



THE FLATWHEEL

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Newsletter of NMRA MCR Division Four

Art Bumpus Division 4 Superintendent On Q

October 2nd and 3rd is the annual Division Model Train Show, Carnival '10. The setup crew will be out bright and early on Friday morning, October 1st, arranging all the tables and chairs configured to Mike Oster's magical space planning. We are again a sellout on our tables, which is always a positive sign. I encourage the participation of all Division members to work some aspect of the train show. Just a couple of hours of volunteer participation in the many job duties make life a lot easier for everybody else. Friday morning I will have a listing of the various volunteers and tasks posted on the bulletin board in the first building so you can immediately see where additional help would be most appreciated.

Our next meeting is Friday, October 8th. The clinic for this month will be a presentation by Chuck Klein and Jerry Krueger providing us with a repeat performance of the bid presentation they gave in Milwaukee to the National's Committee. It might surprise you when you see all the possibilities for prototype tours that are within the area to help make an enjoyable week for attendees.

Bob Lavinski has stepped down from the contest chairman's position, having done a really great job of resurrecting the program with a tremendous increase in contest participation by Division members. It's to Bob's credit of showcasing each winning model with a description of what it took to build the model given by each modeler. We thank you for your enthusiasm in guiding the program to what it is today. Taking over for Bob will be David Lawler. As most of you are aware, David has considerable building skills of his own, having been a steady and winning participant in the contests. I'm sure David will continue promoting the model contests to garner even more participation. Welcome David.

We are in need of a refreshment chairman for the Division meetings to cover the position David is vacating. So if anyone is interested in taking over this duty, please contact me via email at abumpus@cox.net or phone at 526-9184.

One of the activities that the Division now engages in is making donations to worthy groups who further the education of railroading. This is in keeping with our 501 (c) 3 status. The Board of Directors reviewed several groups and chose awards to the following:

- * NMRA scanning and digitizing picture project.
- * Medina County 4 H model railroad group
- * NOARS
- * Northeastern Ohio Live Steamers (Lodi)
- * Lodi railroad museum
- * Mad River & NKP Railroad museum.

For awards next year, the Board would like to hear from Division members as to whom they believe would be the worthy of consideration for a donation grant. Between January and April, of 2011 members can contact any of elected officials with their suggestion(s). The only criterion is that the group must be educationally oriented toward railroad or model railroad activity. The Board will then review and choose the recipient groups receiving donation grants.

In the meantime, remember, never trade steam for water.

NMRA Mid-Central Region, Division 4, General Membership Minutes

September 10, 2010

Location: Church of the Redeemer, Westlake Ohio

Art Bumpus, Superintendent, called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

Art welcomed all in attendance. A motion was made, seconded and passed approving the minutes of the prior membership meeting. The Treasurer reported assets of \$37,606.²⁰ with a final \$5,000 payment due to the Fair Board before the Carnival. There were three visitors in attendance.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

Membership – Chair Dennis Whittaker passed out copies of the current membership roster. The roster is provided in two formats; sorted alphabetically by last name as well as geographically by county, city then last name. The membership list also contains the information for several Division 1 members who regularly attend our meetings. Dennis will keep the roster up to date and make available to any member requesting a copy.

Flatwheel – Editor Dave Williams stated the deadline for submittal of content for the October *Flatwheel* is September 23rd.

Carnival – Chair Mike Oster reported the show is once again sold out. Mike thanked his wife Patty and Tom Beutler for their help on all the pre-work necessary to organize the show and Ben Lanza and Dave Williams for their work communicating about the Carnival respectively on the website and *Flatwheel*. The yellow “Carnival Crew” shirts are again available to order and should be ready for this year’s Carnival. Cost is \$30 total per shirt with the Division covering \$15. Tom and John Hemsath brought the baskets they have assembled for taking to local media personalities. Tom Hemsath displayed the well considered contents of a typical basket and commented the basket costs are more than justified if even one radio show host makes mention of the Carnival, as has occurred in the past. The baskets will be distributed on 9/28.

Contest – Chair Bob Lavinski will be stepping down as Contest Chair after performing the job in an outstanding manner for a number of years. Bob’s efforts has increased participation and made the Contest a monthly meeting event looked forward to by all members. Apprentice Dave Lawlor will accept the mantle of journeyman Contest Chair effective with the November contest. Tonight’s contest is open gondola cars, loaded or empty. The last contest in May prior to the summer hiatus was stock cars, with 1st place corraled by Jim Grell, 2nd place Jim Moore and 3rd place Dave Lawlor. The October contest is diesel switchers, either 4 or 6 axle. Bob recognized Jim Grell as Last year’s 2nd half contest winner and awarded Jim with a plaque and \$50 gift certificate. It was noted that Jim won 1st place and Brass Lantern Award at the National Convention for a scratch built caboose. The caboose was on display at the meeting. Tom Atherton also won two modeling awards at this year’s National Convention. Bob was thanked for his service as Contest Chair.

Modules – Chair Scott Benson reported two module kits were provided recently to two more members with one waiting for distribution to the winner, Chuck Klein, of last spring’s module raffle. The Module Committee will be meeting Wednesday, 7 P.M., September 15th at the Strongsville library. All members are welcome to attend. The modules will be setup 9/25 at the train show to be held at the Lodi Outlet Center. The 4H group is modifying several of their modules to be compatible with our modules, allowing them to participate with us. Any member, including those that do not own their own modules, may bring trains and run them on the modules any time the modules are setup.

Layout Tours – Co-chair John Hemsath reported there will be layout tours Saturday, November 13th in the northwest area of Cuyahoga County and possibly Lorain County. This will be followed with layout tours on Sunday, November 21 in the southeast area of Cuyahoga County. John noted layouts under construction, even those without the ability to yet run trains, can be very interesting to see on tours. Please contact John, HemsathJ@gmail.com, to get your layout on the tour.

Clinics – Chair Larry Madson stated the night’s clinic would be *Laser Kits for Klutz’s* as presented by Frank Bongiovanni. Next month the National Convention bid team will show their presentation used at the recent National Convention to win Cleveland the privilege of hosting the 2014 National Convention. Scott Benson will present a clinic on speeders for the November Clinic.

One Day Rail Trip – Chair Tom Beutler reported the day trip to the Titusville and Oil City Railroad has been canceled due to not reaching the minimum number needed. Tom advised steam engine 765 will be running on the Cuyahoga Valley on 9/25-26 for any member wishing to see/ride.

Raffle – Mike Klein had a well stocked New York Central themed raffle for the nights meeting.

Company Store – Assistant Store Clerk Lee Sheffield reported the store now has a supply of AM hopper cars (Tony Koester’s home railroad) with four different numbers as well as convention boxcars and patches.

OLD BUSINESS – None

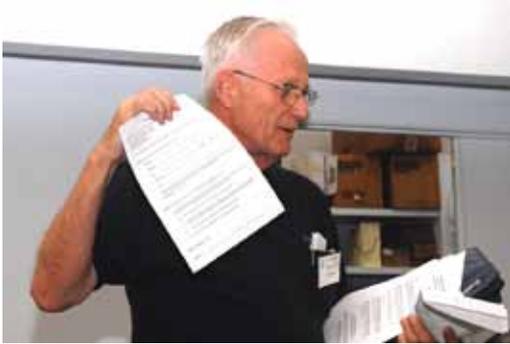
NEW BUSINESS – Dave Lawler brought a potpourri of items from two estates he is handling and available for free to any member finding value in the mix. Another member noted Jerry Jacobson is building the first since 1951 full scale roundhouse near Sugarcreek, Ohio. There is a website where the progress may be monitored. There will be a museum established with completion of the roundhouse.

Respectfully submitted,

Bruce Bowie
Secretary

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Membership by Dennis Whitaker



Dennis explains the membership roster at the September meeting.

October 2010 Birthdays:

JOHN BUETTNER
THOMAS J BUSINGER
AARON E DUPONT
NEAL S GEARHART
DAVID E JAMES
ROLF KROTSENG
DAVID A MARVINNEY
THOMAS W NEWELL
ROBERT Z VARGA

JAMES BURKHART
MICHAEL CASEY
JOSEPH J FERENCIE
LYNDALL HUGHES
WILLIAM JENKS
DAVID R LAWLER
JAMES A MOORE
ANTHONY L SMITH

New Member:

LEE D SOULE EUCLID OH

The 9/21/2010 BOD meeting minutes were available only in rough draft form at press time and will appear in next month's issue.



Tom Hemsath talked about Carnival marketing at the last meeting, including the use of gift baskets to the media as a budget friendly way to have the event announced on radio and television.

Note: the pictures accompanying the September Modular Report were provided by (and probably taken by) Scott Benson.

Carnival Mike Oster Chairman

Returning Dealer Appreciation Raffle

Grand Prize	Crusader Rail	\$100.00
Second Prizes	Janet Wintle	\$50.00
	Jeff Duchae	\$50.00
Third Prizes	Jim Rollbuhler	\$25.00
	Jay Himes	\$25.00
	Bob's Photo	\$25.00
	Neff Video	\$25.00

Checks were presented to the winners on Sunday at the Carnival.

The Clinic Corner

October 2010 Clinic – Our Convention Bid Presented by Chuck Klein and Jerry Krueger

Chuck and Jerry will show the bid program that won Cleveland the 2014 NMRA National Convention. There will also be a discussion of what this honor entails.

November 2010 Clinic – Speeders Presented by Scott Benson

Scott will present a program on a speeder meet that he attended. More info next month.

A Digital Projector for the Division

The Division 4 digital projector is available for use by division members for presenting clinic programs in digital format. Anyone wishing to present a program in digital format contact Larry Madson. phone: 440-934-2643 or email lmadson@roadrunner.com.

2010 - 2011 Clinic Programs

Any Division member wishing to present a program for the 2010 – 2011 season, please contact me.

Larry Madson

Frank Bongiovanni provided the average modelers among us with hope for building passable laser kits during his September clinic.





Without a doubt, this well known Division layout will find itself featured during the 2014 National Convention! How about yours?

Read the Flatwheel online at www.div4.org

Yahoo - The Division has a Yahoo group available for members. Send your request to join to dave_wms@sbcglobal.net. It's best to include "Division 4" in the subject line and include your name.

Members of the Yahoo Group receive an email when the Flatwheel PDF has been posted onto the website. The group is private and does not appear on the Yahoo directory.

We also have an email list to notify you when the Flatwheel is placed on the website. You are no longer required to join the Yahoo Group for this service.

Uncredited photos: D Williams.

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Deadline for the November Flatwheel is Thursday October 28, 2010.

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Raffle

Mike Klein

Company Store

Tim Sheffield

Clinics

Larry Madson

Flatwheel Editor

Dave Williams

Membership

Dennis Whitaker

Modules

Scott Benson

N.O.A.R.S. Representative

Chuck Beargie

Webmaster

Ben Lanza

November Layout Tours

Tentative, obviously more information in the mailed November issue.

Saturday, November 13, Noon to 5:00 PM

Tom McInerney

Dave Lawler

John Hemsath

Sunday, November 21, Noon to 5:00 PM

Art Bumpus

Don Stettin

Jim Peters

Brian Harko

2011 Mid Central Region Convention

Rails of Ages 1961 to 2011

April 28 through May 1, 2011

Featuring all the standard convention fare: Clinics - Industry Tours - Contests - Non-Rail Activities - Silent Auction - Awards Banquet - Raffle - Layout Tours

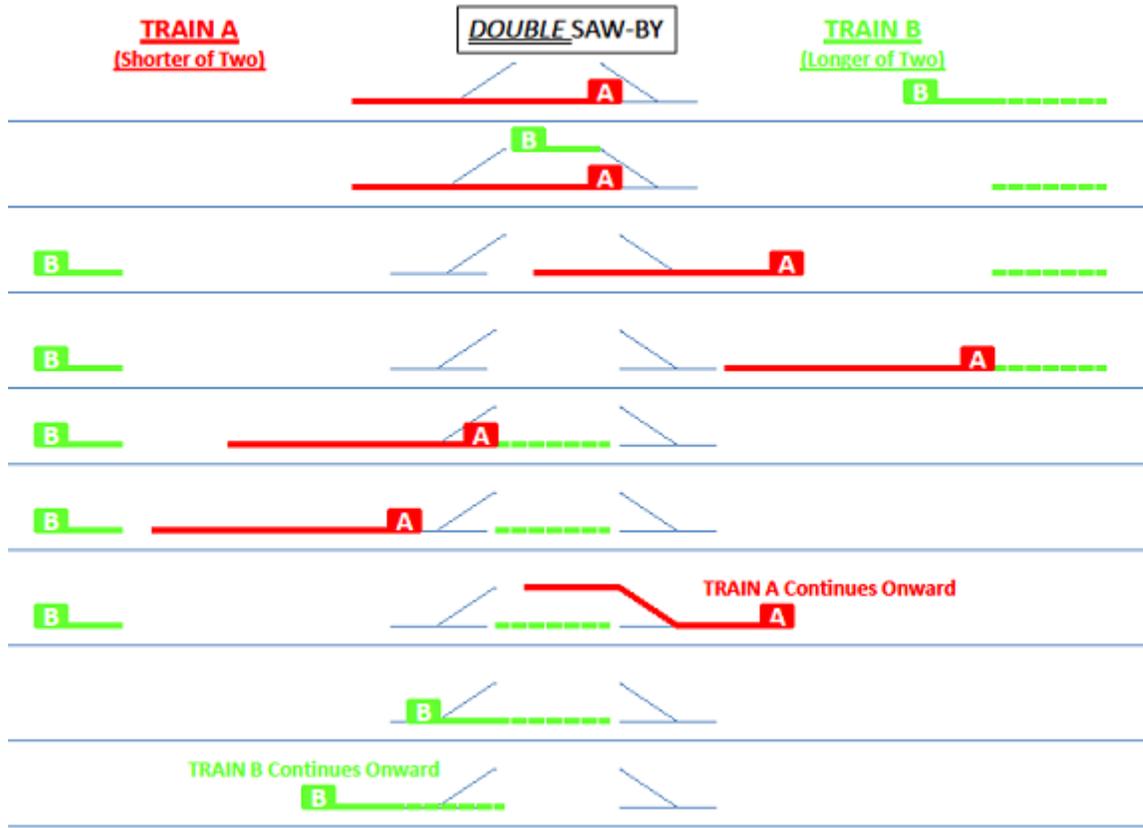
To be held at The Lodge & Conference Center at Geneva-on-the-Lake
www.TheLodgeAtGeneva.com

Information: Matt Kross, 12049 Sperry Road, Chesterland OH 44026 440-729-3045

www.RailsOfAges.org

Double Saw-By from Bruce Bowie

Saw-bys occur when two trains meet and one is too long for the siding. The short train takes the siding and the long train continues on. Double saw-bys, where both trains are too long for the siding, while rare, can and do happen. If invited to operate on your buddy's layout, would you know how to handle one?



Jim Grell brought his National Contest winning caboose to the September meeting, along with his UTW Lantern Award.



Raffle Contest

We hope you liked September's theme raffle. Expect another great raffle at the October meeting.

The Raffle Dudes

The following items should have been in the September issue but were inadvertently dropped. -ed

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2009 & 2010 SCALE RAIL MAGAZINES AND NMRA CALENDARS NEEDED

Bring to the Carnival for the membership Table!

Please help attract new members to the National Model Railroad Association. Bring your back issues of your 2009/2010 Scale Rails magazines and NMRA Calendars.

These will be handed to prospective members visiting the staff at the Membership Table at the Carnival '10 Model Train Show (Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds October 2nd and 3rd). For privacy purposes, you may want to obliterate the data shown on your mailing labels. NMRA headquarters will also be providing some back issues (with the cost of mailing being borne by Division 4). The more of these quality magazines we have on hand, the better we can attract members.

Please help staff the membership table at the Carnival. Call Denny Whitaker at 440-487-0950 or show up and see what times are available.

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Carnival '10 Model Train Show --- Raffle Prize

John Ormandy, owner of Ormandy's Trains & Toys of Medina, has once again donated a very generous Raffle Prize to Division-4's annual Carnival & Model Train Show.

We will be raffling off Lionel's "Harry Potter Hogwarts Express" complete ready-to-run O-gauge train set. This valuable prize has a manufacturer's retail price of \$330. It features a die-cast metal locomotive with puffing smoke and operating headlight; a large 60" x 40" oval of Lionel's patented "FasTrack;" and a powerful Lionel transformer.

To see more Lionel, Marklin, and other model trains (including a wide variety of accessories and supplies), go to Ormandy's Trains and Toys, 10 Public Square, Medina, Ohio (Tel: 330-722-1019). Tell John, "Thanks for the ongoing support of Division-4 and our hobby."

Denny Whitaker can also use helpers to stroll around the Carnival selling Raffle Tickets. Call Denny at 440-487-0950 for a specific time slot or volunteer while you're at the Carnival.

FLATWHEEL REPORT

Gondolas w/or w/o load

September, 2010

There were 11 entries and 31 votes

1 st Place Tom McNerny	Scratch Built Side Door Gon.
2 nd Place Dave Lawler	C&O Gon. w/Pipe Load
Dave Lawler	NYC Gon. w/Pipe Load
3 rd Place Len Sherry	PRR No. 357621
John Hemsath	T & P Gon.
Jim Grell	PRR GRa Gon.

Point Standings

Points

1 st Place Tom McNerny	4
2 nd Place Dave Lawler	3
3 rd Place Len Sherry	2
John Hemsath	2
Jim Grell	2



September's 1st place entry

Model Contest Corner by Bob Lavinski

You will have a new contest chairman starting in October, 2010. It is Dave Lawler and a good man he is. Dave knows lots about models and modeling and has won many contests himself. I feel good about leaving you in his hands because I feel there is no better. As for me I would like to thank all that helped me from time to time and those that entered the contests for all our enjoyment. It's been a good ride for me. See ya down the road.

Bob



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23500 Center Ridge Road
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Division website
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Carnival!

Friday October 1 through Sunday October 3 are Carnival work days. If you didn't sign up and you're reading this before Sunday evening, it's not too late to volunteer. Contact an officer or show up at the Berea fairgrounds to see where you're needed.

Harold Mickley captured this photo of NKP Berkshire 765 on its way to its September runs on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad. The restored engine was on loan from the Ft. Wayne Railroad Historical Society.

Harold shares his photos with the world on Flickr under the title *The Restless Railfan*, including more of this engine.

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