



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

The Division's annual Awards Banquet and Christmas Party is Friday, December 13th. The event is at Michaud's Party Center located at 16808 Pearl Road, Strongsville 44136. Arrival time is 6:30 PM and dinner will be served at 7:00. The cost of the dinner is \$15.00 per person and children are free. This is the month that Mike Klein goes all out for the raffle with lots of different prizes. We will again have entertainment and there will be gifts for the kids. Unfortunately, Santa will be unable to make his appearance this year. The elves need him to work on preparing the sled for Christmas eve. Contact Bruce at in2trains@gmail.com or call him at 419-602-3584 if you are not already signed up. The deadline for making your reservation is (well) before noon on Friday December 6th. I hope to see you there for some great fellowship.

The next Board of Directors meeting is December 17th at the Church of the Redeemer at 7:00 PM. Members interested in attending are welcome. One of the discussion points will be the filling of the vacated Chairman position for Training Day. Gary Sole has decided it is time to step down from this position. I would like to thank Gary for all the time and effort put into this event as it has matured into a viable outreach instrument providing quality information to attendees. Anyone interested in carrying on the torch for this event should contact me at abumpus@cox.net or 440-526-9184.

As Division Superintendent, it is not uncommon for me to hear the question from modelers as to what the National NMRA organization does to deserve the annual membership dues it requires for membership. Most modelers have heard answers like setting standards, education, recommended practices, increasing modeler skills via the AP program and several others. All those answers are true, but do not seem to foster solace to the person who is asking the question. If the answer is not tangible, it doesn't seem to have the impact as something that can be seen, or felt. I would offer this as an alternative explanation. Model Railroading as a hobby is small in numbers. It enjoys products from manufacturers who are, in general, small in size. If you look at the number of products available in the marketplace, it is amazing so many products are commercially available. The reason is because of so many dedicated modelers who decide that they would like to put their ideas into production and offer the product to the modeler market. Remember, that many of these people have a day job. The modeling production is their spare time job and it is driven by passion. The NMRA National organization helps blend all those manufacturers together to provide the modeler with a consistent product (wheel /flange shape are examples) that allow the modeler to run his car on any track in the country. And it bears note that the National organization is also comprised of people who share the same passion and volunteer incredible numbers of hours in sharing the passion by shaping consistency and uniformity in the marketplace by working with the manufacturer. The money consumed by National helps modelers do library research, maintain a photograph collection of historical importance, costs associated with outreach, production of a magazine for the modeler, publishing of books with high interest potential to the modeler, and providing a National Convention which is "glue" to helping modelers meet and become friends from across the country.

To each one of you, I wish you and yours a wonderful holiday season. And remember, Never trade steam for water.

General Meeting Minutes

NMRA DIV 4 Meeting of November 8, 2013

Open by Jim Moore at 7:30 PM

Greetings and welcome

Treasurer's report that we have Assets of \$37,833.69

Membership – Joe Mehalic: 6 new members were signed up at the Show. Bill Gerhard from Medina, WM .

The pro- tem Superintendent pointed the correct direction to Bakers Square.

Moment of silence for the passing of Chuck Badd and Alvin Staufer

Holiday Party/Awards Banquet – December 13,2013 at Michaud's Party Center. Sign up with Bruce and pay tonight or at the Party. \$15.00 per person, children Free.

Training Day on November 9,2013

Programs / Clinics –Larry Madson, the January Clinic is a work in progress. Contact Larry if you painted with something other than Floquil or Polly Scale.

Modular Group – we have a show Nov. 16 Berea library; Nov. 30 – Dec 1 Black River Landing; January 4 & 5, 2014 World's Greatest Hobby (WGH) and another WGH in Michigan.

Div 4 web site has a place to sell some stuff please contact Ben.

Contest - Dave Lawler- this month was service stations. Last month 1st – Dave Williams, 2nd – Bob Mc Inernie 3rd -- Bob Orlando. Show and tell - John Hemsath brought some short extension cords to give away. January contest is 2 bay hoppers.

Layout tours – John Hemsath: At the BOD meeting, I proposed to the board that, in lieu of the upcoming National and the layout open houses, we forego the Division layout tours in May so the members can continue to work on their layouts without interruption. The board agreed. If, however, you would really like to have your layout open in May. Let me know. If we can get enough volunteers, in a reasonable geographic area, I'll put a tour together. Please contact me by the end of December. Thanks to Ron Morgan, Bruce Brintnall and Steve Riddelbaum and Tom Businger.

National Convention –Chuck - events are coming together. The big mailer in February will tell you how to sign up for tours.

Old Business-

New business – The budget was presented as approved by the BOD to the membership. Motion was made to accept the budget as presented by John Hemsath and seconded by Al Seman, passed by the membership.

Adjournment at 8:15 PM

David James
Secretary

BOD Meeting Minutes from October 29. 2013

Located at the Church of the Redeemer, Westlake OH

Called to order at 7:09 pm

Open with a discussion about the Awards banquet. It has been proposed and passed that we will ask the membership not to bring any alcohol to the awards banquet due to the bringing of the Westlake HS Jazz Band for entertainment.

The treasurer is trying to consolidate accounts to Fifth Third. This would put our CD investment portfolio in a better position.

Motion by the Check Klein to invest \$15,000 (\$5000.00 in 3 separate CD) in CD portfolio at Fifth Third Bank, seconded by Jim Moore. Passed

Much Discussion about the budget. Chuck Klein made motion and Larry Madson seconded that the budget attached be presented to the membership. Passed.

John Hemsath brought up about not having open house tours in May of 2014. This is due to the preparation for the National tours. He will present this to the membership at the meeting.

Mike Oster, Train Show Chair, brought the sample of the new logo for our annual event. He also brought in sample shirts for the train show. New name will be The Great Berea Train Show. Mike is currently working with a graphic artist. The dates are set for the Show as October 4-5, 2014. Some discussion was brought about the advertising and what we could do to help the show. Do we look into some TV advertising?

Adjourned at 9:19 PM

David James
Secretary

Membership by Tom Beutler, Membership co-chair

December 2013

Birthdays

Anderson David E
Feko Frank L
Henning Patricia
Kostka William J
Lauren Jeffrey R
Soule Lee D
Twarogowski Stephen M.
Whitaker Dennis F
Woskowicz Ed J

Conser Russell L
Hemsath John H
Klein Charles B
Lanza Ben
Saunders Joseph H
Spencer Charles D
Vollmar Michael
Witouski Joseph

New Members

Ashman John
Keller George
Kwiatkowski Richard
McKinley Kyle
Puskas Nicholas
Roth Kurt H

Re-Rail Members

Nickoson Mathew
Shields Robert A

Holiday Party/Awards Banquet

Friday December 13th

Michaud's
16808 Pearl Rd, Strongsville, OH 44136

\$15 per adult, children free
Dinner at 7 P.M.

Entrees: Sliced Top Round in Demi Glace and Chicken Cordon Bleu w/ Cream Sauce
Sides: Penne Marinara, Herb Roasted Redskins, Green Beans w/ Baby Carrots

If you haven't signed up, email or call Bruce Bowie: in2trains@gmail.com, 419-602-3584 before Friday December 6th to meet Michaud's deadline.

RAFFLE REPORT

It is hard to believe that 2013 is almost over, and another Holiday Raffle is here. Once again there will be many fine prizes on the raffle tables. As always there will be something for everyone. There will be car kits, buildings, puzzles, ladies baskets, and of course another fine picture plus more. So come join the fun at the awards banquet and holiday party. Happy Holidays.

The Raffle Dudes

New York Central System Historical Society Inc. Layout Tour Exchange

Mr Bill Feth (Division 1) is coordinator of layout tours for the upcoming NYCSHS convention to be April 25-27, 2014 at the Holiday Inn on Rockside in Independence OH. He is looking for an "availability exchange" of layouts in the area - our convention will be able to visit NYCS layouts not normally part of NMRA tours and the NYCSHS convention will visit NMRA layouts in the area belonging to people outside of their membership. If you have a layout and would be willing to be open during the convention (April 25-27, 2014), please contact John Hemsath: hemsathj@gmail.com by email or at a Division 4 meeting. John will then coordinate information with Bill Feth. Mr Feth has started things rolling by offering his own layout for viewing during our convention, and it sounds like a really good one!

(We have previously posted this request as being for NYC themed layouts but Chuck Beargie stated during the last meeting that the NYCSHS is interested in other area layouts as well.)

Training Day 2013

I wanted to express my appreciation to all of the Division 4 members who helped out at our Training Day. The module layout group did a great job. Those guys (and ladies, if there are ladies in that group) really represent us well.

Special thanks to my wife, Kris and daughter, Alexis for preparing and serving the food...there is a lot of work that goes into doing that each year.

Happy Holidays,

Gary Sole



Brian Haas demonstrates tree making.



Larry Madson details a structure between soldering clinics.

Alvin Staufer

Railroad book author Alvin Staufer, age 88, of Medina, passed away on October 30, 2013. Besides writing, Al had an O scale layout stated in the early 70's that featured four mainline tracks in some areas. His books include *C&O Power*, *Steam Power of the New York Central*, *Erie Power*, *Pennsy Power One*, and *Pennsy Power II*. Al provided his own detailed illustrations in the books. His material was widely quoted in other books and magazines.

The Clinic Corner

December 2013

No Clinic for December, join us at the Awards Banquet

A Future Program

I have an idea for a clinic that can possibly be presented at the March 2014 meeting. I would like to title it “**Life After Floquil**”. I would like to have several participants who are familiar with the “other” paint suppliers, i.e. Scalecoat, Badger Modelflex, Tru-Color, etc. This program can be a presentation, a group discussion, or a combination of both.

If you are interested in participating or contributing to this idea, please contact Larry Madson at 440-934-2643 or lmadson@roadrunner.com

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. **I am looking for a program for January 2014!**

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.

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Larry Madson

Bill Cramer's November clinic covered the B&O's Chicago Division between Williard Ohio and Garrett Indiana.



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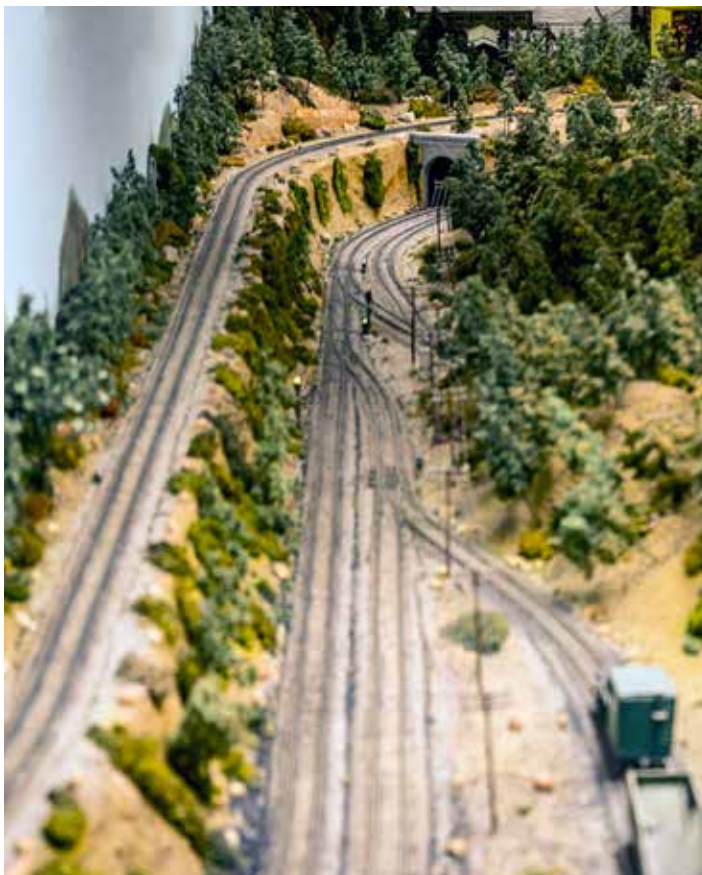
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Brian Weisman's layout has appeared in both *Model Railroader* and *Railroad Model Craftsman*.

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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Deadline for the next Flatwheel is Thursday December 26, 2013. The deadline is almost always 2 weeks and a day before the next general meeting.

November 2013 Model Contest: Auto Repair Garage

There were 2 entries and 28 votes.

1st: Tom McInerney

2nd: Dave Williams

Point Standings:

!1st: (7 points each) Tom McInerney, Dave Williams

2nd: (4 points each) Paul Novak Jr., Jim Grell

3rd: (3 points each) Paul Novak Sr., George Gelehrter, Brian Weisman

Not many entries this time but maybe we'll do better in January.

This contest is for 2-BAY HOPPER CARS. Everyone should have one of those to enter.

Also, remember that the February contest is for Cleveland area railway structures so get busy on that Terminal Tower/CUT model you've always wanted to build. Don't forget the flag on top.



Tom McInerney's entry



Dave Williams' entry

I normally don't know which entries belong to who at the meetings. I sometimes try later to match descriptions to pictures but that activity is fraught with danger. Fortunately the November contest had a manageable number of entries for me with both contestants showing up at the same time. -editor

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Dinner at 7 pm

Reservations required - see page 3

Brian Haas described the real life basis for scenes on his layout during the November Open Houses.

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