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Member Gary Dunn submitted this model in the February contest. What a great model! AND, it won 1st place in the contest! Congratulations Gary!!

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# DIVISION

## 4

## THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

**OUR NEXT MEETING WILL BE MARCH 9TH.**

**WE OFFER GOOD FELLOWSHIP, FREE SOFT-DRINKS/COFFEE AND AN INFORMATIVE CLINIC ON SOME ASPECT OF OUR HOBBY. JOIN US!**

**Photo by Ian Adams**

### 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

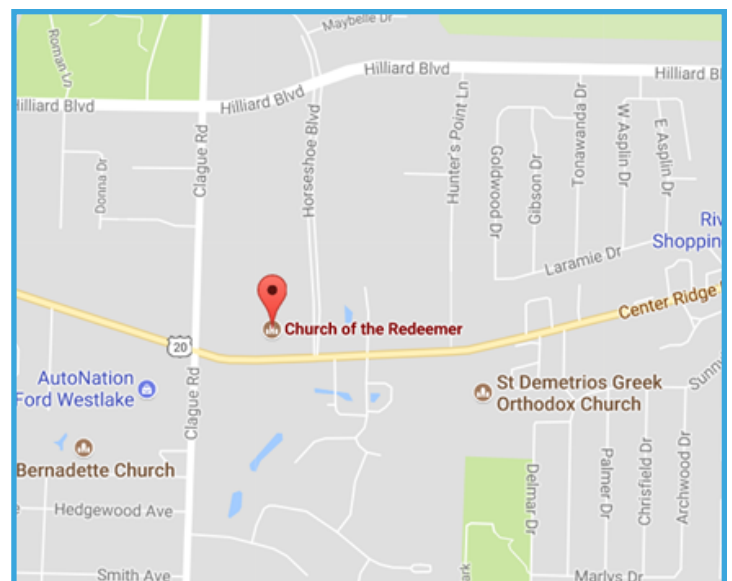
social half hour starts at 7:00 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:30. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Meetings are held at the Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Rd, Cleveland, OH 44145. Visitors are welcome to attend any meeting.

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](mailto: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



This marks the first edition of my second year as your editor. I have always and continue to enjoy learning new things, making this past year very rewarding. Thank you to the Board for allowing me this privilege.

With that said, I have learned it is not easy coming up with subjects for a monthly editorial! I was struggling for a topic for this month when I received an electronic ad from MicroMark for a Painting Supply SALE. Ah hah.

Five years ago my wife and I moved to a much smaller home. This required a *massive* downsize of the space allocated to my hobby, including the workshop space. I have had to learn to be very creative in space utilization.

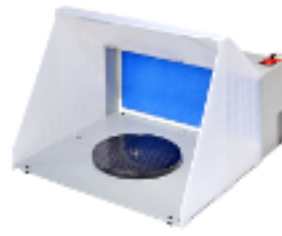
In my previous shop, I had a large metal paint booth. I also had a typical shop air compressor located in another area of my garage "complex". It was noisy, but I piped the air to my spray booth area, minimizing the noise issue.

This arrangement worked quite well.

However, I no longer have space for such an arrangement but I still need to spray paint. It was about that time that MicroMark advertised a new compressor. It was small and advertised as *whisper* quiet. Air output: up to 0.81 cfm. Delivers up to



57 psi. I took the plunge and made the purchase.



I had been looking at Micromark's fold up spray booth for some time. I decided to purchase it as well.

But how well would these things work given their size and in my mind, reasonable prices? (And currently very reasonable sale prices!)

My first real test came when I built my bascule bridge project. The compressor pumped air through my double action Iwata Revolution TR-1 airbrush with a .3 mm nozzle. The airbrush worked well and the compressor was truly as advertised, *whisper* quiet. Great!

Not knowing how well the booth would capture the over-spray, I taped a large piece of paper over the back of the unit. After spraying 3 ounces of MicroLux grimy black acrylic paint (it's a LARGE bridge with a ZILLION surfaces!), there was no residue

visible on the paper. This thing really works well!!



It was really tough seeing grimy black on the dark gray plastic of the bridge project. So after (duh!) completing the bridge, I added a 50w LED Daylight photography lamp to shine through the booth's top translucent panel. It REALLY helps these deteriorating eyes.

So as an unpaid endorser, I will emphatically state if your modeling space is limited, or even not restricted, these both work well in accomplishing their tasks while taking up a reasonably small space. 🚂

**FYI - MicroMark provides 15% off as part of the NMRA's Partner Program!**

**BRUCE BOWIE**  
**EDITOR**



***PS - I will be bringing my compressor, airbrush and paint booth to the March meeting. I will have distilled water available in the airbrush so you can try them for yourselves. - Editor***

# HERBIE'S RUMBLINGS



## HELP EVERY MODEL RAILROADER BECOME INJURY EXEMPT

Numbers are in – 41 members (including a few from Division Five) put in a total of 1,604 hours at the All Aboard – the Science of Trains exhibit at the Great Lakes Science Center over a 3 ½ month period. The total attendance for the event was 51,513. Kudos to everyone who participated, as well as keeping Trees and Trains going during December.

Remember, if you are interested in running for an office, or a seat on the Board, the deadline is the March 9th meeting – see Chuck Klein.

We will be having our annual picnic on July 21st. We are returning to the live steamers in Lester, and this year, the Cuyahoga Valley and West Shore Model Railroad Club will be joining us.

Don't forget – next meeting - March 9th is our annual Member Appreciation Night (PIZZA!!!). Larry will have arranged some sort of video presentation for us to watch while we stuff our faces.

Don't forget to get yourself (and 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. Also, now is the time to make plans to attend the National NMRA Convention and Train Show in Kansas City August 5-12, 2018. In addition to great clinics, and some of the greatest layouts in the hobby, remember what an important rail center KC is, and has always been. The prototype opportunities will be amazing.

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. 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 #5 turnout, a crossover and a gauntlet track.

See you at the meeting. 🚂

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





## Three photos by Gary Schaefer taken of our modular layout at the GLSC exhibit



And in honor of the recent Olympics, Union Pacific 2002, UP Heritage Unit, painted for the Salt Lake City Olympics. Photo was taken by Gary Schaefer in Rochelle, ILL. on November 12, 2017 on the way home from our Trainfest trip.



# BOD MEETING MINUTES

NMRA MCR Division 4 BOD Meeting Tuesday February 6, 2018

In attendance: Steve Kaplan, Lee Sheffield, Greg Noeth, Chuck Klein, Mike Klein, Gary Schaefer, Fred Obreza, Ben Lanza, Joe Kurilec MMR, Bruce Bowie, Jim Moore, Dave Lawler, Brian Haas, and Dave Williams.

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Steve Kaplan at 6:55 pm.

Field Trip: Joe Kurilec MMR spoke on possible upcoming field trips, with the main thought being a visit to Oil City Pennsylvania. Steve said that he would contact member David James of BRT Charter for possible field trip dates.

Picnic: Joe Kurilec MMR initiated the discussion on possible picnic locations. It was agreed that the Northeast Ohio Live Steamers continually provided a good location for us but that a change of venue might generate additional interest. Joe stated that he had visited various locations, including Collinwood Yard and Berea Tower /Station. Erie Metro Live Steamers was also considered as well as the Mad River and NKP Museum in Bellevue. Other possible sites were mentioned briefly. The Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad was suggested with good response. Lee Sheffield will look into options, with the idea that the CVSR will be our picnic location if Lee's information is favorable. Members would need to make reservations in advance and pay a potentially "refundable on arrival" deposit to help ensure a reliable attendance expectation.

Mike Klein stated that the Awards Banquet raffle generated a record amount this past year and was able to provide the Division with a check for what he felt were funds in excess of what is needed to continue running the raffle.

Car project: Steve started a discussion of the Division possibly beginning a new car project. All present were in favor. Various road names and car types were discussed as well as car manufacturers. The modular group is currently coming up with their own road name and logo,

which might be used for the project car. Additionally, a car for Davies Steel was suggested (*Dean Freytag's previous nationally known layout - Editor*). The decision was to proceed doing both cars: one using the modular road name and one using Davies Steel; 200 cars each for a total of 400 cars. A motion was made by Bruce Bowie to that effect and was seconded by Lee Sheffield. Vote was unanimous. Types of advertising for the project was discussed. Chuck Klein agreed to start the project by getting information from manufacturers, including pricing. Chuck will also coordinate with Scott Benson, Modular Group Chair on the modular road name car.

In addition to the car project, Dave Lawler reported that Sylvan Models was willing to work with the Division on an exclusive project featuring models of White Motor trucks and decals for area beer companies such as Leisy's and/or P.O.C. Dave was asked to proceed with the project.

Gary Schaefer reported that Lee at Bowser would be open to having a Division field trip to their facility. The trip would include a tour of the facility and their store being open. Steve suggested that the trip be considered for Fall or late Summer. Board discussion included the possibility of a bus trip with a dinner stop, similar to the field trip to Scenic Express a couple of years ago. A straw vote showed support for the trip and Gary was asked to proceed with arrangements.

Steve introduced discussion on MCR President Bob Weinheimer MMR's recent email asking us to promote the NMRA discount program at area hobby shops. Joe Kurilec MMR agreed to contact our local hobby shops who are not currently known to be providing the NMRA discount and encourage them to do so using the material provided by Bob. Joe will report results so that we can give status during May's Regional BOD.

Steve related that member John Rowe had passed away in January, and that John's wife has indicated that she will be donating his model railroad equipment to the Medina 4H group.

Gary Schaefer suggested consideration for persons to participate in the Great Lakes Science Center's summer STEM camps. The camps are a day or week in length. This suggestion came from a GLSC member who liked

our current presence at the Science of Trains exhibit.

Meeting adjourned at 7:55 pm. 🚂

Dave Williams

# GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

## Friday February 9, 2018

Superintendent Steve Kaplan called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm. Steve recognized John Ormandy of Ormandy's Trains as being in attendance. John has been a Division Four member for 41 years and has been a vendor at every Division show. John has also been very generous in providing raffle prizes for our show use.



**John Ormandy**

Membership Chair Bill Ferry introduced new members and visitors. Bill stated that the Division currently has 186 members. We were reminded to sign up as volunteers to work the membership table at the Railfest show in March.

Steve invited everyone to meet at Baker's Square after the clinic to continue conversation and have dessert.

Treasurer Greg Noeth stated that the Division's assets are \$46,360. We will not make any payments to the Berea Fair board until the contract has been created.

Clinic Chair Larry Madson said that the evening clinic would be given by Brandon Wehe on his experiences operating military trains. Next month will be Member



**Brandon Wehe**

Appreciation Night with pizza; Larry promises good entertainment. The April clinic will be given by Brian Haas as a Make-and-Take on creating trees (tools needed will be listed in the March and April *Flatwheel* Clinic Column). Larry will give the May clinic on layout

wiring, and Don Wetzel will give the June clinic on his experience with the NYC Jet Car.

Modular Group Coordinator Scott Benson said that the group had its annual planning meeting in January. They will have a layout at the March 3rd KD Trains Independence Show, followed by a layout at Divison 5's Railfest. The group is planning to display at the National Train Show in Kansas City MO this summer. The Great Lakes Science Center exhibit is wrapping up on February 19th. Scott thanked everyone who donated time for the exhibit. Joe Kurilec MMR thanked everyone who participated on the modeling side of the event as well. Steve thanked everyone involved with all public events over the busy past several months.

Contest Chair Dave Lawler explained that the evening featured two contests: the scheduled Favorite Automobile contest as well as the F Unit contest that was postponed from our canceled January meeting. Next month will be express refrigerator cars. Winners of the November contest were given an opportunity to discuss their models.

Dave Lawler also gave an update on John Hemsath, MMR's, recovery from a recent traffic accident, which will take some time.

Layout Tour Chair Ron Morgan said that the first Spring Open House will be on the east side of Cuyahoga County and the second tour would be on Cleveland's West Side. Ron indicated that both dates could accommodate additional open layouts in those areas if more owners were interested in participating. For the future, Ron is considering the alternative possibility of having monthly layout open houses featuring one or two each time.

Lee Sheffield said that locations and dates for the Summer picnic are under consideration. Northern Ohio Live Steamers is a possibility, with a ride on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad being another idea. The date will probably be a Saturday in July. Lee asked for help in determining possible picnic sites in the Cuyahoga Valley since we wouldn't be eating on the train.

Chuck Klein provided a list of available items in the Company Store. He explained how to order Division shirts. See the Flatwheel or [www.div4.org](http://www.div4.org) for specific ordering information.

Chuck also spoke on the upcoming Division election, stating that he would postpone closing the ballot until the March meeting for anyone interesting in running.

Mike Klein gave a review of the evening's raffle prizes.

Steve reported that member John Rowe passed away in January. We also learned that previous member Rick Fowler passed away last month. It was mentioned that Rich Mayich is now in Hospice care (*Sadly, Rich passed away since our meeting. See a copy of his obituary on page 31. - Editor*).

George Keller gave an update stating the Mad River & NKP Museum in Bellevue has raised about \$85,000 to bring NKP locomotive 757 back to Bellevue. He is confident that the engine will be moved this Summer.

Steve reviewed the February 6 Board Meeting by mentioning the proposed field trips to Oil City and Bowser, and the picnic plans. Two car projects are planned: one of 200 cars from Davies Steel and the second of 200 cars showing the fictitious road name Cleveland Sandusky and Southern (which is the modular group's layout road). Details are being worked out. Steve also mentioned a Sylvan truck project being considered. [refer to the BOD Minutes elsewhere in this issue for further information]. A show of hands indicated that the Bowser trip will probably require a bus instead of just the proposed car caravan (the Oil City trip is already expected to be a bus trip). Hobby shops are being approached in our area to encourage them to provide NMRA discounts if they are not already doing so.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:11 pm. 

Dave Williams, Secretary

## **GLSC MODELERS and DISPLAY PARTICIPATANTS**

By Joe Kurilec, MMR, Modelers & Display Coordinator.

These last four months have been a real pleasure at the Great Lakes Science Center.

I cannot thank the modelers that came forward to help out with live modeling examples for the general public!

I also want to thank all of the Div. 4 members that gave their prize models, on loan for four months!

Many of the Div. 4 members also earned a "Volunteer Brunch" for the time they put in! (*See Module Group report for more information. - Editor*)

In contact with GLSC, all staff expressed a real bond with Div. 4 volunteers.

**Thanks guys!**



# THIS & THAT

## HOW TO CLEAN PLIOBOND/GOO

**MICROTIPS** - I know, this is a pretty silly tip to pass along. But with all my vast modeling experience, :) , I did not know this until Jim Moore passed it on to me last year. You know the great tips you can buy to put on your Pliobond and Walther's Goo cement tubes so you only get a small, easily directed stream of glue? And you know how it is impossible to get it out of the tip when done?? Well, let it dry overnight, or longer. If any has collected on the outside of the tip, use your fingernail to remove it. Then push a small screwdriver as far in as you can. Twist the screwdriver and you will see the glue winding on the screwdriver. Once it appears all the glue is now on the screwdriver, pull it out and ta-dah, the tip is clean and ready to reuse. The dried glue is then easily removed from the screwdriver. I no longer need to repurchase these handy glue tips and neither will you! Thanks Jim. - *Editor*

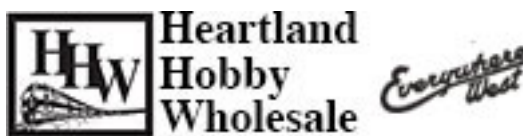


**MERRY XMAS, HAPPY FATHER'S DAY, HAPPY BIRTHDAY, ETC.** - I have three adult daughters. I raised them well, meaning they buy dear ol' dad presents on his special days. I have all the underwear and socks I need, but there are always things I need/want for my hobby. Year's ago I started a spreadsheet listing my wants and needs. I included links to the appropriate site

where the purchase can be made. I included columns for item no., color, quantity, price each, quantity price if more than one needed/wanted and a comment field to note if purchasing this item, maybe you need to also buy another item that goes with it. It is sorted by price from least to most cost as a quick aid. Now when my daughters ask "what do you want for your birthday dear ol' dad?" I send them the current version of my spreadsheet. And what I get is ALWAYS what I need/want. You have to love technology! - *Editor*

**A PASSING TO NOTE** - In the February 4th PD, page A-18, is a death notice for long time div member Bob Rennie. I don't think he was a member of Div. 4 for some time but was active years ago. - *Joe Kurilec, MMR*

**LIONEL TRACK** - John Ormandy spoke to your editor at the February meeting. John stated Lionel has sold all their steel 3-rail track to Heartland Hobby



Wholesale and will no longer handle this product line. - *Editor*

**O SCALE ROLLING STOCK SALE!** - John Ormandy is trying to reduce inventory. John is offering for a limited time 30% discounts on the purchase of two or more in stock O scale cars. Also, if you need any Lionel 3-rail track mentioned above, John purchased a considerable amount for his store's inventory. - *Editor*



## The Best Train Trips and Experiences in Canada

[tripsavvy.com](http://tripsavvy.com)

### Canada Train Trips

BY [JANE MCLEAN](#)



The Canada train trips on this list offer stunning scenery and provide more than just transportation from point A to B. Though train travel in Canada tends to be more expensive than bus or sometimes even air travel, train travel is relaxing, scenic and social. The romance of the train is alive and well on Canada's major rail systems.

Canada's national rail system is VIA Rail and offers a fairly extensive system of rail transportation across the country (though not in every province). Other rail companies operate to provide relatively luxurious, scenic adventures or a unique vintage experiences.

**Rocky Mountaineer,  
"First Passage to the  
West" - Calgary,  
Alberta/Vancouver, BC**

One of several scenic train

# MODULE GROUP

The Great Lakes Science Center "All Aboard, The Science of Trains" exhibit concluded very successfully on February 19. According to my notes, the Science Center was open for 91 days over the duration of the event. At least 29 Division 4 members participated in staffing the HO modular layout, for over 150 shifts and 950 hours. And this doesn't even count the time and effort provided by the modeling crew led by Joe Kurilec. The layout was staffed every day the exhibit was open!! The Division 4 layout was a 24' long dog-bone, with modules provided by Larry Madson, Adam Woodie and Bill and Billy Ferry. Scale Trains loaned 4 locomotives and a fleet of covered hoppers and tanker cars for us to run during the display; members also brought their own equipment to run. The layout and trains ran great over the 3+ months of operation! It is impossible for me to effectively convey how much the Great Lakes Science Center staff appreciated the support they received from Division 4. I also sincerely appreciate the dedication of the module group and other Division 4 members who staffed the layout.

**Open 91 days over the duration of the event. At least 29 Division 4 members participated in staffing the HO modular layout, for over 150 shifts and 950 hours.**

We have a few events coming up. On March 3, we'll be at the Independence Train Show, put on by KD Trains, a regular vendor at the Great Berea Train Show. We'll be supporting Division 5's Railfest on March 17th and 18th. Then we'll have a display at the Avon Lake Library on April 7th and 8th; a venue at which we've always gotten good attendance by the public.

Hope to see you all at one of these events! 🚂

**SCOTT BENSON**

**MODULE GROUP**



## A SPECIAL THANK YOU!

I want to let you know that the GLSC has invited some of the train exhibit volunteers to their Annual Volunteer Appreciation Brunch. They are using their internal criteria of 4 volunteer shifts, so not everyone who staffed the layout has been invited. This brunch covers all their events and regular operations over the whole year, so they have to put some limits on it.

That said, we've gotten repeated and continuous appreciation from the GLSC for how we supported their event, and if you haven't already gotten the message, the Division is so happy with what we've all done to make the event a success. Whether you were there for 1 day or for a dozen, every one of us contributed to our division's primary means of outreach to the public.

The list of invitees was based on the sign-in log, and I recommended some adjustments based on my records. If you did do 4 shifts and we both missed it, let me know.

runs offered by Rocky Mountaineer, the First Passage to the West between Calgary and Vancouver retraces the steps of 19th century explorers and passes by the spot where the Last Spike on the Canadian Pacific Railway was driven. Travel 3, 4 or 5 nights through mountains, canyons, rivers and glaciers.

**Rocky Mountaineer, "Sea to Sky Climb" - Vancouver/Whistler, British Columbia**

The Whistler Sea to Sky Climb is a three-hour journey that takes passengers past some of Canada's most stunning scenery. The train hugs Howe Sound, water inlets, Cheakamus Canyon, snow-capped mountain peaks, an old mining town and more before arriving at Whistler Village mountain resort.

The train runs northbound to Whistler in the morning and southbound back to Vancouver in the afternoon, so many people stay at least one night in Whistler to break up the trip.

**VIA Rail, Prince Rupert, British Columbia/Jasper, Alberta**

This train travels 1,160 km between the Rockies and the North Pacific Coast through remarkable and varied landscapes. Passengers can enjoy lakes, rivers, mountains, dotted by historic villages, farms and sawmills. Wildlife, including bear, moose, elk, wolves and

# MEMBERSHIP

## NEW MEMBER

We wish to welcome two new members:

Mike Stewart of Rocky River and Dale Guthman of Avon Lake. Everybody: please help to welcome Mike and Dale to our club! And Mike and Dale: let us know how we can help you get more from this hobby of ours. We look forward to meeting you.

## BIRTHDAY WISHES

Michael Bahnte

Philip Imka

William Reinhart

Ed Dillon

David Johnson

Bud Spierling

Louis Falk

Harry Lever

Donald Stettin

Frank Foti

Lawrence Madson

Richard Ulmer

Dennis Gamble

Ralph Peshek

**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

Hello Everyone, On the March raffle table, once again we have another theme raffle. The theme will be, "The CHESAPEAKE & OHIO RAILROAD". Even if you don't model the C&O, there is still something for everyone. See you there.

### THE RAFFLE DUDES



**And remember, we are "retiring" from this & the Company Store voluntary positions after the June meeting. So put up YOUR hand to take on this fun role!**

eagles are also known to inhabit the area. This trip has an overnight layover in Prince George where guests can book a hotel room or bed & breakfast.

### Polar Bear Express, Northern Ontario

The Polar Bear Express connects the coastal communities of Moosonee and Moose Factory to Cochrane, offering visitors the chance to experience the people and landscape of Northern Ontario.

This trip does not have the wide appeal that Rocky Mountaineer, for example, does and is more for train enthusiasts and those with a particular interest in First Nations culture or just a desire to travel well off the beaten path.

The Polar Bear Express is a traditional train, with limited comforts and is notoriously delayed. The 186 mile route between Cochrane and Moosonee is scenic, but once in Moosonee, there isn't much to do. In addition, the name of the Polar Bear Express is a misnomer in that few polar bears are seen in this region of Canada.

### Agawa Canyon, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario



This scenic exploration of Northern Ontario takes



# COMPANY STORE

The Company Store has a dozen Reefer Cars all wood side 2 numbers. \$18.00 each, Hats \$20.00 each, Division Patches \$3.00 each, Region school house kits only 4 remaining \$45.00 each. The Company store will be handling division shirt orders. See price list on Company Page or on WEB page. Cost paid up front \$35.00 depending on which style. We have DVDs for lease on various modeling techniques. \$10.00 refundable deposit required. 🚂

**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.**

**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!

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



**CHUCK KLEIN  
STORE  
MANAGER**



passengers 114 miles north of Sault Ste Marie and back again. This rugged landscape features granite rock formations, towering trestles and mixed forests typical of the Canadian Shield. This 10-hour Agawa Canyon rail excursion includes a stunning coast down into the Agawa Canyon at which point passengers are invited to roam the area and enjoy its beauty, including four waterfalls, close up. The Agawa Canyon train trip is particularly popular in late September to early October when fall foliage is peaking. Book early for these times.

**H.C.W. Steam Train,  
Hull/Chelsea/Wakefield  
(near Ottawa, Ontario)**



This tourist attraction was lovingly restored by a community intent on preserving railroad heritage. Between May and October, people from all over the world board this half-day, 40-mile (64 km) scenic journey between Hull, Quebec, and Wakefield, Ontario.

The H.C.W. Steam Train is the only operating European steam engine in Canada and one of the last operating excursion steam engines in Canada and celebrated its 100 anniversary in 2007.

Division 4 Apparel Order Form		
Name:		
Street:		
City:	State	Zip
Email:		
Phone:		
Name on shirt:		

Qty	Item	Size (circle)	Price	Amount
	Polo Shirt with pocket	S M L XL	\$25.00	
		2XL	\$27.00	
		3XL	\$28.00	
	Polo Shirt no pocket	S M L XL	\$24.00	
		2XL	\$26.00	
		3XL	\$27.00	
	Button Front short sleeve	S M L XL	\$32.00	
		2XL	\$34.00	
		3XL	\$35.00	
	Button Front long sleeve	S M L XL	\$32.00	
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# CLINIC

## MARCH 2018

**MARCH MEETING IS MEMBER APPRECIATION NIGHT, i.e., PIZZA NIGHT! AND, LARRY HAS A SURPRISE VIDEO IN STORE FOR US AS WELL!!**

## APRIL 2018

**Make and Take --- Trees!, Trees! Trees!**

### Brian Haas

Learn how to make trees for your layout. For those who wish to participate we recommend bringing with you the following tools and supplies:

Hobby knife with #11 blade

Craft paints for trunk, browns or grays

Sprue cutters or small side cutters

Small paint brushes

Super glue, I like the kind with a brush

Something to take your tree home in

## CLINICS WANTED

**Help!!!!** I am always looking for programs. 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**

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## 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.

**LARRY MADSON**

**CLINIC CHAIRMAN**



## VIA Rail Cross Country - "The Canadian"



If you want to get a true sense of the breadth and diversity of Canada, consider a trip on VIA Rail's The Canadian. This cross-country journey begins in Toronto and takes four days to traverse the more than 2,700 miles (4,400 km), five provinces, and four time zones to reach Vancouver on the Pacific Coast. The Canadian showcases Canada's forests, lakes, mountains and expansive prairie grasslands as well as the people who inhabit the cities and towns along the way: places as urban as Toronto, Ontario, and as remote and picturesque as Blue River, British Columbia (population 269).

## VIA Rail, Churchill/Winnipeg, Manitoba)

This two-day 1,700 km journey (over 1,000 miles) from Winnipeg to the subarctic region of Northern Manitoba gives passengers the chance to see the Northern Lights, polar bears, First Nations culture and some beautiful northern landscape.

This train route runs year-round, but it's between October and November that



# CONTEST TABLE

## JANUARY CONTEST REPORT

The January Contest theme was EMD "F" Series Locomotives. The contest was actually held in February due to weather causing us to cancel the January meeting. There were 9 entries attracting 67 votes. And the results...

### DIORAMA

1st Place - TIED, Rich Mayich & George Keller

2nd Place - NA

3rd Place - NA

### MODEL

1st Place - 3-WAY TIE, Frank Feko, Dave Lawler, Gary Schaefer

2nd Place - Jeff Lauren

3rd Place - Steve Riddlebaugh

Honorable Mention - John Hemsath, MMR, Mike Klein

## FEBRUARY CONTEST REPORT

The February Contest theme was Express Refrigerator Cars, Wood or Steel. There were 9 entries attracting 57 votes. And the results...

### DIORAMA

1st Place - Rich Mayich

2nd Place - Dave Lawler

3rd Place - Jim Grell

### MODEL

1st Place - Gary Dunn

2nd Place - John Hemsath, MMR

3rd Place - Steve Riddlebaugh

## YTD POINT STANDINGS

1st - Rich Mayich (24)

2nd - George Keller (18)

3rd - John Hemsath, MMR (16)

4th - Dave Lawler & Gary Schaefer (15 each)

5th - Jim Grell (10)

Closing In - Mike Klein (9), Dave Flebbe (8)

**The March contest will be:  
Express Refrigerator Cars,  
Wood or Steel**



**DAVE "MR. CHEERIOS" LAWLER  
CONTEST CHAIRMAN**

the polar bears make their trek through Churchill and can be viewed close up in "tundra buggies." Summertime sees beluga whales and experience the midnight sun.

### **VIA Rail, Montreal, Quebec/Halifax, Nova Scotia - "The Ocean"**

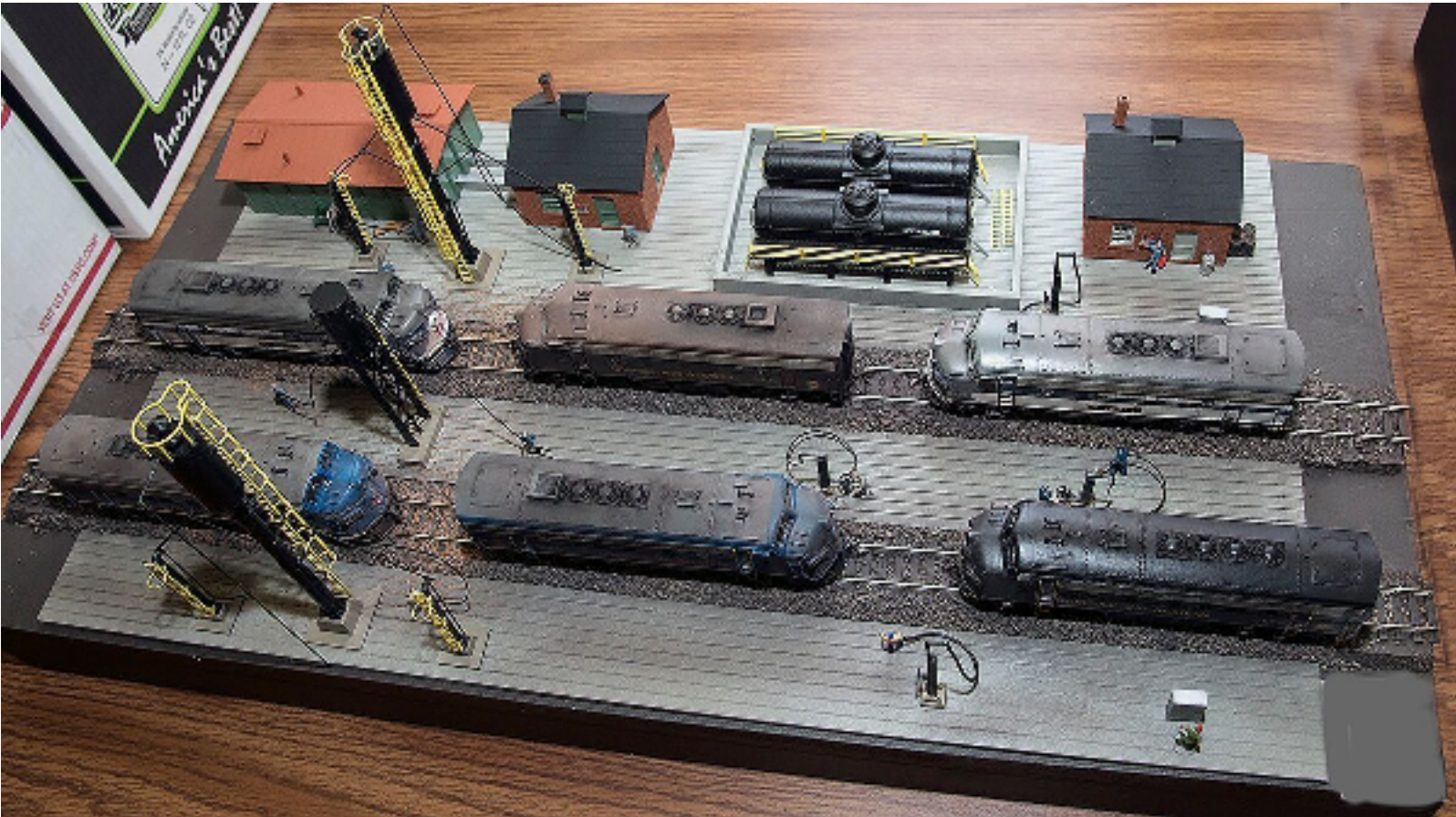
This overnight 1,346 km (836 mi) journey connects two of eastern Canada's most bustling cities. Though very different, Montreal and Halifax both have much to offer visitors and are excellent examples of the different cultures and history that make up Canada. Begin your journey in the early evening in Montreal - a city with one of the world's largest French-speaking population and a culture steeped in European tradition - and end in Halifax, Canada's busiest port cities and one that is brimming with Maritime hospitality.

The Ocean is a great chance to experience the romance of train travel, including sleeping and dining, and some gorgeous scenery in less than 24 hours.

### **VIA Rail, Montreal/Gaspe, Quebec**

The Gaspé Peninsula is a mostly coastal region of eastern Quebec surrounded by the St. Lawrence waterway and the Bay of Chaleur. It offers diversified and picturesque sea and mountain landscapes, valleys, bays and coastlines as well as whale watching, sea excursions, kayaking, bird watching, salmon fishing, lighthouse and architectural tours, hiking and scenic drives.

## JANUARY CONTEST





## FEBRUARY CONTEST





# ELECTIONS!



**BY CHUCK KLEIN  
ELECTIONS COMMITTEE  
CHAIRMAN**

## **MEMBERS:**

The nominations for officers are **STILL OPEN!** We have extended the nomination deadline to the March 9th meeting. The current slate is shown below. If you want to nominate someone, or yourself, contact Chuck Klein, [cbklein765@gmail.com](mailto:cbklein765@gmail.com).

The slate of candidates as of this writing are:

### Officers:

Superintendent Lee Sheffield

Asst. Super Ron Morgan

Secretary Dave Williams

Treasurer Greg Noeth

### Directors:

East Fred Obreza

West Gary Schaefer

Quad-County Jim Moore

At-Large Brian Haas

At-Large Jeff Lauren\*

\*John Hemsath, MMR has withdrawn from running for the At-Large Director position due to his injuries from a recent automobile accident. Jeff Lauren has opted to run. We all wish John a full and rapid recovery. 🚚

# A PLEASANT SURPRISE

I have a couple of undecorated, smooth running Atlas/Kato Alco RS-1 locomotives that have been languishing on a shelf for at least 20 years.

They are DC only thus with the arrival of DCC on my layout I figured they would never turn a wheel again. I mentioned this to our fearless leader

Mr. Lee Sheffield and he told me to get some NCE DA-SR decoders that would snap right in to replace the light board on top of the motor.

I did this and, hot diggity dawg, it worked. I never would have got this on my own being somewhat technologically challenged.

Anyhow, snip a few wires and make a few solder connections and away it went. Here are a couple of pictures of the first of the two

running happily on DCC power resplendent in its snappy new paint job. 🚂



BY DAVE LAWLER  
PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR



# MY PATH TO AN MMR PART 1



BY JOHN HEMSATH,  
MMR 602

You could say I began work on my MMR 50 years ago, as some of the models that contributed to it, I built that long ago. But it was 10 years ago that I began in earnest. Really, it doesn't have to take that long. If you are dedicated to the goal of achieving your MMR status, you have a lot of work ahead of you, but it doesn't have to take a lot of years. In this three-part article I'll tell you about the certificates I chose to pursue and how I did it.

When I rejoined the NMRA in 2001, I was still working full time and had very little time available for model railroading. My initial goal within the hobby was to build a working model railroad. In those early years becoming an MMR was not in the picture. It still was not in the picture when I took on the position of layout tour chair, nor when I entered a freight car model in a regional contest we hosted in 2008, nor when the late Harold Taylor invited me to the first operating session I ever saw. But at some point, the idea took root, and I decided to give it a try. The goal of the MMR program is to educate us in the art of model railroading, to help us learn new things, to become better modelers, and to help others to achieve the same goals.

The first thing I did was to get a 4" three-ring binder and 12 dividers from Office Max. I labeled it "NMRA Achievement Program" and also put my name and NMRA number on the cover. This makes the statement that you are committing yourself to the goal. Each of the dividers was named for one of the eleven MMR certificates and one was labeled "General."

The next thing was to go to the NMRA web site. There I downloaded and printed out the descriptions and forms for every one of the certificates. I also printed out every article of advice on achieving each certificate. At this point I had not chosen which certificates to pursue, but I wanted to have all the data handy if and when I needed it. I never regretted the time I spent on this organization. By-the-way, all the paper you've just generated will not begin to fill your binder, but your binder will be filled by the time you get your MMR (more on paperwork later).

Now is the time to begin to make some decisions; to decide, preliminarily, which certificates to pursue. So now is the time to read everything you've printed. You know the eleven certificates are divided into three categories, and you must earn at least one certificate in each of the categories. I wish I had chosen my seven certificates early on. It would have saved a lot of work.



One example: The certificates for Civil, Dispatcher, and Electrical each require a track plan of a layout. One plan, with all the data, can be used for all three certificates. Chances are if you're building a layout, you'll be working toward several certificates at the same time whether you are consciously doing it or not. Civil, Electrical, Structures, and Scenery are all associated with building a layout.

The certificates I ultimately earned are the following:

- Cars
- Structures
- Scenery
- Civil
- Electrical
- Dispatcher
- Volunteer

## Association Volunteer

The first certificate I earned. Most of you have already started on your Volunteer certificate by working for the Great Berea Train Show, or opening your layout to the Division, or holding an elected or appointed office for the Division. Over four years I earned 100 time units. You only need 60. Years before I earned my cars or structures certificates I volunteered as a judge in two regional contests. I hosted two open houses of my layout, and I was layout chairman for the Division, for a Regional convention, and for the National Convention we hosted. I never counted the time I worked on the Train Show. And the paper work? There was the one-page log I kept of the work I did, and two more fill-in-the-blanks pages for the Statement of Qualifications which was mostly my name, address, phone, NMRA number, and signature. Took about 10 minutes to fill it in as I decided to do it on line and then print the forms. If I had hand written it; 2 minutes.

## Master Builder Cars

I've enjoyed building models since I was nine years old. The idea of scratch building four working, detailed, railroad cars scared me. So I started with craftsman kits and learned how to build the brake system, running boards, under frame, etc. I had judged contests and had the opportunity to actually handle beautiful models. I entered contests and didn't always make the required

87 ½ points for a merit award, but I kept learning. Eventually I tried scratch building, and my first effort scored 98 points! Later I entered a scratch built reefer at a regional. By the time the judging was over, all the stirrup steps had broken off. I scored only 85 points. I was very depressed when I saw that judges' score sheet. Later that night at the awards banquet, I was shocked when my car was awarded first place in its category. Kind of bitter sweet. When I got home, I rebuilt the stirrup steps, and added more detail to the car. Bruce Brintnall, MMR, rejudged it for me and it earned 101 points and a merit award. In reading the description of the certificate, you'll notice you're required to build a passenger car. Scary? Well it doesn't have to be scratch built, although I scratch built mine, and it doesn't have to carry passengers. Which is why mine is an express refrigerator car. The best advice for earning your MMR, "Don't make it any harder than it has to be!"

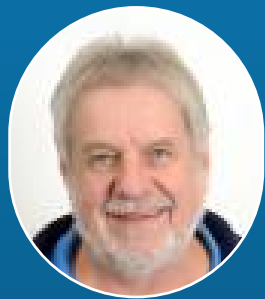
What cars to build? I built cars I could run on my layout. I think it's easier to build wood sided cars than riveted or welded steel. If you model a modern era, consider maintenance-of-way cars. Not for my MMR, but I've built about ten cars as gifts for friends, so you might go that route too. 🚂

*Next month John will discuss the paperwork involved with the Achievement Program including suggestions on how to make it less difficult than often thought. John also will discuss his efforts to achieve Chief Dispatcher, Model Railroad Engineer Electrical and Model Railroad Engineer Civil certificates - Editor*



**from the GLSC Module, photo  
by Gary Schaefer**

# PROTOTYPE RAILROAD IMAGES, PART 1



BY JOE KURILEC, MMR

I happened to walk into a Denny's restaurant during a RailCrew Express job fair. Curious, I asked about what positions they were looking for.

I learned they needed drivers to be based out of the CSX Collinwood yards in Cleveland. The job was simple. Drive crews to locations around northeastern Ohio, Buffalo, New York and parts of PA. A light bulb went off in my head. This would get me into all types of railroad yards.....I could take pictures on railroad property!

I was hired on the spot!

That is how this series of articles was made possible. I hope readers find my adventures interesting. The first article is on the jet powered snow removal MOW cars.



**This was taken at the Collinwood shops. To the left is the East 152nd. Street overpass. To the right in the background are the shop for diesels.**

Speaking of "jet engines" my good friend Don Wetzel and his wonderful wife, Ruth "lemon pie" Wetzel were having lunch and I mentioned about my plans for a new series of railroad items for the Flatwheel. Don was a "prime mover" in the making of the NYC M-497. Ruth Wetzel created the paint scheme. 🚂

**NOTE: Don will be putting on the June 2018 clinic on this subject:**

**The New York Central's Technical Research Department's Budd M-497 Jet Project**



Here is another view. East 152nd. Street is above in this photo. Behind this photo is where the old roundhouse and coaling tower were located.

Don Wetzel sent me these images of an older jet engine powered snow removal car. These images were taken in the early 1960's at the Collinwood shops. The patent was issued July 3rd., 1962. The patent is issued in Don Wetzels name but assigned to The Cleveland Technical Center, a wholly owned subsidiary of the New York Central RR.

That Geep with the NYC lightning strips sure looks good!



That is a young Don looking out of the engineers window. Don holds the land speed record in the Guinness Book of records.





# THE BYLINE...



BY GARY SOLE  
PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

Being a train watcher in the 1960's and 70's I have acquired a few models from that era. Around the holidays I was clearing off a shelf and noticed three 62' Tank Car kits. I didn't remember purchasing them (can any of you relate to that comment! *exclamation mark added by your Editor*) but the first box I opened was a General Dynamics Comp. car. The end of the box said I paid \$3.50 for the kit!

Well, I haven't talked about this yet, in the By Line, but I could see that the kit had been started. I have tried very hard in my life not to start things and not finish them. So, finding a half-started kit, forced me to place it on my workbench. There were two more of these kits, one a Santa Fe and the other San Angelo, Texas...Tank Car Line car. All three were Athearn Blue Box kits. So, I figured I may as well build all three.

I started on the General Dynamics kit first. The tank platform fit very well. The tank man-way cover and other tank outlet covers also fit and look good. The hatches fit a little different on these tank cars so I recommend finding a picture of a prototype, to get the hatch heights correct.

The weight for these cars sits in the bottom half of the tank assembly. In the center of the weight is a hole. Quickly I learned why this kit was never finished. There is a lug that comes down through the center of the top of the tank, passes through the weight and fits into a recess in the bottom of the tank assembly. The hole in the weight was off-center and the lug could not pass through it. Besides the weight was way too light for this 9-inch car. It only weighed 1.1 oz's.

Now in the old days I would sit a kit like this aside. Moving to the next project. However, having worked with a number of you in the Division, I have learned how to improvise!

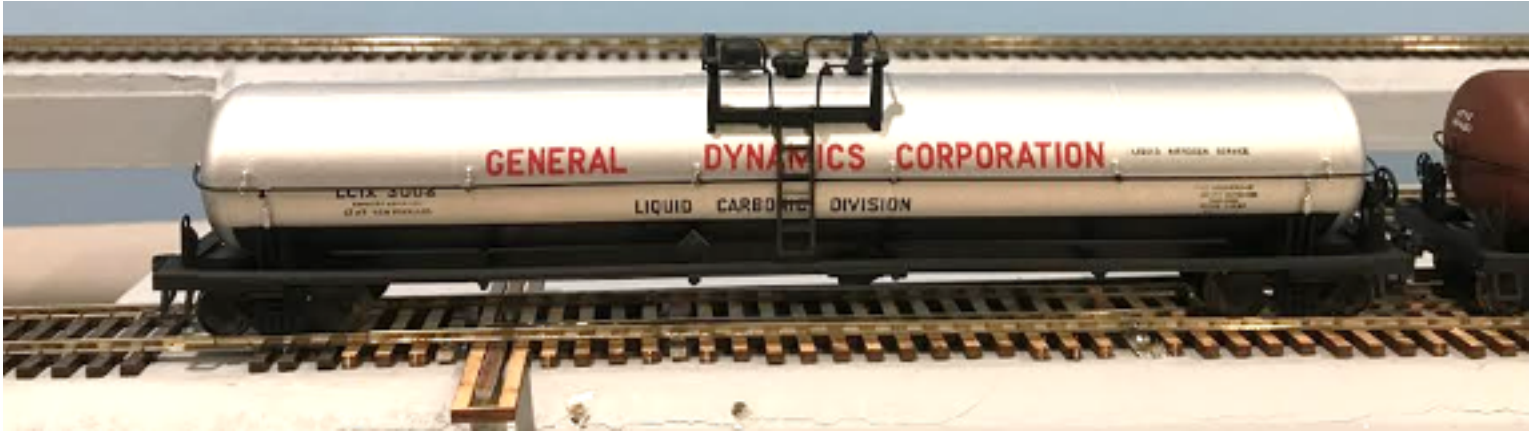
One of the things learned, I learned from working with our Editor. Use all the tools you have available when working on models or the layout. Once I understood that concept, I realized I had a very handy tool for making custom HO freight car weights, that would fit in any size HO car. I start with a round fishing sinker (of the appropriate weight needed) and a 2.5lb. short handle sledgehammer. Yes, and they're formed on my garage floor. And in this case, two 1.5oz sinkers, one mounted on each end of the floor of the tank, brought the total car weight up to between 5.5 and 6 oz's. This meets the NMRA standard. Lol! The old car weight is available for another project.

These cars make into very nice models. Guys modeling the late 60's to the present could probably use a few of these cars for their layout. They are an interesting transition tank car from the more modern tank cars with no frame. I found painting the railings around the hatch area and on the side by the walkway does enhance the look of the model. Metal wheel sets

and KDs round out the finished product.

Most of us can build one of these models in an hour or less, including the time it takes to make the custom weights. I've included a few pictures for your review. Until next month, have fun with the Hobby!

Gary



# 1000 PIECES OF PENNSYLVANIA



## BY BILL FERRY

At the 2017 Division 4 Awards Banquet and Holiday Party, the fabulous Klein Brothers put their Company Store and Raffle departments to work on yet another amazing set of door and raffle prizes. My kid, Billy, who you've probably heard of, won one of these prizes, a 1000 Piece Puzzle depicting the Horseshoe Curve near Altoona, Pennsylvania.



Billy never was that big into puzzles, at least not in the way Mom or little brother Sam are. I kinda liked them but found they took too much attention for too long ... you all know how I get bored and have to move on to the next thing ...

But Billy was happy to win this prize because, well, it's THE HORSESHOE CURVE. I suppose he would have been just as happy with a Horseshoe Curve shot glass (though he doesn't drink), or a Horseshoe Curve commemorative spoon (though he doesn't collect), or a Horseshoe Curve pen and pencil set (though, really, he pretty much types all of his communications). But a big puzzle picture of one of his (and your and my) favorite places? Great raffle prize!!!

He started the puzzle on Christmas Eve, on our dining room table. We agreed that we'd just eat in front of the TV for the next "couple days" as the puzzle was completed. Days turned into weeks turned into almost a month. And Billy kinda sorta dropped out of the puzzle project. But Mom did a lot ... she loves puzzles; Sam helped a bit ... he loves puzzles (but not trains!); and even Grandma helped. I found ONE PIECE.

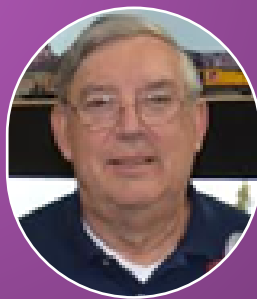
Let me tell you: this was ONE HARD PUZZLE. The creators of this puzzle are evil, horrible people who obviously wish to inflict psychological and emotional pain on the puzzle piecing participants. The shapes of the pieces were unlike any that any of us had ever seen. (see picture). Sometimes an obvious "piece" would be cut into two pieces, making guesses extra hard. Even when this puzzle was down to an unfinished area of about twenty square centimeters, it was still really hard to find pieces.

But alas, we completed it (see how I took the credit?). Enjoy this view of The Horseshoe Curve. Mom says it's got to go, and 1000 Pieces of Pennsylvania will soon return to 1000 Pieces of Pain. 🚂





# SPRING LAYOUT TOURS



BY RON MORGAN  
LAYOUT TOURS CHAIRMAN

The following East side layouts will be open on Sunday April, 29th 2018 from Noon to 4 PM.

Frank Feko's - Southern Ohio and Michigan Railroad

Jim Peter's - Little Scioto and Mingo Junction Railroad

Pictures and write-up's to follow.

I am still looking for several volunteers for west side layouts to be open. Still have a little time to work that out. 🚂



**A couple snapshots taken June 2010 on Frank Feko's layout.**

*There is no better way to get work done on your layout than to get yourself scheduled for an open house. Ask me how I know!! - Editor*

## Obituary for Richard Thomas Mayich

Richard Thomas Mayich, age 72, of North Ridgeville, passed away on Saturday, February 17, 2018 at his home.

He was born in Cleveland and had been a resident of North Ridgeville for the past 12 and a half years moving from Lakewood.

Richard worked as a plumber for Local 55 for many years, retiring in 2001.

He enjoyed model trains, model dioramas and loved to golf.

He was a member of the Division 4 National Model Railroad Association and the HOBO's Club.

Survivors include his wife of 52 years, Carol (nee Chrzanowski); children, Cynthia (Greg) Darrah of Chicago, Vincent (Hayley) Mayich of Fairview Park; grandchildren Yasmin, Kaiya, Sophie and Miles.

Family will receive friends Monday 4-8PM at Bogner Family Funeral Home, 36625 Center Ridge Rd., N. Ridgeville where a prayer service will be Tuesday at 9:30AM followed by a 10AM Mass at St. Peter Church, 35777 Center Ridge Rd. Fr. Bob Franco, Pastor, will be the celebrant.

Burial in Ridgeville Cemetery.

***As noted in the above obituary, Rich was a great modeler and enjoyed building dioramas. As a testament to his skills, note on page 17 of this Flatwheel issue, Rich won 1st place in both the January and February contests and is in 1st place for the YTD point standing. - Editor***

# SAD NOTES



## Obituary for Dale Harlan Smith



Dale Harlan Smith, 62, died unexpectedly on Friday, Feb. 16, 2018. He was born on July 6, 1955, at the Corey Hospital in Chardon, OH, to Harley DeWitt and Ellen (nee Tucker) Smith. Dale was a 1973 graduate of Chardon High School, where he had been a member of the band, and also The Great Geauga County Fair Band. In 1979, he was hired at the Brecksville

VA Medical Center as a firefighter, later becoming the Safety Officer for the Medical Center, retiring in 2006. Dale developed his love of model trains with his father, becoming a Life Member of the National Model Railroad Association, and Assistant Superintendent of Division 5 in NE Ohio.

After retirement from the VA, he became a seasonal employee of the Hazen Construction and for the Hambden Twp. Road Department, keeping the roads safe and clean. His passion was the Hambden Fire Department, joining at age 18. He devoted over 30 years to fire service; as 2nd Asst. Chief (under Fred Zukurish); as Hambden's training officer; as a member of the Geauga Arson Task Force; and as a State Certified Fire Instructor. Dale taught many young men and

women to share his passion for fire service throughout NE Ohio. He was awarded the "Firefighter of the Year Award" for the Hambden Fire Dept. in 2015.

Survivors include his wife, Deborah (nee Meade) whom he married on Aug., 2, 1986, in Claridon Twp.; his mother, Ellen (nee Tucker) of Hambden Twp.; daughter, Sarah N. Smith (Fiancé: Adam Robbins) of Galloway, OH; sister, Lu Ann (Dennis) Burger of Montville; step-daughters, Carrie Stokes of Claridon Twp., and Darcy Bishop of Middlefield; step-son, Dameon (Jackie) Keller of Mentor, OH; six grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; nieces, Juli D. Stone and Sally D. (Jason) Chapek; nephew, Paul (Heather) Burger; four great nephews and two great-nieces.

The family will receive friends on Sat., Feb. 24, from 11 a.m. until 1p.m., with a Funeral Service at 1p.m. at the Burr Funeral Home, 116 South St., Chardon, OH. Interment will be in Hambden Twp. Cemetery, on Sunday, Feb. 25, at 2 p.m.

Contributions are suggested in Dale's name to the Hambden Fire Dept., 9867 Old State Rd. Chardon, OH 44024. Information and condolences online at [www.burrservice.com](http://www.burrservice.com).

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***Members may recall ordering ballast material from Dale's father, Harley, and since Harley's passing not too many years ago, from Dale. The Smith's provided a very nice product. I never dealt with Dale, but Harley was a very interesting character. They operated a low tech business to say the least. I remember calling an order in to Harley, asking if he needed my credit card number. He laughed, saying he would include an invoice with my order. When the order arrived, it included a handwritten invoice. Trust was a major component of their business. - Editor***

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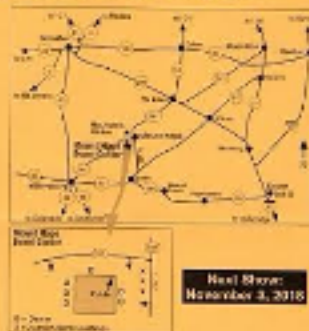
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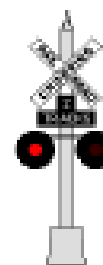
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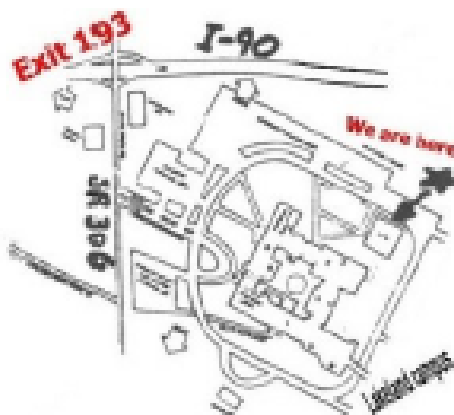
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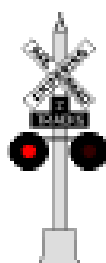
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## 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Railfest Dinner ☘ March 17, 2018

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**Have Dinner in a Historic Train Station!**



**Time:**  
Saturday evening, 5:30 pm, March 17, 2018

**Price:**  
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**SPEAKER & SUBJECT**  
Barbara Hacha will talk about hobo culture.

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 East on Chester St (0.7 miles) to North State Street  
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 East on Railroad Street to Depot.



*This Dinner is open to any one that is interested in model railroading or trains in general.*

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## The North Coast Division

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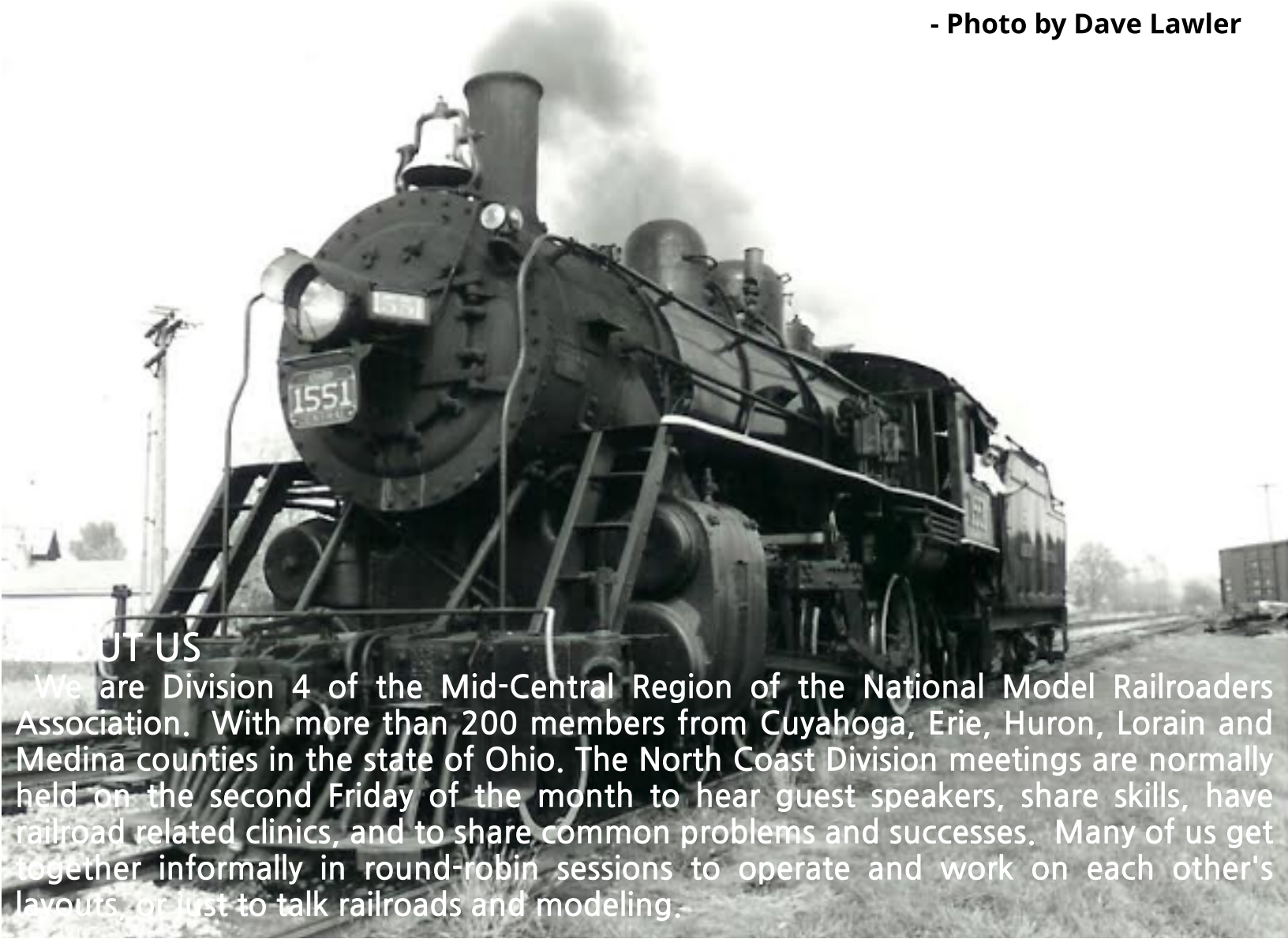
*The Flatwheel* is typically electronically published no later than the Monday preceding the monthly meeting. Submissions are due no later than the 26th of the prior month, for example, August 26th for the September *Flatwheel*.

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**Canadian National 4-6-0 No. 1551 on the Ohio Central at Sugar Creek, Ohio in June, 2003**

**- Photo by Dave Lawler**



### ABOUT US

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.