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This month's cover photo was taken by Billy Ferry on his, dad Bill and Gary Schaefer's trip up the Cuyahoga River. See their article for more information on the trip.

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DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE
FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10TH.

DOORS OPEN AT 7:00 P.M. FOR SOCIALIZING.
MEETING STARTS AT 7:30 P.M.

WHEN & WHERE WE MEET

The North Coast Division holds 10 meetings a year (none in July and August). Meetings are on the 2nd Friday of each month. A

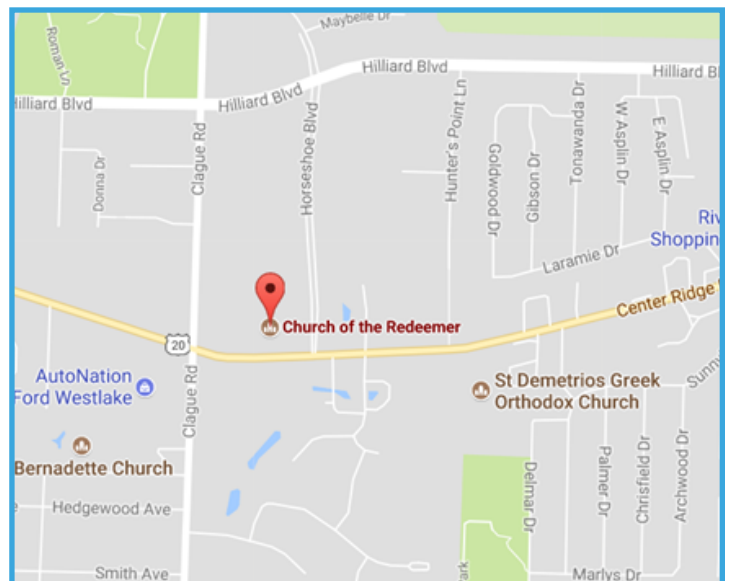
social half hour starts at 7:00 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:30. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Meetings are held at the Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Rd, Cleveland, OH 44145. Visitors are welcome to attend any meeting.

The Division's newsletter, *The Flatwheel* is published monthly (except during July and August) by Division 4 of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). All comments are welcome. Views expressed in *The Flatwheel* do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the NMRA, MCR, or Division 4.

The Flatwheel is typically electronically published no later than the Monday preceding the monthly meeting. Submissions are due no later than the 26th of the prior month, for example, August 26th for the September *Flatwheel*.

Uncredited photos courtesy of the editor or staff photographer Dave Williams.

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. The group is private and does not appear on the Yahoo directory.



AN EDITORIAL

Last month I wrote about making changes to our layouts to improve them. I used my good friend Jim Moore as an example of someone unafraid to make significant changes to his layout in order to improve its performance.

After moving into our current and much smaller home, I developed plans for my new railroad. And again when I called upon my crew for help, our resident artist filled the sky with clouds. Then Friday nights came and the crew once again showed up. In short order we built the structure and installed the power distribution system. But they moved so fast I did not have a track plan ready so I had to lay them off. Sorry guys.

I HATE LAYING TRACK!

Since then I developed the track plan and started laying track. I did not get far before the work stalled out. I told myself, the crew, and anyone who asked, it was because I HATE laying track (not a good thing when your hobby is model railroading!!) This was/is true.

But I now know there was something else tugging at my subconscious. The design included a 5' wide by 12' long mobile section that rolled out and over to connect to the peninsula jutting out from the right hand side. This allowed me to squeeze into the garage the maximum benchwork while still allowing two vehicles to park in the garage. Sad to say but my wife and I are too spoiled at our advanced age to park our primary vehicles outside!


This design feature was good in theory but posed what turned out to be a significant drawback. If I wanted to work on the layout, I needed to back both vehicles out of the garage. I know, this doesn't seem to be a big deal. But just lets say when one is already dreading performing the work to be done, like laying track, one (ME) doesn't need a lot of reasons to procrastinate. And if you want to work on the layout for just a little while, it is also a large rock in your path.

CHANGE CAN REINVIGORATE YOUR HOBBY INTEREST

So taking my own advice, I am in the process of making a BIG change. I am lowering the entire layout structure in order to have the added height needed to build a second level fed by a helix. This eliminates the movable section.

And yes, I know about the negatives to two level layouts but believe they will be outweighed by my ability to work on the layout without the need to move any vehicles out of the garage be it for 30 minutes, or all day Sunday.

So to my crew; Jim Moore, Gary Dunn, George Keller, Fred Wagner and others, I apologize for your time spent helping build version 1.0 and hope you will respond again when asked to help with version 2.0.

PS - I can add that clearing the layout of tools, supplies and other paraphernalia can improve the likelihood work will commence. Try it! 

BRUCE BOWIE
EDITOR



HERBIE'S RUMBLINGS



HELP EVERY MODEL RAILROADER BECOME INJURY EXEMPT

We are now headfirst into what will be our busiest year end ever. The module group will be set up for the Great Lakes Science Center 3-month exhibit starting November 3rd – TRAINing Day is November 5 – followed by the month long Trees and Trains at Black River Transportation Center in downtown Lorain. Also, Chuck Klein is arranging our annual showcase exhibit at the Porter Library in Westlake.

ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AT THE BOARD MEETING

The Board meeting is Tuesday, November 7th – the main topic will be to produce the recommended budget for next year. We will also identify the recipients of this year's grants. **ALL MEMBERS ARE WELCOME AT THE BOARD MEETING** which will be at 7:00 P.M. at the Church where our regular meetings are held.

Congratulations to John Hemsath – our newest Master Model Railroader (MMR #602).

At the Division meeting, we will have an updated report on the Science Center participation, and will identify ways you can help work with the public attendance and interest some new Division members.

Plans are well underway for the formation of a new Division (Twelve) in our Mid Central Region. It will be comprised of the 8 counties transferred out of the Niagara Frontier Region last year. Those counties were originally divided between Divisions Five and Eleven. Brad White (Erie PA) will be Superintendant, Mike Hauk (Fairview, PA) will be Assistant, and Dave Ellis (Meadville

PA) Clerk/Treasurer.

I could say a lot more here, but I know you want to get on to read the other 40 plus pages of what is definitely the best newsletter in the Region – maybe in the whole NMRA. Congrats Bruce – we love it.

Don't forget to get yourself (and even your spouse) signed up for the 2018 Regional Convention in Cincinnati, May 17-20. It promises to be a good one with lots of activities.

Please remember to engage the new members and/or guests in conversation before the meeting, and during the break. They can be identified by a green name tag (or no name tag if they sneak past Bill Ferry).

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. Several members have used them now. We have #4, #6 and #8 turnout kits available. Also available are other turnout fixtures owned by individual members who have agreed to loan them out – these include a crossover and a gauntlet track.

See you at the meeting. 🚂

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



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

OCTOBER 13TH, 2017 CHURCH OF THE REDEEMER, WESTLAKE OH

Superintendent Steve Kaplan brought the meeting to order at 7:32 pm and welcomed all in attendance.

Gary Shaefer, reporting for membership, said that there were no new members. Visitors introduced themselves at Gary's request. Gary thanked everyone who assisted at the membership table during the Train Show.

Steve invited everyone to rejoin at Baker's Square for food and conversation after the evening clinic.

David James, Great Berea Train Show Chair, thanked everyone who volunteered. Approximate figures for the Show: Paid attendees at 2,691, Dealers and Not-for-Profit badges 400, making about 3,000 attendees, which is about 100 more than last year. Gross income at approximately \$35,894. Not all expenses are in yet, \$23,918 so far, giving an approximate net income for the Show of \$11,975. Polaris Vo-Tech Criminal Justice class will receive \$500 directly from the Train Show account for their security

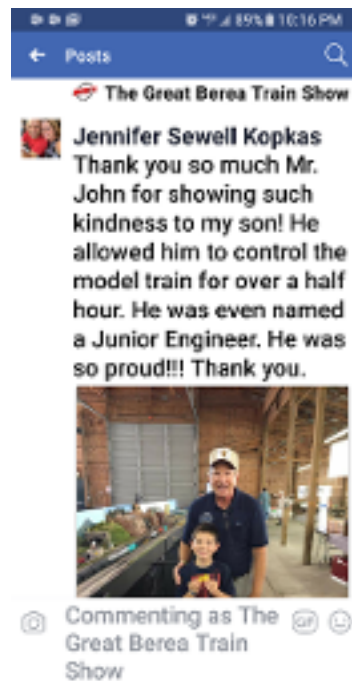


Jay Himes receiving his raffle prize from David James



Bob Caywood receiving his 50/50 prize from George Keller

Below: Some Facebook comments on our show!



Steven Springsteel
What a great show guys!
Kids loved it. I loved it!

11 minutes ago • Like • Reply
• Message

work (has been a Division grant in the past for the same amount). Unclaimed door prizes will be part of the December Awards Banquet. The next two years have been booked at the Fairgrounds for the Show's normal time – the first full weekend in October. The Show's Facebook has been receiving a high number of hits.

Treasurer Greg Noeth reported assets of \$60,217, which is waiting on some invoices from Train Show.

Larry Madson, Clinic Chair, said that the evening's clinic would be by Jerry Benarsek on Mold Making. Gary Dunn will have next month's clinic on scenery backdrops. Larry asked for a show of hands on a tree-building make and take; receiving enough hands to say that a clinic would be done in the Spring.

Steve pointed out that Larry will not be at the November meeting and called for someone to set up the audio for the November meeting. No one volunteered.

Scott Benson, Module Group Chair, reported that they provided a layout for the Nickel Plate Historical and Technical Society with good feedback. Scott thanked everyone who provided support for the modules during the Train Show. Upcoming events including Training Day, the Great Lakes Science Center, and Lorain International Trees and Trains. There will be modular layouts at both the Science Center and Trees and Trains, with staffing required for each. Scott stated that he was working on the schedule and asked for volunteers for both events. The Modular Group will meet immediately after tonight's business meeting.

Joe Kurilec MMR asked for additional volunteers at the Great Lakes Science Center for display and interaction with the public on behalf of model railroading. [This is separate from the Modular staff requirements.] Models of Cleveland related models are welcome for display, although space is limited. Check in at the Science Center with Collen or Bernie; wear a Division shirt if possible. Steve said that he would provide the Science Center with a list of members' names to cross-check against volunteers.

Gary Schaefer, Training Day Chair, reminded everyone that this year's Training Day will be November 5, 11 am to 4 pm at the Black River Transportation Center in Lorain. Last year had 146 visitors with a good number of Division volunteers in support. A sign-up list is available tonight. Required slots this year are: Boy Scout Merit Badge, Make n Take, and Car Tuning. Module set-up time to be coordinated with Scott Benson.

Steve reported that only 62 Division members



John Hemsath Receives his Master Model Railroader plaque!! Congratulations John!!!!

volunteered during the Train Show, which is only about one-third of the Division membership. Normal meeting attendance is around 80. We would have had some staffing issues if Polaris hadn't helped at the gates. Raffle ticket sales were down due in part to a lack of sales people. Steve encouraged everyone to volunteer some time at the Great Lakes Science Center event as it should create more interest in model railroading in the general public.



Joe Kurilec admiring his drawing prize.

Steve announced that 15 members attended the 4H

display at the Medina County Fair this summer. A drawing was held for a Plymouth switch with DCC for those who attended the event. Joe Kurilec MMR won.

Bruce Brintnall MMR, Achievement Chair, announced that Joh Hemsath had earned his Structures certificate. With this certificate, John has met the requirements for Master Model Railroader, and will become MMR #602.

Dave Lawler, Contest Chair, said that the evening's contest is a Model in a Bottle. Last month's winners were announced and asked to describe the features of their models. Show and Tell exhibitors were also given a chance to describe their items. Next month's contest is single sheath boxcars (Dave brought in an example).

Ron Morgan, Layout Tour Chair, recommended visiting the upcoming Division 5 layout tours. Division 4's open house are during weekends of Nov 12 and 18, and will be in the Medina and Lorain areas.

Lee Sheffield gave details on the December 8 Awards Banquet at Carrie Cerino's in North Royalton. A signup sheet is available at tonight's meeting as well as the November meeting. Cost is \$15 for anyone 15 and over; children are free. Advanced reservations through Lee are required. Greg Noeth will be collecting at the November meeting in Lee's absence. Anyone making a reservation will be obligated to pay the associated cost whether or not they attend due to our required early payment to the facility. Santa's elf will be attending again, and there will be a new DJ. Looking forward to a good raffle. The menu was reviewed.

Jim Peters, Division 1, requested someone to give a clinic at the Division 1 meeting on October 22.

Mike Klein, Raffle Dude, thanked the Modular Group for their participation in the NKP convention, then reviewed items in the evening's raffle.

Steve presented Chuck Klein's report from the nominating committee. All elected officers eligible to run again are doing so (see list of elected officers elsewhere in this issue). Candidates for the two remaining offices are: Lee Sheffield for Superintendent and Ron Morgan for Assistant Superintendent. There are currently no contested positions. Any other person wishing to run for office is directed to the Division's website to review rules of procedure – then notify Chuck Klein. The election will be held in the Spring.

George Keller, as representative of the Mad River and

Nickel Plate Museum, updated us on the status of NKP Berkshire steam engine 757. They have raised approximately \$63,000 of the \$100,000 needed to transport the engine from The Pennsylvania Railroad Museum to Bellevue. Bearing work is now being done. The PRM moved the engine to a larger work area. T-Shirt sales supporting 757 at the Train Show brought in \$521 [shirts were in evidence at this evening's meeting – DMW]. George said that Trains Magazine donated \$10,000 towards restoration of the Mad River's dome car.

Steve said that the Board will meet on Tuesday November 7 to produce a budget for the upcoming year. Members will then vote on the budget at the November general meeting on Nov 11. Grants are discussed during the budget meeting. Members are welcome to attend the Board meeting to suggest support for any mission related projects. Such projects may also be suggested during the November general meeting.

Brian Haas said that someone outside the Division was looking for help learn how to set up his DCC system – contact Brian if interested.

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm. 🚂

DAVID M. WILLIAMS

SECRETARY



Allen McClelland's V&O, Circa 2004



THIS & THAT

**From: BBC World Magazine,
October 1, 2017**

www.bbc.com/news/magazine



Is Europe's ghostliest train station about to rise again?

It was one of the world's most opulent railway stations, sitting imposingly on the French-Spanish border - but then it fell into disrepair. Now, writes Chris Bockman, the building is showing new signs of life.

When they built the station at Canfranc, it was on a grand scale and with no expense spared. It had to be bold and modern - an architect's dream come true, built in iron and glass, complete with a hospital, restaurant and living quarters for customs officers from both France and Spain.

At the time it was nicknamed the "Titanic of the

Have sources, suggestions, tips you want to share? Please pass them to the editor at in2trains@gmail.com for inclusion in this section. AND earn Raffle Bucks!!


SAFETY FIRST! - I don't know how many of you realize (or have experienced, ask me how I know!) the power of a 9v battery. Let's just say if a short occurs across the two closely spaced terminals, the dead short will cause the battery to quickly heat up to the point of catching itself and its surroundings on fire. I purchased a large pack of Lowes' house brand, UTILITECH, 9v batteries. They come with a nice tight fitting rubber cap on the positive terminal. I use rechargeable batteries for my DIGITRAX throttles. I saved the caps and now use them on my stock of batteries. No fire danger anymore!! - *EDITOR*

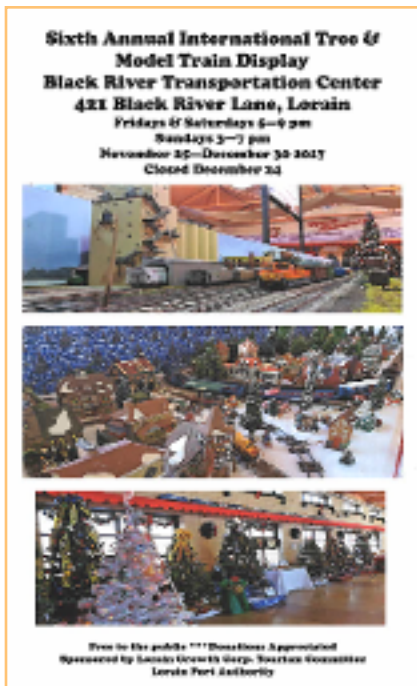


BOB ORLANDO - The Division donated funds to purchase an AED in memory of member Bob Orlando, who passed away from a heart attack suffered while attending a Division meeting this past winter. The unit and plaque are mounted in the church's large meeting room - *Editor*



MODULE GROUP

As reported by Superintendent Kaplan, the module group will be set up for the Great Lakes Science Center 3-month exhibit starting November 3rd – TRAINing Day is November 5 – followed by the month long Trees and Trains at Black River Transportation Center in downtown Lorain. The Modulate Group will be quite busy. All members are able to participate in these events even if you don't have a personal module. Join us in the fun! 



SCOTT BENSON MODULE GROUP



Mountains".

To give you an idea of its size - there are 365 windows, one for each day of the year; hundreds of doors; and the platforms are more than 200m long. The question is, how did such an extravagant station, high up on a mountainside in a village with a population of just 500 people, ever see the light of day?



At the turn of the 20th Century, the Spanish and French authorities had a grand project to open up their border through the Pyrenees, enabling more international trade and travel. It was a remarkably ambitious scheme, involving dozens of bridges and a series of tunnels drilled through the mountains.

At one point, work stalled as the French workers were sent off to fight in World War One. They were replaced by Spanish counterparts.



International Tree & Model Train Display
Black River Transportation Center
421 Black River Lane Lorain
Fri. & Sat. 6-9 pm
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Closed Dec. 24th

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Keep Your Curiosity on Track

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The Science of Trains

November 3, 2017 -
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MEMBERSHIP

We wish to send Happy Birthday Wishes to the following members celebrating their birthdays in November:

Joseph Toth

David Davis

C Perkins

Donald Golden

Emil Orenick

Scott Benson

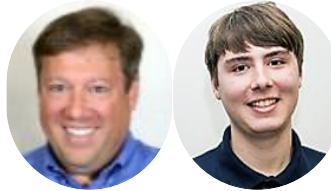
Julie Williams

Steve Prechtel

Mike Fahler

MEMBERS: If you look for, but don't find, your birthday in the Flatwheel, it is because the Member Database does not include your birthdate 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



RAFFLE

Ladies and Gents,

The November raffle is another theme raffle. The theme for the November raffle is "Railroads that ran through and/or into Ohio".

THE RAFFLE DUDES



The station was built just to the Spanish side of the border, but one of the platforms was still considered French territory - like a kind of foreign embassy. French police and customs staff sent their children to a French-speaking school installed in the village.

But the day the station was opened in 1928 by the French President Gaston Doumergue and Spanish King Alfonso XIII, flaws quickly became apparent.

The rail gauges were different, so passengers still had to change trains. It made transporting goods as freight too slow. The Wall Street Crash of 1929 didn't help.

In the early 1930s, as few as 50 passengers a day were using Europe's second-biggest train station. And then things got worse. During the Spanish Civil War, Franco ordered the tunnels on the Spanish side sealed off, to prevent his Republican opponents from smuggling weapons in.

When the international line re-opened during

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COMPANY STORE

We are sold out of 4 car set reefers (2 steel 2 wood side 4 numbers). We have 14 wood side reefers left \$18.00 each 2 numbers. Lots of hats \$20.00 ea. We have 4 MCR school house kits remaining \$45.00 ea. And LOTS! of Division 4 patches @ \$3.00 ea. We will have shirts available this fall. 🚂

Wood Side, 2 numbers available \$18 ea.



**MCR Schoolhouse
Laser Cut Kit \$45 ea.**



**Division 4 Patches
\$3 ea.**



***SHIRTS WILL BE AVAILABLE
THIS FALL!***

***Polo's along with both short
and long sleeve. Stay tuned.***

**Division 4 Ball
Caps \$20 ea.**



FREE DVD'S!

I should remind everyone that we have a library of how to DVD's for member use. A \$10.00 deposit for each DVD rented. \$10.00 returned when DVD returned at next meeting. Check the listing by clicking on MEMBERS ONLY, then VIDEO LIBRARY to see a list of over 120 DVD's! 🚂

**CHUCK KLEIN
STORE
MANAGER**



Division 4 Apparel Order Form		
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Qty	Item	Size (circle)	Price	Amount
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	Button Front short sleeve	S M L XL 2XL 3XL	\$32.00 \$34.00 \$35.00	
	Button Front long sleeve	S M L XL 2XL 3XL	\$32.00 \$34.00 \$35.00	
	Baseball Cap		\$20.00	
			Total:	

Note: All orders must be paid in full in advance.

For mail orders, send order form and check
made payable to **Division 4 MCR/NMRA** to:
Larry Madson
37863 N Doovys St.
Avon, OH 44011

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LARRY MADSON, 37863 N. Doovy's Street, Avon, OH 44011**

CLINIC

November 2017

You Do It – Cloud Backdrops

Gary Dunn

Gary will demonstrate for us how anyone can paint realistic clouds for your backdrops. If you want realistic scenery for your layout, don't miss this program. *Gary is my crew's resident artist and I can personally attest to his amazing skills - Editor*

December 2017

No Clinic – Enjoy the Awards Banquet

CLINICS WANTED **Help!!!!** I am looking for programs for October 2017 through June 2018. 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

lmadson@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.



Jerry Varnicik and his partner/wife presenting last month's excellent clinic on mold making.

**LARRY MADSON
CLINIC CHAIRMAN**



CONTEST TABLE

CONTEST SUBJECT: Model in a Bottle

MONTH/YEAR: October 2017

THERE WERE 7 ENTRIES AND 65 TOTAL VOTES

DIORAMA

1ST PLACE: George Keller

2ND PLACE: Rich Mayich

3RD PLACE: Jim Grell

MODEL

John Hemsath

Dave Flebbe

Gary Schaeffer

HONORABLE MENTION:

Mr. Cheerios

The November contest is for Single Sheathed/Outside Braced Wood Box Cars. See sample below.



**DAVE LAWLER
CONTEST
CHAIRMAN**



CONTEST TABLE

LAST MONTH'S WINNERS, WOW!!



TRAINING DAY SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5TH, 11-4



BY GARY SCHAEFER
PHOTOS FROM
TRAINING DAY 2016



TRAINing Day is right around the corner. Many of you have approached me with interest in doing something for the day. We had a fantastic showing of members last year and I believe we can do so again this year.

SEE SIGN-UP SHEET ON NEXT PAGE

The list/sign up that I have provided is basically what we had last year. If you'd like to do one of these topics, great. If you'd like to do something else great. Some areas have suggested numbers of people for that location. Some names are already listed. question, ideas, suggestions, signing up? Call or email me. Thank you for your continued support.

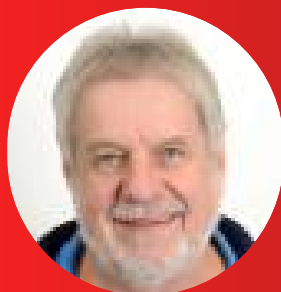


TRAINING DAY 2017 SUNDAY NOV 5 11 - 4

Registration Table	Welcome, sign in. sign up
3 to 4 people	
Membership Table	Membership and Door Prizes
Bill Ferry	
2 people	
Make It Take It	Help build kits
2-4 work in shifts ideally	
Electronics	Model railroad electronics, soldering, wiring, etc.
DCC Installation	Demonstrate DCC installation
Fast Track Switches	Build / demonstrate Fast Track Switches
Car Tune Up	Demonstrate how to fine tune cars Intermediate to
2-Jan	
Create Scenery	Making scenery from nature or other
Brian Haas	
Boy Scout Merit Badge	Discuss/ begin Railroading Merit Badge etc,
Weathering	Weather rolling stock, locomotivesm buildings etc.
Kitbashing / Scratch Building	Working with Styrene
Make it real	Realistic scenery:, grass rocks,
Make it real	Ballasting
Model Railroading 101	Comparing systems DC/DCC Car Tuning for KIDS
Module Kit	Bulding a Module
CV&WS	Time Saver and Club Table
Jeff Lauren, Bill Cramer	
Project	
Project	
Approximately 48' of modules	

GREAT LAKES SCIENCE CENTER PROJECT

BY JOE KURILEC
MMR



Myself & Jerry Krueger are part of a team that is putting together a display at the GLSC (Great Lakes Science Center) the presentation All Aboard: Trains. The event will run from 11-3-2017 to 2-18-2018.

Our Division 4 modular layout is to be used. A dog bone set up is requested. Model railroad items in all scales will be put on display along with real railroad items. These models should be of railroads that served or are serving the Cleveland, Ohio area. These models will be in enclosed cases.

DISPLAY ITEMS ARE ANY OF THE RAILROADS THAT SERVED THE CLEVELAND, OHIO AREA!

PLEASE contact me on what you are willing to display. These items "should" displayed in enclosures provided by GLSC.

This is a GIANT undertaking for Division 4!

We NEED volunteers to staff the module, set up modeling events (building RR items of ANY type) and any other "PR" that YOU might want to do!

Parking will be covered!

Printed ID of the models still needs to be worked out with GLSC.

This is a FOUR month event running 7 days a week between 10AM and 5PM.

First: The Railroad show "All Aboard, Trains" opens to the public Friday, Nov. 3 2017 and runs till Sunday, Feb. 2, 2018.

The GLSC is CLOSED every MONDAY.

Other closed dates are;

SUN. Nov, 19, 2017.

THR. Nov. 23, 2017.

SUN. Dec. 10, 2017

SUN. Dec. 17, 2017

MON. Dec. 25, 2017

SETUP of model displays and the Division 4 module begins on: Mon. Oct. 23, 2017.

You would be required to have a Division ID badge and or a Division 4 shirt.

I need to put together a "schedule" of DAYS/DATES, TIMES that you are willing to volunteer.

One time during the event OR as much time as you can spare.

This is a VERY SPECIAL event that the Division is LUCKY to be part of!

We all need to promote the future of the hobby of model railroading!

Contact me with your needed volunteer time or questions.

Joe Kurilec, MMR

jkurilec@earthlink.net

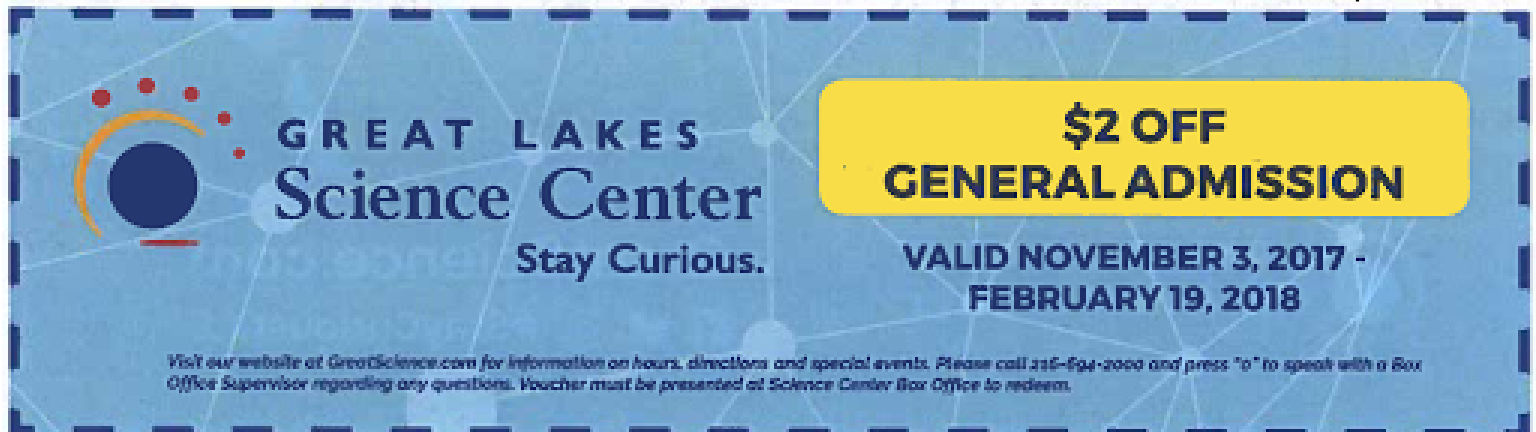
440-243-2337 PLEASE leave a voice mail!

PLEASE consider helping your Division....

440-243-2337 PLEASE leave a voice mail! 🚂



VOLUNTEERS GET INTO THE glsc FOR FREE AND A FREE PARKING VOUCHER. BUT, IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW IS NOT WORKING THE EXHIBIT BUT WOULD STILL LIKE TO GET IN, THE COUPON BELOW WILL REDUCE THE ADMISSION BY \$2.



RIDE THE HIAWATHA TRAIL



BY SCOTT BENSON
PHOTOS BY AUTHOR

On our trip to Seattle this summer for our middle daughter's wedding, we planned for a bike ride on the "Route of the Hiawatha" in the Bitterroot Mountains.

<http://www.ridethehiawatha.com>

The ride is 15 miles (all downhill!!), passing through 10 tunnels and over 7 trestles. The first highlight (or maybe highdark) is the first tunnel - 1.66 miles long!! Yes, the rental bikes are equipped with headlights. Challenges in the tunnel included: 45 degree constant year-round temperature, cold water dripping on you and puddling along the route, and the gutter on each side to channel water out and catch haphazard bike wheels. A couple hundred yards in, I saw a small light in front of us. Oh, someone must be riding the other way (you can do the whole thing uphill). No, it was the other end of the tunnel, 1.5 miles away, dead straight-ahead. We survived the big tunnel without incident, ready for some hot chocolate at the end, which was not to be found.



**Entry into the 1.66 mile tunnel,
note the "gutters".**

We had a picture perfect day with spectacular views. There were historic, informational markers all along the route, describing the history of the rail route and Milwaukee Road. It's a 3+ hour ride at a leisurely pace, stopping for the views, the markers, snacks, and the occasional fall toilet.



The Bitterroot Mountains from the trail. Wish I'd have been looking out of a Hiawatha coach!!

A few details: you pick up your rental bikes at Lookout Pass ski resort, which has it's own exit off I-90 at the Montana/Idaho border. Mind the time zones!!! The ski resort is in one, the trail is in another! They give you a bike rack to use to get to the trail not far away. The trail begins at the east portal of the big tunnel. You have to pay a fee to use the trail, even if you're bringing your own bike. Pays for maintenance and "rangers" who ride the trail to offer assistance. At the end, they bus you back up the hill, but only to the west portal of the big tunnel. You finish your journey with another pass through the tunnel and a drive back to Lookout Pass to return the bikes. Everything was well-staffed and professional.

While we're both in decent shape, neither of us had ridden a bicycle in many years; no issues other than some minor soreness in unused muscles. It was a great addition to our trip west, and highly recommended! 🚂



Pam and Scott on one of the trestles.

NICKEL PLATE CONVENTION GETS A BOOST FROM DIVISION FOUR



BY DAVE WILLIAMS

This year's NKPHTS convention was held at the Holiday Inn in Independence (Ohio). While it wasn't an official function of the division, the casual observer might have thought otherwise. The host committee was chaired by Chuck Klein. Chuck decided that, after co-chairing the 2014 NMRA National, running a Nickel Plate convention might be easy – and he made it look that way.



Chuck recruited Division Four members for the committee, to include long time NKPHTS members as well as people joining the Society just to be part of the convention.

Former member Mark Fillipel loaned three of his museum quality bridges for display. They were picked up (carefully) using Greg Noeth's van and Fred Obreza's truck.



**The Division's Modular Group
set up a popular layout.**

David James' BRT provided buses for a trip to Terminal Tower, where Chuck gave a walking tour and lunchtime presentation of the facility (the lunch was catered by Landerhaven in the English Oak Room). The trip and

presentations were well received by a discerning audience.

The convention concluded with a banquet at the hotel featuring a portrayal of NKP President John J. Bernet.



Chuck gave a walking tour of Terminal Tower

Presentations given at the hotel covered a variety of local rail subjects, including Blaine Hayes' clinic on the Shaker Rapid and a presentation on a quarry railroad in Euclid that interchanged with the Nickel Plate.



Thanks to everyone who helped make this convention a success! 🚂



RAIL-FANS UP THE RIVER



BY BILL FERRY
PHOTOS BY BILLY FERRY &
GARY SCHAEFER

In early July, Gary Schaefer joined my son Billy and me for a trip up the Cuyahoga River. This trip was to repeat my first trip, made last summer, by just Billy and me. We were amazed at all there was to see and wanted to share it with our photographer friend, Gary.

Our vessel is my yacht, named “Shrug”. Shrug is a 15 foot Boston Whaler. Yep, she’s a big one. Roomy enough for three guys, a cooler full of pop and snacks, and some photographic equipment. Normally, we’d leave from my yacht club, the teeny Bay Boat Club, right on the lake in Bay Village, but this day had a bit of a breeze and launching in waves is no fun. So we trailered to the Emerald Necklace Marina, in the Rocky River section of the Metroparks.

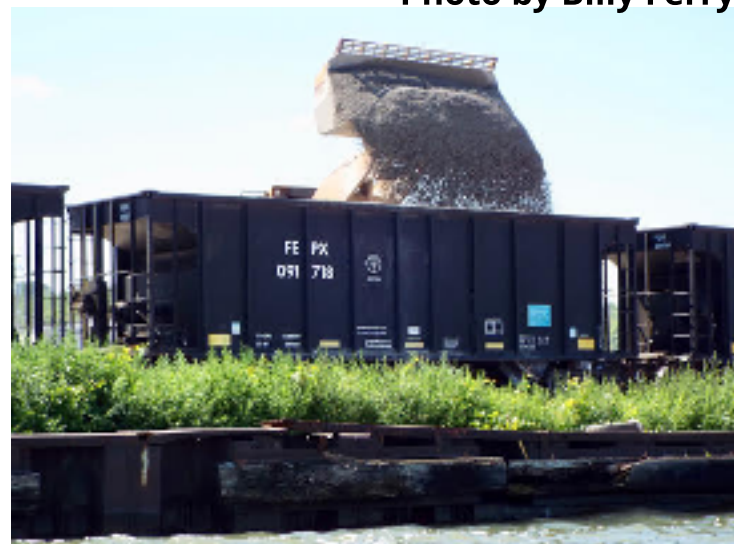
Once underway, our first rail-fan experience is traversing under the Norfolk Southern bridge across the Rocky River. This is a big old thing, due to be replaced, and because of the limited number of trains on the old NKP, we didn’t expect to, and did not, see any trains above us.

We turned eastward out of the Rocky River toward Cleveland. A bit choppy, but nothing serious. We saw many landmarks from a side most people don’t get to see. Lots of rich people’s houses ... Lakewood Park ... the can’t-be-missed towers of Lakewood’s Gold Coast. Coming into Cleveland we saw the brand-new Cleveland Metroparks Edgewater Beach House. To the north as we approached the main Cleveland harbor entrance is the Five Mile Crib, the ship-sized water intake for one of Cleveland’s water plants. For all you swimmers, it’s really only three miles from the shore ... so don’t get discouraged.

We entered the Cleveland harbor, which runs behind a breakwall from nearly Edgewater Beach on the west to nearly Bratenahl on the east. Within this breakwall is the mouth of the Cuyahoga, the Rock Hall, the Browns stadium, Burke Lakefront Airport and several industrial facilities, including the Port of Cleveland.

We had an up-close view of front-end loaders loading railcars (see picture). This rail operation is interesting, a

Photo by Billy Ferry



complete circle, two tracks, around the unloading and storage site. Seems a slow way to load railcars, but it must make economic sense to somebody. Our guess was limestone, based on the color of the material ... but we couldn't tell for sure.

We toured past the Port of Cleveland and over to the Inner Harbor where the William G. Mather steamship and now museum is permanently docked. Being men of the sea, we did not take a tour of the Mather, but every rail-fan interested in the Great Lakes ore boats owes himself a trip through this floating museum. The inner harbor area has other notable attractions, the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame being the most prominent.

We then proceeded into the river channel to begin our tour in earnest. First stop is to wait for NS1, the Norfolk Southern lift bridge over the Cuyahoga River ("CP Drawbridge"). With several other vessels having made

Photo by Gary Schaefer



the call to the Bridge Tender, we just waited until the train traffic was such that the bridge could be lifted safely. On our tour last year, we were the only boat and so I radioed the Tender to ask if we could just pass under without a lift—and he agreed. This year, the water level of the lake makes the bridge too close to the river's level to safely clear under.

Once through, we took a turn to starboard into the first industrial channel. This channel is called "Old River" and is the original path of the Cuyahoga into the lake. I had never been up this channel, which passes under another lift bridge (for trucks, much more clearance). This channel threads its way westward through the various stone operations in the west bank Flats area. Signs of old wharf-side rails were everywhere. Sometimes old rail is used as rebar or other such construction materials—here, we saw track with ties still attached, dangling over the water!

See this month's cover photo by Billy Ferry for a great shot of the scene described here. This would make a unique scene on someone's layout! - Editor

A huge aggregate boat was docked in a slip off this channel, we figured he wouldn't even hear us if he backed up over us ... propeller chopping us into a thousand pieces. The Great Lakes fleet boats are enormous. Her propeller probably weighs more than my boat, trailer, and tow vehicle combined!

Across from this boat are the facilities of Great Lakes Towing. Great Lakes is an owner and operator of a fleet of tugs, and their maintenance shop has morphed over the years into a shop for all manner of tugs, boats, and ships—they even build tugs there now! They are a true Cleveland success story. Division 4 member Lindsey Dew is director of operations there!

Photo by Gary Schaefer



After exploring the Old River area, we then proceeded back to the main stem of the Cuyahoga for our trip up river. This area is right in downtown Cleveland, and if you haven't seen the "recreational" part of The Flats in recent years, you're in for a surprise. Massive new multi-use buildings feature restaurants on the lower level, office and retail, and apartments and condos upstairs. Some corporate HQs have located into the Flats, hotels, breweries, etc. More good news for Cleveland.

Past the downtown area, the Flats becomes immediately industrial. And crooked. We twisted and turned our

Photo by Gary Schaefer



way up river past all manner of industry. A bit of recreation with the two big boathouse facilities for recreational rowing (“crew”) boats. Then back to industry. It never lets up ... you’re immersed in the sights, sounds, and smells of Cleveland’s manufacturing. Doesn’t smell like the old days ... but doesn’t smell like the suburbs, either!

We ended our trip upward where we absolutely had to stop, right at the Arcelor-Mittal blast furnaces. If you’re not sure what makes Cleveland industrial, take a look at this plant up close. You’re looking into the Fires of Mordor, hearing the rumbles from within, the hiss of steam escaping. The sheer size of the plant, especially from the viewpoint of a 15’ pleasure boat just feet from their property, is awesome—like the word “awesome” was meant to be used.

If you get the chance to go up-river, take it. Especially if you have an understanding of what it is you’re looking at (as many of our members do); or if you have a guide. You really can’t get so close to some of Cleveland’s industrial facilities as you can by boat. And for rail-fans, I didn’t even begin to describe all that you can see.

I wish to thank Billy Ferry and Gary Schaefer for encouraging this trip. They are great company, and I hope you enjoy their photos which accompany this article. 🚂

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DIVISION FOUR FALL LAYOUT TOURS 2017



BY RON MORGAN
LAYOUT TOURS CHAIRMAN

It is that time of year again for the Division Four

Fall Layout Tours. For your enjoyment there will be 6 layouts open in November. They are as follows:

Medina County on November 12th:

Jerry Krueger

Larry Kuczynski

Scott Benson

John Puch

My recommendation would be to start at either Jerry's or John's layout and visited as listed either top to bottom or bottom to top.

Scott and Larry are new layouts to our tour. Both are under construction but will be well worth the visit. Larry's is a rather large layout located in three rooms in his basement. This a club size railroad with room to expand.

Lorain County Plus on November 18th:

Brian Weisman

Dave Lawler

It is not often that you can visit a completed railroad. Most of us still have work to do on our layouts. Brain's is fairly completed.

Dave's layout was a last minute addition and is always fun to visit.

Layouts will be open from Noon to 4PM on both dates. If you have any questions about the November layout tours, please call or email me. 🚂

**Members of the Medina 4-H
Club are most welcome to
attend our layout tours.**

**A separate email will be sent to
members with addresses,
directions and maps for each of
the layouts on tour.**

THE FOLLOWING FOUR LAYOUTS WILL BE OPEN ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12TH

Jerry Krueger CB&Q/BN – HO

The layout is located in the basement with limited handicap access.



Jerry models central Illinois from the late 60s to the early 80s. This 12'x30' double deck layout is under construction. There is no scenery completed. The first deck bench work was built using "inverted L-girder" construction. A two track helix connects the lower and

upper decks. Control is NCE DCC. The lower level is staging and classification yard/engine facility. The helix should be completed and work begun on the second level by the time of the open house.



Scott Benson –

YET UNNAMED - DIVISION MILWAUKEE ROAD - HO

Scott's layout is in early phase of construction

The Yet-Unnamed Division is a proto-freelance layout, modeling the Milwaukee Road in Wisconsin in 1953, and is being built for operations.

It is a point-to-point layout, with staging at each end and a classification yard modeling Portage, Wisconsin. The maximum dimensions of the room are 30' x 30', but each corner is cut out by the roof-line, so it is cross-shaped.

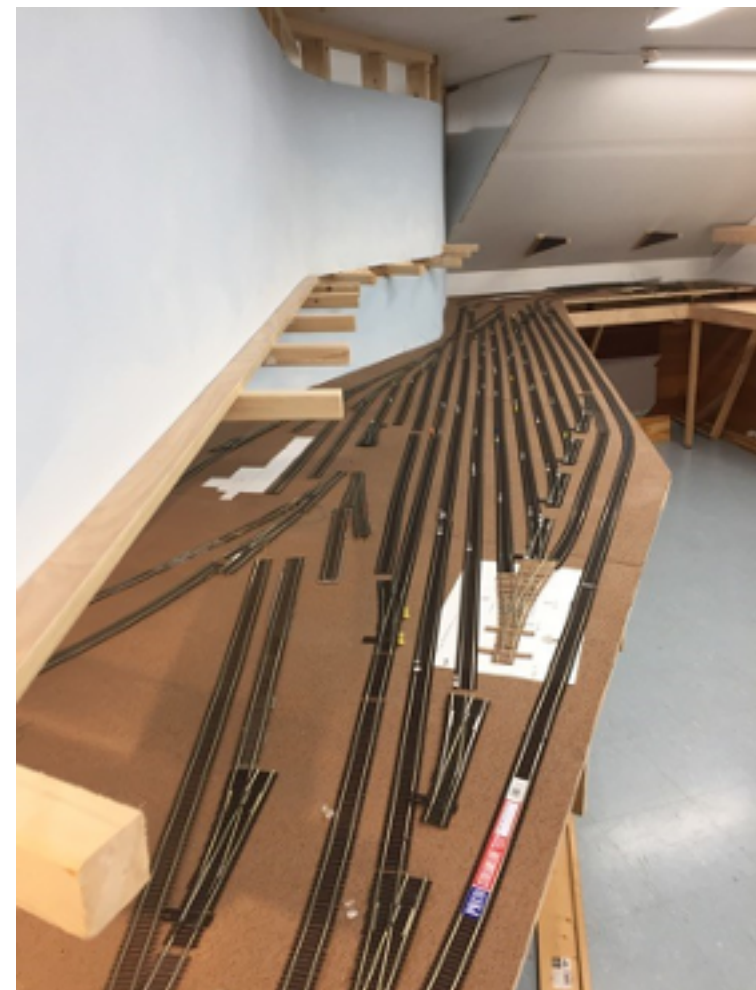
The layout is double-deck, with the transition between decks occurring on one of two long peninsulas. This layout will use the NCE DCC system. Operating features



of the layout will include: passenger trains, through-freight with car exchanges at the classification yard, switching in several towns, a limestone quarry, and the Milwaukee MOW works in Tomah. Interchanges with the C&NW and Green Bay & Western are planned. Passengers traveling through the division will see scenery associated with the Dells, and will pass through



the only tunnel on the Milwaukee Road in Wisconsin at Tunnel City. Bench work is about 50% complete, east staging (Milwaukee) is in place and functioning, and



mainline track to the yard is functional. Scenery is about

Larry Kuczynski

SANTA FE - HO

0.5% completed.

This layout is loosely based and set in Arizona. The layout spans the years of 1980 thru 1996. Equipment is Santa Fe blue and yellow Warbonnets, kodachrome and Super Fleet units along with Burlington Northern and



Union Pacific diesels.

The railroad occupies three rooms in the basement. Room 1 is 24' x 14', room 2 is L-shaped and is 26' x 25' and room 3 is 18' x 10'. Construction is $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood frames with $\frac{3}{4}$ " plywood sub-roadbed and $\frac{1}{2}$ " homasote road bed.

The railroad is set-up to run staging yard to staging yard. Each staging yard is looped to turn trains for continuous running. A large 9 track yard occupies the center of the layout. Industries, sidings and scenery will be added in the near future. Railroad uses the NCE DCC wireless system.



John Puch

UNION VALLEY CENTRAL RR - HO

The Union Valley Central (UVC) RR is a 27' x 14' double loop HO scale layout (in 2 rooms) based on small towns in Ohio and Pennsylvania.



This layout uses the NCE DCC system. Car Cards and Switch Lists are also used. UVC operations involve intricate switching in each of the six towns. It also

features an operating coal mine, power plant with coal dumper, beer factory, interchange track and small yard. A variety of slide switches, hand throws and remote buttons are used by operators.

The scenery is approximately 90% completed.

An expansion of this layout was completed in 2016 to add a Wheeling interchange.



THE FOLLOWING TWO LAYOUTS WILL BE OPEN ON SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH

Brian Weisman

NORTHERN OHIO BELT LINE RAILROAD - HO

The Northern Ohio Belt Line is a 25ft x 40ft fully completed layout.



It is primarily a coal hauling railroad with a Great Lakes coal dumper and a working car loading coal mine. It

also features heavy electric overhead grade helper service along with a operating hump yard.



David Lawler

CANADIAN NATIONAL AND ONTARIO SOUTHERN – HO

Modeling Eastern Ontario on Saturday evening, October 21st 1944. Innovative benchwork construction. Port areas are complete along with the adjacent river. Two new freight yards along with extensive new scenery and LED lighting now complete. Several examples of the LED streetlights featured in Dave's Div. 4, May, 2012 clinic are in place on the layout. DCC in and (hopefully) functioning well.

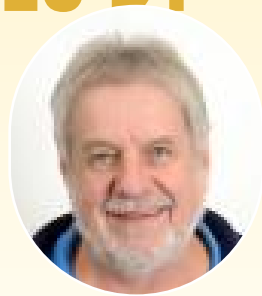
Sceniced areas of layout now have dimmable led lighting and led rope lighting behind deep valances that provide a more realistic effect. Fluorescent aisle way lighting can now be turned off during operation.

Dave's layout was the cover story in the June 2014 issue of Railroad Model Craftsman; the last issue (to date) of that magazine.



A FOCUS ON AREA HOBBY SHOPS

ONE IN A SERIES BY
JOE KURILEC
MMR



PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

This will be the last hobby shop article for a while. Any suggestions on places to visit, please contact me. jkurilec@earthlink.net

This issue of the FlatWheel hobby shop articles takes us to Olmsted Falls, OH.

The Music Box

Grand Pacific Junction

8062 Columbia Road

Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

440-235-1625

themusicbox@prodigy.net

The Music Box is located along the NS tracks on 8062 Columbia Road in Olmsted Falls, about two blocks from the CV&WS model railroad club. Across the street is a building made to resemble the old B&O station that was located in Strongsville, Ohio at Prospect and Westwood Drive.

They have a variety of model railroad supplies and is a very interesting place to visit to view older radios, organs and items not seen in a while!

I found an old Heath-kit product!



The Music Box is easy to find and worth a trip to visit owner Earl Haug. Its in the heart of

Grand Pacific Junction where you'll find an O-4-0 loco, a caboose and the old Berea B&O station that was located on Fowles Rd.



Train sets and some American Flyer items are on the shelves. It's a great place to look around!

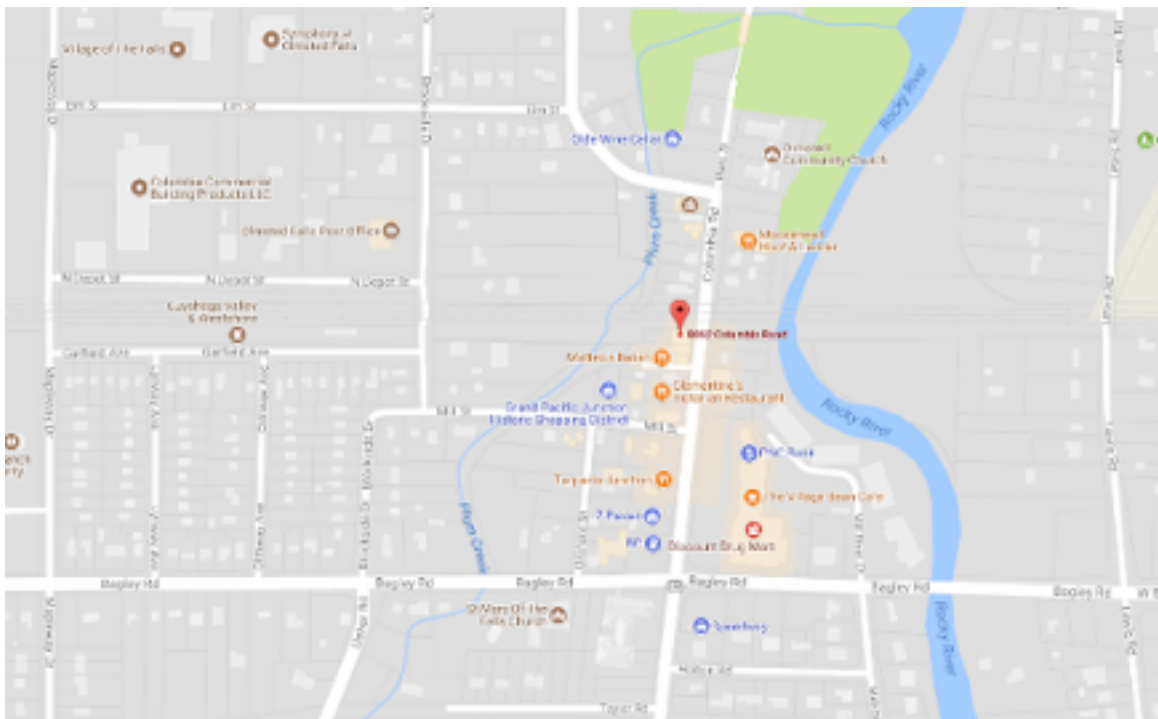


Lionel and K Line items are in good supply G scale items are also stocked (notice the old Wurlitzer/Leslie wood speakers below).



Scene Scapes product are stocked. Earl tells me these are good sellers. That's great to hear from any hobby retailer! Lionel and K Line items are in good supply G scale items are also stocked (notice the old Wurlitzer/Leslie wood speakers in the photo on the next page). 🚂

The Music Box has an interesting supply of HO rolling stock and track items.



2017 AWARDS BANQUET



FRIDAY

DECEMBER 8TH



BY LEE SHEFFIELD ASSISTANT SUPERINTENDENT

Make sure you mark your calendars. Our Awards Banquet will take the place of our normal December meeting.

There will be no meeting at the church in December.

This year's Awards Banquet will be held at Carrie Cerino's, 8922 Ridge Road, North Royalton, Ohio.



Carrie Cerino's

8922 Ridge Road

North Royalton, Ohio



Social hour starts at 6:00 PM with dinner at 7:00 PM.

Dinner will be buffet style with Top Round of Beef as the main course. In addition to the Top Round of Beef there will be Carrie's Breaded Pork Chops and Penne Pasta with meat sauce.

Side dishes include house specialty Au Gratin potatoes and Deluxe California Mixed Vegetables.

Desert will be Carrie Cerino's Homemade Miniature Pastries. And of course there will be salad and homemade rolls and butter.

There will be a cash bar available and we will have a DJ for your listening and dancing pleasure. One of Santa's Elves will be joining us after dinner with gifts for the kids and our own Mike Klein will be putting together another fantastic holiday raffle for the big kids.

The cost to attend is still \$15.00 per person, and kids under 15 are free. The Division subsidizes the balance of the costs. This is our reward for the hard work we put in at our Train Show and other events.

To sign up see Greg Noeth at the November meeting or give Greg a call at 216-398-3428 or email at GNoetharch2@aol.com. Sign up by December 1st.

I will not be attending the November meeting so be sure to contact Greg if you would like to attend. Myself and four other Div 4 members

will be making the trek up north to Trainfest in Milwaukee, Wisconsin the weekend of the November meeting. Be sure to watch for an article about the trip in a future Flatwheel.



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Follow OH-2 E and I-80
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Exit OH-2 and I-80 in Strongsville
Take Ohio Turnpike, I-80 E Toll road for
17.3 mi
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for 1.5 mi
Take Sprague Rd to Ridge Rd in North
Royalton for 6.0 mi

FROM THE EAST

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for 5.4 mi

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World War Two, however, the route was used by thousands of Jews and Allied soldiers to escape into Spain.



Today, the mayor of Canfranc is Fernando Sanchez, whose father was a customs officer at the station - he told me it became a spy hub for the Allies, but the Germans also used the rail line to transport gold they'd stolen from Europe.

After the war, the French lost interest in the line and allowed it to deteriorate. When a train derailed on the French side in 1970, that signalled the end and France abandoned the line.

The Spanish were furious, according to Fernando Sanchez - there was an international agreement to maintain the line and the French were accused of breaking it. Canfranc's



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population, which had risen to 2,000 thanks to the station, dwindled to 500.

The grand building itself went to rot. The tracks rusted, the ceilings fell in with the harsh winter weather and vandalism did the rest.



But a few years ago the local government in Aragon decided to buy the place and restore it, claiming it was a major part of Spanish history. In the past four years 120,000 people have visited, wearing hard hats - ironically, far more than ever actually used the line when it was in service.

Nearly all the tourists are Spanish. They're fascinated by the station's size, and perhaps also a little proud of its symbolism - the image it projected to the world. There are now even two trains a day between Saragossa and Canfranc.

Now the Aragon government wants not

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only to refurbish the station as a hotel, but to build another one right next to it, and relaunch rail travel through the Pyrenees. The French regional government based in Bordeaux has agreed to reopen the line on its side too.

Its president, Alain Rousset, told me the route through the achingly beautiful Valley of Aspe will be branded the the "western trans-Pyrenean line" when it opens. He promised to find 200 million euros (£175m) to pay for it, and Brussels will offer matching funds.

Rousset says he has made a lot of enemies by pushing for this plan - pointing out that politicians in Paris had envisaged a motorway instead.

Graffiti scrawled on walls in the valley now read "Long live Canfranc". The line is back in favour.

If all goes to plan, the Titanic of the Pyrenees could be back in business within five years. I noticed that the massive wooden ticket counters at the station have already been restored.

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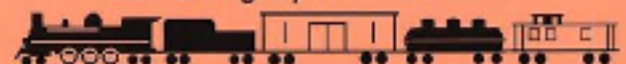
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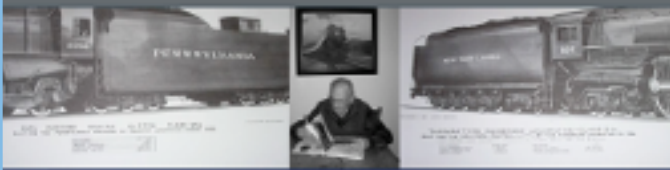
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The Division's newsletter, *The Flatwheel* is published monthly (except during July and August) by Division Four of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). All comments are welcome. Views expressed in *The Flatwheel* do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the NMRA, MCR, or Division Four.

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View from the Napa Valley Wine Train, circa 2006



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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.