



# THE FLATWHEEL

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## Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent On Q

The next Division meeting is Friday, May 11. Our contest chairman, Dave Lawler, has six axle freight or passenger diesels as the focus for entering our monthly contest. Remember that the winners are chosen by popular vote from you, the members. So, you don't have to worry about critical judges deciding which model wins. The point is that you enter the contests so the entire membership can get to enjoy the fruits of your models/modeling. Remember, it's all in good fun and the more folks entering models make the contest all the more interesting. The clinic will be presented by John Witt. He will demonstrate how to re-motor an AHM Heisler. He will also show the installation of DCC and sound. Many of the actions that he takes, are applicable not just to the engine he is working on, but also to many other models. We will be meeting in the room at the other end of the church for this meeting only.

As you read this, a number of us will have returned from the Pittsburgh Regional Convention. At the banquet, I had the pleasure of awarding the first Martha Newberry Structure Award. This award pays a special tribute to Martha who was an outstanding modeler and very active member during the seventies. She helped the Division to pull together its first set of Bylaws. Last year, her model house entered in the Regional Convention won *Best of Show*. In addition, our Regional Membership chairman, Paul Novak Jr., was awarded the Regional Director's Award in recognition of his tireless work on our Regional membership data. Paul has been performing this task, which helps each Division in the Region to have member data that is timely and accurate, for the last ten years. Congratulations Paul.

On May 5th, the Division is holding open house for railroads in the western part of the Division. I urge all members to take the time to see the work of many of your fellow modelers. Several of the model railroads are being shown for the first time. I have personally seen the railroads presented by Gary Dunn and Jim Moore. Gary is an artist by trade, and his talents are evident in his model railroad presentation. Jim started his layout the last week of October, 2011. You will be amazed at how far he has gotten on a LARGE model railroad. Jim holds work sessions on Friday nights. At the last work session, one of the construction crew was injured. As of now, the union grievance had not been settled. Hopefully, there will be no pickets protesting working conditions during open house.... Information about what and where the model railroads are located may be found elsewhere in this issue of the Flatwheel.

Lastly, there is a B&O Railroad mini convention coming up on May 19th in Lexington, Ohio. Lexington is a less than 2 hour ride, taking I 71. Several division members will be present (myself included). The clinics provide many photographic programs about the B&O. Go to [borhs.org](http://borhs.org) and click *events* for more information and registration info.

Well, that's about all for this month. So remember, in the meantime, never trade steam for water.

## General Meeting Minutes from April 13 2012



### Meeting Officers

left to right: Bruce Bowie, secretary; Art Bumpus, Superintendent; Jim Moore, Asst Superintendent; and Rich Tressa, Treasurer

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

Superintendent Art Bumpus called the meeting to order at 7:31 P.M. using the church's PA to help all members hear the speakers better. The Treasurer reported assets of \$34,369.<sup>02</sup>. Joe Mehalic introduced visitor Russell Hall, recently moved from South Africa to the Cleveland area. Several new members were in attendance. In addition, Dennis Whitaker reported he and Joe Mehalic's efforts, along with a number of supporters, have signed a significant number of new members. Membership now stands at 214, higher than it has been in several decades. Art reminded all members and guests a group goes to the Baker's Square on Lorain Road after the meeting for additional social activity with all welcome to join. Member Michael Moore, pastor of the church and Division 4 member, mentioned a young parishioner that always showed an interest in trains as he was growing up was recently promoted to NS's VP Mechanical.

CLINICS - Larry Madson reported the night's clinic would be on detailing roofs by Joe Saunders. Next month John Witt will show us how he remotored an AHM Heisler and added DCC along with sound. June, Larry will put on his soldering clinic. This will be a hands on clinic. Those wanting to learn better soldering techniques are encouraged to bring their favorite soldering iron, solder and paste. Anyone with ideas for clinics for next year are encouraged to contact Larry.

MODULES - Scott Benson reported the module group participated at two recent events. The group will be at the Boy Scout activity in early May and will again this year be set up for the two weekend Thomas The Tank event in conjunction with the CVSR. Help is appreciated to man this event.

FLATWHEEL - Due to the upcoming regional convention, the *Flatwheel* deadline will be Thursday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.

CONTEST - Dave Lawler reported we had 13 entries in the night's contest, diorama's built on a 3" peanut butter jar lid. (Some of the best structure modeling of the year was present, amazing - *sec.*) Tom McInerney and Dave Lawler tied for 1<sup>st</sup> place in last month's contest with 5 unit freight trains. Art Bumpus placed 2<sup>nd</sup>, and John Puch, 3<sup>rd</sup>. The contest in April will be six axle freight or passenger diesels.

COMPANY STORE - Store manager Tim Sheffield reported a price drop on the Newburgh and South Shore boxcars is now in effect. (\$12 each or three for \$30 - *sec.*)

RAFFLE - Raffle Mike Klein was back in action after recent hip replacement surgery, once again providing a nice selection of items for the night's raffle, including the original framed Division 4 sponsored regional convention poster.

LAYOUT TOURS - John Hemsath reported layouts will be open in the western section of the Division on Saturday, May 5<sup>th</sup>. Details were sent in the recent *Flatwheel* and will be in the upcoming *Flatwheel* as well. Art noted his internet provider strips 3<sup>rd</sup> party attachments. Anyone with a similar problem should contact webmaster Ben Lanza for tour information. Tom Hemsath reported on the new effort that allows layout owners to list their layouts as available for private showings by appointment only in the Knowledge Depot section of the membership listing.

OLD BUSINESS - Rich Tressa reported efforts to find a new location for holding a summer picnic have run into difficulty. Therefore, it is **tentatively** planned to have a picnic at the Northern Ohio Live Steamers on July 21<sup>st</sup>. More information will follow as plans solidify.

NEW BUSINESS - Art reported the Division will be sponsoring an annual structure award at the regional convention contest in honor of Martha Newberry. The Newberry family has provided seed money in appreciation of the Division's efforts in this regard.

The business meeting adjourned at 8:09 PM.

Respectfully submitted,  
Bruce Bowie, Secretary

## Membership by Dennis Whitaker

### March 2012 Birthdays:

BRIAN BARNT	MICHAEL J DORY, PHD
RONALD FIEDLER	WILLIAM GORRIS
MYRON KRAJEWSKI	DALE MCCARTY
STEVE RIDDLEBAUGH	R JIM ROLLBUHLER
FRITZ SCHAUFELE	PETER M STROTH
FRED UNGER	

### New Members:

ALLEN CLEVER	BAY VILLAGE
FABIAN HENDERSON	CLEVELAND
DENNIS PEHOTSKY	LAKWOOD
MARGARET PEHOTSKY	LAKWOOD

### Re-Rail Members:

BRIAN HAAS	GRAFTON
VLADIMIR M SALVA, JR	BEREA

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Congratulations to Paul Novak Jr on receiving the Regional Directors' Award at this year's convention in Pittsburgh.



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## RAFFLE REPORT

Hello all, Thanks to all who participated in the April raffle, it was another success. The May raffle will be PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD NIGHT on the raffle table. Even if you are not a PENNSY fan, there is always something for everyone. See you there.

### The Raffle Dudes

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**Editors' notes:** Due to the Regional Convention occurring when we normally glue the Flatwheel together I'm reluctantly leaving out some coverage of both the convention and the recent Elkhart meet. I plan on providing more coverage in the next issue of both.

This issue again has the layout tour information that was part of the April issue, but this version has Dale Owens' layout as well.

## Day Out with Thomas

We will be supporting the Module Group by setting up a Membership Table at the upcoming “Day Out With Thomas” event. I will be reaching out to the other Divisions to see if they want to assist us.

The dates are as follows” May 19, 20, 25, 26 and 27.

We will need recruiters from 9:00 to 5:30 on all days.

The time slots will be set at the following:

9 - 11

11 - 1

1 - 3

3 - 5:30

Please email Joe Mehalic at [automaticstuff@sbcglobal.net](mailto:automaticstuff@sbcglobal.net), or leave a message on his cell phone at 216-849-8616 with the time you would like to man the table.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Joe Mehalic

Denny Whitaker

Division 4 Membership Co-Chairmen

## Module Group Report by Scott Benson

The module group will be displaying, with the Division 1 module crew, at Day Out with Thomas at the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad again this year. This is a five-day event, May 19, 20 and 25-27. The event is held in the Boston Mills ski area parking lot, and has lots of activities for the families. Last year, we probably had over 10,000 visitors to the display. Besides the module group regulars, we’d love to have more Division 4 participation. There are two main jobs at an event like this, run trains and talk to the visitors. So pretty much everyone in the division is qualified! And you’re welcome to run your DCC-powered HO train. Please contact Scott Benson at [sbenson440@wowway.com](mailto:sbenson440@wowway.com) if you’d like to join in.

Also in May, we’ll be supporting a big Boy Scout event on May 12 at Lorain County Fairgrounds.

## The Clinic Corner

### May 2012 Program

Presented by:

John Witt

### Remotoring an Older HO Locomotive and Adding DCC

John will show us how he upgraded an AHM Heisler by installing a can motor and installing a DCC decoder to bring an old classic up to date.

### June Clinic – Soldering 101 – Larry Madson

Learn how to make reliable solder connections including track feeds. This is a hands on clinic, Bring your soldering iron.

### Clinic Presentation Aids

Division 4 has a digital projector available for use by division members for presenting clinic programs in digital format The division also has a video camera available for program enhancement. Anyone wishing to use the camera or the projector for their program, contact

Larry Madson. phone: 440-934-2643 or email [lmadson@roadrunner.com](mailto:lmadson@roadrunner.com).

Larry Madson

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Next BOD meeting is May 29, 2012

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### A New Way To Visit Layouts

One of the terrific benefits of membership in the NMRA is the opportunity to visit members' homes and see their layouts which are not normally accessible to the general public. Every time I visit a layout, I learn something. Layout owners are just as likely to talk about what they did wrong as what they did right. We are able to take away inspiration as well as warnings.

However, not everyone is ready to open their layout to a tour. Perhaps they work on weekends, or parking is limited, or they're just not ready to have dozens of people in their home in one afternoon.

Rather than participating in a tour, we would like to offer these members the opportunity to share their work on a one-on-one basis. So, whether you've participated in previous layout tours or not, we invite you to open your layout to visits by individual members. This would be by appointment only...at your convenience.

In the Knowledge Depot, your layout would be listed along with a brief description and your city of residence. Members could then call, or email, you to arrange a mutually convenient time for a visit. If you would like to share your layout but tours were too much, please contact Denny Whitaker at [denny7710@roadrunner.com](mailto:denny7710@roadrunner.com).

A number of members have already agreed to open their layouts for a private tour. They include Denny Whitaker, Art Bumpus, Ben Lanza, Steve Kaplan, Gary Dunn, and Jim Moore. Consider adding your name to this list and share your work and your experience with other members.

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NMRA National Convention  
Grand Rapids MI  
July 29-August 4, 2012



April clinician Joe Saunders presented roofing techniques.

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Read the Flatwheel online at [www.div4.org](http://www.div4.org)

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Yahoo - The Division has a Yahoo group available for members. Send your request to join to dave\_wms@sbc-global.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.

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## Contest Corner

conducted by Dave Lawler

April contest was "A Mini-diorama on a Peanut Butter Jar Lid"

There were 13 entries and 59 votes cast.

1st place: Tom McNerny	"Low Tide At Ron's Bait".
2nd place: Rich Mayich	"PB&J RR"
3rd place (tie): Steve Riddlebaugh	"Osage Flats Station",
Dave Lawler	"Old Stone Shed"

There were so many clever and unique entries, I'd like to ask ALL of the entrants to bring their models back for "show and tell" at the May meeting.

Point standings after our third contest of the second half are as follows:

1st (tie)	Tom McNerny and Dave Lawler	8 points each
2nd (tie)	Jim Grell, Steve Riddlebaugh and Dave Williams	5 points each
3rd (tie)	George Gelehrter and Art Bumpus	4 points each

The May contest is for 6 axle (C-C) diesel locomotives from any manufacturer, Alco, GE, EMD, Baldwin, Lima, MLW, CLC etc., from any era either freight or passenger.



Congratulations to Jim Grell for winning numerous times at this year's MCR Convention (hope to have an exact list for the June issue).

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Next meeting:

**Friday May 11 2012**

Church of the Redeemer  
23500 Center Ridge Road  
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Social time starts at 7 pm  
Business meeting 7:30 pm

Division website: [www.div4.org](http://www.div4.org)

One of many fine entries in the April Peanut Butter Jar Lid competition.

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