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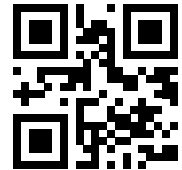


Time to think about May's layout tours where you'll see scenes like this one. More on page 10. Photo provided by John Hemsath.

April Clinic:

Modern Paper Structures

Pictures on page 6.



Division Four's next meeting will be Friday April 10, 2015

Division website: www.div4.org

Trustees' Meeting 7:00 pm
Social time starts at 7:00 pm
Business meeting 7:30 pm

(just east of Center Ridge and Clague)

Church of the Redeemer
23500 Center Ridge Road
Westlake Ohio 44145

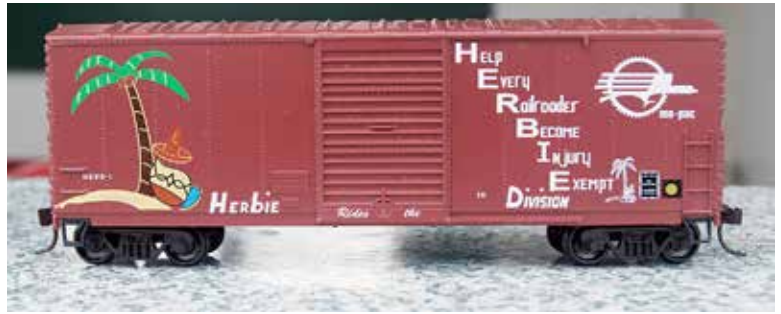
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Herbie:

Help
Every
Railroader
Become
Injury
Exempt



HERBIE'S RUMBLINGS

April 2015

Our last meeting was our biennial auction, and many of us took home some goodies. Thanks to Bruce Bowie and Tom Beutler for expediting the paperwork and payment process that got us out of there in record time; Frank Bongiovanni and Lee Sheffield for calling the event, and Ken Orchard, Brian Haas and various others for fast movement of the auction tables.

We are now almost up-to-date with the roster and Knowledge Depot, thanks to Denny Whitaker, Joe Mehalic and Jerry Krueger. If you haven't updated your info for the new one, please get it to Joe ASAP. By the way, NMRA National is revisiting the concept of a Pike Registry. At this time, they appear to be only thinking in terms of a roster of members willing to share their layouts with other members who may be traveling. We will be sending some info on our Knowledge Depot as an example of what can be done in a single location, in case they want to try to expand that concept.

Add to the above – The April issue of the NMRA magazine is out, and Jim Zinzer, in the Division Business Car has given our membership badge program for new members quite a write up. (He prefaced it with "Wearing of the Green".) Kudos to Denny who got it started, and Joe who refined it. Let's keep coming up with new ideas. It's rewarding to be recognized as an innovator.

The FastTracks™ program is now underway. For the time being, I will be your contact point. There will be a "rental fee of \$10.00 per month that will cover the wear and tear on the filing jigs and files. You will also be expected to pay for the cost of supplies used. There will be a deposit required in the form of a \$150.00 check. The check will not be cashed at that time, but will be returned to the borrower upon return of the equipment and payment for the supplies consumed. At this time, we have 3 kits – numbers 4, 6 and 8 HO Code 83 turnouts. If there is demand, we will consider ordering additional kits. The supplies we will have available are rail, pc-board ties, solder, paste, a how-to DVD, and, if you need them, FastTracks Quicksticks™ and Pliobond™. You can save money if you use furnish your own ties instead of using the Quicksticks™. The only tools you will need are a 40 watt soldering iron and something to cut rail with. We will furnish the rest of the necessary tools. In the future, we will be arranging some demos before the meeting, so that you can see it done.

Chuck Klein will have our library of "How-To" DVDs at the next meeting for you to start using.

Bruce Bowie has notified us that after holding an elected office for the last ten years, he will be relinquishing his role as Treasurer by July of this year. The position will be filled by appointment until the next election. If you are interested, please contact Chuck Klein or me. We can furnish you with a description of what is entailed. Bruce has also indicated that he will be willing to answer questions from interested members.

At its last full meeting, the Board reviewed proposed changes to the By-Laws, and they will soon be forthcoming for you to vote on. The changes are generally routine fixes to get us in line with the Regional requirements, to recognize that the Flatwheel is now an electronic publication only, and to clarify election procedure.

See you at the meeting.

Steve Kaplan Superintendent - Division 4 MCR

Membership by Joe Mehalic, Membership Chair

New Member

Earl Glatz Highland Heights

Transferred Into Division 4

David A Flebbe Brookpark

April Birthdays

Thomas Atherton
Wayne J Buran
Robert W Butler
Bob Camburn
James A Grell
Russell P Holland
Carole James
Patty Kaplan
William D Kovacs
Steve LaConte
A J Mazza

Thomas McInerney
Melvin W McMurtrey
Ronald E Morgan
James Raba
Allen W Seman
Fred Wagner
Michael Warman
Donald C Wetzel
John Witt
Hayden Wolf

Meeting Minutes 03/13/2015

Welcome by Steve Kaplan, Division 4 Superintendent. 7:15

Steve: Welcome to all for our Member Appreciation Night. We are keeping it short so we can start auction.

New Members and Guests by Joe Mehalic: Welcomed new members. Discussed Roster and Knowledge Depot.

Treasury report –Bruce Bowie gave financials.

Future programs/& clinics - Larry Madson –April is Paul Chapple of Division 5 who will do Paper Models and others. (see page 5 for other clinics - ed.)

Adjourned at 7:45 PM

Minutes taken by Ben Lanza

Largest Events Held in Cleveland

This past Sunday's *Plain Dealer* (March 29, 2015) has an article on page A10 titled *Largest Events Held in Cleveland*, which lists:

"...by hotel room

#5. National Model Railroad Association Convention: 3,989"

"...by attendance

#3. National Model Railroad Association Convention: 13,300"

Thanks to John Hemsath and Steve Riddlebaugh for sending this information in.

Annual Trustees' Meeting - just before the April General Meeting

The Division's annual Trustees' Meeting is tentatively scheduled to be held at 7 PM before the April meeting in one of the Sunday School rooms at the church. This meeting is an opportunity for Division members to meet with the trustees and voice their concerns, suggestions, and ask questions.

Company Store

Chuck Klein, Purveyor

The Company Store now has Division 4 patches available. These are an embroidered patch 3 inch diameter, same design and colors as is currently emblazoned on our division shirts. Price \$3.00 dollars each. These patches may be used for jackets, shirts hats etc. We will still have the traditional shirts and hats available (see Larry Madson for your shirt orders)

Raffle Report

The April meeting has another fine raffle. The theme will be "**Railroading in Cleveland**". See you there.

The Raffle Dudes.

BOD Meeting

May 5, 2015

BOD meetings are held at the same place as the general meetings and usually start at 7 pm. Members are always welcome to attend.

April 2015
Paul Chapple – Division 5
“Not Your Father’s Paper Models”

Working with the new downloadable (PDF) cardboard structure kits. Here are some advantages to these kits:

- ⤴ Purchase a single download (around \$5.00) and make multiple models from that one download.
- ⤴ Most kits have a selection of options to give variety.
- ⤴ Screw-up a component just print out the part(s) and start again.
- ⤴ Models of different scales can be produced from single kits just by modifying the print size.

May
Randy Dettmer – Division 1
“Covered Hopper Cars--Selection for Duty”

Covered Hoppers - how to assign the correct car for the correct job. Which type of covered hopper car is appropriate for the industries on your layout. History and background of covered hoppers is discussed. This clinic is geared to anyone that has covered hoppers operating on their layout regardless of time period.

June
Bruce Bowie
“Operations: A Basic Starter Kit”

There are many types of operating systems from very simple to highly complex, totally manual to sophisticated computer controlled. The goal of this clinic is show members a simple way to initiate operations on their home layouts and give them the necessary tools to give it a try.

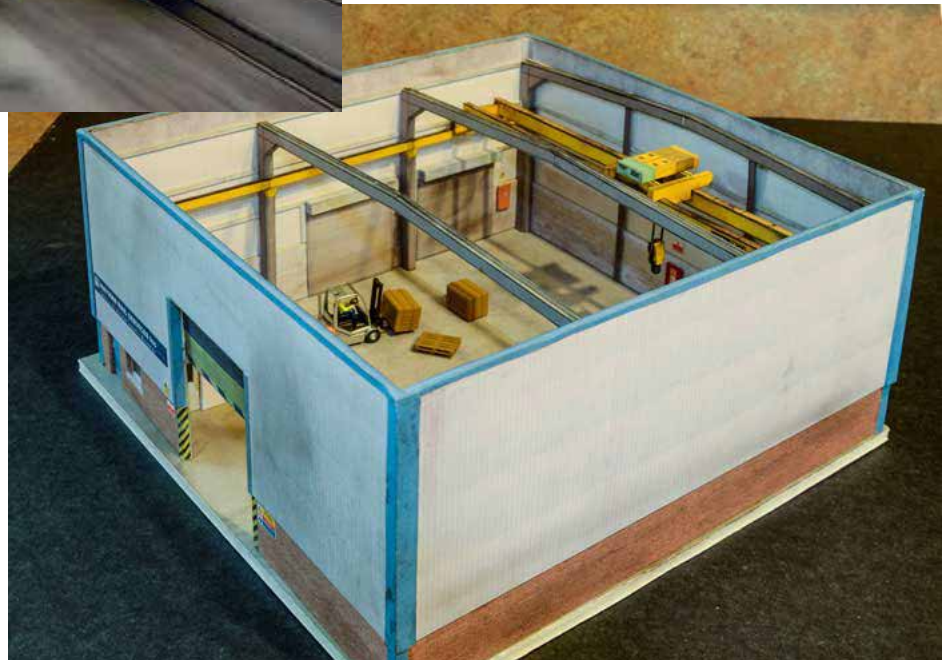
Clinic Presentation Aids

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

Learn about these Paper Structures at this month's clinic.



All photos provided
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Larry Madson

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Union Depot coupon provided through Joe Kurelic MMR. Offer subject to change without notice.

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 April 23, 2015. The deadline is almost always 2 weeks and a day before the next general meeting.

The Flatwheel is no longer mailed.

DIVISION FOUR OFFICERS

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N.O.A.R.S. Representative

Chuck Beargie

Raffle

Mike Klein

Webmaster

Ben Lanza

Company Store

Chuck Klein

Refreshments

Joe Filipiak

Clinics

Larry Madson

Flatwheel Editor

Dave Williams

Contest Corner

There was no contest in March due to the auction.

A reminder to the winners of the **Four Wheel Lead Truck Steamers** contest in February to please bring their models in April for Show 'n Tell.

The **April** contest is for a model of a **Hobby Shop**. Good luck!

The final contest for this season in May is for EMD/GMG Diesel Locomotives.

Dave Lawler
Contest Chairman

Auction in March



Most of the Auction crew, left to right: Bruce Bowie, Tom Beutler, Frank Bongiovanni, Brian Haas and Lee Sheffield.



Pre-meeting perusal of auction items.



Lee and Brian taking bids.

Items for Sale

Division member Bryan Hinkle has decided to sell his 12' X 20' HO scale layout and everything that goes with it. He is selling individual engines, cars, structures, track, and potentially sections of the layout. The engines are DCC. He lives in Lorain, and can be reached at:

440 258-2989
 or
 bogiegoff@roadrunner.com

This information provided by Ben Lanza; photo and inventory provided by Bryan Hinkle.



Model Railroad inventory

		How Many	Cost Each	Total Cost	Sale Price Each
Rolling Stock		45	\$ 10.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 5.00
Preiser Figures		100	\$ 7.00	\$ 700.00	\$ 3.00
Vehicles		20	\$ 7.50	\$ 150.00	\$ 3.00
Engines					
060 Roundhouse Switcher	Junk	0	\$ 50.00	\$ -	\$ 25.00
Proto U28B NYC	Sold	0	\$ 192.97	\$ -	\$ 96.00
4-6-2 Pacific Steam	Sold	0	\$ 69.99	\$ -	\$ 34.00
4-6-4 Hudson Steam	Sold	0	\$ 278.95	\$ -	\$ 139.00
GP20 Diesel		1	\$ 39.99	\$ 39.99	\$ 19.00
Street Car	Sold	0	\$ 34.98	\$ -	\$ 17.00
Amtrak Passenger		1	\$ 129.98	\$ 129.98	\$ 64.00
44 Ton New Haven Switcher		1	\$ 169.00	\$ 169.00	\$ 84.00
NKP SW8		1	\$ 154.95	\$ 154.95	\$ 77.00
Santa Fe F&A & B		1	\$ 290.00	\$ 290.00	\$ 145.00
Conrai SW9/1200		1	\$ 219.98	\$ 219.98	\$ 109.00
FlexTrack	263	87	\$ 8.39	\$ 729.93	\$ 4.00
Tortoise Switch Machines		10	\$ 19.98	\$ 199.80	\$ 9.00
#4 RH Turnouts		5	\$ 21.99	\$ 109.95	\$ 10.00
#6 RH Turnouts		5	\$ 21.99	\$ 109.95	\$ 10.00
#4 LH Turnouts		13	\$ 21.99	\$ 285.87	\$ 10.00
3 Way Turnouts		3	\$ 45.99	\$ 137.97	\$ 22.00
#6 Curved Turnouts		2	\$ 37.99	\$ 75.98	\$ 18.00

Spring Layout Tours Are Coming!
Mark Your Calendar!
Sunday May 3rd & Saturday May 9th

Don't miss the exclusive opportunity to experience some of the finest layouts in Division 4. It kicks off Sunday, May 3 in Grafton where you can visit Brian Hass and Joe Filipiak's exceptional layouts. While you're in Grafton our members have a special opportunity to tour the famous The Grafton Tower!

Then, on Saturday, May 9th, check out the five terrific west side layouts of Bruce Brintnall, John Witt, Steve Riddlebaugh, John Hemsath and Ron Morgan.

This is your chance to see some great layouts, learn how they were made and enjoy the company of fellow Division 4 members. Remember, layouts are only open twice a year so mark your calendar now and plan to enjoy a couple of fun days this May!

Tom Hemsath and John Hemsath
Layout Committee

Editor's Notes

I'm currently working Monday-Wednesday-Friday as a volunteer at Ronald McDonald House in Cleveland. If you need to get a hold of me on those days, best to call in the evening. I'm quite happy there to not have an office, computer or phone. One of my co-volunteers came to the auction and may be joining us soon - got the idea that you're a good bunch of people.

Thanks to Joe Kurelic MMR for his assistance in finding a reliable source of memory cards for my iMac. IT's been developing amnesia during Flatwheel assembly (display area goes blank). No problems this time after going from 2 GB to 8. My discussion with Joe took place during our shift at Kirtland's membership table during one of the lulls in the action.

Recent Local Shows

Railfest



March 14/15, 2015, sponsored by Division 5 was held at Lakeland College. Division 4's Module Group participated (below) and the Division helped to staff the NMRA membership table. Thanks to everyone who helped support this show.



Dalton



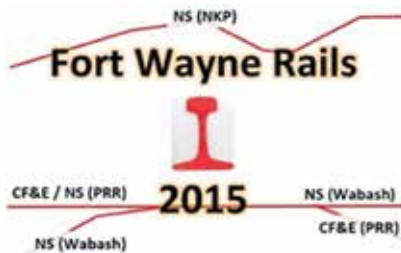
On 3/22/2015 in Dalton Ohio. A very busy show with lots of families in attendance. Single big building. A lot of layouts, including Division 1's, Burning River, and the Cuyahoga S Gaugers. A shuttle bus from the parking lot would be nice.



Orrville Station - an easy side trip from the Dalton Show.

Conventions

MCR Convention - see the flyer on the next page.



2015 NCR Convention
October 29 - November 1, 2015
Hotel Fort Wayne



The 2015 NMRA National Convention
Portland OR
August 23 - August 30, 2015

Upcoming Area Events

Sunday 4/12/2015 **Medina Train & Toy Show**
Medina County Community Center (Medina Fair Grounds)
735 Lafayette Rd (St Rt 42) Medina Ohio 44256
10 am to 4 pm \$6

Saturday 4/18 and Sunday 4/19 2015 **Mansfield Firelands Model Train & Toy Show**
Richland Co. Fairgrounds 750 N. Home Rd, Mansfield OH 44906
10 am to 4 pm \$5, children 18 & under free

Saturday 4/25, 2015 **Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree**
Sewall Center, Robert Morris University, Moon Campus
Registration open at 8 AM \$24 before April 11, \$34 afterward
see www.keystonedivision.org for details

Saturday 5/2, 2015 **TCA Spring Train Meet**
UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Cleveland OH
10 am to 3 pm, \$6 children free

Saturday 5/16/2015 **Rainfanning Days**
Painesville Railroad Museum 475 Railroad St, Painesville OH 44077
10 am to 5 pm no charge indicated
("Days" refers to multiple single days during the year.)

Thanks to Tom Pescha for providing some of this information.

As always, double-check the information using an alternate source before setting out.



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Y'all come and see us!

Rick Cobb, Superintendent

Bruce DeMaeyer, Chairman

Thanks to Oilcan Editor Dave Puthoff for this information.