 2025**

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**

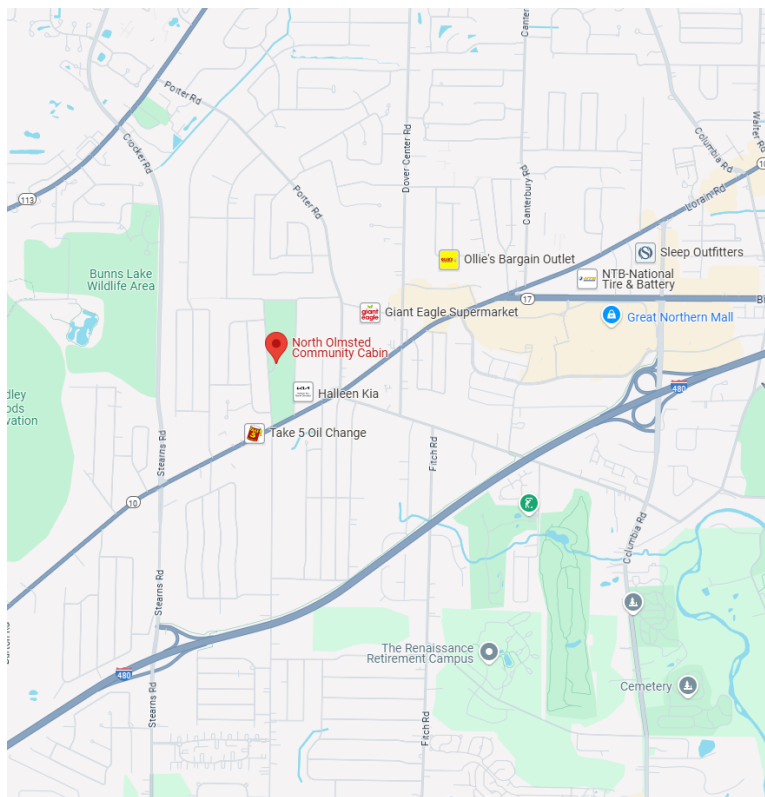
month. A set up/social half hour starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:00. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Starting January, 2025, the meetings are held at the **North Olmsted Community Cabin**, 28114 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted,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

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



GREETINGS FROM THE CAB

Greetings from the cab.

I have not been informed of any changes to the that parking lot construction. Hopefully it will be the same as the October meeting. A special notice will be sent out before the meeting to give the membership a heads up on what to expect at the Cabin if a major change occurs.

A Big Thank You to the Great Berea Train Show team for another job well done. The results should be close to last years income. The show attendance is staying consistent over previous years and that is a good thing. The problem is, it is not growing to the numbers we would like to see.

Congratulations to Tom McInerney as the newest Division 4 Master Model Railroader. What an accomplishment.

I am still looking for an election chairman for next years election. Please consider taking on this short-term job. Also, if anyone can serve on the election committee, please let me know.

Remember the Division 4 layout tours on November 2. Take the time and support our members for their hard work.

The modules will again be on display at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo during the month of December. If can help operate during this time, please contact Adam Woodie

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

That's all I have for this month.

Ron



Ron Morgan

Meeting Minutes

Division 4, MCR, NMRA Business Meeting, October 10, 2025, North Olmsted Cabin

Meeting was opened at 7:01pm by Superintendent Ron Morgan with a warm welcome back. He also thanked everyone for their prayers and concern for his family.

No new members or visitors tonight. 54 members were in attendance.

David James made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. John Hughes seconded the motion. The Division agreed, passed the motion and the minutes were accepted.

Treasure - Greg Noeth gave a report on the balance of all accounts given.

OLD BUSINESS:

Division Bus Trip - Ron Morgan – A trip to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum has been moved to sometime in the spring. Details to come later.

National Convention - Ron Morgan – It will be held in Chattanooga, TN, July 27 to August 2nd. Register early, Div4.org website has a link directly to the Convention Registration page.

NEW BUSINESS:

Achievement Program - Jerry Krueger and John Hemsath, MMR had set up a clinic at last meeting and then a working day on a Saturday in about a month at a local library. September's project will be at Strongsville library on October 25th. Time is 9:30 – 4:00. Please be sure to make reservation with Jerry via his email (jakrueg@neo.rr.com).

Elections - Ron Morgan – We are looking for a Nominating Committee Chairperson. If you are interested in doing the job, please let Ron know.

Working on Cool Projects – Craig Butler - Craig has finished a horse car that Bill Cramer started. It will be donated to Olmsted Falls in memory of Bill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Flatwheel Deadline - Don Oleksa – Deadline is October 26 for next Issue. If you have anything you think would be interesting to print then submit it to Don by October 26th.

Meeting Minutes

Clinics – Tonight’s clinic is Layout Command Control by Brian Barnt, HLM.

Raffle - Jeff Lauren – Raffle is going on tonight. Come on over and get your tickets.

AP Awards- John Hemsath, MMR – John once again said that his layout is available for OP sessions for beginners who are interested. John then had Joe Kurilec, MMR#79, Bruce Brintnall, MMR#183, join John, MMR#603 to present our newest MMR with his award and certificate earned. Tom McNerey, MMR#804 received his MMR presented to him by our other MMRs. Congratulations Tom! Tom thanked Ron Morgan for pushing him, and John Hemsath, MMR for helping with the paperwork.

Contest, Joe Filipiak – September’s Gondola winners are as follows:

Model	1st	Dave Williams	Diorama	1st	John Puch
	2nd	Craig Butler		2nd	Joe Filipiak
	3rd	Joe Kurilec, MMR		3rd	

Next month’s contest is Combine Car (Passenger/Freight)

Great Berea Train Show - David James – David gave us an early report on the show. He spoke on his slide presentation. Once again we did not draw in a huge crowd. Really need to find a way to get attendance up. Weather was a huge factor in attendance. This is only an estimate of profit since not all expenses are in yet.

David made a motion to donate \$800.00 to the Olmsted Falls Depot and Model Railroad Museum as a thank you for all their help with the show and for filling in where needed. Chris Shick seconded the motion. The Division passed the motion and a check will be sent.

Comments/concerns - Ron Morgan – In the June’s NMRA magazine, there was an article “What Makes a Good Division?” Asked how many read it? Some raised their hands. Ron took the quiz and feels our Division needs work.

Hands on learning (working on with our new AP/Clinic program), Maintaining membership, Annual Services. Take the quiz and let Ron know how you feel.

Gary Sole let us know “Mike Klein says Hi!” He is doing OK. Gary also brought in books from Chuck Klein’s collection. Chuck’s daughter said to make a donation to the estate or Division for the books.

Meeting Minutes

Mike Oster let us know that John Janda will be leaving the rehab center tomorrow and going home.

Gray Sole made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Brian Haas seconded the motion. Division agreed and meeting closed at 7:41pm

This meeting has reached its final destination.

Chris Shick
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick

October Meeting Pictures



Joe Kurilec, MMR#79, Bruce Brintnall, MMR#183, & John Hemsath, MMR#603 present Tom McInerney his MMR



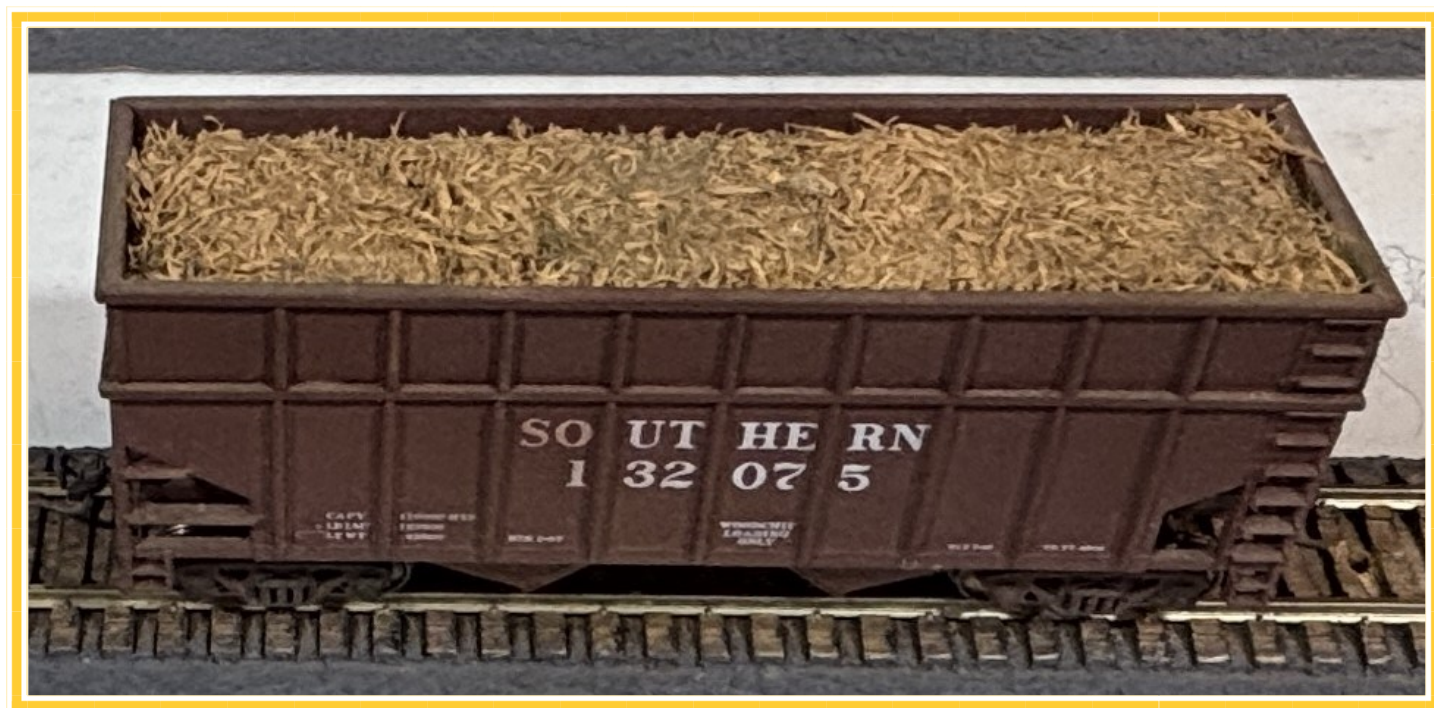
Tom McInerney, MMR#804

October Meeting Pictures



Brian Barnt, HLM 66 presents a clinic on Layout Command Control

Contest Entries



Ken Orchard

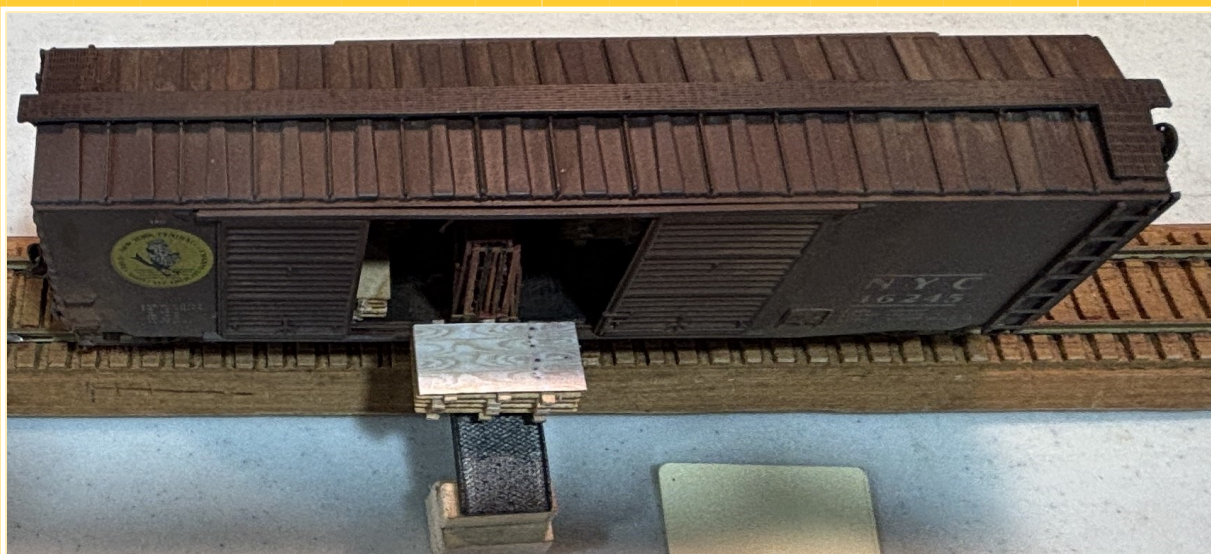
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Joe Kurilec

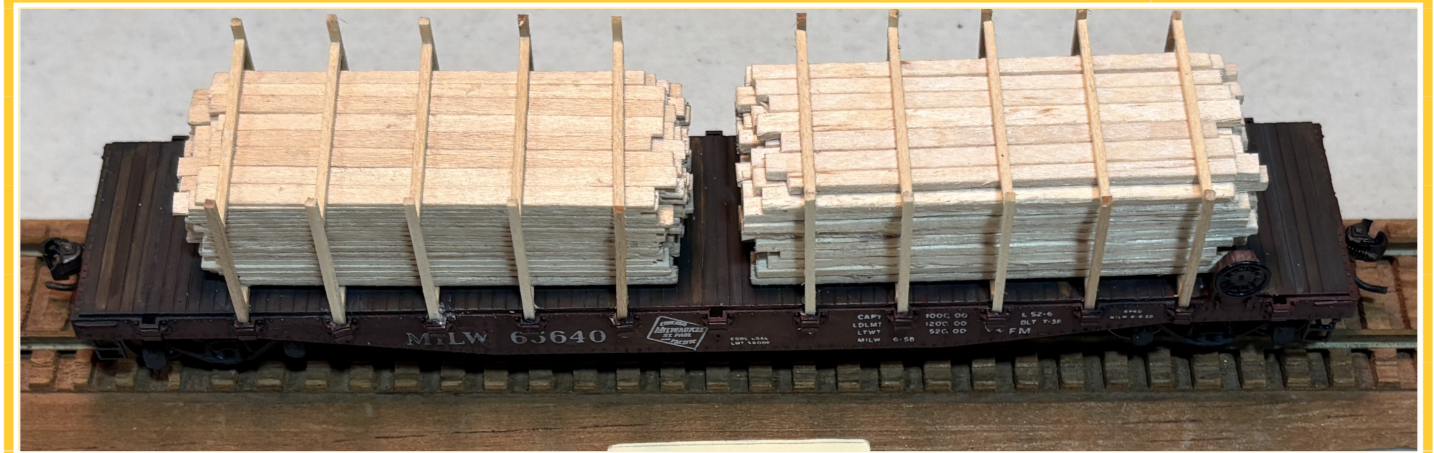


Joe Kurilec

October Meeting Pictures



Rick Tall



Craig Butler

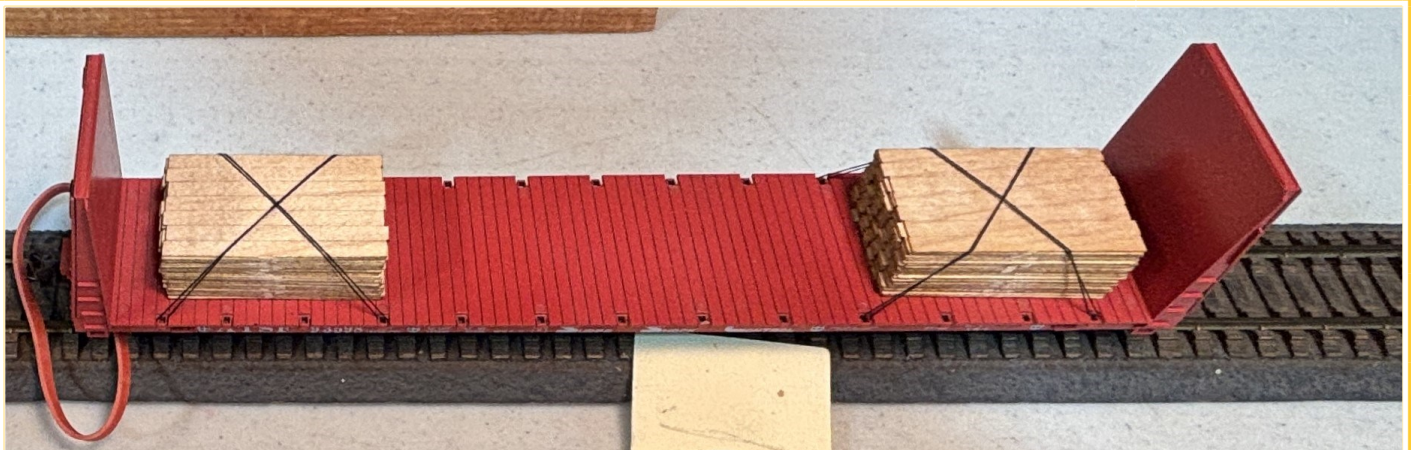


Dave Lawles

October Meeting Pictures



John Hemsath



Brian Haas



George Gelchrter

October Meeting Pictures



Joe Zeighton



Jim Grell

October Meeting Pictures



Joe Filipiak



John Puch

NORTH COAST OHIO

DIV-4 Leadership

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APPOINTED POSITIONS

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N Scale T-Track - **Ramhog Shesrer**, Ramhog5@aol.com

MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

As always, the beginning of October was a bust time for the modular group with our participation in the Great Berea Train Show (GBTS)! A big thank you goes out to all of those members that helped setup, run, and tear down the layout.

Next up will be the Wild Winter Lights located at the Cleveland Metropark Zoo. This event will begin in mid to late November and continue all the way through the Holiday season. More information regarding display dates and schedules will be issued in the near future. This will be the only event that module group displays at this coming holiday season.

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



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COMPANY STORE

Company Store

We still have the Division 4 convention cars (Accurail 40' boxcar) for sale. 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)



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

Wood has been an important part of railroads from the very beginning. The wooden ties and even wooden rails with metal bands on top of the rails so trains had something to run on. Wood was used to build the cars, both freight and passenger. Wood has been and still is a major commodity that the railroads transport. The subject matter for the October Contest was loads from the wood industry. There were over a dozen entries in the contest with wood just out of the forest to the finished product represented as loads on rail cars. Winning entries in the models found a first time participant, Rick Tall, taking first place. Joe Kurilec took second place with his entry and Ken Orchard logged a third place win. Diorama entry winners were Joe Filipiak with a lumber mill scene. John Puch reached out from an island in the Atlantic to enter his work that came in second place. Thank you to everyone who entered an item in the contest and to all those who voted for their favorites.

The November Contest is a tip of the hat to the resourcefulness of the short line, backwoods railroads to meet a need. The railroads needed to move people and materials but neither were in great quantities. Their solution was to take half the seats out of a passenger car, build a dividing wall (out of wood) and use the open space to haul freight. These cars were referred to as combine cars. Bring in your version of a combine car, whether it's straight out of a box or kit bashed or even scratch built. Let's see what you've got. Remember, the dioramas are not mini layouts, they are simply a railcar in a small environment scene. Well, now that the cold winds and rain are upon us, we can find time to do something that's really fun, model railroading. Remember, a little model railroading a day keeps the doctor away, unless, of course, you are a doctor.



Joe Filipiak

CLINICS

NOVEMBER

Dave Williams will give the November clinic based on Larry DeYoung's Edutrain presentation Modeling Tips and Techniques for Structures. It will include various ideas for foundations and roofing, painting exterior walls, dry transfer signs and more. Dave will also give a brief mention of Magnorail for those interested, and will include insights from recent National/Regional contest evaluations.

DECEMBER

Bram Bailey is back the present December's clinic. The clinic is called "The Budd RDC Story". It explains how the Budd Company envisioned a better doodle bug, how they designed it, what they offered, how they function. The production phases are explored. We discuss some of the special cars they built as well as some of the modifications made to standard cars by the railways that owned them. I will also cover the various HO models available. Bram's clinics are always interesting, well researched and well presented.

JANUARY

Remember, the annual Awards Banquet and been moved from December to January. There will be no formal clinic in January

FUTURE CLINICS

I'm always looking for Clinics. I'm currently looking for clinics to schedule for the 2025-2026 meeting year. 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



AP COLUMN

This month, after many years of work, Tom McInerney has earned the title of Master Model Railroader. Tom earned the following certificates:

Master Builder – Cars
Master Builder – Structures
Master Builder – Scenery
Model Railroad Engineer – Civil
Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical
Chief Dispatcher
Association Volunteer

Congratulations Tom!

John Hemsath, MMR
HemsathJ@gmail.com

RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Although I was absent from the October meeting, the show must go on! Appreciation for Jeff Lauren is warranted for volunteering to host the raffle in my absence. November will see another great raffle as always. Be sure to stop by and purchase your tickets before the start of the monthly business meeting. Winning tickets will be drawn after the conclusion of said meeting. As always, there is something for everyone!

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

Fall Layout Tours

All Aboard - for the Division 4 Fall Layout tours.

Sunday November 2nd is the Date

Times from 12:30 to 5 PM

Far West Layout - Bruce Bowie's - East Broad Top

Near West Layouts - John Hemsath - MMR

Cleveland West Side - Chuck Shick

So Please mark the date on your calendar

Thanks

John

Fall Layout Tours

Bruce Bowie on East Broad Top.....Under Construction -- HO

My Work Crew(Gary Dunn, Chris Boyd, Jeff Gray, Fred Wagner, Steve Kelly) have provided skills and inspiration to get the EBT v3.2 well along the way. Mainline track is (80%) complete including handlaid curved, dual gauge and stub turnouts. Scenery is 70% complete and what is complete is amazing. I am using steel "2x4's" and polyiso foam for the main structure.

The layout is two level with a helix to travel between levels and includes several unique features. The peninsula uses "mushroom" construction to allow operations on both sides. The layout is designed for operations. It is a proto-freelanced design of the narrow gauge East Broad.

John Hemsath on Bay Lines II

The layout was open last October; four months into its construction. The benchwork, which is complete, is L-girder supported on brackets attached to the wall so there are no legs. Now 90% of the track is laid and most of the structures are on the layout. A few of the structures from the old layout in Bay Village have been reconstructed to fit their new space. Several new structures are on the layout as well. Scenery has begun as has track ballasting. Several operating sessions have been run so it's finally a working layout running on wireless NCE DCC.

The setting is an industrial Midwest area in September of 1946. For an operating session we'll use either all steam or early diesels.

Please park in the driveway or on the opposite side of the street. Enter through the front door.

Chuck Shick.....Under Construction – HO

Entire layout work has been done by myself, with helpful comments from Ron Spiga, and some detail parts were provided by Joe Kurilec.

This is mostly a single track, single level layout and is completely freelanced. The layout is designed for Operations, and has only a little scenery done.

The Layout is DCC currently using NCE wired throttles.

The layout is in the basement and is not handicap accessible. There is a handrail for the steps. Parking in Driveway, or on same side of street. Enter through Side Door and go down stairs.

Annual Awards & Appreciation Dinner January 9th, 2026 @ 6pm

We are getting close to 60 days away from this great annual event. Plan on coming out for fun, comradery, and great food.

This year's event will be held at the Aviator Restaurant on [20920 Brookpark Rd, Cleveland, OH 44135](#), located across from Cleveland Hopkins Airport and the location allows for easy access off of I 480 for all of our members from the eastside and westside. We invite you to attend an evening featuring awards presentations, a raffle, and opportunities for socializing. Please reserve this date in your calendar and we look forward to seeing you there. To confirm attendance, kindly email bert.wisbar@gmail.com with your name and your spouse's name (for nametags) or register at the upcoming NMRA monthly meetings.

Sincerely,

Bert Wisbar
Assistant Superintendent

The Aviator Restaurant: A Culinary Experience Above the Clouds

Discover the Unique Charm of Dining Among the Skies



Annual Awards & Appreciation Dinner January 9th, 2026 @ 6pm

Introduction

The Aviator Restaurant is a one-of-a-kind dining destination that brings together delicious cuisine and an aviation-inspired atmosphere. Perfect for aviation enthusiasts and food lovers alike, the restaurant offers a memorable experience that transports diners into the world of flight.

Atmosphere and Decor

From the moment you step inside The Aviator Restaurant, you are greeted by a stylish interior that pays homage to the golden age of aviation. Vintage aircraft models hang from the ceiling, and walls are adorned with historic photos and memorabilia. Large windows offer panoramic views of the nearby airfield, allowing guests to watch planes take off and land as they enjoy their meals.



Golden Spike Work Session

The Division held its first Golden Spike Work Session on Saturday, October 15th at the Strongsville Branch of the Cuyahoga County Public Library. We had 9 members attend. We spent the morning and afternoon working on detailed commercial rolling stock kits – building kits and sharing tips and techniques. Everyone enjoyed the session and agreed it was good to have a uninterrupted time for modeling.

NEXT SESSION

The next work session is tentatively scheduled for January 17, 2025, at the Strongsville Branch of the Cuyahoga Public Library. The Branch Meeting Rooms are excellent. The meeting rooms are fully equipment with drop down screen, LCD project, computer with internet access, audio system, tables, chairs and electrical outlets.

The January work session will be a hands-on weathering clinic. The clinic will show various weathering techniques from simple washes to use of oil and acrylic paints and use of weathering powders. Attendees are asked to bring 4-5 various pieces of rolling stock to work on and prototype photos of each type of rolling stock they bring. The photo does not need to match the road name and number of the model but should be similar and represent the look the member wants to achieve.

We're still working out the details of the supplies needed, but as with the previous work session, a list of supplies needed will be provided.

Again, this is a great opportunity to set aside some time to learn new skills (which is the mission of the NMRA), have dedicated modeling time and to get know your fellow Division 4 members a little better.

If you would like to attend, please contact Jerry Krueger at jktrains@yahoo.com . As with prior sessions, attendance will be limited.



Road Tripping

Jerry Krueger

A discussion item over the summer was how to increase opportunities for Division members and increase member participation outside of monthly Division 4 meetings. One way to do this is to make members aware of other model railroad activities. While the Division cannot provide transportation to these events, we encourage members to carpool and coordinate travel to them.

YOUNGSTOWN MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION OPEN HOUSE

Dates: November 8 & 9, December 6 & 7, December 13 & 14

The YMRRA is located in a former church. It has two large layouts. On the first floor is a large 2 rail O scale layout. The basement houses their large HO layout. Both layouts are impressive to see, especially the O scale. If you have never been there, you should go. Contact Jerry Krueger at jkrtrains@yahoo.com if interest.

[YMRA Home](#)

NORTH CENTRAL REGION DIVISION 1 – 2026 SPRING MODELERS MEET

Our friends in the northwest corner of Ohio have their annual 1-day modelers meet on April 18, 2026 in Sylvania, OH. This is close enough to drive to in the morning, attend some clinics, display models and return home the same day. I'm making plans to attend. If interested, more information can be found on their website: 2026 Spring Railroad Modeler Meet – Hosted by the Black Swamp Division (Div. 1) of the North Central Region (NCR), NMRA

MCR KEYSTONE DIVISION (DIV 2) – MODEL RAILROAD SYMPOSIUM

Our friends in Division 2 in the Pittsburgh area hold their annual Symposium in the Spring in the Pittsburgh area. Like the NCR event, this is a close enough for a day trip to attend. I have attended multiple times in the past and it's always been worth the trip. Talking to Neal Schorr at the Berea show, details are being finalized as to location and dates. The Symposium includes a popular choice model contest, Yard Sale, multiple clinic rooms, lunch with a speaker and if you choose to stay, a banquet for extra fare. I plan on attending. As details are finalized, I will have them published in the Flatwheel.

OTHER DIVISION'S MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Remember, as an NMRA member you can attend any division's meetings. If you are traveling, find the local division on the NMRA website and see if their meeting, or another event, overlaps your travel plans. MCR Divisions 1, 2, 5, 6 and 12 and all easy to drive too. Many meet on a Saturday or Sunday. Most have layout tours that if contacted would be willing to give our members information to participate.

The Great Berea Train Show



Craig Butler welcoming visitors and providing directions



Entry Line on Saturday

The Great Berea Train Show



Dealer Table



Dealer Table

The Great Berea Train Show



Modular Group Layout



Modular Group Layout

The Great Berea Train Show



Modular Group Layout



Medina 4H

N Scale T-Track

My name is Ramhog and I started with trains when I was 7 old and have always loved running trains. I recently became the N track superintendent for Division 4 and recently displayed 26 modules at the Great Berea train show and it was a great hit. The great thing about modeling with N track is it doesn't take up a great deal of space, it can be set up on a folding table or dining room table and with individual modules the display can be as large or small as you like and still allow you to enjoy operating trains. Reach out to me for more information about this exciting way to still enjoy trains in an apartment, condo, etc. I am looking forward to meeting others that may be interested in modeling in this N scale DCC & DC. I will also be @ Trees & Trains in Lorain, OH. Event dates is Saturday, November 29th 2025 to Friday, January 9th 2026.

Event days are Tue to Sun, 5 days 5p to 9p.

At Ariel on Broadway
301 Broadway
Lorain, OH 44052

Sincerely,

Ramhog Shearer
(216)-225-6133
Ramhog5@aol.com



N Scale T-Track



T-Track Modules



T-Track Modules

What's On Your Workbench



Light Works USA by Miller Engineering Neon Sign Kit # 33-8935

Seeing the SWP paint sign on Chuck Klein's (D) layout inspired me to make this addition to my layout as it is in Cleveland, Ohio. The frame is etched metal and is easy to build using super glue. It runs on 3 AA batteries. There is a 3 way switch on the battery unit allowing for on/off/flashing. Once the sign is placed on a building, I will set the switch to the desired position (flashing). I will simply cut one of the battery power cables and run the cable to a switch (SPST) at a location on a control panel. I do not want to control the sign from the building.

Joe Kurilec, MMR®

What's On Your Workbench



Red Caboose Box Car Kit HO Scale

I am in the process of working on a Red Caboose Box Car Kit for my Golden Spike. I started this on Saturday at the Golden Spike Work Session. Got the underside and roof completed. Will be putting on the doors and a few other detail parts. I plan to put on Kadee couplers and replace the plastic wheel sets with metal ones.

Don Oleksa

WHAT'S NEW

Tangent Scale Models Pullman-Standard PS-2CD 4750 covered hoppers

Price: \$67.95

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



Pullman-Standard PS-2CD 4750 covered hoppers features:

- Road-specific details
- See-through, etched-metal running boards and crossover platforms
- Wire grab irons and uncoupling levers
- Separate air hoses

Release date: Available now

Road names: Arkansas & Oklahoma (2006+ ex-C&NW restencil, three numbers), Caney Fork & Western (2021+ ex-C&NW restencil, three numbers), Chicago & North Western (March 1981 delivery green, 24 numbers), Foster Farms (1980 delivery, four numbers), Interstate Commodities (2011+ ex-Foster Farms and 2015+ ex-Producer's Grain, one number each); Pullman Leasing Co. (April 1980 gray lease scheme and 1980 Producer's Grain, six numbers each), Soo Line (1985+ ex-Producer's Grain, two numbers), Southern Ry. (1981 delivery gray in 12 numbers and 1981 delivery gray with 2005+ yellow conspicuity stripes in six numbers), and Twin Cities & Western (2019+ ex-Southern Ry., two road numbers). Also available ready-to-run but unpainted (1980 PLCX, 1981 C&NW, and 1981 Southern Ry. versions).

WHAT'S NEW?

InterMountain Pullman-Standard 5,277-cubic-foot capacity boxcar

Price: \$49.95

Manufacturer: InterMountain Railway Co., P.O. Box 839, Longmont, CO 80502; 800-472-2530; intermountain-railway.com



Pullman-Standard 5,277-cubic-foot capacity boxcar features:

- Etched-metal crossover platforms
- Factory-applied grab irons
- InterMountain metal wheelsets
- Kadee couplers
- Prototype-specific doors

Release date: To be announced

Road names: Prototype schemes — Railbox (patched with faded graphics and as-delivered scheme), Canadian Pacific Ry., Chicago & North Western, Golden Triangle RR, Pickens RR, St. Lawrence RR, St. Marys RR, Wisconsin Central. Famous image (fictional) schemes — Camas Prairie RR Co.; Colorado Midland; New York, Ontario & Western; and Tonopah & Tidewater. Three to six road numbers per scheme.

WHAT'S NEW

Rapido SW9 diesel locomotive

Price: Direct-current model, \$239.95; with DCC and sound, \$349.95

Manufacturer: Rapido Trains Inc., 382 High St., Buffalo, NY 14204; 905-474-3314; rapidotrains.com



SW9 diesel locomotive features:

- Detailed cab interior
 - See-through, etched-metal parts
 - Based on Electro-Motive Division and General Motors Diesel Division prototypes
 - Road-specific details
 - Die-cast metal frame
 - Rapido semi-scale metal couplers
 - Also available painted Industrial Red, Industrial Yellow, and Industrial Blue but unlettered
- Release date:** To be announced

Road names: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; Boston & Maine; Canadian National; Canadian Pacific; Erie-Lackawanna; Illinois Central; Louisville & Nashville; New York Central; Toronto, Hamilton & Buffalo; and Union Pacific.

WHAT'S NEW

WalthersCornerstone Glacier Industrial Sands

Price: \$57.98

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



Glacier Industrial Sands features:

- Two conveyors, truck fuel tank, main office, and guard shack
- Includes mixing bin, piping, and double loading silos
- Printed company and safety signs
- Railcar loading area with safety harness beam
- Silos (5-1/2" x 4" x 11-3/8"), conveyors (4-3/4" x 1/2" x 2-3/8"), office (4-1/8" 1-5/8" x 3"), bin (5" x 1-1/8" x 2"), and fuel tank (4-5/8" x 1-3/4")

Release date: Available now

WHAT'S GOING ON

2025

Nov. 1st &
2nd

2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio
44130

Sat. 11 am - 4 pm Sun. 9 am - 5 pm Adm.
\$5.00

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

2025

Nov. 2nd

Erie Model Train Show

Rainbow Gardens - Waldameer Park, PA
9 am to 4 pm Adm. \$5.00
Phone: 724-992-2035

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2025

Nov. 6th

Dine to Donate for Painesville Railroad Museum

Texas Roadhouse, 6095 Commerce Circle, Willoughby, Ohio 44094
3 pm to 9 pm
10% of your dinner bill is donated to the Museum

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2025

Nov. 8th

Iron and Steel Autumn Railfest Train Show

St. Mary's Assumption Social Center
356 S. Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44509
9:00 am - 2:00 pm Adm. \$7.00
Phone: 330-503-5510

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WHAT'S GOING ON

2025

Nov. 22nd

Train Collectors Association - Thanksgiving Train Show

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
 164 Eastland Rd., Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44017
 10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00
 Phone: John Twarog at : 330-273-6404

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2025

Nov. 29th

Hand Made Market - Art and Craft Show

Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot)
 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077
 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. FREE
 Phone 440-655-4455

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2025

Dec. 7th

Medina Train and Toy Show

Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256
 9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$8.00
 Phone: 330-948-4400

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2025

Dec. 7th

Springfield Train Show

Clark County Fairgrouds
 4401 South Charleston Pike (State Rt. 41) At I-70 Exit 59
 10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$5.00

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After making a crew change at Grand Junction, a Denver & Rio Grande Western freight, with an impressive set of power (two SD40T-2s, an SD45, a GP35, and two GP40s), heads west toward Utah. Bringing up the rear of the train is caboose 01514, built by International Car Company in April 1974. (Grand Junction, Colorado – August 23, 1980)