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













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This month's cover photo shows Rio Grande engine 1188 rounding Yankee Doodle Lake, el. 10,700', on Chuck Burroughs, spectacular D&SL Railway, Canton, OH. Photo by Bruce Bowie

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NORTH COAST LEADERSHIP

AN EDITORIAL

Last month's editorial spoke to volunteering as a way you can help our Division continue and improve. This month I would like to offer members another way they can help and that is contributing ideas, photos and submittals, be they large or small, to this newsletter.

Let's start with ideas for *Flatwheel* content. When it was announced I would be the new *Flatwheel* editor, Ron Morgan emailed a list of great ideas;

From a \$1.00 at the door to \$50,000.00 in the bank
- a history of Division 4.

A history of the modular railroad.

Member of the month or railroad of the month.

Clubs in the area.

Feature on our MMR's and future MMR's and their contribution to the hobby.

Former Supers and their contribution to the Division.

Characters in the hobby that will remain with us always.

My favorite rail or model picture.

A contest. Whose layout, equipment, a person based on information, etc.

As is evident, Ron has a creative mind but he cannot be the only one in our Division. So if you have an idea, please email it to me.

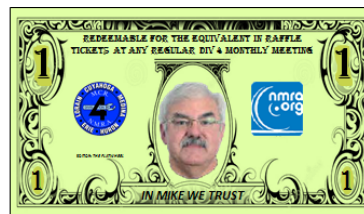
With my inaugural issue as editor, I included a number of photos I took while on vacation last fall. I am NOT a great photographer but today's digital cameras, including those in our smartphones, can make all of us into decent photographers. They were simple, point and shoot photos that anyone can take. Please send me your prototype and model photos that I can use to grace our newsletter.

Finally but most importantly, consider putting together a written submittal. As shown most recently by Gary Sole and Joe Kurilec, writing for *The Flatwheel* can be easy and fun!

As important as feature articles such as Gary and Joe have written, anything can be considered. Purchased a hobby item lately, give us your thoughts on it, good OR bad. Have a favorite tool, take a picture and tell us why. We have over 200 members with modeling skills from never modeled but always wanted to, to Master Model Railroaders. But even Masters can learn from your ideas! Look at the new "This & That" column as a great place to start getting published.

Look at the list of ideas Ron suggested, pick one and write it up. This could be your first step to seeing your name in print!

And not least, your photos and submittals will garner you points on your way to the Achievement Program's Author Certificate.



At the February 7th BOD meeting, your Board approved Mike Klein and my use of "Raffle Bucks". Raffle Bucks may be used to purchase raffle tickets at any regular monthly meeting. Any item you send and I use will provide you with one Raffle Buck per page or less of content. A cover photo or multi-page article will get you five Raffle Bucks.

I cannot do this alone. I need YOUR help! So please, email me anything you might have that you think would interest our members. Look throughout *The Flatwheel*, other publications, and the web for inspiration. I can help you with the format and whatever else you might need. 🚂

BRUCE BOWIE
EDITOR



HERBIE'S RUMBLINGS



HELP EVERY MODEL RAILROADER BECOME INJURY EXEMPT

This meeting will be our annual Membership Appreciation Night (aka the Pizza Party), so the business meeting will be a short one. The contest is Water Tanks, and the January winners need to bring their entries and be prepared to talk about them. Larry will have one or more programs for us to watch while we socialize and stuff ourselves.

Last month was our biennial auction, and on behalf of the membership, I want to thank everyone who helped make this a success. Auctioneers Lee Sheffield, Frank Bongiovanni and Gary Sole; Money men Bruce Bowie and Greg Noeth; runners Tim Sheffield, Brian Haas and Ken Orchard; Tom Beutler for the software program; anyone I may have left out, and last but not least, Joe Filipiak for sustenance.

The Church of the Redeemer has received the AED unit which we donated. Once it is installed, they will be holding some instruction sessions on emergency use and methods, and will give our members an opportunity to attend and participate. In reading Division Five's Trainwire, I noted that they also voted to purchase an AED unit for their meeting place.

Kudos to our member Joe Kurilec, MMR, for his article on "Handy Glue and Tool Storage" in this month's NMRA Magazine.

I hope by now you have looked at the info on the upcoming Regional Convention. There is still time to get your registration in. See the recent Kingpin, or go to <http://www.2017panamerican.org/>.

Saturday, April 29th, is the 2017 Pittsburgh Model Railroad Jamboree. It is a full day of clinics and networking that a number of us usually attend. A copy of the flyer is attached to this Flatwheel. Bob Weinheimer from the Coal Division (Nine) and I will be giving one of the clinics. They feed you breakfast and lunch, with an optional banquet, and even have some layout tours the next day, so it is really almost a "mini"

regional convention. Think of it as a warm-up for Louisville.

Just got word that the bank has shut down Cherokee Hills Golf Course and therefore Coppertop is done for. We apparently will have to find a new location for our December event.

I passed through Wellington this week, and they have completed the big underpass, so for once I didn't have to wait for two or three trains to go by. Now that I think about it, I will probably miss them.

Remember, you can get some great ideas all year long about what other Divisions, as well as Regions, are doing by visiting their websites and reading their newsletters. The easiest way to find them is to start at <http://www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/divisions2.html>. In fact, you can access every Division in the NMRA by going to the NMRA website and hitting the "Regions" button on line three.

See you at the Pizza table. 🚂

**STEVE KAPLAN,
SUPERINTENDENT
THE NORTH COAST
DIVISION**



BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 7, 2017

Steve Kaplan, Superintendent, opened the meeting at 7:00 pm.

Steve opened discussion on an interest in acquiring an AED unit for the church in the memory of Bob Orlando. The church has obtained information on at least two different units. The cost for either unit is approximately \$1600. Member Joe Mehalic was mentioned as a possible source since his company sells these devices but we'll go with the church's lead on direction. Steve polled members present for ideas, and it was decided that the Division will provide the entire purchase price of the AED after obtaining membership approval.

There will be only a brief meeting this Friday due to the auction. Dave Lawler will announce the next month's model contest but will not review January's winners until March. Pizza party will be in March; Lee will get the pizzas.

Steve provided copies of revised Division By-Laws for board members to review at home. Discrepancies should be noted by Friday. Steve will have Ben Lanza post on the website at that time for member review.

Bruce Bowie announced his plan to encourage article submission to The Flatwheel by issuing credit for regular meeting raffle tickets - tentatively a \$1 credit for a small article and a \$5 credit for a large article. Bruce displayed samples of the "Raffle Bucks". Raffle Chair Mike Klein has approved the idea and will work with Bruce on implementation. Motion made to approve by John Hemsath and seconded by Jim Moore. Unanimous approval.

Lee Sheffield asked if the Division would be charging 10% to sellers at the auction. After a brief discussion, it was decided that the Division was not currently in need of the money raised by the 10%; additionally, the auction is expecting a large donation of items with all proceeds going to the Division. Motion to NOT charge sellers 10% on auction items sold presented by John Hemsath and seconded by Lee Sheffield. Approved unanimously by vote.

Division member Chuck Klein requested that the Division become a sponsor of the 2017 Nickel Plate Historical & Technical Society's convention. Chuck, who is chair of the convention, asked for \$500, stating that the money would be used for expenses before registration fees become available. He also stated that the society may provide the Division with a contribution in appreciation of the Modular Group's participation. Motion provided by Dave Williams and seconded by Fred Obreza; motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:33 pm. 🚂

DAVID M. WILLIAMS

SECRETARY



Chuck Burroughs operates most of his 236 turnouts via JMRI's DeCoder Pro interfaced with his Digitrax DCC control system. Note the **FOUR** double slip switches at the entrance to Denver Union Terminal in the lower right area of the computer screen!

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

FEBRUARY 10, 2017

[The meeting was intentionally short due to the evening's auction.]

Steve Kaplan, Superintendent, started the meeting at 7:26 pm. Steve spoke briefly on the loss of member Bob Orlando last month, and related that the Board had approved the purchase of an AED in Bob's memory for the church. Member approval for this purchase is necessary due to the estimated cost of \$1600. Steve called for a motion for acceptance of the proposal, which he received from Bill Kovacs. The motion was seconded (by several members) and then received full approval of the membership in attendance. A moment

of silence was held to remember Bob, Phil Bartek, and others who have passed away during the past year.

Steve reminded everyone that tables and chairs would have to be rearranged at the end of the auction, and that the stated 10% sellers' commission to the Division would be waived.

Dave Lawler mentioned that the March model contest would be for water tanks or towers, and requested that the January winners bring their models back for the March meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 pm. 🚂

DAVID M. WILLIAMS
SECRETARY



Another photo of Chuck Burroughs' D&SL. The stream at the bottom of the scene looks as real in person as it does in this photo -
EDITOR

The following layouts will be open on Sunday May 7th, 2017 from Noon to 4 PM.

Don Stettin's Danbury, Elkin & Litton

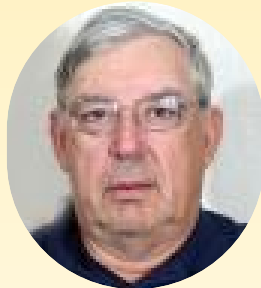


Bruce Brittnall's Memphis Ridge Lines



SPRING LAYOUT TOURS

RON MORGAN
LAYOUT TOUR
CHAIRMAN





Tom McNerny's Elk River Logging and Snug Harbor Railroad



Also, the CV&WS will be open from 11 AM until 4 PM for their annual Spring Open House. Any support would be appreciated by the club members.

Directions to the open houses will be provided to the membership several weeks prior to the open houses.

LAYOUT'S NEEDED FOR SATURDAY MAY 13TH FORM NOON TO 4 PM

Please contact Ron Morgan, ronalco@sbcglobal.net if you would be willing to be open on this date.

NOTE: As a host of several layout tours and attendee at many, I can attest that layouts of any size and completeness are enjoyed. My most recent hosting provided a layout with two pieces of flextrack powered up, no buildings and no scenery. BUT it provided a good understanding of the layout

CONTEST TABLE

There was no contest in February due to the auction.

The March contest is for Water Tanks or Water Towers, either railroad or industrial. These entries CAN be done as dioramas.

I'd also like to remind the winners of the January contest to bring their models back for show and tell.

DAVE LAWLER
CONTEST
CHAIRMAN



Photo by Dave Lawler on his railroad



THIS & THAT

ALL SCALE RAILS - Last month Joe Kurilec mentioned a free on-line magazine, *Model Railroad Hobbyist*. This month we bring you another, *All Scale Rails*. Again, this is a **FREE** publication. Click on the image to go to allscalerrails.com.



A GOOD LAUGH - Past *Flatwheel* editor, current *Flatwheel* staff photographer and new MCR Region *Kingpin* editor



They publish every two months and the current issue is their 12th. You can also download their past issues. While I find the publication to have less polish than MRH, it is still a good source and getting better and larger with each issue.
-EDITOR

Dave Williams recently sent me an email displaying his great sense of humor. What would you call the our newsletter if you combined *The Flatwheel* and the *Kingpin*.....**The Pinwheel**. Yummm!
-EDITOR (my favorite cookie!)

HO COLLECTOR - WhiteRiver Productions has launched a new publication, "HO Collector". The first issue is packed with really good articles about older HO model manufactures and their products.



Pacific Fast Mail, The Lindberg Line and Tyco are just a few names the publishers write about, all with very good research.

A quarterly subscription is \$32.00; 1-877-787-2467.
-EDITOR

MAGAZINE UPDATE - Many of you have been patiently waiting for our magazine Library to be back up and available. We know we know! It's been too long since you had access to the TrainLife.com magazine library... But



don't worry, our developers are hard at work and we are in the testing phases of a new magazine portal that will allow you to do a lot more! We think the wait will be worth it and plan to have this online soon.

If you're not familiar with our magazine archive here are just a few of the magazines you can expect to see here:

- Model Builder
- Model Railroading
- Pacific News
- Railmodel Journal
- Many More!

There may even be some issues you've never seen before :)... - EDITOR

CORK TAPE - While strolling the aisles of a Pat Catan's craft store I found some Duck Tape with the outside material being cork! The material is a little over 1 and 3/4 inches wide. The roll is 180 inches long. I picked up a roll as I felt there could be some use on the layout. A base for roadbed, a grade crossing, maybe a roadway, sidewalks, driveway or a base or foundation for structures. The material does not "curve" but still feel there could be some interesting uses.



Finding real cork Duck Tape has to have some uses on the layout or workbench.



I am experimenting with the cork material. A grade crossing or roadway base are some possible uses. 🚂

-JOE KURILEC, MMR

ORIGINS OF THE ENGINEER'S CAP

CREDIT: ALL SCALE RAILS, ISSUE # 9, JULY / AUGUST 2016

BY BONNIE DOMROIS

There's something almost magical about sliding on that blue and white striped hat. Perhaps it reminds you of countless hours of operating trains on your first layout. Maybe it brings back memories of running trains with a grandfather who also wore a similar hat. But underneath the nostalgia is a very practical beginning.

The origins of the traditional engineer's cap began with George "Stormy" Kromer, an engineer for the Chicago and North Western Railroad and a semi-famous, semiprofessional baseball player. Stormy would wear his baseball cap while working at the controls of locomotive. However, day after day his hat would keep flying off when he would stick his head out of the cab. He tried all different types of caps, but nothing fit his needs.

One day in 1903, George went home and relayed his frustration about his cap to his wife. They pooled their ideas and formulated the design for what we now know as a railroad engineer's cap.

George's wife, Ida, was an expert seamstress. She created George's new cap from what she had around the house: blue and white pinstripe ticking. Pinstripe pillow ticking was readily available and cheap to come by. Besides being a commonly used material, there was another reason as to why Ida used pillow ticking to create George's cap. The fabric weave on the ticking was thicker so the feathers inside the pillow wouldn't poke through. Railroaders preferred this material to traditional fabrics because it prevented embers from the firebox from

RAFFLE

Hello everybody. I hope everyone bought and sold what they wanted at the February auction. The raffle at the March meeting will once again be a fine variety of prizes, something for everyone. Hope to see you there. Thanks. 🚂

THE RAFFLE DUDES



CLINIC

March 2017

Division 4 Member Appreciation Night aka "Pizza Party" BRING YOUR APPETITES!!

Come and enjoy an evening of fellowship and pizza with your fellow Division 4 members. The program will be a video, or videos for your enjoyment.

April 2017

"Cartooning 101" by Lee Sheffield

Actually, it's Car Tuning 101, a clinic for those getting started in the model railroad hobby and for those who need a little refresher keeping your rolling stock on the rails instead in your hands.

CLINICS WANTED

Help!!!! I need a few more for programs for 2016-2017. If any of you would like to share your modeling techniques, know of someone I could contact for a program, or have a suggestion for a program topic, please contact me. If you have contacted me previously about a program, please take time to remind me again.

Larry Madson , madson@roadrunner.com, 440-934-2643 or 440-864-2305

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. 🚂

LARRY MADSON
CLINIC CHAIRMAN



burning them.



The Kromers' design was a huge success, becoming extremely popular with railroaders, both then and now. In 1965 Golden Press printed A Little Golden Book® titled "Mr. Puffer-Bill Train Engineer" that was based on George Kromer and his quest to find the perfect cap.

To this day, the blue and white striped engineer's cap is the universal symbol for those that work on the rails and for those of us who imagine we do. *

*EDITOR - With thanks to Raffle Dude Mike Klein, an original first edition of **Mr. Puffer-Bill** will be included with the other great March raffle prizes. 🚂*

COMPANY STORE

The company store currently has for your purchasing pleasure the following items. The items are available for purchase at most monthly meetings. You may also contact the Store Manager, Chuck Klein, cbklein765@gmail.com for other options.

NYC MDT Reefers 4 Numbers available

Set of 4 (2 Steel, 2 Wood) \$72

Wood Side \$18 ea. / Steel Side \$20 ea.



MCR Schoolhouse
Laser Cut Kit \$45 ea.





Division 4 Patches
\$3 ea.



Division 4 Ball Caps
\$20 ea.

CHUCK KLEIN
STORE
MANAGER



MODULE GROUP

Seven members of the module group traveled to West Springfield MA for the Amherst Railway Society train show in January, to participate in the Hub Division modular HO layout. After many years taking the steel mill modules, the decision was made to change things up. Lee Sheffield brought his three Sterling Ohio modules and Scott Benson brought his 2-module switching district. The modules were much appreciated by the Hub crew and 19,000+ paid show attendees. This is a large show; the many operating layouts gave our module guys much to admire and get ideas from. *See more on the Amherst Show in Lee Sheffield's report, page 21 - EDITOR*

In February, we displayed a 60' layout at the Medina Train Show. This was the largest layout we've displayed at that show; we were up and running with 5 minutes to spare and the railroad ran great all day. Attendance was good and the crowd was very appreciative.

Upcoming events: We'll be displaying at Division 5's Railfest show on March 18 and 19, at the Ritter Library in Vermilion on April 22 and 23, and a Midwest Railway Preservation Society open house, date yet to be determined.

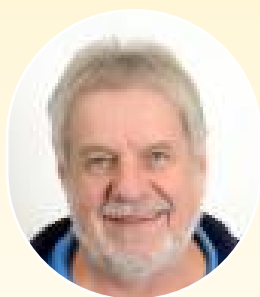
Hope to see Division 4 members at these events, and as always, all are welcome to run their DCC train on the layout. 🚂

SCOTT BENSON
MODULE
GROUP



A FOCUS ON AREA HOBBY SHOPS

ONE IN A SERIES BY
JOE KURILEC
MMR



PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

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Finding Ben Franklin is easy. Take Route 2 west to route 58 south or the Ohio Turnpike west to route 58 north. Park Ave. is about halfway between the two highways and leads right into the City of Amherst.



Ben Franklin is one of the last 5 & 10 cent stores around! Its located in downtown Amherst and the drive there is worth the trip. Downtown Amherst is an old town with much to see. I found a Sears, Roebuck & Company store in the middle of town that is located in a very small building!

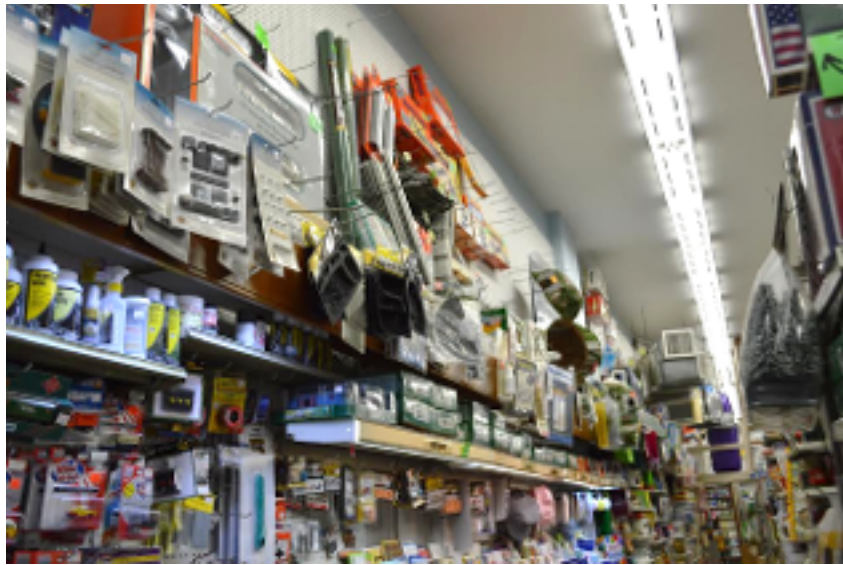
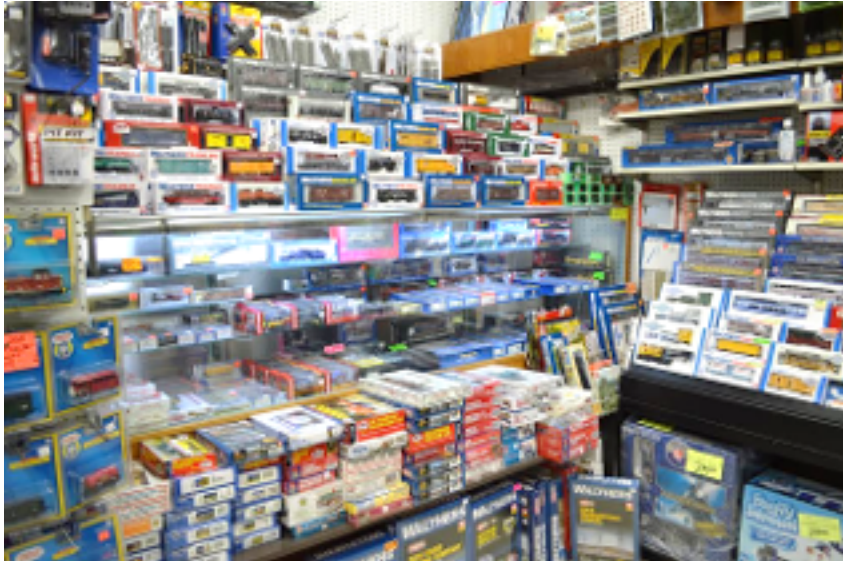
Walking into Ben Franklin was like a trip back in time. They sell all types of items. The train department has a lot to offer. Ben Franklin has a nice supply N, HO and Lionel products. Engines, freight cars, passenger cars and building kits are part of the stocked train section.



Scenery products, accessories, tools, wiring supplies and detail parts all are on the racks at Ben Franklin. The

owner said he would like to expand the train department soon.

Paints, glues and other items are well stocked. Take the time to visit Ben Franklin, this is a very special shop! 🚂



THE BYLINE...

BY GARY SOLE



PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

This month we'll discuss bridges. Most people when they design a layout, they usually add a design element that includes a bridge. In this case, my layout required a 24" wide lift-out-section to access my electrical box. I envisioned a double track bridge with short abutments; in total the plan called for three bridges in this 24" space. Obviously, when I designed this area I had visions of grandeur; and now that I'm laying track the reality is setting in.

However, I really wanted a truss bridge for this area and there weren't any available in a twenty four inch length. Central Valley brought out a nice double track bridge a couple of years ago, but for my application, I would have to shorten it by just over four inches.

In September my Walthers monthly flyer came and I noticed that they were coming out with a 23 inch Arched Pratt Truss Bridge. It was scheduled for an October 1st release. None of the dealers had them yet at our show, but a few days after, one was shipped to my house. It's a large kit. When I opened the box I thought wow what did I just do!



So I built it: The instructions are on one double sided, 8.5x11 sheet. Assembling the trusses was the first step. I cut the four core truss pieces from their sprues

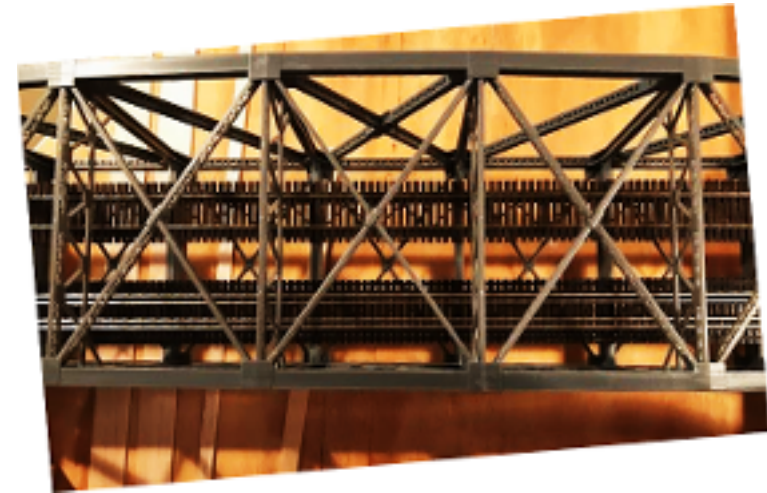
and set them on the glass plate on my workbench. The glass plate kept them flat while gluing them together. Each truss has about 30 lacing sections to be added to form the girders. Each evening I would add between 5 and 10 lacings and the fourth night I finished the first truss. Meanwhile, while glue was drying, I read the deck assembly instructions a few times and studied the drawings. By the time I finished the second truss I had



the 23x5x5.25" bridge was finished! I found building it in small sections very relaxing & fun! If you have any interest in a bridge this size the kit is available in both single and double track versions. The design of the model is excellent and the parts fit together nicely.

Now if you read carefully, you're thinking Gary said he had a 24 inch space and built a 23 inch bridge. So how did he make up the one inch?

Next month: homemade bridge abutments from dimensional lumber. 🚂



a good understanding of the deck assembly and how the trusses and top girders went together. I formed a plan for keeping everything square and in three weeks

Who says operations are painless?

JIM MOORE Photo on Dave Bitte's A&N, Rittman OH



2017 NORTH COAST DIVISION AUCTION REPORT

FROM SUPERINTENDENT STEVE KAPLAN

Wow - what a great fun filled time. On behalf of the membership, I want to thank everyone who helped make this a success. Auctioneers Lee, Frank and Gary



- Money men Bruce and Greg, runners Tim, Brian and Ken, Tom for the software program, anyone I may have left out, and last but not least, Joe for sustenance.

FROM AUCTIONEER FRANK BONGIOVANNI

Shutdown Friday night turned into fatigue driven mayhem, and I didn't get a chance to thank everyone involved who got us through the auction. When I saw the number of tables filled with stuff I had visions of a 2 a.m. finish. With all the guys helping we took in the last bid at 11:15 and were out of the church by 11:45.

Of course I want to thank Bruce and Greg for handling the finances; it has never gone this smoothly in the past. Well done.

Brian, Ken, and Tim, and everyone else who pitched in, who handled movement of tables and stuff worked very hard and saved us bunches of time and stress and confusion.

Gary Sole who volunteered to assist with the auctioning.

And Lee for doing a fine job again.

Steve for getting the heat turned on and for general support.

And everyone who brought stuff to sell and money to buy who participated. Especially the guys who brought stuff on behalf of the Division--i.e. all proceeds going to Div 4.

And Dave Lawler for enabling a warm caring home for a little lost Berkshire.

And anyone I have forgotten; moral--don't get old.

FROM TREASURER GREG NOETH

Bruce and I would like to thank everyone involved in the biennial auction held at last month's meeting. A special thanks to Tom Beutler. Tom developed the spreadsheet we use, making the entire financial effort quicker and more accurate than past years!

This year saw 56 members sign up to bid with \$2,034 taken in for the numerous items purchased. A big thank you to the members who offered items for sale with 100% of the monies received donated to our Division, netting us \$423. 🚂





MEMBERSHIP

The Division welcomes these New Members from December 2016 & January 2017.

NEW MEMBER! Cole Thuning, of Oberlin, Lorain County.

We also wish to send Happy Birthday Wishes to the following February birthday members:

Bruce Blonder
Dennis Brown
Jacob Dew
Gary Dunn
Brian Haas
Thomas Hemsath
Daniel Kovacs
Donald Marcussen
David Neuzil
Michael Oster
John Puch
John Rowe
Entice Super
Chuck Sword
Robert Totten
Lance Warner
Richard Woodward

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

and Happy Birthday to the following March birthday members:

Michael Bahnte
Ed Dillon
Louis Falk
Frank Foti
Dennis Gamble
Bryan Harko
Philip Imka
David Johnson
Harry Lever
Lawrence Madson
William Marquardt
Ralph Peshek
Paul (Bud) Spierling
Donald Stettin

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

MEMBERS: If you look for, but don't find, your birthday in the *Flatwheel*, it is because the Member Database does not include your birth date information. If you'd like it to be added, please email Bill Ferry, Membership, at ClevelandBill@mac.com or call (440) 570-2112 and leave a message. 🚂

BILL AND BILLY FERRY
MEMBERSHIP CO-CHAIRS



AMHERST RAILWAY SOCIETY SHOW

Lee Sheffield
Assistant
Superintendent



On January 26th seven members of the Division 4 Module Group made the annual pilgrimage to West Springfield Mass for the Amherst Railway Society Show. Some of you know that for many years Larry Madson has made the trek to the Amherst Show taking his steel mill modules. In past years Bill Cramer had gone with him and then Steve Kaplan took Bill's place. As things evolved, myself, my son Tim and Jeff Lauren joined Larry and Steve for a couple of years. During the National Train Show in Indy this past summer, the HUB guys asked me if I would like to take my three Sterling modules. So I packed my three modules in the trailer and Scott Benson packed his two in his van and away we went. And to add to the fun Jeff Lauren, Gary Schaefer and Adam Woody joined us. So Larry, Steve, myself, Jeff, Gary, Scott and



Adam all made the trip. In addition, Art Bumpus has attended the show many years and this year co-chaired a couple of clinics held during the days before the show. And I ran into Ben Lanza during my travels around the show. So we were well represented with five modules and nine members of Division 4 attending.

A little background on the show. The Amherst Railway Society has put on this show for 49 years. It has grown over the years to today's 4 buildings covering almost 8 acres. Yes, you read that right, 8 acres! So doing the math, 8 acres times

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recommend spending two days at the show. There is just too much to take in.

Visit their web site to learn more: <http://www.railroadhobbyshow.com/>

In closing, I would like to thank Dick Ball and the HUB group for the invitation to show my modules and to Larry Madson for making the long drive. We all have a great time and the HUB group is a great division welcoming us into their group for the show.

Next year's show is scheduled for January 27th and 28th. So mark your calendars !!! 🚂



Pennsylvania Trolley Museum in Washington, PA during a Lorain County MRR Club outing. Amazing photo by Dave Lawler

WITH SYMPATHY

Condolences to long time North Coast Division member Rich Tressa on the passing of his wife Susan.

Obituary for Susan S. Tressa

Susan S. Tressa (nee Stevenson), 59, passed away February 10, 2017. Beloved wife of Richard J. for 28 years. Loving mother of Judy Holmes (Chris), Tammy Beckett (Michael) and Leanna Forget (Chris Tolson). Sister of Janet Stevenson and the late Nancy Janoch. Dear Grama Susan of Jeremy (Carrie), Heather (James), Todd, Crystal (Joe), Brent, Kandise, Nathan (Marlena), Stephania, Brittany, Brandon and Kyle. Great Grama Susan of Joey, the late Allison, Alexander, Madison, Nova'Lea, Bradley, Alivia and Sophia. A Celebration of Life Service will be held Saturday, March 11, 2017 at 4PM at Middleburg Heights Community United Church of Christ, 7165 Big Creek Parkway, Middleburg

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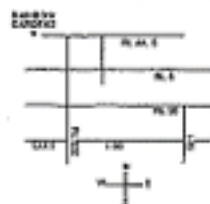
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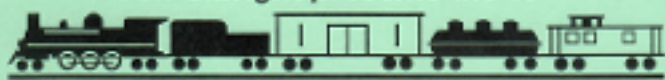
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Another photo from Chuck Burroughs' D&SL



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We are Division 4 of the Mid-Central Region of the National Model Railroaders Association. With more than 200 members from Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lorain and Medina counties in the state of Ohio. The North Coast Division meetings are normally held on the second Friday of the month to hear guest speakers, share skills, have railroad related clinics, and to share common problems and successes. Many of us get together informally in round-robin sessions to operate and work on each other's layouts, or just to talk railroads and modeling.