



THE FLATWHEEL



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Official newsletter of Division Four, Mid Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association.

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Art Bumpus, Division 4 Superintendent

Our next meeting is June 14th. The June contest is for small diesel oil or steam locomotive fueling facilities. Oil tanks, coaling towers, water tanks, sand houses, diesel tanks and similar themed facilities are all eligible. The program will be on the installation of DCC decoders given by Lee Sheffield. Social hour is from 7:00 to 7:30PM. The meeting starts at 7:30PM.

The summer picnic will be held Saturday, July 27th at the Northeast Ohio Live Steamers property in Lodi. The Division will supply the hot dogs, buns, paper plates, and utensils. Each member/family should bring a community plate for everyone to share. Again, our Division 1 friends have been invited. The picnic starts at 12:00 noon until whenever. There will be no Division meeting; only a social get together. This newsletter is the last newsletter before our summer break, so this is the only Flatwheel announcement. See the map inside as to how to get there.

Since the June meeting is our last meeting until Fall, signup sheets for the Carnival show will be set out for volunteers. As always, we need as much help as possible from you to provide the manpower to run the show. Remember that this is our only fund raiser and provides all the funds for the running of the Division. Our Division is one of only a few in the country that are able to provide the funds for all our Division activities without asking the members for dues. So your volunteering is tremendously important to put on a show that is the size of ours. Every volunteer makes it easier for everyone else, so please do signup at the meeting for a couple of hours to help YOUR Division!

From reports I have received about the Dayton Regional Convention, it sounds like the convention was a success. The Division was well represented and several members came home with awards. John Hemsath took first place in Freight Cars, Jim Grell took first place in Passenger Cars, Jim Grell took first place in Offline Structures, Dave Williams took first place in B&W Model Photo, and Jim Grell won in the Best Train category. Congratulations go to each of you. Hopefully, I have reported all our members receiving awards. If I missed anyone, my apologies. John Hemsath has made arrangements for all the winning entries to be at our June meeting for everyone to see. Also, Division 4 awarded its second Martha Newberry Structure Award. The winning entry was won by Larry Smith of Division 3 for his Anderson Foods structure.

NKP 765 (2-8-4 Berkshire) was in downtown Rocky River on May 12th. My thanks go to all Division 4 members who volunteered in assisting the directing of automobile traffic and boarding ticket holders onto the train. For those who weren't there, you missed a spectacular view of an incredible piece of Americana. A steam locomotive is a sight to behold.

Until September, remember, never trade steam for water.

General Meeting Minutes

Minutes of the Division 4 General Meeting May 10, 2013

Called to order at 7:35 PM by Assistant Superintendent Jim Moore. Jim indicated Superintendent Art Bumpus had suffered a broken ankle and would be unable to attend activities in the near future.

Clinics tonight is on painting backdrops by Joe Filipiak.

Contests – this meeting is about Semi tractor Trailers. The June contest will be Fueling facilities.

Treasurer's report by Rich Tessa: \$30,731.22 in bank.

Membership Report by Joe Mehalic about layout tours.

Carnival reports by Mike Oster – everything okay.

Layout tours by John Hemsath – Relayed info on tomorrow's layouts at Harko, Stettin, and Lanza.

November layout tours will be on Nov 3 and 16.

2014 Cleveland National – Jerry Kruger and Chuck Klein - needs layouts. Also spoke of recent promotion of the convention in Pittsburgh and Indiana. Tour to the Ages of Steam, other convention tour, prototype tours, convention car, Shirts, etc. Need volunteers to man convention table in Atlanta.

Flatwheel – Dave Williams – deadline is May 30th

Achievement Program – Bruce Brintnall MMR presented Brian Barnt with his Associate Volunteer Certificate.

Modules – Scott Benson – on June 15th modules will be at Canal Center for Train Day.

Contests – Dave Lawler – 2nd place award for George Geleter for the 2012/2013 season.

Clinic for tonight– Joe Filipiak – Painting Backdrops. June clinic will be Lee Sheffield – DCC Installation.

Raffle – Mike Klein – Had plenty of stuff.

Company Store – Tim Sheffield - was still selling the Division cars 1 car at \$12.00 3 cars at \$30.00.

Bob Lavinski had a stroke. Those wishing to send him a card can do so. (see box below)

BOD Meeting last week – Gary Sole – survey on Carnival. BOD going to look into it some more.

Rich Tessa – Division Picnic July 27th Sat. 1 PM trains will be running. Open at noon. A side dish is requested with the Division providing hot dogs and buns.

Holiday/Awards Party will again be at Mechauds on Dec 13th Fri in the Westin room. Open at 6 PM, with dinner at 7 PM.

Dayton Convention – next week – Jim Moore needs volunteers to judge the Martha Newbury Award on Saturday afternoon.

Medina 4H by Jerry Kruger – they are progressing with donations for their modules. The kids are from 9 to 18 years old. Meeting times and location were mentioned with a request for Division members to assist.

Motion was made to accept the Minutes from last meeting by Gary Sole and seconded by Rich Tessa.

Motion was made to adjourn by Lee Sheffield and seconded by Rich Tessa.

Meeting adjourned a 8:15PM

Ben Lanza

Acting Secretary

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Membership by Tom Beutler, Membership co-chair

June 2013 Birthdays:

CHUCK BAAD
FRANKLIN V BONGIOVANNI
ROBERT BOYLE
DARREN J ERNST
GEORGE GELEHRTER
PAUL J NOVAK SR
HOWARD A SPEIDEL
LEONARD WENDORF

CHARLES J BEARGIE
BRUCE A BOWIE
ALLEN CLEVER
JOSEPH J FILIPIAK
HAROLD R MCCARTY
LEONARD R SCHERRY
RICHARD TRESSA

July 2013 Birthdays:

JOSEPH E ANDREWS
JOE MEHALIC
DENNIS K ROMAIN
JAMES B STEVENSON

MICHAEL C KLEIN
DALE D OWENS
DAVID A SIEGFRIED
DAVID M WILLIAMS

August 2013 Birthdays:

ARTHUR BUMPUS
JOHN R HUDACKO
STEPHEN P KAPLAN
TIMOTHY T KROGG
HAROLD MICKLEY
TIMOTHY SHEFFIELD

WILLIAM H CRAMER
ROBERT L KAISER
M C KOLENICH
JERRY KRUEGER
JOSEPH M POLEFKO
PAUL WINSLOW

New Members:

STANLEY DUS

FAIRVIEW PARK

Re-Rail Members:

THOMAS J. BUSSINGER
ROBERT ORLANDO

Achievement Program

Brian Barnt (left) receives his Association Volunteer Certificate at the May meeting, presented by Bruce Brintnall MMR, Achievement Program Chair.



2013 Regional Convention
Division 3 Dayton Ohio



John Hemsath took first place in freight cars.



Jim Grell took first place in passenger cars (above),
offline structures (cover photo) and favorite train.

Dave Williams claimed first place B/W Model Photo for a night scene on Dave Lawler's layout., The picture and all models are scheduled to be at the June meeting.

EnterTrainment Junction was a featured tour. The lack of enough people for a bus didn't stop a good number of Division 4 members from making the trip.





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Atlanta Georgia

July 14-20. 2013

Calendar of Upcoming Events

July	14-20	National Convention, Atlanta
July	27	Picnic
Oct	4-6	Carnival work days
Nov	9	Training Day

(Not all events are included)

Martha Newberry Award Presentation

Assistant Superintendent Jim Moore presented the second annual Martha Newberry Award for Structural Excellence to Larry Smith MCR Division 3 during the Regional Convention banquet. Larry's model was of a market called "Anderson's Foods".

The award is made in honor of the memory of Division member Martha Newberry, who was known for creating unique and highly detailed structures. The model is selected from the Regional contest entries by an informal committee of Division 4 members attending the convention. While last year's winner was selected by everyone, this year's field created a good debate - and thought - over the exact criteria in identifying Martha's style.

Martha's family sends their thanks to the Division for this year's work.



The Dayton area featured home layout tours on Sunday. This one featured a series of seamlessly integrated modules containing detailed scenes.

And for some of us, a stop at the Air Force Museum is mandatory when in the Dayton area. The Sequester has closed down some sections but it was still a good stop with plenty to see.



Anthony Tilecco - our Holiday Party Santa Claus

Anthony Tilocco passed away at the age of 47 on May 13, 2013. Most division members do not know this name. For a number of years this was our Christmas Party Santa Claus. Anthony and his wife Melissa enjoyed playing Santa and Mrs. Claus for us and any of the kids that were there. He was involved with teaching kids at the Harvest Ridge Church in North Ridgeville. He and Melissa were raising two foster infants. Tony enjoyed time with family, hockey and trains. Burial was at Sunset Memorial Park, North Olmsted, Ohio on May 17, 2013

-- submitted by Chuck Klein

The Clinic Corner

June 2013 Program

DCC DECODER INSTALLATION

Installing a DCC decoder without emptying your wallet!

In other words cheap!

Presented by - Lee Sheffield

This clinic is designed to give you that nudge to get you started installing decoders in your locomotives. You already have a DCC system and a few DCC locos that you bought ready to run with decoders already installed. Now you want to tackle those locos that are just sitting there waiting to be converted. And do it for a reasonable cost !

Clinics Wanted

Any Division member with an idea for a program subject or wishing to present a program for the 2013 - 2014 season, please contact me.

Larry

Clinic Presentation Aids

Division 4 has a digital projector available for use by division members for presenting clinic programs in digital format. We now also have a carousel slide projector with carousels. The division also has a video camera available for program enhancement. Anyone wishing to use the camera or the projectors for their program, contact Larry Madson.

phone: 440-934-2643 or email lmadson@roadrunner.com.

Larry Madson

RAFFLE REPORT

The June raffle will be a Theme Raffle with some really great items. Once again there is something for everyone. The theme for this month's raffle is *The Coal Industry and Railroads*. Thanks. See you at the June meeting.

The Raffle Dudes

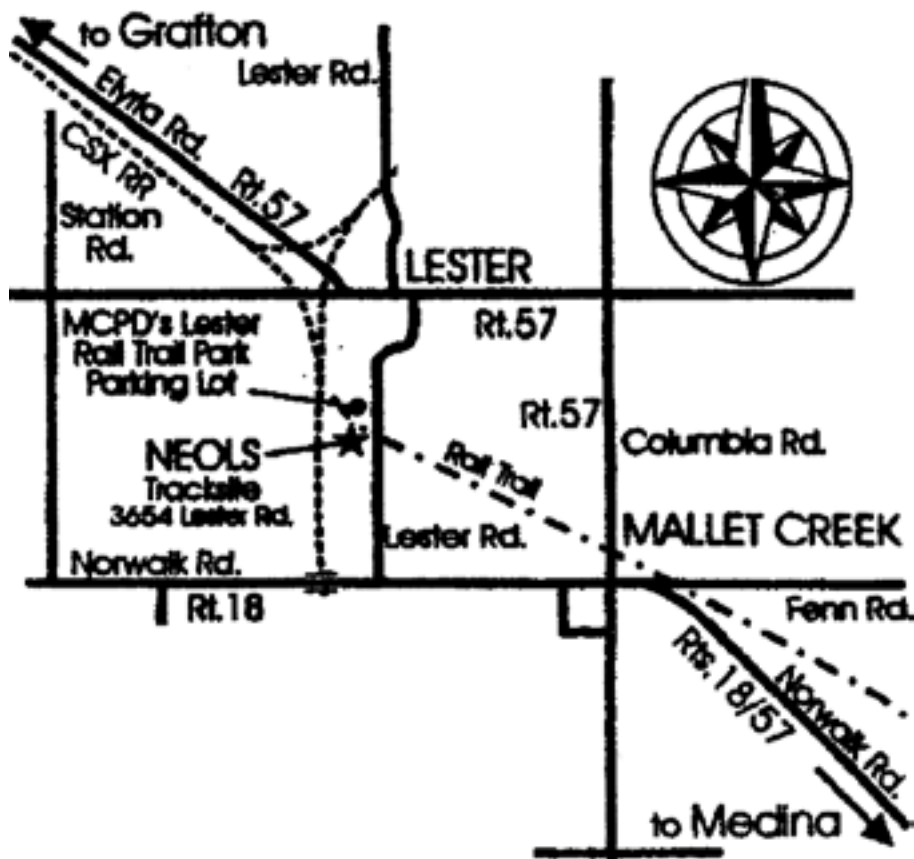
Steamed hot dogs and buns will be provided. Please bring a side dish to share with everyone; also bring lawn chairs and a card table if you have them (they have about nine picnic tables available). No flip-flops. No running, or sticks or rocks in hands (that includes adults). A Port-a-Pottie and running water are available. As we all know, steam engines can be fussy, so no guarantees on their availability - the "diesels" should be able to handle our excursions around the park in any case.

Directions:

Cleveland take 171 south to the Route 3 exit. Turn right at the end of the exit ramp. You will be going west, then south. Turn Right at Fenn Road and follow it west to Marks Road. At Marks, Fenn Road makes a jog left then right. Continue west on Fenn Road to where it merges into Route 18. Continue west on Route 18 to Lester Road. Turn Right on Lester to NEOLS.

From western Cuyahoga county and Lorain County, take Columbia Road (Route 252) south to Spieth Road (Route 57). Turn Right on Spieth Road to Lester Road. Left on Lester to NEOLS.

From Akron and Medina, take Route 18 west to Lester Road, right on Lester to NEOLS.



Northeast Ohio Live Steamers
 3654 Lester Rd
 Medina OH 44256-7738

(editor's note - this address works well in my GPS, hopefully yours as well)

Layout tours this Fall

The next layout tours will be on Sunday, November 3 and Saturday, November 16.

We'll be going to Cleveland's west side to see Bruce Brintnall's layout and to the southwest to see Joe Filipiak's. Others will be added, and, if you're in those areas and would like to be open, please let me know.

John Hemsath
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Volunteer Work for 765's Visit

by Gary Sole

On the morning of May 12, (Mother's Day) a few of our members gathered at a coffee shop in downtown Rocky River for coffee and donuts! Our purpose for being there was to assist with traffic control and direct ticket holders for the 765 train ride to the appropriate parking areas. All went very well. The Rocky River Police Department and Mr. Bill Brink were pleased with the ease by which everything flowed. They wanted all who volunteered their time to know that they appreciated our effort and send their thank you.

This is based on a telephone conversation I had Sunday evening with Mr. Brink, after the ride concluded. Mr. Brink's usual job is as the Manager of Beach Cliff Shopping Center. On this occasion, he took on the added responsibilities of overall coordination of volunteers and traffic control(!)

Art, thanks for preparing the letter letting us know about this opportunity; and Ben thanks for circulating it out to the membership. Those of us who had that morning free, enjoyed the experience.



Some of the Division volunteers. That's Gary with his back to the camera, far right.

Editor's note: Personal thanks to the Rocky River Police Department for making the volunteers' traffic control a whole lot easier.



photo: Matt Goodman MCR Division 3

For the people who say I never get my picture taken. Friday dinner at the Regional. "Nice camera, can I see it?" "Sure." Click. Dave W

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.

Uncredited photos: D Williams.

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Traction Meet in Indianapolis

from Mike Oster

Traction Fans please be aware of the:

30th Hoosier Traction Meet September 6th & 7th 2013 in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Held at the Clarion Hotel 2930 Waterfront Parkway West Drive (317) 299-8400. Room rate \$72 +tax single or double room.

The event consists of open to the public swap meet Friday and Saturday free to all. Auditorium sessions with speakers both days.

Pre-registration fee is: \$15.00 prepaid. It's \$30.00 at the door Friday. Sessions held in 150 seat theater style auditorium.

There will be eleven (11) different presentations with several repeated to help with meal planning.

Our own Blaine Hays will present: *Cleveland's Trackless Trolleys Remembered*.

Others presentations:

Interurban Railway & Terminal Co ---- Cincinnati Lebanon interurban (1901-1922)

The Stream Line ----- Steubenville, East Liverpool & Beaver Valley Traction

Interurban Freight, Illinois Terminal, Grand Rapids streetcars, DeKalb Sycamore & Interurban

Two current industry news sessions

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May 2013 Contest: Semi Tractor-trailer Trucks

There were 7 entries and 31 votes cast.

1st place: Jim Grell, 1932 Mack w/ 20' Aerovan trailer, 9 votes

2nd place (tie): Gary Dunn, Royal American water tanker, 6 votes
Gary Dunn, Roadway flatbed, 6 votes

3rd place: Ron Burkett, KW w/ lowboy trailer and crawler tractor load, 5 votes

Top three point standings are as follows:

Jim Grell and Tom McInerney	8 points each,
Gary Dunn	7 points
Dave Williams	4 points

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Next meeting:

Friday June 14, 2013

Church of the Redeemer
23500 Center Ridge Road
Westlake Ohio 44145

Social time starts at 7 pm
Business meeting 7:30 pm

Division website: www.div4.org

MCR Convention - Jim Grell
took First Place for Offline
Structure with this highly
detailed house.

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