



# THE FLATWHEEL

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



Mike Oster displays the trolley car given to him by the Division in appreciation for 30 years chairing the Great Berea Train Show. Mike and Pat (who spent those 30 years providing a lot of administrative support for the Show) received a standing ovation from the membership during the January meeting.

Division Four's next meeting will be Friday February 12, 2016

Social time starts at 7:00 pm  
Business meeting 7:30 pm

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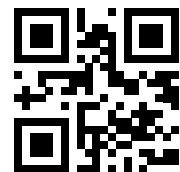
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In February:

**Member Appreciation Night**

**Pizza!**

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



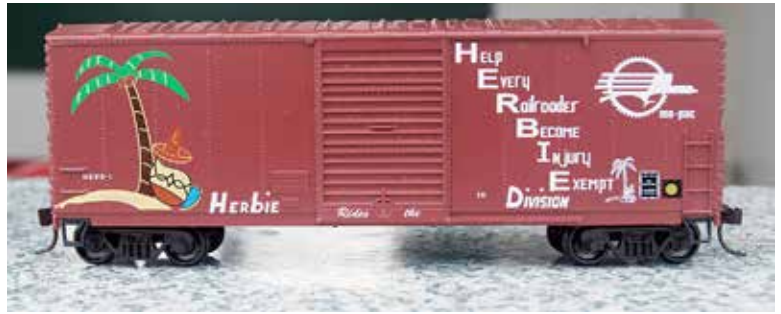
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Herbie:

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**E**very  
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**E**xempt



## HERBIE'S RUMBLINGS

February 2016

As I write this, five of us are on our way to the Amherst Show in Springfield, Mass. It is really the largest train show in the country, with about 20,000 attendees, over 50 operating layouts, some 450 dealers and exhibitors, and most US manufacturers showing their new products, etc. Lee Sheffield and I will be passing out our Show flyers to potential dealers as well as soliciting donations for training day.

This meeting is our annual member appreciation event (i.e. the Pizza Party). Bring an appetite. There will be a brief business meeting for committee reports – the Pizza should arrive around 8:00.

Remember, if you are interested in running for an office, but were not on the nominating committee slate, you will need to get your petitions to Chuck Klein before the end of the February meeting. See Chuck's report elsewhere in this issue.

Dave Lawler is being overwhelmed by the number of entries starting to show up for the monthly contests. Let's keep it up, and please don't forget to vote,

The Board will be meeting at the Church of the Redeemer at 7:00 on Tuesday, February 12th. All members are invited to attend the Board meetings, and to make themselves heard. One of the main topics will be this summer's field trip, so if you have thoughts on a destination for the one day trip, please give them to Lee Sheffield, David James, or me.

Also, don't forget to take home a few DVD's from our library. See Chuck in the Company Store. And, see me if you want to check out a set of Fast Tracks tools.

Steve Kaplan  
Superintendent - Division 4 MCR

## General Meeting Minutes from January 8, 2016

Welcome by Steve Kaplan, Superintendent

New Members / guests – Bill Ferry, introduced Ed Kenosis- HO - Chessie and B&O, Lindsay Dew and Jacob Dew– HO modelers- will model the Fredericksburg station, guests in attendance tonight included, Ralph Peachman, the Meredith family from the 4-h club of Medina.

Treasury report – Greg Noeth - Total cash assets = \$61,590.00.

Special presentations –Steve Kaplan presented the Novak Award – to Ben Lanza

Art Bumpus presented a Special award and Thanks to Pat and Mike Oster

Clinics - Larry Madson - tonight will be the presented by Bruce Bowie on a building the building. Next month will be movie night at Membership Appreciation Pizza Night.

Module Group – Scott Benson next show is Feb 7 at the Medina Fairgrounds that the module group will be showing, organization meeting for the year is on January 20 @ 6:30 PM,

Contest – Dave Lawler- this month's contest is any structure on a 2" X 4" platform. see the Flatwheel for the future contest details. 15 entries this month. Next month will be My Favorite Truck (highway).

Nomination Committee – Chuck Klein presented the nominations committee's recommendations for officers. See article for the details

Raffle – Mike Klein - this is a B&O kind of month

Other News - George Keller of the Mad River Historical Society give thanks for the contribution it will be used for the dynamometer car.

Jim Moore announced March 7, 2016 the Trustee' meeting here at the Church before the general meeting.

Next BOD February 16, 2016

Flatwheel deadline January 28 – Dave Williams

Comments for the good of the order.

Adjournment – 8:07 PM

David James, Secretary

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## BOD Meeting

The next BOD meeting is Tuesday February 16, 2016, 7 pm at the Church of the Redeemer. Enter through the kitchen. All members are welcome.

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## Annual Directors' Meeting for Membership

The Directors (formerly Trustees) are required by our constitution and bylaws to conduct a meeting once a year to collectively receive input from the Division's membership. While you are always welcome to share your opinions with Division officers, this is your chance to present your idea(s) to multiple directors at once. The meeting will take place at 7 pm, just before the usual membership meeting on March 11th.

from Jim Moore

Director, Quad County

## Membership

Bill and Billy Ferry, Membership

### **New Members:**

Lindsay Dew and his son Jacob Dew have joined. Our club met them at the Great Berea Train Show, and they have participated in a couple things since, including Module Group at Trees & Trains.

### **February Birthdays:**

Donald Marcussen  
Gary Dunn  
Dennis Brown  
Richard Woodward  
Philip Bartek  
Thomas Hemsath  
Michael Oster  
John Rowe  
Bruce Blonder

John Puch  
Encie Super  
Brian Haas  
David Neuzil  
Chuck Sword  
Daniel Kovacs  
Jacob Dew  
Journey Carter

MEMBERS: if your birthday does not appear in our Flatwheel birthday section, it is because our database does not include your birthdate information. That, or the Membership Chairman is out to lunch. Just as likely. We'd like to congratulate you; if you'd like that too, please email Membership at [ClevelandBill@mac.com](mailto:ClevelandBill@mac.com), or, if you still don't use email, just pick up your rotary-dial phone and call: (440) 570-2112. Western Union has officially ceased delivery of telegrams ... so don't use that ...

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Clinic Corner      Larry Madson

Following recent tradition, pizza night will be further celebrated with a video presentation.

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## Raffle Report

Thanks to everyone who participated in January's raffle. February's raffle will be another variety of prizes. Stay tuned for another theme raffle in March.

The Raffle Dudes

# In Recognition of the Osters

During the January meeting, the Division formally acknowledged Mike and Pat Oster's many years of contribution through their work running the Division primary fund raiser, now known as the Great Berea Train Show. The following statement was read by former Superintendent Art Bumpus, who presented Mike with the pictured traction car.

## Art Bumpus's Tribute:

January 8, 2016

Dear Mike,

Each year the Division has given you a special something for the efforts you and Patti have put forth for the annual Carnival, now renamed the Great Berea Train Show. However, this year is different since you have decided to step down as the Train Show chairman. And for that reason, we thought that you and Patti should receive something a little more special for your guidance for the last three decades in helping Division 4 as we reluctantly see you retire.

Without a doubt, Division 4 would not be what it is today had you not been at the Train Show helm. The profits have built a financially strong Division, but also provided a foundation which has helped bring Division 4 to what it is today; a strong, enthusiastic, and WELL FUNDED organization that has the motivation to execute its vision in giving its members a satisfying model railroading experience. Rating high in that vision is the building of a common camaraderie which has fostered many strong and long lasting friendships within the organization. For that, the Division will be always grateful.

Mike Brestel, past NMRA President, recently remarked that the Mid Central Region is unique among all the rest of the Regions. That uniqueness is its composition as a group of Divisions who are vibrant, active, engaging, and purposeful in their actions for the hobby of model railroading in general, and the NMRA in particular. A great many of us in Division 4 consider ourselves as one of the most active Divisions within the Region that Mr. Brestel praises highly. You can take comfort that in large measure, you helped in creating the environment that has brought us to where we are today.

As you retire from Train Show Chairman, we hope that you will be able to stay engaged with us in giving advice as we move forward. Also we hope to continue with you and Patti the lasting friendships that you have nurtured through the years.

In conclusion the Division says THANK YOU for all of your past efforts and wishes you good health in the coming years.

Your Division 4 Friends



Art Bumpus reading his letter to Mike and Pat.



Mike and Pat receive a standing ovation.

Mike's new car



from Pat Oster

Ladies & Gentlemen of Division 4,

I am writing to express my gratitude for all the support and friendship you have shown Mike and myself over the past 30 years of Mike managing your yearly fundraiser, more commonly known as The Carnival (Great Berea Train Show). It truly has become a ruling portion of our lives. Mike would always take one week of our vacation time and devote it to the show. Our children were also raised knowing what questions to ask dealers when they called.

To explain the current situation: after the Division meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup>, several gentlemen asked me what was going on. When I told them we need a kidney, they thought it was for me. Mike knew in June that something was not right but the "Show" was his major concern. Therefore, it is Mike who needs a kidney and is now on dialysis 3 days a week for four hours. Again, your support and friendship are extremely important to Mike. We are trying to maintain as normal a life as possible and adjust to our new norms.

Again, my gratitude for all you have done for Mike, and therefore our family. He was very touched by your gift of the brass trolley as was I with the gift certificate. We were also extremely touched by the wonderful tribute that Art wrote to us. We aren't going anywhere so you will continue to see us both. I am a rather emotional lady and I felt that I needed to explain the situation which was part of my emotional breakdown at the meeting. Division 4 has been and will be a major part of Mike's life.

To each of you - please take good care of yourselves and your loved ones. None of us knows what tomorrow will bring. Keep on track but take time to enjoy the ride.

With Love to You,

Pat Oster once known as Mrs. Carnival

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## What it was



Brian Barnt gave an off the cuff clinic on 3D printing at Baker's Square after the January meeting. It started as an explanation to one person and quickly grew to include pretty much everyone at the table. He used his cell phone for a lot of the visuals but also had a few 3D printed examples with him. One that caused some questions was a large scale something or other that is used to hold an old time car's axle. In the picture to the left of one of my models, you can see the same part being held by the three bolts at the top and holding the journal box under the spring. I still don't know the actual name but it's not keeping me awake at night.

Dave Williams

## Division Elections

We will be having elections in 2016. The Nominating Committee members are Chuck Klein, Dave Lawler, and Art Bumpus.

The following list of candidates is being put forth by the Nominating Committee.

The term of the newly elected officers shall run from June 1, 2016 thru May 31, 2018

Superintendent	Steve Kaplan
Asst. Supt.	Lee Sheffield
Treasurer	Greg Noeth
Secretary	David Williams

### **Directors ( Trustees )**

East	Fred Obreza
West	Gary Schaefer
Quad County	Jim Moore
At Large	Brian Haas
At Large	John Hemsath

Anyone wishing to run for any position may do so by submitting a petition signed by 10 members with membership numbers and which position you would be running for ex: Director at large etc. The petitions may be submitted to the Nominating Committee until February 12, 2016. If we have more than one candidate running for any of the above positions the election will be held March 2016 with all ballots being received by April 15, 2016.

Chuck Klein  
Chairman 2016 Nominating Committee

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## May Layout Tours

On Sunday, May 15, we've been invited to visit the layouts of Chuck Klein, Ted Ondrish, The Strongsville Society of Model Railroaders, Denny Whitaker, and Myron Krajewski. It will be interesting to see the progress these fellows have made since our last visits.

On Saturday, May 21 we'll visit three more layouts. Tom Businger, Rich Mayich, and the Novak men have invited us. This will be the first open house for Rich, and Tom practically has a new layout since we were last there.

Please mark your calendar now and save the dates for these great opportunities. Even if you do not regularly attend the meetings of the Division, you will be most welcome at these open houses! It's great to meet these generous owners, ask questions, and get inspired.

John Hemsath  
Layout Tour Co-Chair





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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 February 25 2016 The deadline is almost always 2 weeks and a day before the next general meeting.

The Flatwheel is no longer mailed.

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Dave Williams



## Upcoming Events

February 7, 2016 9 am to 3 pm Medina Model Railroad & Toy Show , Medina Co. Fairgrounds

February 27-28 Greenberg's Great Train and Toy Show Monroeville PA

March 18-20, 2016 Railfest 10 am to 4 pm, Lakeland Community College, Kirtland OH I-90 exit 193 onto Rt 306 south

April 23, 2016 Division 2 Jamboree, Pittsburgh PA see [www.keystonedivision.org/jamboree.html](http://www.keystonedivision.org/jamboree.html)

April 28 - May 1, 2016 Mid Central Regional Convention, Columbus OH  
see [2016convention.div6-mcr-nmra.org/home\\_B.html](http://2016convention.div6-mcr-nmra.org/home_B.html)

July 3 - 10, 2016 NMRA National Convention Indianapolis, IN see [www.nmra2016.org/](http://www.nmra2016.org/)

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## Did you know ...

Semaphore signals are still used to a limited extent in parts of the United Kingdom with no plans of retirement.

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OK, one last time due to all the blank looks at the January meeting. These buildings were in Jim Moore's paint booth during the November layout tours. The lighting is from the afternoon sun.

## Contest Corner

Dave Lawler

The January Contest was for On Line Structures with a 2" x 4" maximum footprint. We had another outstanding contest with 15 entries and 47 votes cast.

1st place: Rich Mayich  
2nd place: Jim Grell  
3rd place: George Keller  
Honorable Mention: Joe Filipiak, Tom McInerney

I hope all you guys will bring your models in for Show and Tell at the February meeting.

They were too good to see only once!

We're now at the half way mark and the point standings are as follows:

1st\*: Rich Mayich, Jim Grell  
2nd\*: George Keller, Dave Lawler  
3rd: Joe Filipiak  
4th: Tom McInerney  
5th\*: John Hemsath, Bill Kovacs, Dave Williams  
\*=Tie

The contest for February is for "My Favorite Truck" the highway/motor vehicle type not a set of freight car wheels. Think: Chevy, Dodge, Ford, Fargo, Freightliner, International, Kenworth, Marmon, Mack, Peterbuilt, Western Star, White. Hope this helps with some ideas. Remember NO DIORAMAS, just trucks any year any model.



2 x 4 Contest continued





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