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NORTH COAST LEADERSHIP

DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

NOTE: WE HAVE OUR ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET IN LIEU OF OUR REGULAR DECEMBER MEETING

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2018.

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

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

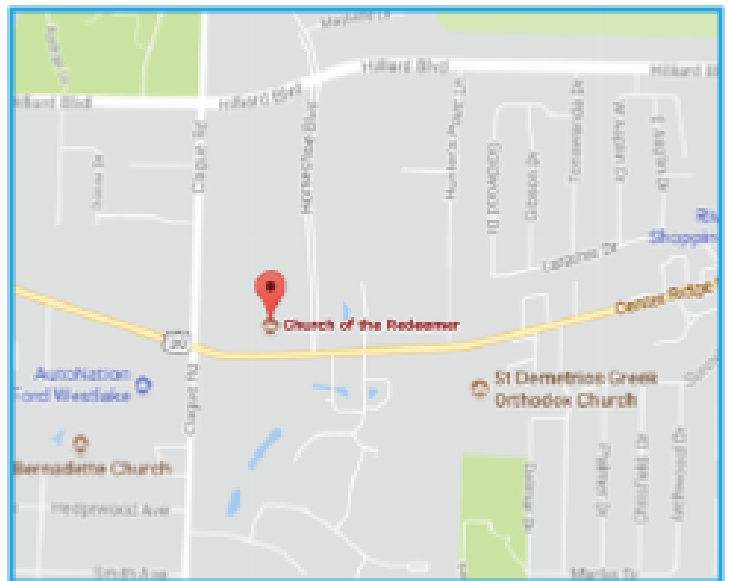
social half hour starts at 7:00 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:30. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Meetings are held at the Church of the Redemer, 23500 Center Ridge Rd, Cleveland, OH 44145. Visitors are welcome to attend any meeting.

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*.

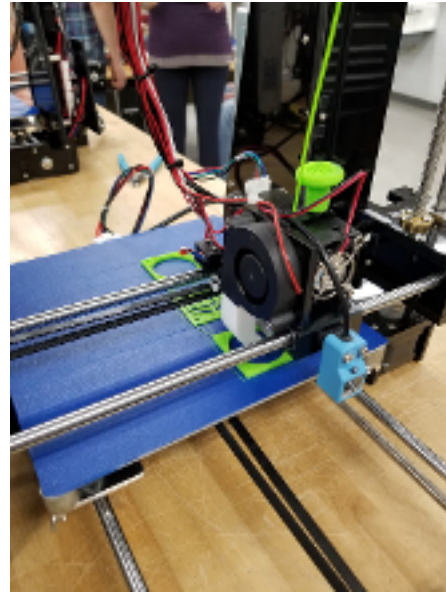
Uncredited photos courtesy of the editor or staff photographer Dave Williams.

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.





subject. For now, I went on-line to THINGIVERSE.COM and searched ANET A6. The search results produced a ton of items to print that can be used to improve the A6. I downloaded several and started my printing adventure.



The photo shows me printing a new fan housing that with the addition of some small rare earth magnets, will allow quick and easy access to the extruder head. I also printed the green button on the top of the extruder head. It helps protect your finger when you have to press on a spring loaded screw to release the filament.

Most (maybe not all but **DEFINITELY ME**) model railroaders own a variety of tools. I often amaze even myself that after 60 years in this hobby I read an article or review a newly received tool catalog and find an item I do not own but surely must.

I also enjoy the "techie" side of our hobby with the new mechanical and electrical/electronic items that are nearly continuously being introduced to us.

Several of our hobby publications have had recent articles where the author uses laser cutting and/or 3D printing to generate pieces of his model. I work part-time at a nearby vocational school. I received our Adult Education flyer in September. While flipping the pages, I saw an class on MAKING AND USING A 3D PRINTER. Further reading indicated the participants would assemble a 3D printer kit and then learn some of the things you need to know to make use of it. The next day I walked down to the Adult Education area (I work in the high school section) and signed up. Further good news, as an employee I only had to pay the course materials with zero tuition. Cool!

The particular printer the class provides is an Anet A6 unit. These can be purchased on Amazon and eBay for as little as \$150. Like any "cheap vs other options" tool, it has negatives. It took about 3-4 classes for most of us to get our printers assembled. Leveling the bed and zeroing in the Z-axis motor turned out to be the two most critical aspects in the initial setup.

You can use different software to design your 3D parts. For me, that will be the next step and a likely editorial

The quality of the print is as good as I hoped. I am thinking I will actually be able to print HO scale windows, doors and other details in an acceptable quality. Time will tell!

I have a feeling a "cheap vs other options" laser cutter is not too distant in my future. Hmmm. 🚂

BRUCE BOWIE
EDITOR



WHITE ELEPHANT SALE



Nothing ventured, nothing gained.

I added a page beginning in the September issue to allow members sell their "stuff". No one has taken advantage (other than myself) so I am deleting this feature starting with this issue.

FROM THE SUPER

"Driving the train doesn't set its course. The real job is laying the track."

Ed Catmull

The holiday season is upon us. As you read this Thanksgiving will be past and Christmas will be just around the corner. Coming up soon the Awards Banquet at Carrie Cerrino's on Friday December 14th in place of our normal meeting. If you would like to attend, contact Greg Noeth (216-398-3428) or email, GNoetharch2@aol.com before the cutoff date of December 1st. Good food, a visit from Santa's Elf for the kids, music and dancing for the adults and to top things off, our fantastic raffle put on by Adam Woodie who has been studying and learning under the watchful eye of the great and wonderful Mike Klein.

With the onset of colder weather, the winter months allow us to devote more time to model railroading. Projects such as track building, electrical work, scenery, weathering etc are a lot easier when we can't work outside on various chores. But there is always the honey do list that we all have posted on the refrigerator. Even so make a little time to go downstairs and work on something model railroad related. It makes for a great stress reliever even it is only a for 30 minutes.

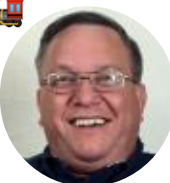
Did you get out on Nov 17th and 18th to the layout tours? We have some spectacular modelers in our group with phenomenal layouts. It was my first time visiting the Novak's, Joe Kurlic's and Denny Whitaker's layouts and I was very impressed. As seasoned as many of

our members are there are still new techniques and ideas to be learned. When you visit the various layouts, you can always find something new to try out on your own layout. Our members love to get their layouts spruced up and are proud to show them off. You too can open your layout up for one of the layout tours. It doesn't have to be 100% finished with everything perfect. Visitors love to see parts under construction. And you would be surprised of how much of an incentive it is for working on your layout when you know it's going to be open for tours. Contact Ron Morgan if you are interested.

The module group is busy on weekends with the International Trees and Trains exhibit in Lorain. This is the sixth year that Division 4 has participated in the exhibit. It is great fun and the first night is a bit of a madhouse. In the past lines of people waiting to get in have been all the way around the building. Beautifully decorated Christmas trees and multiple train layouts to entertain the adults and kids. Make the trip out to Lorain and visit. Join us and run a train for an evening. The hours are Fridays & Saturdays 5 to 9 PM, Sundays 3 to 7 PM from Nov 24th through the end of December.

As always, Model Railroading is Fun !!! 🚂

**LEE SHEFFIELD, SUPERINTENDENT
THE NORTH COAST DIVISION**



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

NMRA MCR Division 4 General Meeting Minutes for Friday November 9, 2018

Church of the Redeemer, Westlake Ohio

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Lee Sheffield at 7:30 pm. Lee called for any corrections to the October meeting Minutes as they appeared in the latest *Flatwheel*. Receiving no reply, Lee stated that the Minutes were accepted as printed. Lee then asked all military veterans to stand for recognition.

Treasurer Greg Noeth gave a review of the finances of the Division.

Membership Chair George Keller asked for visitors and new members to stand and identify themselves.

Clinic Chair Larry Madson said that the evening's clinician would be guest Mike Kole speaking on The Valley Railway. No clinic in December since that meeting is the Awards Banquet. The January clinician will be Bram Bailey.

Contest Chair Dave Lawler said the evening's contest is for single domed tank cars. Winners of the October contest for "sheds in poor repair" were asked to speak about their entries. No contest next month. January's contest will be for lightweight/streamlined passenger cars.

The *Flatwheel* deadline is November 26, 2018.

Joe Filipiak displayed recent Walthers kits representing the brick industry, stating that he had supplied Walthers with background information and a gentle "push" to fill that overlooked railroad industry.

Module Committee Chair Scott Benson spoke on locating resources for T-Trak. Scott said the module setup at the Berea Library had been well received and that everyone (operators and visitors) seemed to have a good time at the Training Day display. Scott said the

group will have a large layout operating during the annual Trees and Trains in Lorain and gave an invitation to those not usually involved with the modules to come out and run trains during the event (Friday/Saturday/Sunday November 25 through December 31, with Friday hours being 5-9 and Saturday/Sunday hours being 3-7). For 2019, the module group will participate in the World's Greatest Hobby in Novi, Michigan in February and will be part of the Cuyahoga County Fair in Summer 2019. Displays are also scheduled for the Strongsville and Avon Lake libraries as well as the Independence Train Show.

Training Day Chair Gary Schaefer reported that 31 volunteers hosted 118 visitors for Training Day on Sunday November 4 at the Black River Center in Lorain. Gary said that, while not a record attendance, we seemed to draw a new group of people interested in model railroading, with many remaining over an hour.

Layout Tour Chair Ron Morgan briefed everyone on the upcoming layout open houses. Members should have received specific information via email on dates and locations. Ron also reminded everyone that Cuyahoga Valley & West Shore Model Railroad Club would be having their open house during the first two weekends in December.

Lee Sheffield talked about the Awards Banquet to be held on our regular meeting night of Friday, December 14 at Carrie Cerino's. Doors open at 6 pm with dinner served at 7 pm. Santa's elf is scheduled to make an appearance. See Greg Noeth to make your reservation. The event is \$15 for each adult, with children under 15 free.

Company Store Chair Chuck Klein reported on his current inventory of items available for sale.

Raffle Chair Adam Woodie described the evening's raffle theme as being related to the coal industry.

George Keller reminded everything that the Mad River & NKP Museum would be running their Santa Train during the holiday season.

Lee presented the proposed budget to the membership with Excel spreadsheets projected onto the screen. Items discussed included numbers related to the Great Berea Train Show and grants to be given by the Division to various organizations. A starting list of possible grant organizations had been identified during the November 6 Board Meeting and was presented to the membership for their discussion. A motion was made by Larry Kowicki that the identified organizations each receive an

equal portion of the available grant funds. The motion was seconded by Jim Moore. Following discussion, the motion passed unanimously. Train Show Chair David James reported that renting an additional building at the Fairgrounds is being considered. The building is more enclosed than the other fairgrounds buildings and could draw (or retain) exhibitors requiring that environment. A request was made to consider having someone – possibly Taylor Rental- take down the tables and chairs at the end of the Train Show, which will be investigated by the Train Show committee. John Hemsath MMR made a motion to accept the budget, with Bram Bailey seconding. The budget was accepted by the membership unanimously. 🚂

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

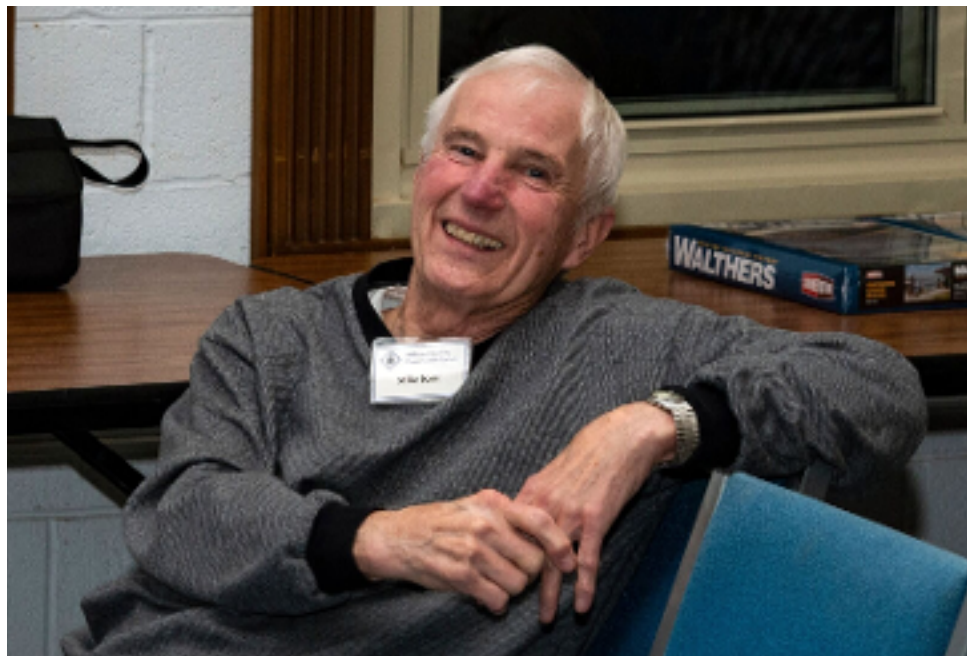
David M. Williams

Secretary



**Walthers new
brick kiln kits
inspired by
member Joe
Filipiak**

**Guest Clinician
Mike Kole prior
to his clinic on
The Valley
Railway**



BOD MEETING MINUTES

NMRA MCR Division 4 BOD Meeting Minutes for Tuesday November 6, 2018

Church of the Redeemer, Westlake Ohio

In attendance: Lee Sheffield, Ron Morgan, Greg Noeth, Dave Williams, Gary Shaefer, David Lawler, Ben Lanza, Dave Flebbe, Frank Bongiovanni, Adam Woodie, Jeff Lauren, Fred Obreza, Jim Moore, George Keller, Steve Kaplan, Brian Haas, and Joe Kurilec MMR.

Superintendent Lee Sheffield called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. All members in attendance received a general budget worksheet displaying budgeted and actual expenditures for the current year as well as proposed budgets for 2019. Each item was reviewed, with discussion where necessary to explain 2019 proposals.

A second worksheet received by members displayed income and expenses for the 2018 Great Berea Train Show. It was determined that there was a discrepancy between the two methods used to show the event's profit. Since all information was not on hand, a meeting later in the week was scheduled to resolve the issue. (Secretary's note: the meeting took place before the November 9, 2018 General Meeting and the discrepancy was identified.)

Contest Chair David Lawler presented an addendum to his budget request to cover a previously proposed special contest in honor of Rich Mayich, a prolific modeler who passed away earlier this year. Discussion was held as to what types of models might be in the contest, and when the contest might take place. An alternate idea was presented to identify an outstanding modeler for the calendar year, with an award to be given during the year end Awards Banquet. Mr. Lawler said he would continue working on the project and

keep the board informed.

Grants were discussed. Lee stated that we were interested in organizations with specific requests for their upcoming projects. Five organizations were identified as potentially being worthy of consideration. Lee stated that the Division membership would be asked for any other organizations to be considered during the upcoming general meeting. A discussion was held on possible limits for any one group to receive. A traditional limit was cited but we have no specific rules concerning the amount. It was decided that amounts would be determined during the general meeting. 🚂

The meeting was adjourned at 8:29 pm.

David M. Williams

Secretary

THIS & THAT

SANDUSKY CLUB OPEN HOUSE - The Erie & Mad River Model Railroad, 1309 N. Depot St., Sandusky, Ohio, is holding it's annual public open house on Saturday, December 1, 2018 from 12:00 to 4:00 pm and on Sunday, December 9, 2018, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm.

For more information or directions, please contact Bob Butler, 419-504-9257 (cell).

Thank you - *Bob W. Butler, Secretary*

Our Sympathies - Pat Oster's (Mike's wife) mother recently passed away. Published in The Plain Dealer from Nov. 10 to Nov. 14, 2018:

Ethel M. "Ziggie" (nee Semler) Ziegler passed away peacefully November 9, 2018, at the age of 98. She was preceded in death by her beloved husband of 57 years, Charles J. "Zig" Ziegler III, and son-in-law Gene F. Schwind. Ziggie is survived by her loving daughters Cynthia (Bruce) Ropers-Schwind-Neudecker and Patricia (Michael) Oster; her adored grandchildren Jennifer Oster and Michael (Wednesday) Oster Jr.; and step-grandchildren Michelle (Steven) Bosau, Kevin (Mandy) Neudecker, and Keith (Shannon) Neudecker; precious great - grandchildren Grayson and Delia Oster; step-great-grandchildren Andrew and Nathan Bosau, Callen and Mackenzie Neudecker. In lieu of flowers the family requests that contributions be made to Heritage Congregational Church; or to the Greater Cleveland Food Bank, 15500 S. Waterloo Road, Cleveland, OH 44110.

HOME TOWN BOY DOES GOOD ! - In the Thursday, October 18, 2018, Berea, Brookpark and Middleburg Heights issue of the *Sun News*, Division 4 and CV&WS hero Bill Cramer made the front page.

Railroad club

Fun stays on track for kids, adults at model train show



Clancy S. of Berea, learns about model trains from a pro.

The Berea Library hosted the CV&W club for a train show Saturday, October 13th.

Bill is shown explaining model railroading to Clancy. As the caption states "Clancy is learning from a pro".

CV&WS will have a Christmas open house at the Olmsted Fall Depot located at 25802 Garfield Avenue, from 11 AM to 4 PM on December 1 & 2 and December 8 & 9. - *Joe Kurilec, MMR*

TURNTABLE BEARING - Anyone ever wonder what is used to replace old turntable parts?

This is a roller bearing that will be used to refurbish a turntable at some tourist railroad in the south. I have no idea where this was made. This image is from Steve Korpos, roundhouse foreman at the B&O West 3rd roundhouse. - *Joe Kurilec, MMR*



Amtrak now offering assigned seating on Acela first class

Nancy Trejos, USA TODAY
Published 1:27 p.m. ET May 30, 2018

Amtrak passengers in Acela's first class section will no longer have to fight for a prime seat.



Mark Yachmetz, Amtrak's vice president for Northeast Corridor business development, describes improvements including carpeting, seat cushions and lighting that are being installed in 450 cars such as the one he is standing in Nov. 13, 2017, in Washington's Union Station. Bart Jansen, USA TODAY

The train service is now offering assigned seating in the first class section of its Acela Express train, which operates on the popular Northeast Corridor.

Customers will be able to select their seats ahead of



Atlas Model Railroad Co., Inc. Acquires Walthers N Scale Locomotive and Rolling Stock Tooling

June 22, 2018

For Immediate Release:

Atlas Model Railroad Company, Inc., and Wm. K. Walthers, Inc. have reached an agreement under which Atlas will purchase all N scale locomotive and rolling stock tooling owned by Walthers, including the Walthers N tooling as well as former Life-Like tooling. Atlas will incorporate this tooling into its Atlas Master, Atlas Classic, and Trainman N scale lines. Walthers will continue to offer N scale items in its Cornerstone, SceneMaster, and Walthers Controls brands, including new items as well as items currently in those lines.

"We feel that this tooling has found a great home with Atlas. They have a strong N scale offering and these tools will help them bring some exceptional products back to the market," said Phil Walthers, President of Wm. K. Walthers, Inc.

Tom Haedrich, Executive Chairman at Atlas added, "We're pleased to be bringing these former Walthers N scale models back to the market so that they can be enjoyed by present and future model railroaders alike. These locomotives and rolling stock will fit right in with our existing N scale lines and we are committed to producing them with the latest technology, prototypical accuracy, and high quality you've come to expect from Atlas."

Established in 1932, Wm. K. Walthers, Inc. distributes model trains, accessories, and related items from more than 200 manufacturers, and also manufactures its own exclusive items for its WalthersProto, WalthersMainline, WalthersTrainline, Cornerstone, SceneMaster, Walthers Controls, and WalthersTrack lines.

Founded in 1924 and incorporated in 1949 as Atlas Tool Co. Inc., present day Atlas Model Railroad Co. produces locomotives, rolling stock, track, and accessories in N, HO and O scales for its Atlas Master, Atlas Classic, Trainman, and Atlas O lines.

Atlas Model Railroad Co. Inc.

378 Florence Avenue

Hillside, NJ 07205

time. They have the option of single or double seats, a window or an aisle, or a two- or four-person conference table.

Amtrak will evaluate the program before deciding on expanding seat assignments to more routes.

"By reducing the anxiety and stress of boarding, we're making the onboarding process easier, while continuing to ensure the safety of our customers," Tim Griffin, Amtrak's chief marketing officer, said in a written statement. "Customers have long requested assigned seats on trains, allowing families, friends and colleagues to sit together."

Amtrak gets nearly \$2 billion in federal spending bill, despite Trump criticism and accidents.



The \$16 million in improvements are being phased in and are scheduled to be completed by early May 2018. Bart Jansen, USA TODAY

The practice of assigning seats on long-distance trains is common in Europe and Asia, but Amtrak has always had a first-come first-served policy. That practice has at times resulted in passengers not being able to find seats during holiday and other peak seasons.

MODULE GROUP

The International Tree & Model Train display at the Black River Transportation Center (421 Black River Lane, Lorain) opened last weekend to a big crowd. Over 1100 visitors on the first weekend!! The display runs every weekend through December 30th, 5:00 – 9:00 PM on Fridays and Saturdays and 3:00 – 7:00 PM on Sundays. The module group has a 68' linear layout on display, including Larry Madson and Bill Cramer's Steel Mill modules (which are ALWAYS popular with the Lorain crowd). Hope everyone has a chance to stop by; it's a wonderful family event. Bring a train and run for a while too!

The Christmas Train and Toy Show at Lakeland Community College in Kirtland will be our last event for 2018. The show is on December 9, from 10:00 AM – 3:30 PM. This is always a festive event with a good family turnout.

The T-Trak Call for Modules for the regional convention layout will be coming out soon. Bruce DeMaeyer is putting together the call, which you should all receive through regional email distribution in the next month. Check the module group page of our division website; we'll be updating info on T-Trak as we get it.



**International Trees & Trains 2018 -
Photo by Gary Schaefer**

**SCOTT BENSON
MODULE GROUP**



Amtrak's new CEO Richard



Amtrak is updating the seating on 450 Northeast Regional cars with simulated leather seat cushions, which will replace the blue fabric seen here in coach seating Nov. 13, 2017, at Washington's Union Station. Bart Jansen, USA TODAY



Amtrak is updating carpeting, seat cushions and lighting on 450 Northeast Regional trains, with the new simulated-leather seat cushions shown here in coach seating on Nov. 13, 2017, at Washington's Union Station. Bart Jansen, USA TODAY

Anderson, who began Jan. 1, was previously CEO of Delta Air Line. Amtrak, which is federally subsidized, has been adopting services that airlines have been introducing in recent years, such as Wi-Fi and outlets at every seat.

As for the seat assignments, customers can modify their assigned seat any time prior to boarding via Amtrak.com, Amtrak's mobile app or with a ticket agent. There are no fees for reserving or modifying a seat. If the customer does not show up after two hours, the seat will be given away.

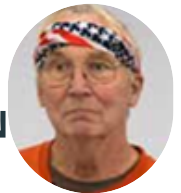
MEMBERSHIP

NEW MEMBER

**Sorry, no report
submitted this
month**

MEMBERS: If your membership information needs to be updated, or for any questions about membership, please email George Keller, Membership, at gkeller4@woh.rr.com or call 419-217-0396 and leave a message.

GEORGE KELLER
MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN



RAFFLE

**Sorry, no report
submitted this
month**

ADAM WOODIE,
THE RAFFLE DUDE



COMPANY STORE

New project for Division 4

Davies Steel hopper cars are in!



These are based on Dean Freytag's steel mill modeling. Dean's railroad was the South Ridge Lines and the steel mill was known as Davies Steel. We have designed a 70 ton three bay hopper car that in theory belonged to the South Ridge Lines and was leased to Davies Steel. There are four pre-lettered cars with application of pre-printed decals to expand a fleet of cars to 12 numbers. Price is ONLY \$20 each. The cars have arrived. We have sold about 45 Davies Hopper Cars. You may see them advertised in various places. There are 11 MDT Reefers remaining. Shirts, Hats, and Patches available.

**Wood Side, 2 numbers
available \$18 ea.**



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

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



**SHIRTS and HATS ARE NOW AVAILABLE
THROUGH THE CO. STORE!**

Polo's along with both short and long sleeve.

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

**CHUCK KLEIN
STORE
MANAGER**



**READ THE SEPTEMBER
EDITORIAL, THEN READ
THIS!**

**We are looking for
someone to take over the
Company Store. As of
the first of the year 2019
Chuck will be moving on
to other endeavors.**

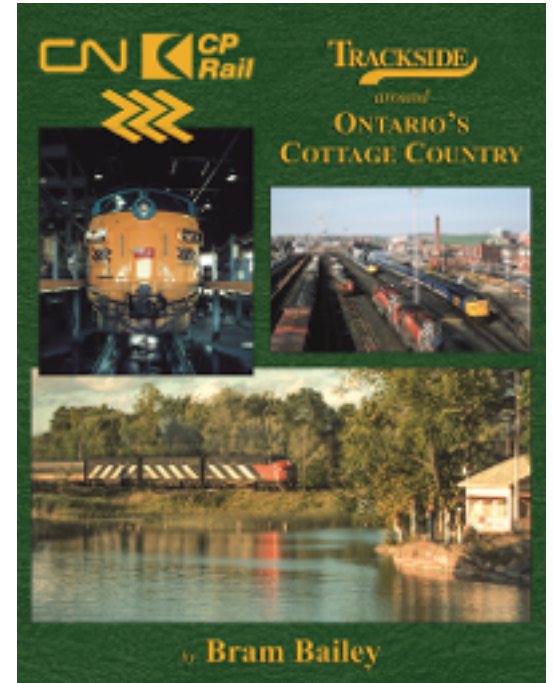
CLINIC

DECEMBER 2018

There is no clinic in December as we will have the Annual Awards Banquet instead of our regular meeting.

JANUARY 2018

Bram Bailey will be discussing his newly published book, *ONTARIO'S COTTAGE COUNTRY*



CLINICS WANTED

Help!!!! I am looking for programs for January through June 2019. 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.

LARRY MADSON
CLINIC CHAIRMAN



CONTEST TABLE

The November 2018 contest was for: SINGLE DOME TANK CARS

There were 15 entries and 77 total votes and here are the results:

DIORAMA

1st: George Keller

2nd: John Witt

3rd: N/A

4th: N/A

MODEL

1st: Jim Grell, Paul Novak, Sr. (tie)

2nd: Joe Filipiak

3rd: John Hemsath, Joe Kurilec (tie)

4th: Dave Flebbe, Jeff Lauren,
Steve Riddlebaugh (tie)

For those keeping score here are the top point leaders:

Keller 14, Grell 13, Witt 12, Hemsath 11, Lawler 9, Gelehrter 7, Lauren 7, Flebbe 6.

There is no contest in December: Awards Banquet

The January contest is for **Streamlined/Lightweight Passenger Coaches**.

No heavyweight clerestory roof cars allowed. I have attached a photo of a typical lightweight coach to avoid confusion.



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



FYI - Per the National and Regional contest rules,:

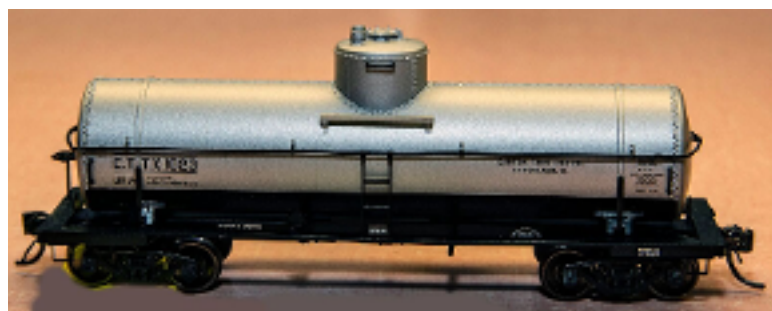
"The diorama had to be a maximum of two square feet and had to be constructed on a wood or foam base"

This should be noted by any of you diorama builders who might wish to enter a contest at a higher level than ours here at the North Coast Division.

November Single Dome Tank Car Diorama Entrants



November Single Dome Tank Car Entrants



2018 AWARDS BANQUET



**BY LEE SHEFFIELD
SUPERINTENDENT**

**If you would like to attend, contact
Greg Noeth (216-398-3428) or email,
GNoetharch2@aol.com before the
cutoff date of December 1st.**

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.

This year's Awards Banquet will be held at 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 Roast Top Round of Beef there will be Tuscan Chicken and Penne Pasta with meat sauce. Side dishes include Oven Browned Duchess potatoes and Green Beans with Mushrooms and Onions. 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 Adam Woodie will be putting together a fantastic holiday raffle for the big kids.

The cost to attend is still \$15.00 per person 15 years or older, 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.

Lee Sheffield

Note: I have had a couple of members ask about directions to the banquet, so I hope these fill the need:

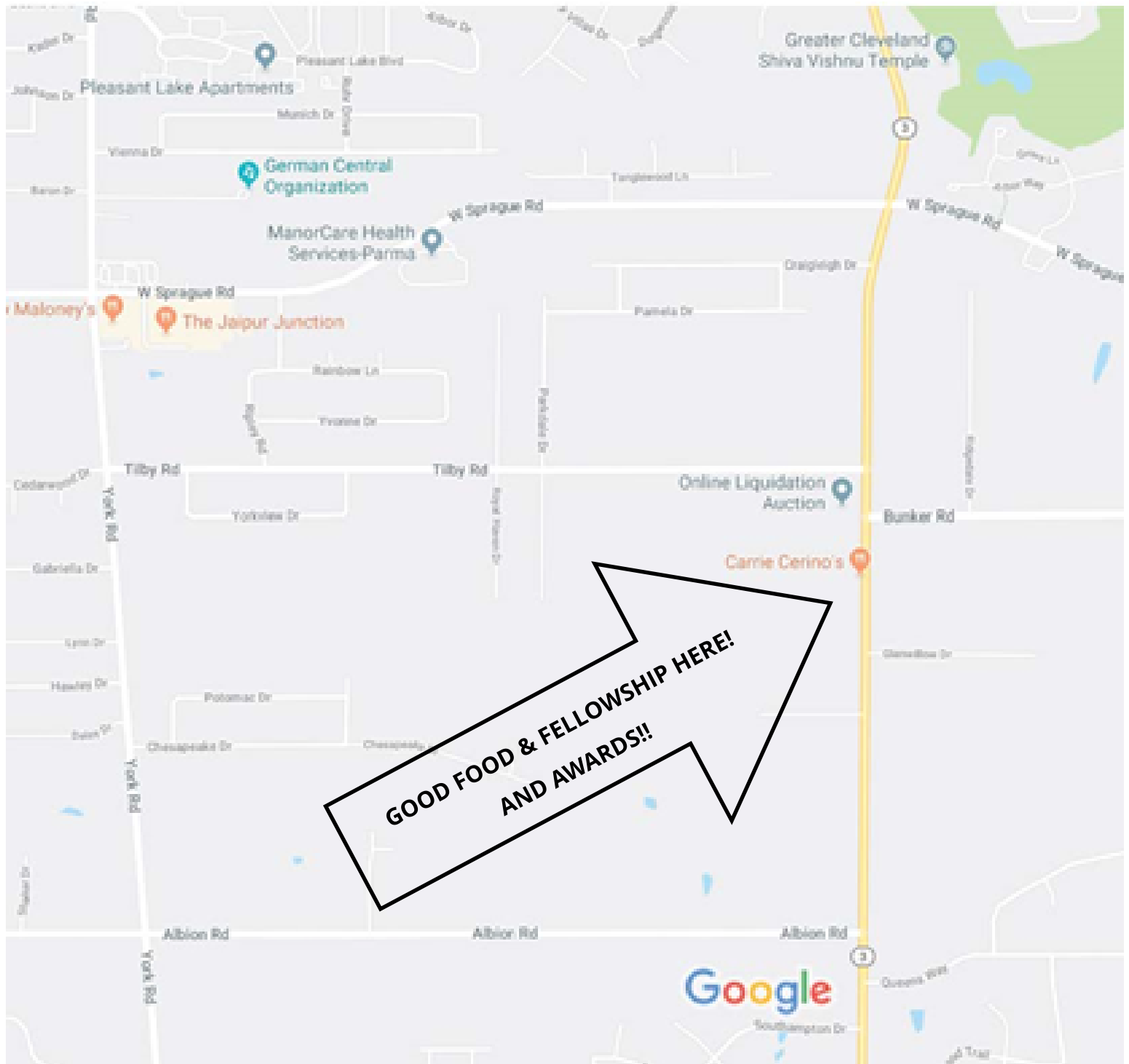
From the West – Come in on I480 East to the Ridge Road exit. At the bottom of the ramp turn right (south) and go approximately 5.5 miles. Carrie Cerino's will be on your right. Entrance to the banquet hall is in the rear.

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From the South – Ridge Road is also Route 3 so you can pick up Route 3 from multiple points such as Route 82 and 303 and Route 3 goes directly through Medina (approx 18 miles) for anyone in Medina County. 🚂

2018 AWARDS BANQUET

CARRIE CERINO'S



TRAINING DAY RECAP



by Gary Schaefer
TRAINing Day Chairman

Greetings,

Let's have a a brief recap of TRAINing Day 2018.

We had a total of 120 bodies at this year's event. Although this year's attendance was lower than last, and it broke a string of continued growth, it was still a successful event. Truth be told, I think the weather got us. ☺

Here are my metrics for success.

1. We had 32 Division 4 members participate in the event! That is the most so far.
2. We had a target crowd. What I mean by this is that most of the attendees were either new to the hobby, beginners, or just getting back into the hobby. We also had many repeat customers.
3. Everyone seemed to enjoy themselves. Members and our guests.

Hey George! You get the creativity and persistence award!

I could go on, but I said I would be brief.

This event is a success because of all of you. Thank you for your participation. A big shout out also goes to Gail Bonsor and her crew as well!

If you would like to share a comment and/or a suggestion, feel free to email or call me.

Gary Schaefer

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TRAINing Day 2018 Photos





Lee Sheffield was recruited or volunteered to fix the overhead train.



BE ON THE LOOKOUT

Gary Schaeffer, TRAINing Day Chairman, advises all Division 4 Members to be on the lookout for the man, pictured below, who attempted on several occasions to submit counterfeit drawing tickets to the TRAINing Day committee, so as to win prizes meant for our guests. The alleged perpetrator's M.O. (modus operandi) is to wait for numbers to be called, then to surreptitiously scrawl the numbers on random objects, including footwear, coffee cups, his own person, and even a cookie. This persistent would-be interloper should be considered armed. That is, he has arms. And legs. Do not let his easy-going personality or his powers of persuasion cause you to let down your guard. He has been seen at other Division 4 activities, and if he is spotted, please call Lee Sheffield, preferably around 2AM.





Membership Chairman George Keller in another attempt to win the prize drawings with ridiculous ticket forgeries, including this try on his hand

The November 5 in 4 Layout Tours went well.

The attendance for the Fall Layout Tours was much better than recent tours but we always hope for more as the hosts go to a fair amount of work on our behalf.

As an adjunct to the Division tours, the CV&WS annual Christmas Open House will be on December 1st and 2nd as well as December 8th and 9th. The hours are from 11am until 4 pm both weekends (refer to you layout tour information for directions). Come and support the club and check out the new roof and club sign. The club really could use your financial support since the club treasury was severely depleted to pay for the new roof.

After the first of the year there may be several single open houses announced. I am going to try a different approach to get more members with layouts involved.

Again, thanks to those who took the time to on the first section layout tours.

Have a Merry Christmas!

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The Strongsville Society of Model Railroad Engineers has a fully sceniced layout. My first, but not last visit. - Editor



The Novak's Gold Creek Railway has many nicely constructed scenes and easily supports operations.

It shows a lot in Canada and Bram Bailey's layout shows it off quite well (seriously, Bram is in the initial scenery stages on his HUGE layout) - Editor



Layout tours provide ideas and incentive to all of us, no matter what stage our own personal layout may be. If you missed this Fall's tour, shame on you!! But take consolation in knowing Ron will be planning more for after the first of the year.

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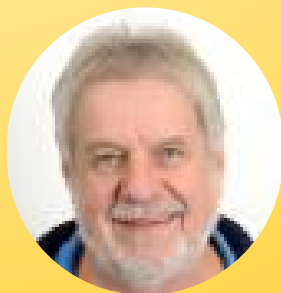


House of Plastic is easy to get to, located in downtown Cleveland.

While not a hobby shop this place has a lot of plastic material that modelers can use.

A FOCUS ON AREA HOBBY SHOPS, #24

ONE IN A SERIES
BY JOE KURILEC, MMR
PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR





House of Plastic is NOT a hobby shop but does offer a ton of plastic items and tools that model railroaders can use. The staff is SUPER friendly and VERY helpful.

As you enter House of Plastic you'll see many tools for working with plastics. Polishing supplies, glues and a nice selection of small plastic shapes and some very useful plastic hinges in several sizes.

When viewing these parts you may come up with some new uses!



At the rear of the store I found tubes, rods and square shaped plastic. Colors are clear or black. They do not sell items such as Evergreen or Plastruct shapes. The square shaped plastic would make great structure supports or corner re-enforcements. You'll also find a lot of plastic made items that could be used around the workbench. Display cases can be custom made.



There is also a rack of plastic sheets that are priced very reasonable. All types of sizes are here. I picked up a perfect piece for a control panel and used the plastic hinges to complete my project.



These sheets could make firm backgrounds for attaching backdrops. Colors vary!

THE TRAIN OF LIFE



BY LEE SHEFFIELD
SUPERINTENDENT

The passing of a good friend in another group I belong to, the Lorain County Model Railroad Association, and the passing of Mike Oster's wife Pat's mother sparked a memory of a writing often quoted in life.

From what I can research it was first written by John A. Passaro and titled "Life is like a train ride". Like many writings it has morphed into various forms.

The one I recall is we are all on a train ride that is continuously picking up and dropping off passengers. Picking up meaning being born into the world and dropping off meaning arriving at our destination and stepping off the train (departing).

As we travel on the train we meet all sorts of people riding in the various cars, some friends, some foes. New faces appear, and old faces depart. At times we could even say we change trains moving a different direction. But yet we are still on the train.

Sometimes the person knows he or she will be arriving at their station soon and have time to grab their things but sometimes their station arrives without warning and it is their time to depart. We don't know when we will arrive at our station, so we live life to its fullest and visit as many cars in the train as we can meeting many folks along the way.

Some will meet their spouse and start a family. Some continue by themselves meeting others with the same zest for adventure.

And when the time comes to depart at their station the rest of the folks on the train continue on 'till they arrive at their station. Yet we accept the fact that we will have to get off the train somewhere and sometime in the future.

In closing, you never know when you will arrive at your station so enjoy each day and live to see tomorrow.

A NICE SURPRISE

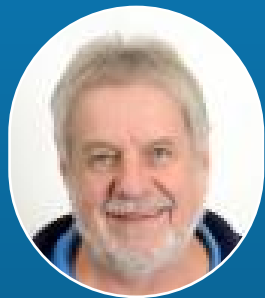
While on layout tours east, Sunday, April 29th and driving home on Pettibone Road which turns into Alexander Road which turns into Pleasant Valley Road and becomes Bagley Road, I saw a nice Welling & Lake Erie station in Glenwillow, Ohio, on Pettibone Road. (enough with the names of roads)!. What was even better was across the street! Three Larry's Truck & Electric diesels! (<http://www.ltextrail.com/>) The three engines were very clean.



The station at Glenwillow is well kept.

When I drove CSX crews, a favorite place were the yards at Lordstown, Ohio. Right across the tracks LTEX has a "bone yard" warehouse. (<http://fpcwarren.org/ltex/locomotives/>) While across the tracks, waiting for switching moves, I could walk right up to the LARGE locomotive storage area and get pictures! All types of old road names were still on the loco's. Santa Fe, Great Northern (orange and green paint jobs) Kansas City Southern and many other road names long gone or not seen in the Cleveland, Ohio area. I did find a few F units, a 44 tonner, lots of GP-30s and some passenger cars. Several were New York Central stainless steel cars!

I used Google Maps and found a driveway to LTEX. That place has a ton of interesting items stored there. Maybe a future article? 🚂



BY JOE KURILEC, MMR PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR



On the small shed to the right of the station is a W&LE logo! Nice logo find. Behind this camera shot is the footers for the old water tower.

I like the logo graphics CHB. Clever.





Nice looking loco. I should have Photoshopped the LTEX logo out and the graffiti on the vents behind the cab. You don't see a lot of engines with graffiti.



This unit is lettered for the Cleveland Commercial Railroad. (<http://update.ccr>) There are some nice drop down links with photo's.

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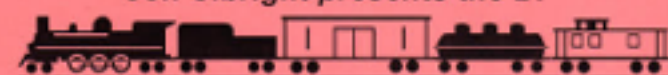
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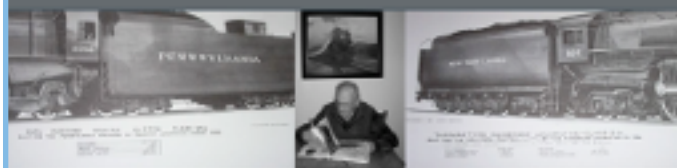
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The Division's newsletter, *The Flatwheel* is published monthly (except during July and August) by Division Four of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National Model Railroad Association

(NMRA). All comments are welcome. Views expressed in *The Flatwheel* do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the NMRA, MCR, or Division Four.

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

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*. 🚂

I found this caboose in Mantua, OH on one of my hobby shop trips. This is used as some type of gift shop. I could not learn anything else about the car. - Joe Kurilec, MMR

