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Please send any articles for the February Flatwheel to:

doleksa@icloud.com

by January 26th

Thank You

# Calendar of Events

## Upcoming Activities & Celebrations

### January

- Happy New Year-January 1st



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

### February

- Next Meeting - February 13th
- Annual Membership Night (Pizza Party)





# DIVISION 4

## THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 13th, 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**

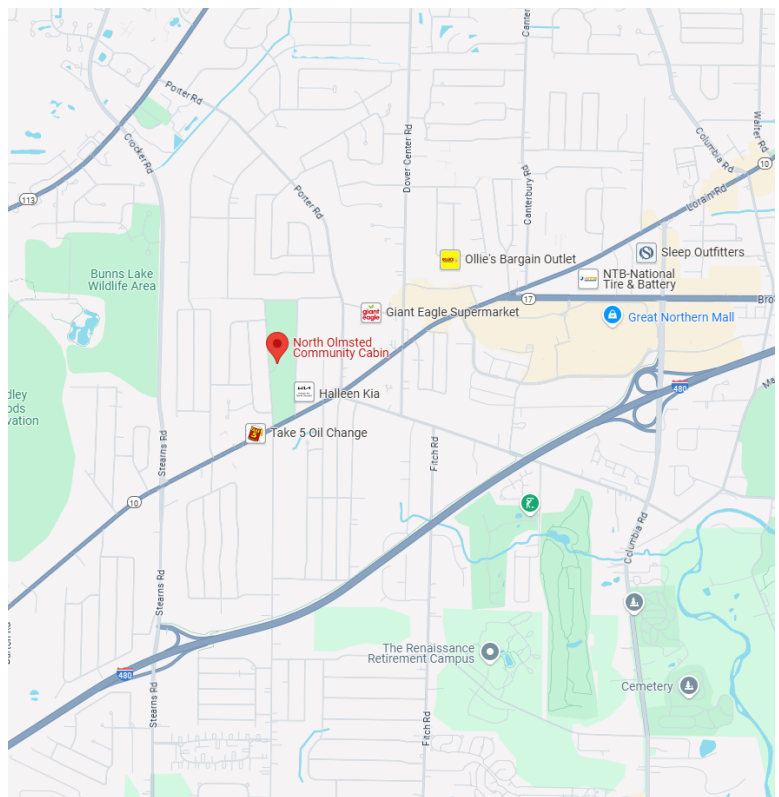
**month.** A set up/social half hour starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:00. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Starting January, 2025, the meetings are held at the **North Olmsted Community Cabin**, 28114 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted,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

Wishing the membership a Happy New Year!

T-6 and counting until the Dayton Regional Convention. Please consider to registered for the convention. Early bird registration is \$65.00. I am looking forward to a good time in Dayton.

Div. 4 Awards Dinner is our next major event. The plaques have been made and I am looking forward to presenting them at the dinner.

The election committee has at least one person signed up for all positions. It is not too late to submit your name for one of the officer or director's positions. Great way to serve the division. Just see a member of the committee.

Big thanks to everyone who helped out at the modules. They are on display at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo during the month of December and thanks to Adam Woodie for another job well done.

Also, big thanks to Ramhog Shearer for displaying his T-Track modules at Trees and Trains in Lorain. Hopefully, things will be back to normal this year with the HO modules on display as well.

Just a reminder to sign up the Division 4 op-sessions. This will be a great opportunity to enjoy some of the Division 4 layouts. More on that to follow by special emails.

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, December 12, 2025, North Olmsted Cabin**

Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 6:58 pm with 65 members present. Ron asked for any visitors or new members to stand and introduce themselves. There were none tonight.

Jim Rafferty made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Brian Haas seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting.

Treasurer, Greg Noeth gave the balance of all accounts. He also let us know that the budget is done. It will be the same as last year with a 10% increase on costs. A copy will be sent to the Board of Directors to be gone over at the next Board Meeting. Then it will be presented to the Division in February for approval.

### **Old Business:**

Dayton Regional Convention - Ron Morgan - Dayton Regional Convention is the first weekend of June. It will be held at the Marriott in Dayton. The planning committee has lots of interesting things planned.

National Convention - Ron Morgan - Will be held in July in Chattanooga, TN. Please sign up to attend.

Election of Officers - Mark Pekelnicky - Mark read off the list of those willing to run. It is the same current officers with the exceptions of Superintendent- Bert Wisbar and Assistant Superintendent - Gary Sole. If anyone else is interested in running, please contact Mark, Ron McKee or Dave Williams.

Operating Sessions - Mark Pekelnicky - Sessions will be March 14th and 15th. There are 7 great host layouts where we will be operating at. Sign up will be on [operatingsessions.com](http://operatingsessions.com). Sign up will be available after January 10th. There will be an access code. 70 slots available. The Access code is available in the Members Only section of the Division 4 website.

Annual Budget - Ron Morgan - Ron went over the plans of sending the budget to the Officers for the upcoming board meeting. Officers will go over the budget and present it to the Membership for approval in February.

Membership Appreciation Dinner - Bert Wisbar - As of tonight there are over 90 signed up to attend. The dinner will be on January 9<sup>th</sup> at the Aviator restaurant. It is on Brookpark Rd. just off of 480. Sign up with Bert or pay up with him. Plaques for Outstanding Members will be awarded. This will be the first year Bill Cramer's name will be added to the plaque.

# Meeting Minutes

Training Event Schedule - Ron Morgan - Next Training Event will be on January 17th again at the Strongsville Library, at 9:00. The lesson will be about weathering.

Sign Up for Membership Table at Kirkland Train Show - Craig Butler - There are 2 slots left to be filled. Sign up is on the back table by the name tags. Craig will send out a friendly reminder on the shift you signed up for.

Working on Any New Projects - John Hemsath, MMR - brought in the completed model from last month. Be sure to check out the Flux Capacitor Building.

## **New Business:**

New National Logo - Chuck Shick - As of January 1, 2026 there is a new NMRA Official Logo. Due to new standards set by Officers, no old Logos will be useable. Divisions need to update their Logos to make sure they meet these standards.

## **Committee Reports:**

Flat Wheel Deadline - Don Oleksa - Deadline is December 26th to get your articles in.

Clinics - Ron Morgan - Tonight is Bram Bailey, "The Budd RDC Story"

Raffle - Adam Woodie - There is brand new 2026 NMRA calendar and other good items over here. Look for a REALLY BIG RAFFLE at the Awards Banquet.

HO Module Group - Adam Woodie - We are set up at the zoo this month. Adam then presented the Treasurer with the check from the zoo.

N-Scale Module Group - Ron Morgan - Ramhog is not here tonight because he is out at Trees and Trains in Lorain. He has the N-Scale layout there and is running the trains. Be sure to stop out and see the display.

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - Looking to hold the tours in May of 2026. Currently there are 3 or 4 volunteers, but there is always room for more.

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - Mark Pekelnicky received 4 Certificate tonight.

Great Berea Train Show - no report



# Meeting Minutes

Contest - Joe Filipiak - The winners of November's contest of Combine Car (Passenger/Freight) are as follows:

Model	1st	Joe Kurilec, MMR
	2nd	Bram Bailey
	3rd	Brian Haas

Diorama	1st	John Puch
	2nd	Joe Filipiak
	3rd	Dave Lawler

Tonight, there are 21 entries and that is the most since Joe has been doing contest. If you have any ideas for next year's' contest, please share with Joe. February's Contest is "Project 20" small station. March contest is 2nd generation diesel engine.

Comments/Concerns - Ron Morgan - January is Awards Banquet at the Avaiator. February is our Annual Membership Night (pizza party).

Gary Schaefer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Fred Wagner seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion and meeting was adjourned at 7:32 pm.

This meeting has reached its final destination,

Chris Shick

Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick

# December Meeting Pictures

## Contest Photos



Mark Pekelnicky receives 4 Merit Awards

# December Meeting Pictures

## Contest Photos



Jim Grell



Ron Morgan



Keegan Kaczgnski



# December Meeting Pictures

## Contest Photos



Bert Wisbar



Craig Butler



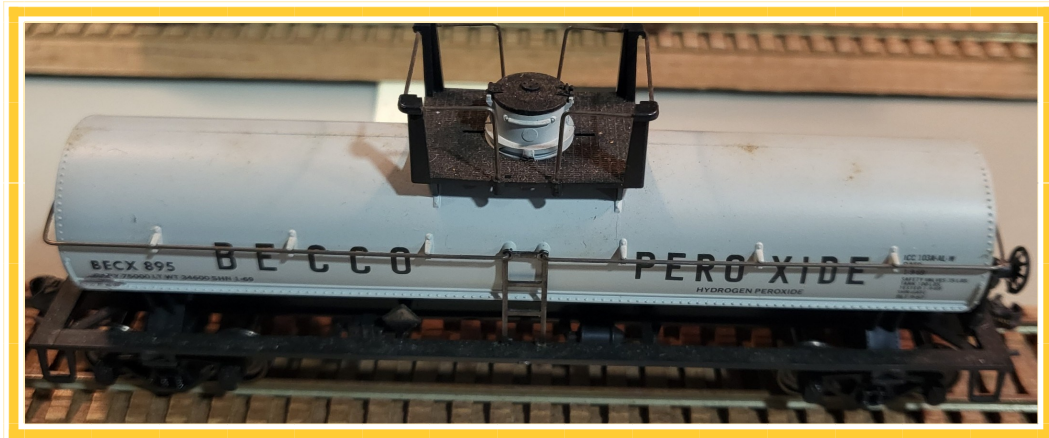
Craig Butler

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Ken Orchard



Ken Orchard



Steve Holzheier



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Brian Haas



Joe Kurilec, MMR



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Joe Kurilec, MMR



Larry Kowicki



Steve Riddlebaugh

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Gary Schaefer



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John Hemsath



Jim Rafferty



Joe Leighton



# December Meeting Pictures

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Joe Filipiak



John Puch

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## Contest Photos



Dave Lawler



# NORTH COAST OHIO

## DIV-4 Leadership

### ELECTED OFFICERS

Superintendent - **Ron Morgan**, [ronalco844@gmail.com](mailto:ronalco844@gmail.com)

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Webmaster - **Chuck Shick**, [chuck.shick@hotmail.com](mailto:chuck.shick@hotmail.com)

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N Scale T-Track - **Ramhog Shearer**, [Ramhog5@aol.com](mailto:Ramhog5@aol.com)

# MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The holiday season is upon us which means it is the busy time of the year for the modular group. We are once again set up at the Wild Winter Lights located at the Cleveland Metropark Zoo. This is our 7th consecutive year participating in this event. Opening night was Thursday, November 20th and will continue through Tuesday, December 30th.

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](mailto:woo3482@hotmail.com).

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



# COMPANY STORE

## Company Store

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 newsletter finds us closing out 2025 and welcoming in 2026, but January will find a pause in the contests due to the annual division dinner. There is no January contest. February on the other hand will have a contest. The subject matter for February is "Project 20". A small rural passenger station that, in HO scale, can not have a footprint more than 20 square inches. These stations can be straight kits, kit bashed, or scratch built. They can be two stories with the tower on the second floor and the station below it. Let's see what you can come up with. The March contest is a second generation diesel. These four or six axle diesels that were purchased from the original owners but now carry the colors and name of its current owner. The name can be your free lanced railroad name or it can carry the name of a real short line railroad that did exist or still currently exists.

Now let's talk about the results of the December contest which was a rail car advertising a product. This was the best contest in the past six years as far as member participation! There were a total of twenty-four entries with six of those entries from first time participants this season. The voting gave Jim Grell a first place win followed by Joe Kurilec's entry for a second place and third place went to Craig Butler's entry. John Puch entered an industrial scene with a rail car advertising a product to be given first place in voting for the diorama entries. Joe Filipiak took second place with his clay tanker scene and Dave Lawler's entry was voted third place. Thank you to all who brought in models and to everyone who cast a ballot. We all had a lot to look at.

The time has come for me to gather up my railroad goodies that I found under the Christmas tree and head to my workbench in the train room. The weather is just perfect for model railroading unless, of course, you have a garden railroad. See you at the Award Dinner.



Joe Filipiak

# CLINICS

## 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 February 2026 and beyond. 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!

Mark your calendars for the Annual Awards Banquet scheduled for Friday, January 9, 2026. Part of the festivities includes a huge raffle. Several high value prizes will be up for grabs such as New Locomotives, Multi-Car Sets, Gift Baskets, and so much more! Be sure to sign up for the banquet with Bert Wisbar by December 27th.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

# NMRA Division 4 Elections WE NEED YOU !

The upcoming **NMRA Division 4 election** is right around the corner, and we're calling on dedicated members like YOU to volunteer. Whether you're passionate about model railroading, eager to shape the future of our Division, or simply need some achievement volunteer points, this is your chance to make a difference.

## Positions Available

- Superintendent
- Assistant Superintendent
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- 5 Director positions

Interested volunteers please contact Mark Pekelnicky at [mpekelnicky@gmail.com](mailto:mpekelnicky@gmail.com) or 440-409-9770.

# NMRA Division 4 Awards & Appreciation Dinner

**At The Aviator Restaurant located at 20920 Brookpark Rd.  
Cleveland, Ohio 44135**

**January 9, 2026 | Celebrating the Tracks We've Laid**

All aboard for an unforgettable evening as NMRA Division 4 hosts its annual Awards and Appreciation Dinner — a night dedicated to the passion, craftsmanship, and camaraderie that fuel our model railroading community.

## **Honoring Excellence in Model Railroading**

From masterful layouts to ingenious scratch builds, this is our moment to recognize the artistry and dedication that make Division 4 shine. Awards will be presented to those who've gone the extra mile — whether through mentorship, innovation, or simply keeping the trains running on time.

## **A Night of Fellowship and Festivity**

Join fellow hobbyists, friends, and family for a warm evening of celebration. Enjoy a delicious dinner, share stories from the rails, and raise a glass to the builders, dreamers, and doers who make our division extraordinary.

## **Recognizing the Heart of the Hobby**

This year's honorees represent the best of what model railroading stands for — creativity, precision, and community. Whether you're a seasoned veteran or a newcomer laying your first track, this night is for you.

## **Let's Celebrate Together**

Mark your calendars for January 9th, 2026. Come dressed to impress, bring your enthusiasm, and prepare for a night of inspiration, appreciation, and maybe even a few surprises. The rails may be miniature, but the impact is monumental.

The cost for the evening is \$25.00 per person. Please sign up at the NMRA meetings or email me at [bert.wisbar@gmail.com](mailto:bert.wisbar@gmail.com) so you can be added to the list.



# NMRA Division 4 Awards & Appreciation Dinner

## NMRA Award and Appreciation Dinner

THE  
**AVIATOR**  
EVENT CENTER AND PUB

### MENU

#### *Appetizer*

#### *FROM THE MARKET*



An array of whole and fresh cut market vegetables dramatically displayed with creamy vegetable dip.

#### *THE CHEESE SHOW*



Showcasing Cheeses from Around the World, Served with Pickled Vegetables, Jams & Mustards, Assorted Breads, and Crackers.

# NMRA Division 4 Awards & Appreciation Dinner

## MAIN MEAL

Fresh Baked Ciabatta Roll + Sweet Butter

Soaring House Salad + House Aged Balsamic or Creamy

Ranch Dressing

Herb Lemon Chicken

Roasted Salmon Dijon Dill Cream

Prime Rib of Beef

Rigatoni with Marinara

Broccolini with Capers & Roasted Garlic



## Dessert

*Will be supplied by Division 4*



The Aviator  
20920 Brookpark Rd.  
Cleveland, OH 44135

6 PM - 10 PM

# Golden Spike Work Session

## 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](mailto: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: 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](mailto: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. 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 JAMBOREE

Our friends in Division 2 in the Pittsburgh area hold their annual Jamboree on April 18, 2016 at Community College of Allegheny County – Boyce Campus at 595 Beatty Rd, Monroeville, PA 15146. Registration is \$50 and includes continental breakfast and lunch buffet. The dinner banquet is additional cost. Activities include clinics, contests, door prizes. Displays and white elephant sale.

[Jamboree 2026](#)

### 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.

# Division 4 Ops Session Weekend



## Division 4 Operating Session Weekend

Division 4 members are invited to join our first-ever Operating Session Weekend on **Saturday, March 14, and Sunday, March 15, 2026.**

- **New operators:** Discover how much fun operations can be!
- **Experienced operators:** Explore layouts you may not have operated on before.
- **7 Fantastic Local Layouts:**
  - ◊ HO and N scale
  - ◊ Wide range of Operating Systems, and Prototypes

### Schedule:

- Saturday Two Sessions: 9:00 AM and 2:00 PM
- Sunday Session: 1:00 PM Session lengths vary on each railroad, but most average 2.5 to 3 hours

### Registration:

- Registration will open on **January 10** and close on **March 6.**
- Sign up online: [operatingsessions.com/Events/Register/V4D7X5](https://operatingsessions.com/Events/Register/V4D7X5) URL-REMOVED or visit the upcoming events section on Operating Sessions.com
- Each layout has a profile which can help you explore which layouts you want to visit.
- Registration Code: **SD40-2**  
(Please do not share this code—it ensures the event is limited to Division 4 members.)
- The system will require you to fill out a selection for each time slot.  
Use “No Selection” if you do not want to select a layout for that time slot.
- Step -by-Step Set Up instructions, with pictures, are available on the Division 4 website.

### New to Operating Sessions.com?

- First time set up of account takes 5 minutes.
- Set up instructions, with pictures, are available on the Division 4 website.

Questions ?

[mpekelnicky@gmail.com](mailto:mpekelnicky@gmail.com)

440-409-9770

# WHAT'S NEW

Atlas Electro-Motive Division SD24 and SD26 diesel locomotives

**Price:** Direct-current model with factory-installed speaker, \$199.95; with ESU LokSound V5 sound decoder, \$319.95

**Manufacturer:** Atlas Model Railroad Co., 378 Florence Ave., Hillside, NJ 07205; 908-687-0880; [shop.atlasrr.com](http://shop.atlasrr.com)



## Electro-Motive Division SD24 and SD26 diesel locomotive features:

- Directional, golden-white light-emitting-diode headlights
- Factory-installed windshield wipers, metal grab irons, and plastic handrails
- Factory-painted and installed crew figures
- Freestanding roof piping
- Multiple unit and train line hoses
- Plastic and die-cast metal construction

**Release date:** Fourth quarter 2026

**Road names:** New paint schemes — SD24: Wisconsin Central (ex-Fox River Valley), Illinois Central Gulf (ex-Southern Ry.), and Precision National (ex-Southern Ry.). SD26: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (fictional American Revolution Bicentennial scheme) and Springfield Terminal (Santa Fe patchout). New Road numbers — SD24: Burlington Northern (Cascade Green and black) and Union Pacific (Armour Yellow and Harbor Mist Gray with “Dependable Transportation” slogan, low short hood). SD26: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (blue-and-yellow warbonnet). Limited Edition Collectors’ Series Model: Duluth, Missabe & Iron Range (SD24 demonstrator). SD24 diesels have a high short hood unless noted. One to three road numbers per paint scheme.

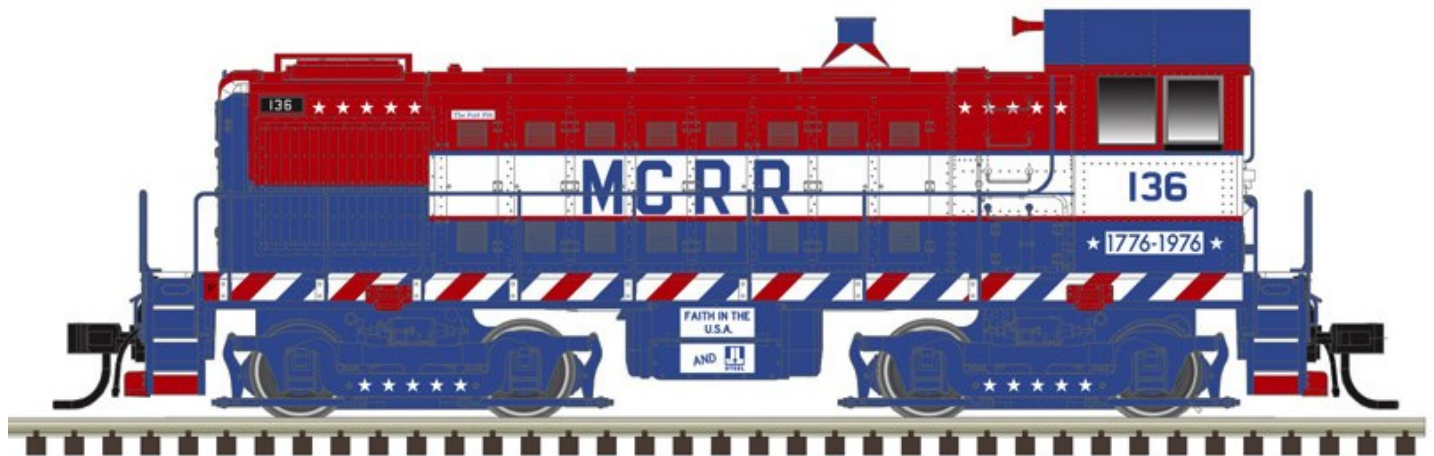


# WHAT'S NEW?

Atlas Alco S4 diesel locomotive

**Price:** Direct-current model with factory-installed speaker, \$199.95; with ESU LokSound V5 sound decoder, \$319.95

**Manufacturer:** Atlas Model Railroad Co., 378 Florence Ave., Hillside, NJ 07205; 908-687-0880; [shop.atlasrr.com](http://shop.atlasrr.com)



## Alco S4 diesel locomotive features:

- Die-cast metal mainframe and gear cases
- Direct-current models feature factory-installed speaker
- Five-pole skewed-armature motor with dual flywheels
- Metal couplers

**Release date:** Fourth quarter 2026

**Road names:** New paint schemes — Monongahela Connecting RR (American Revolution Bicentennial scheme), Bessemer & Lake Erie (orange and black), Canadian National (red and black with “wet noodle” herald), Erie Lackawanna (gray, maroon, and yellow), Green Mountain (green and yellow), and U.S. Steel (orange and black). New Road numbers — Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (zebra stripes) and National Railways of Mexico (green, orange, and yellow). Back by popular demand — Morristown & Erie (red and black). One to two road numbers per paint scheme.

# WHAT'S NEW

Frenchman River Model Works Olde Reliable Moving and Storage Warehouse

**Price:** \$124.95

**Manufacturer:** Frenchman River Model Works, P.O. Box 86, Langdon, ND 58249; 701-256-2129; [frenchmanriver.com](http://frenchmanriver.com)



## Olde Reliable Moving and Storage Warehouse features:

- Laser-cut window glazing
- Lumber, styrene, signs, decals, fire escape, and wire
- Resin walls, loading bay doors, truck loading docks, track loading dock, concrete platform/steps, and electric meter
- Measures 3.75" x 5.5" x 5.75"
- Metal roofing material
- Two-story modular design; additional floors available separately
- Subroof material
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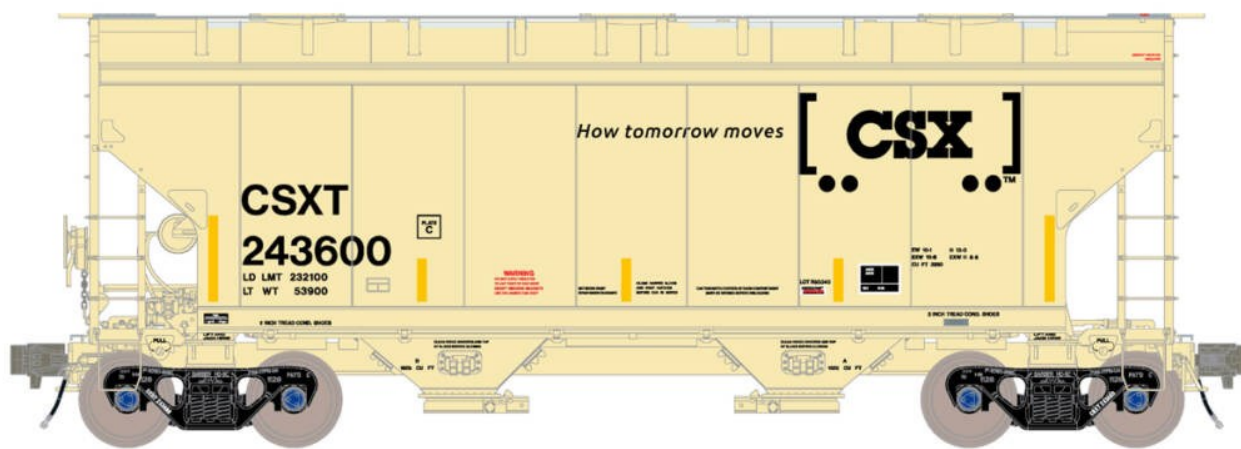
**Release date:** Available now

# WHAT'S NEW

ScaleTrains Rivet Counter line Gunderson 3250 two-bay covered hopper

**Price:** \$52.99

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



## Gunderson 3250 two-bay covered hopper features:

- 36" machined metal wheels
- All-new model
- ASF 110-ton Motion Control trucks with raised foundry data, rotating blue Timken bearing caps, and truck-mounted brake beams
- Die-cast metal semi-scale lower shelf Type E couplers
- Factory-applied metal grab irons, uncoupling levers, and train line hoses with silver glad hands
- Minimum radius, 18"; recommended radius, 22"
- Operates on code 70, 83, and 100 rail
- Yellow FRA-224 stripes

**Release date:** June 2026

**Road names:** CSX (tan with "Boxcar" herald), Cemex (three different AOKX patchouts), Dowel Schlumberger (gray with DSIX reporting marks), Greenbrier Leasing (gray with GRBX marks), Halliburton (gray with HWCX marks), Keg River Chemical (NutraSul 90 lettering), and Union Pacific (gray with Building America slogan). One to 12 road numbers per paint scheme.

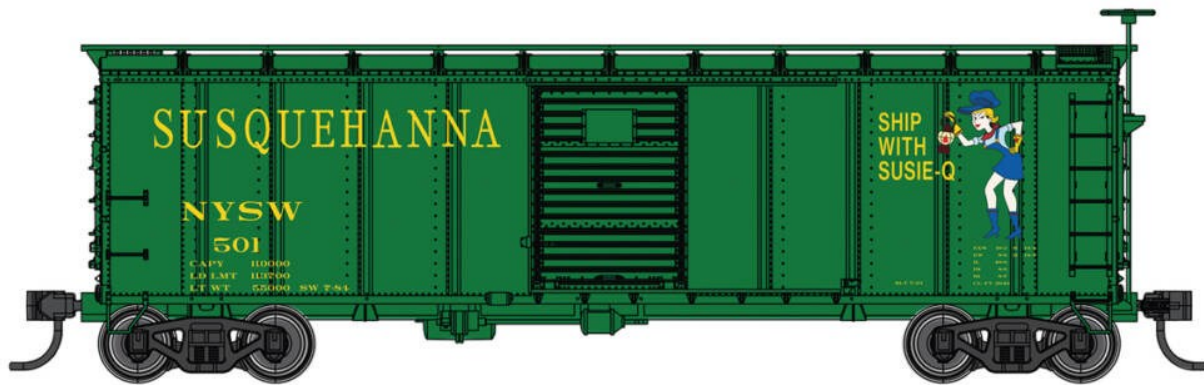


# WHAT'S NEW

WalthersMainline 40-foot steel boxcar with Murphy ends

**Price:** \$39.98

**Manufacturer:** Wm. K. Walthers Inc., 5601 W. Florist Ave., Milwaukee, WI 53218; 414-527-0770; [walthers.com](http://walthers.com)



**40-foot steel boxcar with Murphy ends features:**

- 5-5-5 Murphy steel ends
- 33" metal wheels with RP-25 contour
- Detailed underframe with AB brake gear
- Flat steel roof
- Proto-Max metal couplers
- Simulated steel side panels
- Straight underframe
- Vertical handbrake staff with separately applied brake wheel

**Release date:** Spring 2026

**Road names:** New York, Susquehanna & Western; Delaware, Lackawanna & Western; Missouri Pacific; New York Central (Michigan Central); Nickel Plate Road; Northampton & Bath; Pennsylvania RR; and Union Pacific. Three road numbers per scheme; also available undecorated.

# WHAT'S GOING ON

<b>2026</b>  <b>Jan. 4th</b>	<p><b>Youngstown Model Railroad Assn. Toy - Train Flea Market</b>          Parish Center          4490 Norquest Blvd., Austintown, Ohio 44515          10 am to 3:30pm Adm. \$7.00          Phone Rick Austin at: 832-622-8637  <a href="#">Flyer</a></p>
<b>2026</b>  <b>Jan. 24th</b>	<p><b>Train Collectors Association - Winter Train Meet</b>          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    <a href="#">Info &amp; MAP</a> <a href="#">Flyer</a></p>
<b>2026</b>  <b>Feb. 1st</b>	<p><b>Medina Train and Toy Show</b>          Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256          9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$8.00          Phone: 330-948-4400    <a href="#">Info &amp; Map</a> <a href="#">Flyer</a></p>
<b>2026</b>  <b>Feb. 7th</b>	<p><b>Iron and Steel Winter Blizzard Train show and expo</b>          St. Mary's Assumption Social Center          356 S. Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44509          9:00 am to 2:00 pm Adm. \$7:00 under 16 free            For Tables Dennis: 330-503-5510 <a href="#">Flyer</a></p>

# WHAT'S GOING ON

2026

Feb. 13th

**A President's Day Celebration** at The Painesville Railroad Museum  
 Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot)  
 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077  
 6:00 pm to 8:00 pm Adm. FREE Accepted and Appreciated

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2026

Feb. 14th

## 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. \$8.00  
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2026

Feb. 21st

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