

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. 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 9th 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.

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

Contests -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

Dioramas - 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

