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Please send any articles for the April Flatwheel to:

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by March 26th

Thank You

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Activities & Celebrations

March

- NMRA Division 4 Module display**
 Avon Lake Library March 7th & 8th
 10-4
- Akron Train and Toy Show**
 Emdios and Sons Expo Center
 48 East Bath Rd, at State Rd
 Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223 9am- 3pm
 Admission \$5.00
- Wooster Train and Toy Show**
 Wayne County Fair Grounds, Wooster, Ohio
 10am-3pm Admission \$8.00
- Division 5 Railfest- Model Railroad Show**
 Lakeland Community College
 7700 Clocktower Dr, Kirtland, Ohio 44094
 10am-4pm
 Admission \$9.00
 \$14.00 2 day pass
 \$14.00 Couples Pass
 \$16.00 Family (2 adults 2 Children)
- March 28th, 2026 Train Collectors Association**
 Springtime Train Show
 Cuyahoga County Fair Grounds 10am -3pm

RAILFEST 2026
 Model Trains - Collectibles - Memorabilia
 Saturday & Sunday
March 21 & 22, 2026
 10am - 4pm
 Held at Lakeland since 1987

Lakeland COMMUNITY COLLEGE
 7700 Clocktower Drive
 Kirtland, OH 44094
 State Rt. 306 at Interstate 90 - exit 193

Free Parking

Admission \$9.00

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|--|---------|
| Two Day Pass | \$14.00 |
| Pair (2) | \$14.00 |
| Family (max) <small>(2 Adults with Children under 16)</small> | \$16.00 |

Food Service Available at reasonable prices

CASH Admission ATM Available

Featuring

- * Dealers *
- * New / Used *
- * Exhibitors *
- * Operating Layouts *
- * Historical Displays *
- * Books / Magazines *
- * Apparel *
- * Collectibles *

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WESTERN RESERVE

Train Collectors Association

Spring Time Train Show
 Saturday
March 28, 2026
 10am to 3pm

Join us at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds
164 Eastland Road (gate 2), Berea, OH 44017

Admission \$6.00 each, Families \$10.00, Kids 17 & Under FREE, with Adult

2 Large Buildings Full of Trains & More Trains
Multiple Operating Layouts, Featuring the Mod Squad
And Much More!

- Plenty of **FREE** Parking
- Handicapped Accessible
- New & Old Trains
- Many Brands & Scales
- Parts, Repair Manuals, Etc.
- Expanded Kid's Play Area

Huge 14 foot Kid's Layout
 Where the kids run the trains!!!

- \$5 Train Set Raffle
- Refreshments Available
- Test Track: check them before you buy

FOR MORE INFO, CONTACT: JOHN AT (330)273-6404 OR TCALAKEERIE@GMAIL.COM

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Activities & Celebrations

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**

Link <https://whistlestop2026.regfox.com/whistle-stop-dayton-nmra-mcr-2026-con...>

[Visit Convention Website](https://whistlestop2026.regfox.com/whistle-stop-dayton-nmra-mcr-2026-con...)

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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, MARCH 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**

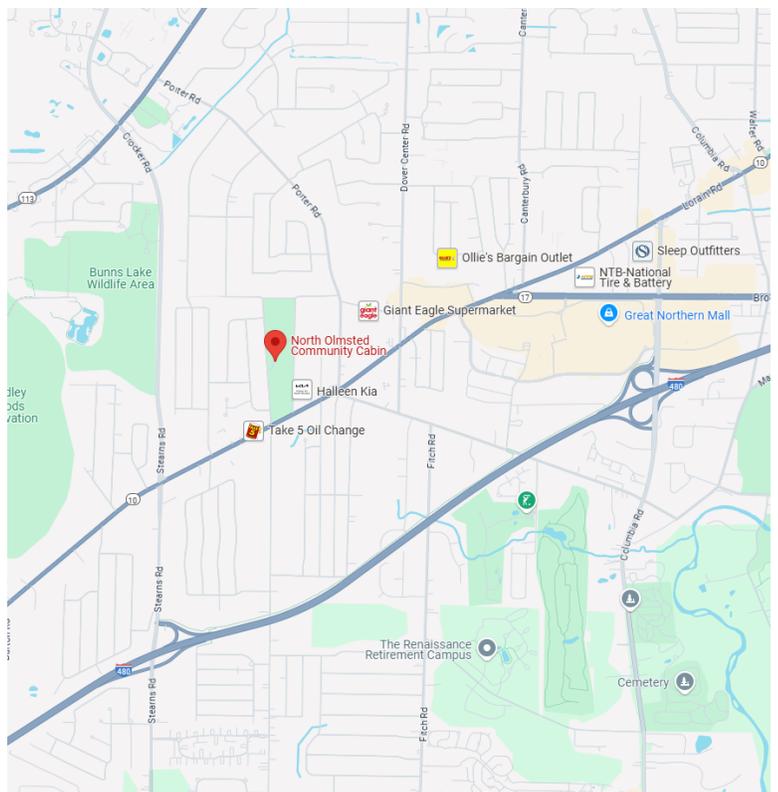
month. A set up/social half hour starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:00. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Starting January, 2025, the meetings are held at the **North Olmsted Community Cabin**, 28114 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted,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

This month's article will be rather short.

T-4 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 pizza party went well. Thanks again to Bert and Ron for taking care of the pizza.

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.

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 Minutes

February 13, 2026, North Olmsted Cabin

Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting with a warm welcome to Pizza Night. 65 were in attendance. Ron had Bram Bailey and Chuck Shick stand up while he presented Dave Marvinney with his William H. Cramer/Dennis F. Noval Service Award.

Ron asked for any new members or visitors to please stand and introduce themselves. Tonight, we had 2 stand up. 1st was John Breitenstine who models HO scale. 2nd was a transfer from Division 1, Trev Sith. Trev also models HO scale.

Approval of Previous Minutes - Ramhog Shearer made a motion to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. A second motion was made and the Division carried the motion. The minutes of the previous meeting are accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Greg Noeth - Greg gave us the balance of all the accounts.

Old Business:

Dayton Regional Convention - Ron Morgan - There is still time to sign up to go.

National Convention, Chattanooga, TN. - Ron Morgan- It's in July and there is plenty to do, Lots of time to still sign up for this one also.

Election of Officers - Mark Pekelnicky - There is one person running for each spot. Still if you are interested in running please see Mark.

Running for: Superintendent - Bert Wisbar

Assistant Superintendent - Gary Sole

Secretary - Chris Shick

Treasurer - Greg Noeth

Trustees - Brian Haas, Gary Schaefer, Jeff Lauren, John Janda, Fred Wagner

Membership Appreciation Dinner - Bert Wisbar - Our Annual Membership Appreciation Dinner was held in January at the Aviator Restaurant. It was a very enjoyable evening and the food was wonderful. Next year will be held there again on January 8, 2027.

Membership Operation Schedule - Mark Pekelnicky - We will be holding a Division wide Operating Session on March 14th and 15th. 7 local railroads will be open with 45 slots available. The website is open with a hot link in The Flat Wheel and also on The Division 4 website members only section. You will need a code to fill out the reservation. Mark with assistance from Jerry Kruger showed us how to use the website.

Meeting Minutes

Training Event Schedule - Jerry Kruger - The Training Event in January was weathering. 6 to 7 attended and got a lot done. Next Date is April 4th and will be decaling. Should be a short day, start at 10:00 at the Strongsville Library, work a few hours, go grab a bite to eat, and call it a day.

New Projects - Ron Morgan- None tonight

New Business:

Approval of 2026 Budget - Greg Noeth - Greg went over the proposed budget for 2026; it includes a 10% increase over last year's budget. After a question-and-answer session, Steve Kaplan made a motion to accept the proposed budget. Jerry Kruger seconded the motion, the Division carried the motion to accept the 2026 Budget.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Don Oleksa - Articles due to Don by February 26th . If you have anything you may think is interesting, send it to him to add to The Flat Wheel.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - Tonight is Pizza Night, March - Chuck Shick will present a demonstration on How to Navigate the Division 4 Website. Jerry is waiting for JT to get back to him to schedule a night to present. Jerry is also attending Division 2's Jamboree in Pittsburgh. If anyone is interested in going or possibly car pooling, let him know.

Company Store - Scott Benson - Over here and open - there are a few new scenery items he picked up in Amherst.

Raffle - Adam Woodie - There is no raffle tonight .

HO Module Group - Adam Woodie - We had annual planning meeting tonight before our business meeting. Avon Lake Library is just a few short weeks away. Railfest is March 14th and 15th. We are taking a layout to display in Chattanooga in July, We have the Fair in August. Adam is going to check to see if we can't move the display to inside. If we can't possibly look for an alternative place. Hoping to go back to Trees and Trains. The Alternative possibly being Great Northern Mall.

N-Scale Module Group - Ramhog Shearer - Ramhog thanked everyone for all their support and help at Trees and Trains. If you or anyone you know is interested in N-Scale please let Ramhog know.

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - The May layout Tours will be posted in the Flat Wheel.

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - None tonight

Great Berea Train Show - Chris Shick - We are working to add new vendors for this year and other ideas to help build it up.

Meeting Minutes

Contest - Joe Filipiak - December 2025 was Rail Car Advertising a Product. Winners are as follows:

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| Model | 1st | Jim Grell |
| | 2nd | Joe Kurilec, MMR |
| | 3rd | Dave Lawler |

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

Next Month's Contest is Second Generation Diesel - A Locomotive that is now owned by a Short Line- Lettered for a Railroad or Your Own Railroad. Joe mentioned that Old Grafton School is doing rooms that have themes. One is dedicated to trains. Is there any interest in donating or doing workshops there? Joe is also looking to see if the Lorain 4-H is interested in starting a railroad group.

Only announcement tonight is the tables and chairs can remain set up. Not necessary to tear down and put away.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Gary Sole seconded the motion, the Division carried the motion, and the meeting was adjourned at 7:22 pm.

This meeting has reached it's final destination,

Chris Shick

Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick

FEBRUARY MEETING PICTURES



Dave Marvinney receives the William H. Cramer/Dennis F. Novak Service Award



Members lining up for Pizza!

FEBRUARY MEETING PICTURES

Contest Photos



Craig Butler



Don Glass

FEBRUARY MEETING PICTURES



John Henning



Steve Riddlebaugh

FEBRUARY MEETING PICTURES



Joe Kurilec, MMR



Joe Filipiak

FEBRUARY MEETING PICTURES



Frank Bon



Contestant C

NORTH COAST OHIO

DIV-4 Leadership

ELECTED OFFICERS

Superintendent - **Ron Morgan**, ronalco844@gmail.com

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APPOINTED POSITIONS

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

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N.O.A.R.S. Representative - **Bill Kovacs**

Webmaster - **Chuck Shick**, chuck.shick@hotmail.com

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Training Day - **Gary Schaefer**, trains.ohio@yahoo.com

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

MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

January and February have rather quiet for the module group. However, things are about to pick in March. First up will be the Avon Lake Library which is scheduled for Saturday, March 7th and Sunday, March 8th. There will be plenty of space for members to come and work on projects during the display. Think of it as a return of TRAINING Day!

We will have one week off and then it is on to Railfest! This is Division 5's annual show scheduled for March 21st and 22nd at Lake County Community College in Kirkland. Things will quiet down again until August. We will once again be displaying at the National Train Show and then the Cuyahoga County Fair.

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



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

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

The February meeting was filled with smiling faces, train chat, pizza, train videos, and a model contest. What else does anyone need? The contest subject matter was "Project 20". A small train station that had a footprint no larger than 20 square inches. There were some fine entries which included 3 different scales, HO, S, and O. First place went to Craig Butler's entry. Craig took a dusty, old kit that he had for years and turned it into a great looking model of a small station. Most voters thought that that station needed a first place award. I agree. Another fine model was presented by Joe Kurilec and that model received a second place. An S scale model entered by John Henning came in third place. The diorama entries found Mr. Cheerios (Dave Lawler) entering another one of his fantastic models which rightfully took first place. Much like Craig in the model entries, Dave had this plaster cast setting around for years. Dave, with his magic touch, turned this model into a fun diorama. Second place went to a diorama entered by Joe Filipiak that depicted a true event that happened in 1968. The diorama showed the Grafton Station 1/10 of a second from destruction. Frank Bongevani's entry had an interesting crossover track work in front of a really small station and an assortment of other buildings near the station. Frank's entry came in third place.

The March contest is second generation diesels. This could be GP 7, GP 30, GP 35, SD 20, SD 35, S 1, S 2, you get the picture. These diesels were purchased new usually by class 1 railroads then as they aged and newer engines were bought, the older diesels were sold off. These older, used diesels many times were bought by short lines and repainted and re-lettered to reflect the short line's colors and name. That's what we are looking for in the March contest. The April contest is a rail car that serves the steel industry.

Well, I have said all that I believe needs to be said right now, so it's time to go do something else that is important, like running trains. See you in March.



Joe Filipiak

CLINICS

MARCH

The March clinic will be by Chuck Shick. Chuck will show all the new areas and features of the Division 4 website. Chuck has put in a lot of work to redesign the website. While on the surface it may look the same, Chuck has added a number of enhancements that he'll highlight.

APRIL

April is open. Please contact me if you'd like to give a clinic

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!

Although there was no raffle in February, we will have one on Friday, March 13th! As always, there is something for everyone!

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

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.

PO BOX 46848
BEDFORD HTS.OH.44146
216-225-6133
Email: Ramhog5@aol.com

Ramhog Shearer

N Scale T-Trak layout



T-Track Layout from Trees & Trains

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 or 440-409-9770.

Golden Spike Work Session

NEXT SESSION

Meeting Room A has been reserved on Saturday, April 4, 2026 from 9:30 am to 12:00 Noon for the next Division 4 work session. As was discussed at the last work session, the session will go over decaling. We will go over decaling basics, tips, and tricks to get a excellent results on your painting and decaling projects.

As with all the work sessions, this is a hands-on session. A list of supplies and tools to bring will provided. Some tools needed include small scissors, hobby knife with new, sharp #11 blade, metal ruler, small paintbrush and other items. Attendees should bring a project car and decals to work on. Project cars should be painted and gloss coated. If someone needs decals, decals can be provided with advance notice.

I encourage members to come and enjoy a morning of hands-on learning and fellowship with other Div 4 members.

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.

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 . If anyone else is interested in going and wants to carpool, please contact me

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 URL-REMOVED or visit the upcoming events section on [Operating Sessions.com](https://operatingsessions.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

440-409-9770

Division 4 Ops Session Weekend

Register for Operating Session Weekend

LAST CALL to Register for the Operating Session Weekend!

March 14 – 15, 2026

Registration is now OPEN for a weekend of immersive model railroad operations!

- 7 Fantastic Local Layouts
- HO and N Scale
- Variety of operating systems & prototypes
- No experience required

SESSION TIMES:

Saturday: 9:00 AM & 2:00 PM Sunday: 1:00 PM

HOW TO SIGN UP:

Sign up online: operatingsessions.com/Events/Register/V4D7X5 or scan the code

Registration Code: SD40-2

Registration closes March 6.

Instructions with pictures on Division 4 member website

Questions ? Email mpekelenicky@gmail.com



Spring Layout Tours

All Aboard for the Division 4 Spring layout tours.

Please mark your calendars for Saturday May 16th.

12:30 to 4:30 open houses at 4 area layouts.

Ramhog Shearer will be showing his two new N scale layouts.

He will also have the N Scale T-Track 2.0 versions for those interested in exploring the modular side of today's N Scale.

We will send updated information on the other 3 layouts in the April Flatwheel.

Joe Kurilec's Erie Plate RR

Mark Pekelnicky's Brand new Conrail Adrian Secondary line

Dave Lawler's Ontario Northern Railway will round out the 4 featured layouts

Happy Railfanning - John Witt

What's On Your Workbench



Tichy Train Group P.F.E. Wood Reefer Class R-40-4

I found this in a box of donated stuff and thought I could use this for one of my cars toward my Golden Spike Award. Once I build it, I plan on painting it and applying decals. I plan on replacing the plastic wheels with metal ones and installing Kadee couplers.

Don Oleksa

WHAT'S NEW

Broadway Limited Imports ATSF Class 2900 4-8-4 steam locomotive

Price: Direct-current model, \$799.99; with DCC and sound, \$899.99

Manufacturer: Broadway Limited Imports, 9 East Tower Circle, Ormond Beach, FL 32174; 386-673-8900; broadway-limited.com



ATSF Class 2900 4-8-4 features include:

- Handcrafted brass boiler, cab, and tender with die-cast metal chassis
- Five-pole can motor with skew-wound armature
- Individually controllable headlight, cab light, and rear emergency light
- Factory-installed engineer and fireman figure
- Separately applied detail parts throughout
- Recommended minimum radius, 18"

Release date: To be announced

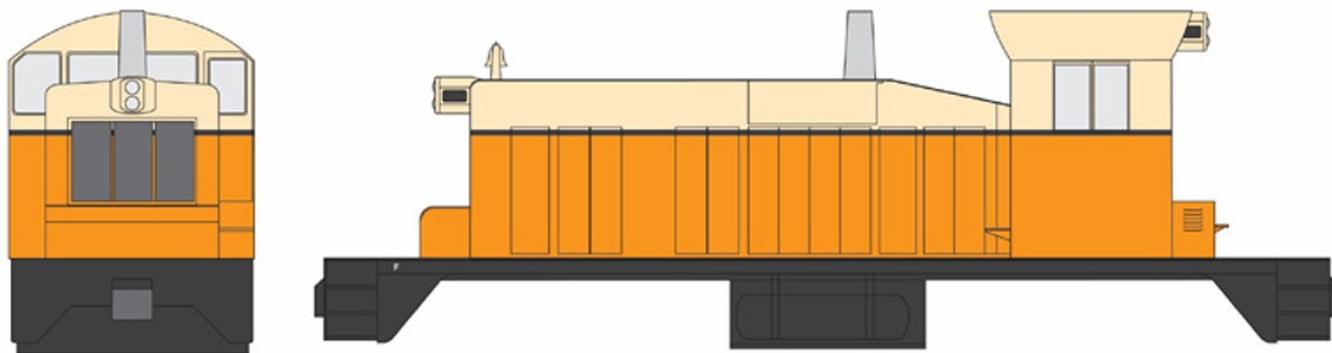
Road names: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe (modern day, as-built, post-1947, and 1950 appearances). Also available painted black but unlettered, painted brass, and in fictional schemes (large ATSF heralds and 1870s scheme).

WHAT'S NEW?

Bowser Electro-Motive Division SW1 diesel-electric locomotive

Price: Direct-current model, \$239.95; with DCC and sound, \$339.95

Manufacturer: Bowser Manufacturing Co. Inc., 1302 Jordan Ave., Montoursville, PA 17754; 570-368-2379; bowser-trains.com



Electro-Motive Division SW1 features include:

- Light-emitting-diode headlights, ground lights, cab lights, and marker lights (where applicable)
- Available in Phase II and Phase III configurations
- Phase III models also available painted (orange and cream, yellow and black, and solid black) but unlettered

Release date: To be announced

Road names: Boston & Maine, Burlington Northern, Chicago & North Western, Conrail, Great Northern, Lehigh Valley, Luzerne Susquehanna, New York Central, Nickel Plate Road, Penn Central, Pennsylvania RR, and Portland Traction Co.

WHAT'S NEW

Tangent Scale Models Erie RR International Car Co. bay-window caboose

Price: \$149.95

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



Erie RR International Car Co. bay-window caboose features include:

- Interior and exterior illumination, per prototype
- Detailed interior
- Prototype-specific details
- Kadee scale couplers
- Stanray overhanging diagonal-panel roof
- Also available undecorated kit in four body styles

Release date: Available now

Road names: Conrail (June 1976 and 1981+ blue repaints), Delaware & Hudson (1980+ simple repaint and 1981+ Bridge Line repaint), Erie RR (1953 Delivery Red), Erie Lackawanna (1966 simplified repaint and 1973 gray and maroon), and Reading & Northern (2014+). One to six road numbers per paint scheme.

WHAT'S NEW

Broadway Limited American Railroad Association 70-ton four-bay hopper

Price: Six-pack, \$159.99

Manufacturer: Broadway Limited Imports, 9 East Tower Circle, Ormond Beach, FL 32174; 386-673-8900; broadway-limited.com



American Railroad Association 70-ton four-bay hopper features include:

- Interior and exterior rivet detail
 - Wire grab irons
 - Separate brake line and brake hoses
 - Two brake housing options — Ajax and Miner
 - Brake shoe and brake beam detail on trucks
 - Factory equipped with metal Kadee-compatible knuckle couplers
 - Removable ABS coal load
 - Also available in mixed-road variety pack and painted black but unlettered
- Release date:** April 2026

Road names: Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe; Baltimore & Ohio (13 Great States herald and large B&O lettering); Chesapeake & Ohio; Milwaukee Road (CTSE reporting marks); and Union Pacific.

WHAT'S NEW

Athearn North American Car Co. 8,000-gallon tank car

Price: \$46.99 (Primed for Grime, \$51.99)

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



North American Car Co. 8,000-gallon tank car features include:

- Separate manway and vent
- Photo-etched metal platforms
- Formed wire end and platform railings
- Separately applied ladders with bracing
- Separately applied brake gear, including air reservoir and brake wheel
- Full underbody detail including outlet

Release date: June 2027

Road names: Dow Chemical Co., General American Marks Co. (Primed for Grime), North American Tank Line, Union Carbide Co., and Union Tank Car Co. Three road number per paint scheme.

WHAT'S GOING ON

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| <p>2026</p> <p>Feb. 26 - March 8</p> | <p>'O' Gauge Model Train Sale - By Appointment Only</p> <p>* Many new items have been added, <i>including Lionel Legacy</i> *</p> <p>Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot) 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 Call Ed at 216-650-2561 for an appointment. Adm. FREE Donations Accepted and Appreciated</p> <p>MAP Flyer WEB Page</p> |
| <p>2026</p> <p>Mar. 1st</p> | <p>Akron Train & Toy Show</p> <p>Emidio's & Sons Expo Center 48 East Bath Road at State Road Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223 9:00 am - 3 pm Adm. \$5.00 Phone: 330-724-5253</p> <p>Map Flyer</p> |
| <p>2026</p> <p>Mar. 1st</p> | <p>Erie Model Train Show</p> <p>Rainbow Gardens - Waldameer Park, PA 9 am to 4 pm Adm. \$5.00 Phone: 724-992-2035</p> <p>Info & Map Flyer</p> |
| <p>2026</p> <p>Mar. 1st</p> | <p>35th ANNUAL WESTERN RESERVE TOY and COLLECTIBLE SHOW WESTERN RESERVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 3851 U.S. Rt. 20 East Collins, Ohio 44826 West of Wakeman 9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$3.00</p> <p>Map Flyer</p> <p>Information: call Rich at 419-706-9612</p> <p>Proceeds will be used towards school for Western Reserve High School Seniors.</p> |

WHAT'S GOING ON

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| <p>2026</p> <p>Mar. 14th</p> | <p>Wooster Train and Toy Show Wayne County Fairgrounds, Wooster, Ohio 10 am to 3 pm Adm. \$8.00 Phone: 330-651-1042 Flyer</p> |
| <p>2026</p> <p>Mar. 21-22</p> | <p>Div. 5 Railfest - Model Railroad Show Lakeland Community College 7700 Clocktower Dr., Kirtland, Ohio 44094 10 am to 4 pm Adm. \$9.00 each \$14.00 couples one day \$1400 two day pass - one person \$16.00 Family (2 adults, 2 children) Contact John at railfest@mcr5.org Info & Map Flyer</p> |
| <p>2026</p> <p>Mar. 21</p> | <p>Div. 5 Railfest - Dinner Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot) 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 5:30 pm Adm. \$28.00 Guest speaker will be: Railroads of Painesville by Hagan Meinke This dinner is open to anyone who is a railroad enthusiast not just our Railfest vendors. Phone Tom at 216-470-5780 MAP WEB Page Dinner Flyer</p> |
| <p>2026</p> <p>Mar. 26-28</p> | <p>32nd Annual Narrow Gauge Show First Friends Church 1028 Jennins Ave., Salem, Ohio 44460 9 am - 3 pm. Adm. \$20.00 Phone: Gary Kohler at 330-719-0264 Flyer</p> |

WHAT'S GOING ON

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| <p>2026 Mar. 28th</p> | <p>Train Collectors Association - Spring Train Show</p> <p>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</p> <p>Info & MAP Flyer</p> |
| <p>2026 Apr. 12</p> | <p>Springfield Train Show</p> <p>Clark County Fairgrounds 4401 South Charleston Pike (State Rt. 41) At I-70 Exit 59 10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$5.00</p> <p>Map Flyer</p> |
| <p>2026 Apr. 12</p> | <p>Medina Train and Toy Show</p> <p>Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256 9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$8.00 Phone: 330-948-4400</p> <p>Info & Map Flyer</p> |
| <p>2026 Apr. 12</p> | <p>Youngstown Model Railroad Assn. Toy - Train Flea Market</p> <p>Parish Center 4490 Norquest Blvd., Austintown, Ohio 44151 10 am to 3:30pm Adm. \$7.00 Phone Rick Ausstin at: 832-622-8637</p> <p>Flyer</p> |

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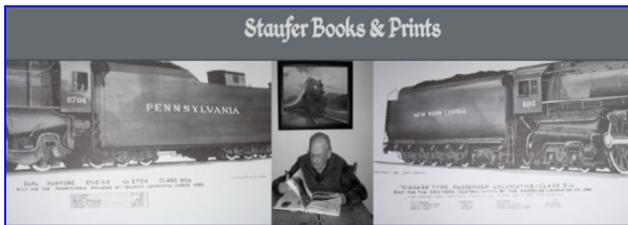
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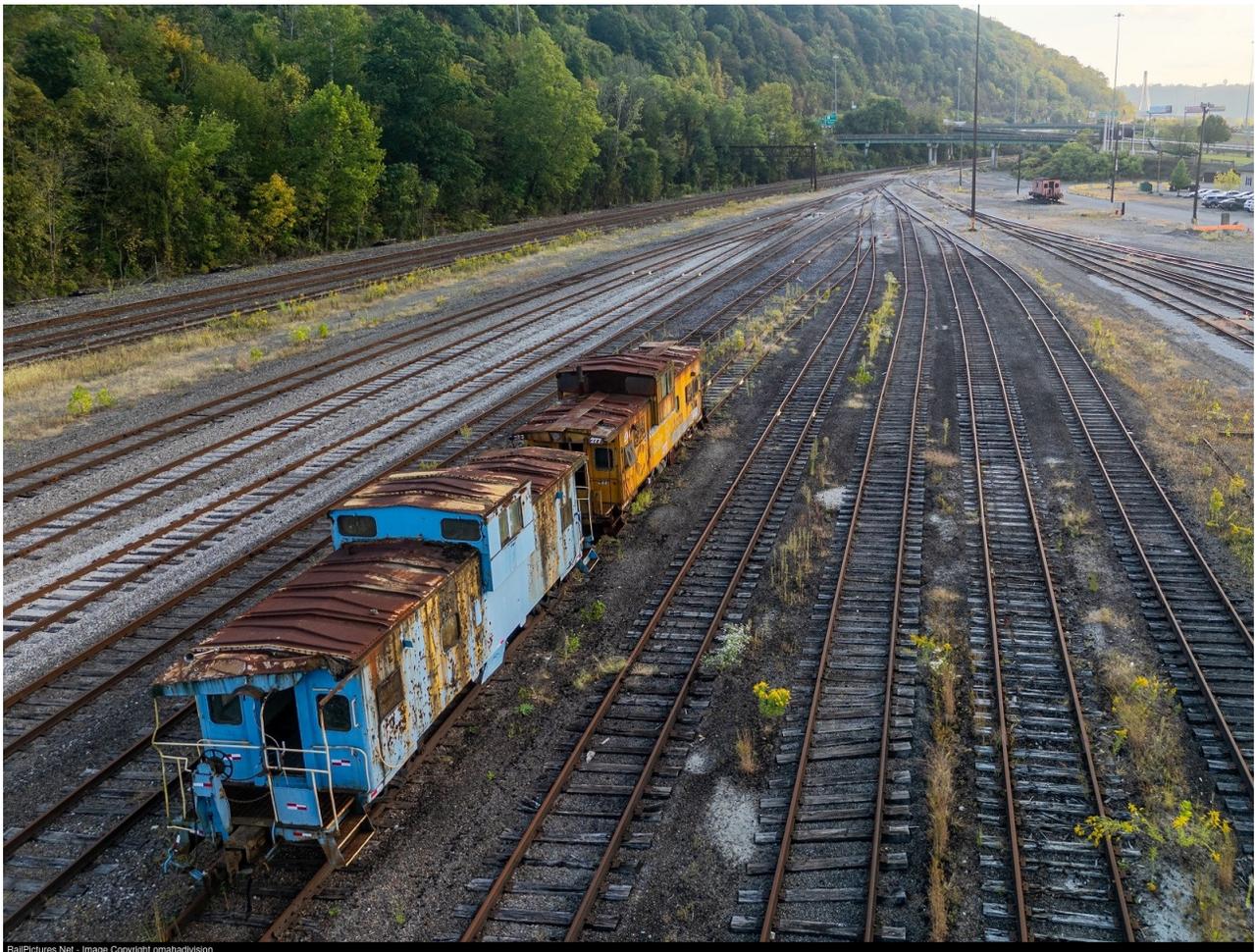
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The North Coast Division meetings are normally held on the second Friday of the month, to hear guest speakers, share skills, have railroad related clinics, and to share common problems and successes. Many of us get together informally in round-robin sessions to operate and work on each other's layouts, or just talk railroads and modeling.



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C&O 903120, renumber 277 for yard use, and another caboose sit in the now defunct Weirton Yard. The cabooses were once used for slag hauls around the Weirton Mills but have sat unused in the otherwise empty yard for at least a decade.