



THE FLATWHEEL

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Newsletter of NMRA MCR Division Four



Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent

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Our next meeting will be on March 11, 2011. Larry Madson has a clinic program lined up for us about how to cast parts in resin. David Lawler informs us that the March model contest will be on the subject of Passenger Steam Locomotives. Why not attend the next meeting and watch the clinic, vote for best model, and even participate with your entry into the contest.

Save the date of April 8, 2011 for our auction. This meeting will have a very brief business meeting followed by the auction. Start gathering up those items that you thought you needed, bought, and now find that you don't need after all. I think all of us have encountered that moment when we look at something we've had for some time, and now think "WHY DID I EVER GET THAT?" I know, there are those of you out there who have made excellent decisions and have nothing that you want to part with and put up for auction. Well, I'm here to tell you folks, I ain't one of those people. At any rate, during the next 6 weeks, think of those items you want to auction off, and convert into some green backs.

While there are a number of Division 4 members who are either actively constructing or actively operating home layouts, there are an even larger number of members who are not. For those who are not, there may be any number of reasons ranging from "the task is too large" to "space is not available". If the reason centers on the issue of "so many things to know, learn, and do", Division 4 is re-initiating a resource for modelers. Several years ago, Bruce Brintnall published information in the Flatwheel about members who could provide technical assistance and help. Today, Denny Whitaker is re-initiating that effort with a Division 4 "Knowledge Depot". Denny is actively seeking volunteers who can offer some advice, help, knowledge, or manpower for other member to tap into. Between all the members out there who have knowledge about lots of stuff, we should be able to bring together a fairly good sized compendium of helping hand services for those of us who want or need it. So, when Denny sends you an email requesting your voluntary participation, please respond by outlining your skills, knowledge, or capabilities.

Denny will organize the information in a resource directory for modelers. This will become another growing phase of the membership roster as a tool for modelers. Don't have email? Contact Denny directly by phone at 440-487-0950.

So remember.....never trade steam for water.

Note to Division 4 members: your mailed version of this Flatwheel contains Layout Tour information.

Meeting Minutes

LOCATION: Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, OH 44145

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Art Bumpus at 7:55 P.M. Art thanked everyone for attending. Art asked if anyone had not received a Flatwheel with no one indicating a delivery issue. Treasurer Rich Tressa was absent but passed on his report the Division assets are valued at \$32,555.¹⁹ as of 1/31/2011. Art followed up several recent suggestions and determined the church has some portable lighting available to light up two contest model tables and has a functioning PA system. Both were put to good use at the meeting.

MEMBERSHIP: Chair Dennis Whitaker noted three new members have joined the Division. One of the new members oversees drawings of all bridges spanning waterways in the great lakes and can be a resource to modelers. Joe Mehalic has taken on the new position of membership Co-chairman with Joe focusing his efforts on recruitment. Joe reported he will be setting up a membership table at the upcoming Div 5 Railfest at Kirkland. Members volunteering to man the table get in to the show for free. Contact Joe to volunteer. The Division will also have a membership table at the Cuyahoga Valley RR's Thomas the Tank event on the last two weekends in May. We will need numerous volunteers to man the table for this event.

VISITORS: We had some young visitors from the Medina County 4-H club. Art reminded the membership that a number of members go to the nearby Bakers Square after the meeting to socialize and all are welcome to join in the fun/food.

LAYOUT TOURS: Younger brother Tom Hemsath informed the membership there will be layout tours on Saturday, March 5th and Sunday, March 13th. The Medina area will be the focus of the March 5th tours with John Puch offering his layout for the 1st time. [the March 5th tour has been cancelled, layout will be rescheduled for Fall –ed.] The layout is a B&O/PRR operating layout placed on two levels in several rooms. Ted Schultz's layout is also on the list. More layouts in this area would be helpful so please contact the brothers Hemsath to show your layout. Remember, layouts in any stage of construction are of interest to members. Chuck Klein, Ted Ondrish, Ben Lanza, Bruce Brintnall and Ron Morgan will make their layouts available for viewing on the 13th.

CLINICS: Chair Larry Madson reported there would be two train videos showing during the membership appreciation period of the night's meeting; Steam in Cuba and Galloping Goose. Next month we will have a video presentation on casting parts in resin. There will no clinic in April as that will be the auction event. May will see Jim Seman, noted NKP enthusiast, making a presentation.

MODULES – Larry Madson reported the modules will be set up at the two day train show at the Lodi Outlet Center this coming weekend, the Elyria Train Depot on April 16th and the Cuyahoga Valley RR's Thomas the Tank event in May.

TRAINING DAY – Gary Sole reported he has signup sheets for those wanting to participate in this year's event. Flyers are also available as well as on our website. Gary would like someone to consider a clinic on track laying. Training Day will be April 3 from Noon to 4. Setup can start as early as 9:30 AM.

AUCTION – Gary Sole will be assisted by Frank Bongiovanni as auctioneers at the April Auction. Items purchased come with an Oklahoma Warranty, e.g. If it breaks in half, the buyer gets to keep both pieces. Items purchased must be paid for that night with cash or check. It is highly recommended sellers get forms from our website and pre-fill them out. The buyer pays the auctioned price and the seller receives 90% with the Division getting 10%. Bidders signup that night will receive a number paddle. Remember, your numbered paddle is like your credit card and should be protected by the individual it is assigned to until the event concludes!

FLATWHEEL: Editor Williams indicated this month's submission deadline is 2/24.

CONTEST: Chair David Lawler, using the new PA system, said tonight's contest is on small MOW equipment. Last month's contest was dioramas 18 square inches or smaller. Winners were 1st Place – Tom McInerney, 2nd Place – Gary Dunn, 3rd Place – Jim Grell. Dave then presented plaques and gift certificates to the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners for the year's first half winners: 3rd place Gary Dunn and Jeff Lauren tied; 2nd Place – Jim Grell; and 1st Place – Tom McInerney and Len Scherry tied. Next month's contest will be Passenger Steam Locomotives. The May contest will be 35' -40' iced reefers.

COMPANY STORE – Tim Sheffield reported convention cars are still available but the store has only one set of four AM hopper cars remaining and some single car AM hoppers.

RAFFLE – Mike Klein informed the membership the night's raffle included a number of items including 2011 calendars, State Tool & Die cars, a Steam Book and other items.

OLD BUSINESS - None

NEW BUSINESS: Art informed the membership that Lee Sheffield was elected at the recent BOD Meeting as Trustee At Large, replacing Tom Beutler. Art thanked the several members who offered their time and energy to this important position. Art also reported on future efforts the BOD is considering to help recruit and retain membership. Under consideration are mentoring efforts focused on operations, layout planning, and layout construction among others. Art also reported the national is looking for volunteers to help on data sheet updating efforts. Jerry Ashley is looking for information on Cleveland area stations circa 1918. Anyone with sources can contact Jerry or Art can pass it on. Art informed the membership we received a letter from the Ohio Attorney General's office stating we were delinquent in filing our 501c3 listing as a charitable organization, along with approx. 30,000 other Ohio non-profits. The annual cost is \$50. A motion was made, seconded and passed by the membership to allocate \$150 for Steve Kaplan to include in the filing.

The 2014 National Convention Committee will meet on March 2 at 6:30 PM in the Cuyahoga Falls Public Library. Anyone interested in assisting in the convention efforts is asked to attend.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:40 PM with the arrival of the pizza. (*sec – thank you to Brian Barnt for the hot out of the oven chocolate chip cookies!*)

Respectfully submitted, Bruce Bowie, Secretary

Membership by Dennis Whitaker

March 2011 Birthdays:

MICHAEL BAHNTGE
LOUIS R FALK
DAVID C JOHNSON
LAWRENCE P MADSON
RALPH PESHEK
RICHARD E ULMER

TOM BEUTLER
JAMES FOLEY
HARRY LEVER
ERIC G NEWBERRY
DONALD STETTIN

New Members:

ADAM BARR
MARK FILIPPELL
JOSEPH H SAUNDERS

LYNDHURST
SHAKER HEIGHTS
MEDINA

Re-Rail Members:

None

2014 National Convention Meeting

Wednesday March 2, 2011 6:30 pm (ok to arrive late if necessary) to 8:45 pm
Cuyahoga Falls Public Library located at 2015 Third Street in Cuyahoga Falls, OH 44221-3205 .
We have reserved the Sutcliffe Room.

Editor's Endorsement - Lin Young for Central District Director

The Clinic Corner

March 2011 Clinic
“Resin Mold Making and Resin Casting for the Model Railroader”
A video presentation from Bragdon Enterprises

This video produced by Bragdon Enterprises will show you how to reproduce almost anything using RTV molds and Bragdon “Cast Satin” resin.

Note from Larry: This is the system I used for the rocks on my “Carolton” return loop module. I will have the module on display, plus the materials used to make the rocks.

Auction date changed – The biannual auction which has traditionally been held at the March meeting has been changed to the April meeting.

Sort through your unwanted treasures and bring them to the April meeting, they are probably someones treasure!

May Clinic

We welcome Jim Semon as our guest clinician for the May meeting. His program will be a slide presentation “Our Trip on Via’s Canadian to Steam Expo” from Toronto to Vancouver in 1986. Time permitting he will show slides of the NKP

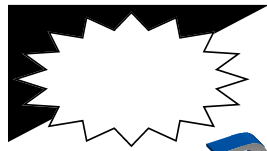
A Digital Projector for the Division

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.

2011 - 2012 Clinic Programs

Any Division member wishing to present a program for the 2011 – 2012 season, please contact me.

Larry Madson



Railfest 2011

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Live Steam Display
(Lake Shore Live Steamers)

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Kirtland Ohio**

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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

2011 Great Lakes Model Railroad Symposium (GLMRS)

submitted by Frank Bongiovanni

The 2011 GLMRS is an NMRA event co-sponsored by the St. Jo Valley Model Railroad Club. This symposium is about scale model railroading and scale model railroaders. The event is for all scale model railroaders including prototype modelers, proto-freelance modelers, and freelance modelers who strive for realism in both appearance and operation of their railroads. The GLMRS is designed to help you better enjoy and appreciate our hobby and most importantly, to help you become a better scale model railroader through clinics, live demonstrations, and hands-on workshops. The lineup of clinicians, workshop leads, and demonstrators are among the hobby's finest scale model railroaders. Their presentations will be interesting, informative, also entertaining. Be prepared for excitement and laughter!

The 2011 GLMRS will motivate and inspire everyone at the very minimum. Activities will be an enjoyable learning experience for all. You will have the opportunity to increase your knowledge about scale model railroads, how they were built, and how they operate. Live demonstrations and hands-on workshops will provide everyone with the opportunity to learn and practice new skills, modeling methods, and techniques. Activity leaders are all well-known scale model railroaders who have earned their «stripes». Included are Jim Hediger and Tony Koester from Kalmbach Publishing, Mark Belmonte, Ray Breyer, Mike Burgett, Tom Johnson, Dennis Lippert, Maynard Mitchell, Bill Neale, Jim Six, Terry Stuart, Doug Tagsold, Dennis Whittaker, and NMRA President Mike Brestel.

The GLMRS has a new location for 2011. The GLMRS will be held at the National New York Central Railroad Museum in downtown Elkhart, Indiana located on the south side of the former NYC mainline into Elkhart, directly across from the AMTRAK station. We will also include the conference rooms upstairs in the AMTRAK station. Everyone should keep in mind that there are in the vicinity of a hundred trains that pass between the museum and the station every day making for great train watching and photography! The museum itself is home for plenty of railroad equipment on the grounds including a New York Central E8 in the famous two-tone gray lighting stripe scheme and Mohawk 3001, one of the last remaining 4-8-2 steam locomotives. Other rolling stock and cabooses are included in the onsite museum collection. Inside, there is plenty of truly great railroad memorabilia along with a large model railroad and large collection of O-scale model trains. Admission to the museum for both days is included within \$30 registration fee for the GLMRS.

The 2011 GLMRS is a two-day learning experience featuring live demonstrations and hands-on workshops starting at 9:00 AM and running to 2:00 PM at which time the clinics will begin and run to the end of each day (approximately 10:00 PM or later). The facility will open at 8:00 AM and remain open to midnight for those wanting to hang around after conclusion of the scheduled activities to watch trains and socialize (BS). There will be ample time for dinner with good restaurants and fast food establishments within a few blocks of the Symposium. However, we recommend that everyone have a hearty breakfast before arriving at the 2011 GLMRS each day since there will be no formal pause for lunch.

Schedule of Activities

FRIDAY APR 15th

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM-on Workshop

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM DCC Hands Weathering Hands -on Workshop

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Painting and Weathering Structures Demonstration

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Creating Photo Backdrops Demonstration

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Fundamentals of Painting with an Airbrush

2:00 PM Dennis Lippert: Building a Freight Car Fleet for Operating Model Railroads

3:00 PM Maynard Mitchell: Modeling Realistic Trees, Rivers, and Streams

4:30 PM Mike Burgett: Modeling the C&O Clifton Forge Division

7:30 PM Bill Neale: Modeling the Pennsylvania Railroad

9:00 PM Jim Hediger (Kalmbach): Double Deck Model Railroads

SATURDAY APR 16th

9:00 AM - 1:45 PM Weathering Hands-on Workshop

9:00 AM - 2:00 PM DCC Hands-on Workshop

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Painting and Weathering Structures Demonstration

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Creating Photo Backdrops Demonstration

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Fundamentals of Painting with an Airbrush

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM

2:00 PM Terry Stuart: Modeling Pennsy along the Ohio River

3:00 PM Ray Breyer: Scratch building Your Way to Fun & Profit

4:30 PM Tony Koester: The State of Layout Design and Construction Today

7:30 PM Doug Tagsold: Modeling Toledo's Port Terminal Railroads

9:00 PM Mike Brestel: The NMRA Today and Tomorrow



February's meeting was member Appreciation Night with pizza being served.

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 March Flatwheel is Thursday March 24, 2011.

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Raffle

Mike Klein

Company Store

Tim Sheffield

Clinics

Larry Madson

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Dave Williams

Membership Co-Chairs

Dennis Whitaker/Joe Mehalic

Modules

Scott Benson

N.O.A.R.S. Representative

Chuck Beargie

Webmaster

Ben Lanza

BOD meeting Minutes

Location: United Church of Christ, Strongsville, Ohio

Art Bumpus, Superintendent, called the meeting of elected officers to order at 7:10 P.M. All elected officers were present. The purpose of the meeting was to elect a Trustee At Large to fill the open position left by Tom Beutler's recent resignation. Art thanked the members who offered to serve; Harold Mickley, Ron Morgan, Fritz Schaufele and Lee Sheffield. It shows the health of the organization to have four outstanding candidates offer their services. After discussion, a motion was made and seconded to elect Lee Sheffield as Trustee At Large. The vote was unanimous in support of the motion. Art asked all officers to express their thanks to Lee and the other candidates.

The regular BOD agenda followed with the additional attendance of Ben Lanza, Mike Oster, Dennis Whitaker, Joe Mehalic, Dave Williams, Scott Benson and John Hemsath.

COMMITTEE REPORTS

2014 National Convention – Chuck Klein provided the first draft of the tri-fold to be used for the convention. Everyone was enthused by the design effort. A meeting is being planned in the near term.

Finance – Art informed us the Division had received a letter from the State of Ohio Attorney General's office indicating we failed to file a Certificate of Authority. Steve Kaplan will handle the filing with the Treasurer. It was noted this has been an oversight by many non-profit organizations. Art will request the membership approve the \$50 filing fee cost as it was not in the approved budget.

Carnival – Mike Oster reported all is moving along and flyers are available.

Layout Tours – John Hemsath reported he is still looking for additional layouts for the upcoming tours. Several layouts were mentioned to John for consideration.

Clinics – Larry Madson is still looking for a clinic for the March meeting. There will be no clinic in April as that will be the once every two years auction. Ben will add to the website the forms used for members wishing to sell items at the auction.

Modules – Scott Benson informed the group the modules were recently setup at the Brecksville Library and will be at the Lodi Outlet Center Saturday, February 12, at the Cuyahoga Valley RR's Thomas The Tank event two weekends in late May and at the Elyria train depot this spring. The module group is doing more "for profit" shows that sometimes pay for layouts and is looking for ideas on the best process to follow for receipt of the funds and the amount to request.

Flatwheel – Dave Williams stated the deadline is February 24th.

Membership – Joe Mehalic has taken on the role of Assistant Membership Chairman along with Dennis Whitaker. Joe will target recruitment efforts and Dennis will handle tracking, notifications, etc. Ideas for recruiting and retaining membership should be passed on to Joe as well as anyone willing to donate some time manning a membership table at various functions, including the upcoming Division 5 Kirkland show.

Art passed out information from the National looking for volunteers to assist with data sheets. If interested, please contact Art. Steve Kaplan asked the BOD for authorization to open a new checking account for use by the 2014 National Convention Committee. The fund would have seed money from the Division in the amount of \$2,000. The Committee will use these funds to pay for convention related expenses, turn in expense reports to the national and place the reimbursed funds back in to the account. At conclusion of the convention and the final accounting of expenses and reimbursements, the original \$2,000 seed money will be returned to the Division. A motion was made, seconded and unanimously passed with the clear understanding the \$2,000 would be returned in full to the Division's general fund at the end of the convention. Scott Benson provided a two page list of ideas on how the Division might recruit new members and retain existing members. The list generated a great deal of discussion and ideas requiring follow-up by the BOD. Scott was enthusiastically thanked for taking the time to generate the ideas presented, as membership is one of the Division's single most important issues. The ideas will be reviewed with the membership in March.

Meeting adjourned at 9:25 P.M.

Respectfully submitted Bruce Bowie, Secretary

Raffle Report

March shold provided more interesting things for us to give away to lucky ticketholders. We're ready to sell the winning tickets, see you there!

The Raffle Dudes

Contest Corner

conducted by Dave Lawler

February 2011 contest, Small Maintenance Equipment

There were 5 entries and 28 votes.

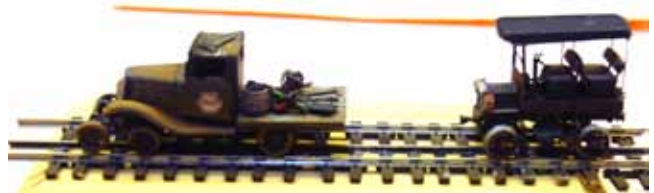
- 1st Jeff Lauren-Boom Truck
- 2nd Tom McInerney-Rail Car
- 3rd Tom McInerney-Inspection Car

Point Standings:

- 1st Tom McInerney 5
- 2nd Jeff Lauren 4
- 3rd (tie) Len Scherry & Jim Grell 1 point each

Contests for the remainder of this season are as follows:

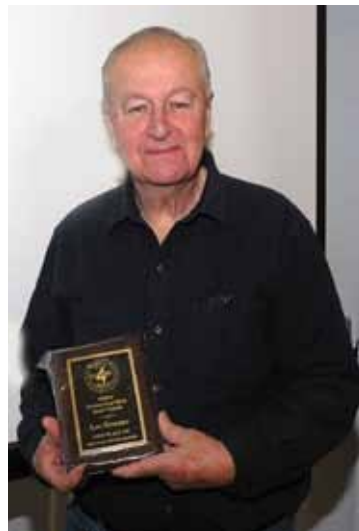
- March 2011: Passenger Steam Locomotives
- April 2011: NO CONTEST, Auction night!
- May 2011: 35'-40' Ice Refrigerator Cars
- June 2011: Awards Presentation at the Annual Picnic



First Half Contest Winners



Tom McInerney
First Place
(tie)



Len Scherry
First Place
(tie)



Jim Grell
Second Place



Gary Dunn
Third Place
(tie)

No photo: Jeff Lauren
Third Place
(tie)

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Information



Visitors watch a freight pass by on the Division's Modular layout at the Lodi Outlet Mall Train Show in February.

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