



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 Division meeting is Friday, March 14, 2014. The contest is steam switch engines.

The April Flatwheel will have an election ballot for all of the Division's elected offices. Candidates for office are:

Superintendent -	Tom Atherton
	Steve Kaplan
Assistant Superintendent -	Lee Sheffield
Treasurer -	Bruce Bowie
Secretary -	David James
Trustee East -	Fred Obreza
Trustee West -	Dave Williams
Trustee at Large -	John Hemsath
Trustee at Large -	Larry Madson
Trustee Quad Counties -	Jim Moore

At the March meeting, the two candidates for Superintendent will have the opportunity to speak to the membership about what they stand for and how they plan on moving the Division forward.

Also, at the March meeting, there will be an opportunity to sign up for the Division field trip to Horsehoe Curve, the Horseshoe Curve Visitor Center, Galitzin Tunnels, Galitzin Museum, and the Pennsylvania Railroad Museum. Admission tickets, lunch, dinner, and bus transportation included in this package for \$20 per Division member. We have two buses on reserve. The next Flatwheel will have the particulars about this trip. Call or email Bruce Bowie with your reservation. We plan on opening the sign up (space permitting) to members' immediate family/significant other after Division members have had an opportunity to place their reservation.

The NMRA Cleveland National Convention has really accelerated in the last month. Registrations are over 600. The Marriott block of rooms are gone. The Renaissance Hotel still has rooms available. We have added seats for the Nautica Queen Cruise which are almost gone. We added another bus to the GE tour and it is sold out. *Age of Steam* might have a couple of seats left from the 200 seats offered. The point is, if you plan on attending the Convention, you had better hurry and register because reservations for prototype tours are really accelerating and selling quickly.

Until next month, remember, never trade steam for water.

General Meeting Minutes

Division 4 meeting for February 14, 2014

Welcome and opening at 7:30 PM

Membership – Joe Mehalic: Guests - 2, new members – 2, we had 21 new members in 2013 and already have 11 new members this year so far.

Treasurers report – Bruce – Current Assets are \$40,227.23

Nominating Committee report – Chuck Klein announced the candidates for upcoming elections. See the ballot in the April Flatwheel to be sent out first of April. Candidates for Superintendent should be prepared to talk at the next meeting about what they stand for and their platform in the coming Term.

Annual Trustees meeting – Chuck, couple issues to be discussed. Bylaws need to be reviewed, change the name of trustees to directors, review nomination process for officers and Trustees.

Carnival – Flyers are available

Program/Clinics – Larry – Next Clinic –tonight is All about life after Floquil. Next month will be about DCC. Bring your questions. [editor's note - due to a schedule change after the meeting, the March clinic will be on rubber mold casting]

Modular group – Scott – Going to Novi Mi. February 21-23, March will be at Westlake library.

Flatwheel is a great place to find all kinds of information about the division.

Contest – Dave Lawler: Next Month Contest - Steam Switch Engine. For January contest: John Puch- 1st place, Jim Grell - 2nd place, Tom McInerney & Joe Kurilec & Dave Lawler – 3rd place. Passed out the first half year trophies, Tom McInerney- 1st place, 2nd -Dave Williams, Jim Grell -3rd place

National Convention – Convention cars will need be ordered, tours are selling and selling out fast so be warned the tours are selling out. Be on the outlook for articles in all kinds of publications.

Old Business - none

New business – none

Notices – BOD meeting February 25, 2014 at the Church of the Redeemer, 7:00 PM All committee heads need to be there.

April 25 – 27, 2014 the New York Central Historical Society Convention is here in Cleveland

Thank you note was received from the Grafton Historical Society for the Grant.

Adjournment at 8:12 PM

David James
Secretary

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!

Membership by Tom Beutler, Membership co-chair

MARCH 2014 Birthdays:

Michael Bahntge	Ed Dillon
Lousi R Falk	Bryan Harko
David C Johnson	Harry Lever
Larry P Madson	Eric G Newberry
Ralph Peshek	Paul R (Bud)Spierling
Donald Stettin	Richard E Ulmer



February was the annual member appreciation night with pizza and pop (or soda if you prefer).

New Members:

Timothy Baker	Castalia
Bill C Ferry	Bay Village
Billy A Ferry	Bay Village
Don Kaniecki	Brook Park
Stephen Titchenal	Cleveland Heights



Membership co-chair Joe Mehalic (standing) explained details of the Division's Knowledge Base.

Re-Rail Members:

NONE

Raffle

We have another great raffle lined up for the March meeting. Once again it is a variety of fine prizes. Stay tuned for more great Theme Raffles.

The Raffle Dudes

Help Wanted

Layout maintenance and operation testing crew needed. Time flies and I am finding there just are not enough hours for me to get my layout ready for operation in July. I am looking for a few people to help get trackwork and a little scenery ready for July. We could ether meet on a week night or weekend to get everything ready. Layout is located in Brunswick. If interested please email me at kg8xu@fronter.com Jeff Mitchell See the layout in the March 2014 NMRA magazine.

National Convention Shirts

Division members have asked about purchasing 2014 Convention Shirts. If you would like to purchase a shirt to wear before the July convention you must follow these steps. Print the order form that appears on the convention website. Fill out what shirts you want to order. Make out check to: 2014 NMRA National Convention No credit cards.

DO NOT SEND TO CHATTANOOGA send to :

Chuck Klein
11531 Barrington Blvd.
Parma Heights, Ohio 44130

All orders will be accepted thru March 14th - the date of the Division 4 meeting.

Print the order form that appears on the convention website under Registration :

<http://www.2014cleveland.org/registration.htm>

Modular Layout Group Scott Benson

In February, the modular layout group displayed at the World's Greatest Hobby show in Novi, Michigan. Nine members of the group participated, and we managed to get a 40' by 45' layout up for the display. Between the Cleveland and Novi shows, over 50,000 people had the opportunity to see our layout. We probably talked with half of them!

We're finalizing our module list and configuration for the National Train Show. With Divisions 1 and 5, and Hub Division, we're up to about 95 modules in a 60' x 100' layout. It's going to be an interesting run!



The Division 4 modular layout just before WGH show opening in Novi Michigan.

The Clinic Corner

March 2014 Use of Micro-Mark Rubber Molds and Casting Resin Presented by George Keller

George will explain the use of both the rubber mold material, the process of making a mold and then making a casting using Micro-Mark casting resin. Only finished molds will be shown, because of the cure time of the mold rubber. However, using Micro-Mark quick cure casting resin, George will cast some parts. Example of parts George has made will also be on display.

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

Editor's Notes:

I've attended a couple of clinics at Nationals on resin casting and they were really interesting, so I'm glad Larry made a "quarter-back call" after last month's meeting and made room for this month's clinic on the schedule. I bought the complete Micro-Mark set about eight years ago and promptly put it next to the myriad partially finished kit boxes, so I'm hoping to learn how to resurrect products with short shelf lives.

The latest NMRA magazine has Jerry Krueger, Chuck Klein and Jeff Mitchell standing in front of NS locomotive with our National Convention decal on it. Norfolk Southern is going to try and schedule the engine to be in Cleveland for the convention. Lee Sheffield has his picture elsewhere in the same issue (hopefully that'll make up for the absence of a photo of his contest entry in this issue). I'm spending most of my available time working on the convention and I know that I'm far from alone. I used to host some pretty good parties in an earlier stage of my life and I know that it's OK to have a good time at your own party but always take care of the guests first. It's our party this summer, so thanks for the ongoing efforts to make it one for the books.

Gail McKay, wife of Rev. Bob McKay from Division 11, passed away in Dubois on Saturday. While Gail was unknown to most Division 4 members, she was a regular on many general interest tours at both Regional and National conventions, so your Significant Other may remember her. Gail had planned on being at our National as well. Our condolences to Bob and the rest of Gail's family.

Dave W



The February clinic featured several clinicians describing their current paint choices for models. While this picture only shows larger aerosol cans, rest assured that much smaller containers were discussed as well.

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 March 27, 2014. The deadline is almost always 2 weeks and a day before the next general meeting.

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Contest Corner conducted by Dave Lawler

February 2014 Contest: Cleveland Area Railway Structures

There were 4 entries and 38 votes.

- 1st: Brian Haas Grafton Tower
- 2nd (tie): Joe Filipiak Wrecked Grafton Tower
- Jim Grell B&O Yard Office
- 3rd: Lee Sheffield RU Tower @ Sterling Ohio

The March contest is for Steam Switch Engines.

The April Contest is for Wood Box Cars (wood or plywood sides, single or double sheathed, wood or steel ends)

The May contest is for Fallen Flag B-B Diesels.

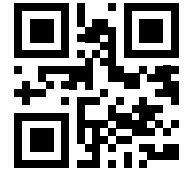


First half of the Season Awards
left: Tom McNerney(L) receives his 1st place plaque;
above: Jim Grell (L) his 3rd place plaque.

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Next meeting:

Friday March 14, 2014

Church of the Redeemer
23500 Center Ridge Road
Westlake Ohio 44145

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

The February contest for area structures included a recreation of this building's end of life cycle.

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