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COVER PHOTO: Editor Bruce Bowie took this photo of East Broad Top's M-1 gas-electric while visiting fellow EBT modeler Russ Norris on Cape Cod this past June. See editorial for more information. Photo post processed using Helicon Focus.

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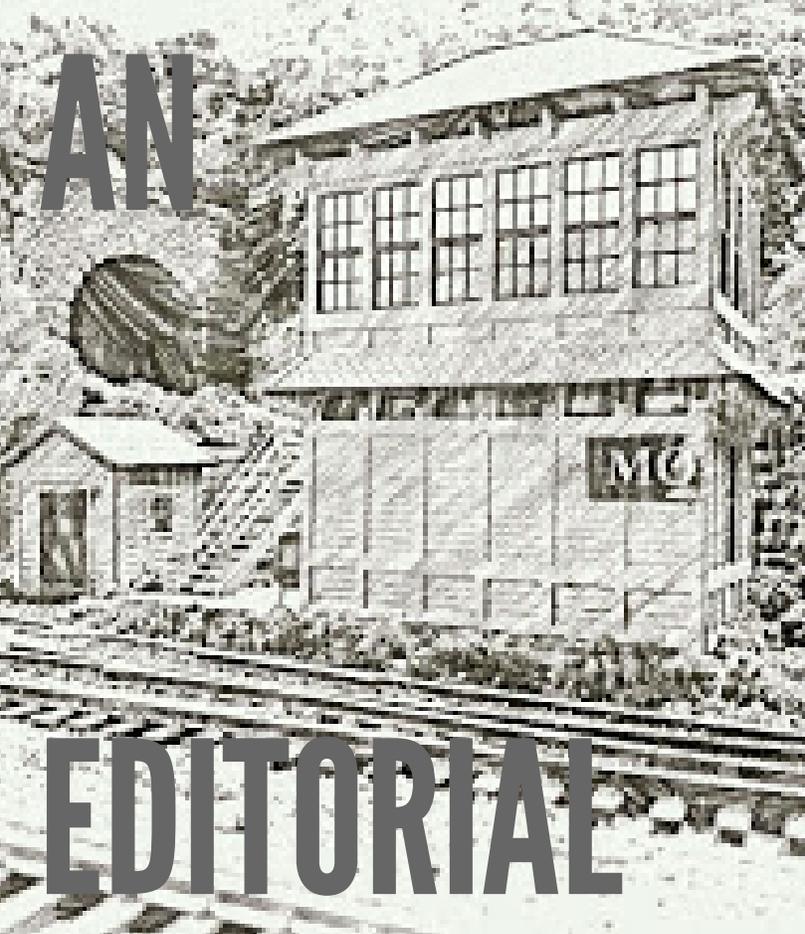
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EDITORIAL

Don't blame me...it is all HER fault! Really. I was scheduled to present the June clinic on "3D Printing for Model Railroading". Our youngest daughter lives in western Massachusetts and was due with her first baby on July 3rd. No problem for the June 14th meeting. Except, our new granddaughter decided she was tired of the process so she was delivered on Thursday, June 13th. My wife and I were given enough notice to make the 8 1/2 hour trip and be their to welcome Calla Grace Molloy into our world. Both are doing well, although the 40 year old first time mother is struggling with the time and energy it takes. Duh!

I was really looking forward to presenting the clinic, but this was WAY better!



With the baby safe at home there wasn't a lot for Pop Pop to do. My daughter lives in the Berkshire mountains in western Massachusetts. I have previously conversed via the internet with a fellow East Broad Top modeler, Russ Norris, who lives on Cape Cod. A 3 1/2 drive making for a possible day trip.

I contacted Russ and he sounded enthused to have a visit. He also has a friend who lives nearby and models the RGS in HOn3 who we could visit while there.

Three hours into the drive, I called Russ to let him know I would be at his house 30 minutes later than planned. His dead panned response, "Too late", almost caused me to wreck. Never having directly spoken to Russ, I did not realize his dry sense of humor is his standard modus operandi!!



On Tuesday, June 18th, I made the drive. While I have previously had the privilege of total strangers allowing me in their homes to visit their layouts, the fellowship displayed within our hobby still amazes me.

Russ (on left above) has an outstanding East Broad Top themed layout. He models in HOn3 as do I so we had many things to compare notes about. (See cover and last page photos) Russ's friend, Dave Tibble, likewise has a beautifully modeled HOn3 Rio Grande Southern layout. Russ and Dave belong to a local round robin group who operate weekly. My only disappointment was I did not know this when I arranged my Tuesday visit or it would have been a day later! We spent a very pleasurable 3 hours talking trains (and eating some local fare). You could not ask for more gracious hosts. 🚂



BRUCE BOWIE
EDITOR

FROM THE SUPER

“Driving the train doesn’t set its course. The real job is laying the track.” Ed Catmull

September brings us a new season of model railroading. Our new Contest Chair has some interesting themes to challenge us. Our new Company Store Proprietor is expanding into some new avenues to entice us. Our new Refreshment Chair will be tantalizing our taste buds with donuts, coffee and soft drinks. And our now seasoned Raffle Chair is off to a good start planning some interesting raffles to draw our money from our pockets.

Did you take time to visit the Medina County Fair and the 4H modular layout during August? I made it on the last day and yes, I did get a milkshake. It wouldn’t be a complete trip to the fair if I didn’t get a milkshake. I am always amazed at the creativity of the kids when building their modules. As adults we tend to not decorate a module in a unique way thinking it may not look prototypical. But the kids build their modules the way they want to, and they look great. We had 18 members stop by to visit and vote for their favorite module. They were each entered in the engine drawing to be held at September’s meeting.

I have a new challenge to our membership. We support the 4H in a monetary way. But how about spending some time teaching them the fine skills of model railroading. They meet one Sunday afternoon a month, have their meeting and then have time for a clinic. It would only be a ½ hour clinic. Is anybody interested? Give it some thought.

The Cuyahoga County Fair module display is history. All I can say it was a great success. We had a lot of good comments about the modules and what we do to promote the hobby. The members put in a lot of hours operating trains and talking to the public. A lot of fliers for the Great Berea Train Show and Training Day were handed out. So, cross our fingers and hope the fliers make it to the refrigerator door and not the waste basket. And the Fair Board has already asked us to return next year.

The summer picnic was a success. Larry Kuczynski did a great job organizing the picnic. I counted 60+ members and family in attendance and the weather was perfect. If you went home hungry it was your own fault as there were plenty of side dishes and drinks. I think next year we should have a food contest of some sort because this year we had numerous bean dishes that were delicious. It is amazing how many different ways you can make baked beans. Yummy!!! The NEOLS group was an excellent host making sure we had trains to ride. And I will bring this up again. If someone knows of a new location that we could have the picnic, please speak up. Even though we continue to have good attendance at NEOLS we could have the picnic at another location for a change of pace. And I promise I won’t make you the Summer Picnic Chairperson for speaking up. I may ask but I won’t make you do it.

Our fall trip on October 12th to the Oil Creek and Titusville railroad in Titusville, Pennsylvania will be here before you know it. The trip will include a box lunch, admission to the Drake Well Museum and a ride on the Oil Creek and Titusville railroad. Contact Ron Morgan right away to get signed up as he must turn in the headcount to the railroad right after the September meeting.

The Great Berea Train Show is right around the corner. Have you signed up for a job or two? I will have the signup sheets at the meeting. Please look them over and start planning on where you can

volunteer for the various positions. There are jobs requiring some lifting and there are jobs where you can sit outside and enjoy the weather or people watch. But we need the help of our membership to make this work. So, mark your calendars with the dates, October 5th and 6th, and sign up for a position or two.

Please continue to welcome our new members and visitors to our meetings. Try to answer their questions the best you can or refer them to another member who might have the answer. Remember, we were all green at some point. See everyone on September 13th.

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, June 14, 2019

Church of the Redeemer, Westlake Ohio

Superintendent Lee Sheffield started the meeting at 7:28 pm and asked for any additions or corrections to the May General Meeting Minutes as they appeared in the Flatwheel. Hearing none, Lee declared the May Minutes approved.

Membership Chair George Keller asked everyone to be sure and turn in their nametags as he will be using the summer break to make new nametags for everyone. The Membership table at the Train Show will need some help, including donations of old NMRA Magazines for potential members to take. George asked visitors and new members to introduce themselves.

Treasurer Greg Noeth reported on the Division's assets.

Clinic Chair Larry Madson reported that the evening clinic would be cancelled as clinician Bruce Bowie was out-of-state with a new grandchild, and an unexpected meeting room change had left us without access to the screen.

Modular Group Chair Adam Woodie reported on upcoming events. A sign-up sheet is available at tonight's meeting for working during the Cuyahoga County Fair (Aug 6 - 11). The goal is to have three people with the module setup at any given time. The

Cleveland Zoo has invited us to participate in this year's Holiday Lights Festival. Our requirement would be for evenings during the event. Lee invited everyone to participate in these events.

The Flatwheel deadline will be August 26, 2019.

Achievement Program Chair Bruce Brintnall MMR® made the following presentations:

To Jim Grell: merit awards for recent Regional contest entries.

To George Keller: merit awards for recent Regional contest entries.

Bruce and John Hemsath MMR® had recently judged Dave Lawler's layout.

Dave Lawler was presented AP Certificates in:

Master Builder: Cars

Master Builder: Structures

Master Builder: Scenery

Association Volunteer

Contest Chair Dave Lawler announced last month's winners for the small bank contest. Winners gave brief

descriptions of their models. Dave then presented awards to this season's overall contest winners: First place through sixth place: George Keller, John Witt, John Hemsath MMR, Jim Grell, Jeff Lauren, Joe Filipiak. Winners received plaques and will receive Walthers gift certificates.

Lee recognized Dave Lawler for his ten years of service as Contest Chair, with Dave receiving a round of applause from the membership.

Incoming Contest Chair Joe Filipiak gave brief explanations of each contest for the upcoming season (September 2019 to June 2020).

Don Glass was introduced as the new Refreshments Chair.

Raffle Chair Adam Woodie gave a description of the items available for the evening's raffle.

Ron Morgan talked about the October 12 Field Trip to Oil City and Titusville. The cutoff for signing up will be in mid-August. A layout Open House is tentatively scheduled for November; contact Ron if you are interested in displaying your layout. A Blissfield MI field trip is being considered for next year.

Chair David James gave a status report on the Great Berea Train Show, stating that the first payment had

been made to the Fairboard. We will have a new building added to our usual line-up. Comic-Con will not be taking place at the same time as our show. Sign-up sheets are at the front table. Please give extra consideration for the thin areas, such as front gate on Saturday morning. Vendor registration will start soon. Non-profits will need to fill out a separate sheet.

Lee and Larry Kowalski reminded everyone of the Division picnic, taking place on Saturday August 10, 2019 at the Northern Ohio Live Steamers in Lester.

Lee said that the Medina County Fair would take place July 29 through August 4 this year. Division visitors should sign-in at the Medina County 4H Model Railroad layout and vote for their favorite module. A drawing for a HO locomotive will be held at the September meeting for all those who sign-in.

George Keller gave an update on NKP locomotive 757 (recently returned to Bellevue), saying that it had received a fresh coat of paint, number boards, Mars lights, builder's plate, and bell.

Three members stated that they would be attending the Salt Lake City National convention in July.

The meeting adjourned at 8:13 pm.

David M. Williams

Secretary



DAVE WILLIAMS

SECRETARY

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

BOD MEETING MINUTES

NMRA, MCR, Division 4, Board of Directors Meeting Minutes for Saturday, August 24, 2019

Mad River & NKP Railroad Museum, Bellevue, Ohio will be published in the October *Flatwheel*. In the meantime:

YOUR DIVISION 4 BOD HARD AT WORK FOR YOU!

Photos & article by Joe Kurilec, MMR®

Saturday, August 24th, 2019 was Division 4's "out west" meeting hosted by George Keller & Jim Moore.

Both Division members put together one heck of a meeting...at the Mad River and NKP Railroad Museum located in Bellevue, Ohio.

After the BOD meeting George Keller opened the museum for all to view all of the great displays. The star was the newly acquired 757. It is nice to see this locomotive back in Bellevue where it belongs.



Our board discussing future programs and events, Remember our leadership makes all of the many programs and events available

to the membership. Division 4 needs help (volunteers) to maintain all of the events that go on. Please consider volunteering a few hours a month to help keep these programs alive. If there is no one to maintain a given program, that event may no longer exist!



Directors and appointed positions were all in attendance reviewing up coming events for Division members.

Reports and updates from each person gave the status of events. Our next big project is the Great Berea Train Show October 5th. & 6th., 2019. We need your help! Consider an hour or two or more helping. This is our main event to make all of the programs you the member participates in during the year.

THIS & THAT

DAVID HAZLETT PASSES



Division 1 Past Superintendent David Hazlett passed away July 5th. Dave was a major influence on the growth Division 1 sustained during his leadership.

David was a retired teacher who never really

retired from teaching others. I met David in 2003 when I started my quest for learning what the heck "model railroad operations" was all about. David had a flair for teaching and I am still enjoying the fruits of his efforts. **THANK YOU DAVID!** - EDITOR

HISTORICAL SOCIETY NEWS - The New York Central System Historical Society and the Norfolk & Western Historical Society are both having their 2020 conventions here in Cleveland (okay; Independence) next spring.

The NYCSHS convention is May 15-17th, and will be that organization's 50th anniversary. The Society was started in Cleveland, so this is somewhat of a "coming home" event.

Next June 4-6 will mark the Norfolk & Western Historical Society's first convention in the Cleveland area. The N&W itself didn't get to Cleveland until 1964, so there will be parts of this convention that will emphasize the post 1964 N&W. We are inviting fans of the NKP, the Wabash, the AC&Y, and the P&WV, and fans of the

Erie/Lackawanna/Erie Lackawanna to come to the convention. NWHS does not have a surcharge for non-members to attend its conventions.

More specific information and registration information will be posted online and to Division 4 as soon as it becomes available. On a related note, both organizations are looking for: clinics/presenters, open layouts (for either or both conventions; any railroad), and help generally. Please let Frank Bongiovanni know if you can help us. - *Frank Bongiovanni*

KEEP THE LIGHTS ON (and CLEAN) - I purchased a small under the counter light source that I attached to the top of my paint booth. I also use a LED light source suggested by our editor. The above lights rotate and work pretty good. I place some clear packaging tape over each light fixture. This lets the light shine through on the items to be airbrushed. As the overspray builds up, I simply remove the old clear tape and replace it with new tape, keeping the light fixture clean. (What a "brilliant" idea! - Editor} - Joe Kurilec, MMR®



The **SIDEBAR** has been a *Flatwheel* feature since early in my time as your editor. The focus was on unusual and foreign railroads. If you found this feature interesting and want to see it continued, please send me an email, in2trains@gmail.com

CALL THE FIRE DEPARTMENT -

Evidence of "Hot Box" Woodie's modification to Dave James Akron Junction track while at the County Fair. It has something to do with what happens when you have metal wheels that are contacting the car weights mounted on the bottom of coal hoppers. Evidently the molten plastic axle is hot enough to melt through ties, underlying roadbed and foam sub-roadbed.

Somehow, the track remained in gauge!!

- Scott Benson



MODULE GROUP

Things have rather active in the Module Group this summer. A large thank you goes out to Scott Benson for hosting another great module work party in June. Scott and his wife, Pam, are always such gracious hosts.

After a quiet July, things picked up again in August with the 2019 Cuyahoga County Fair. This was the first time the Module Group displayed at the fair. It goes without saying that was a lot work and time spent at the fairgrounds. Thanks to everyone who was able to participate in the event. A big thanks go out those who supplied the modules for the event especially Larry Madson (Steel Mill), Scott Benson (Fox Lake large loop), and David James (Akron Junction large loop and the outside corners). We received a very nice email from Joane Scudder of the Fair Board.

"What an AWESOME display and great group of folks! If you are willing, we would like to have you back next year as you were such an attraction! Your continuous attention to our visitors, care of your display, attention to detail and patience for us was extraordinary! You represent EXACTLY what we look for when booking attractions to engage our fairgoers. We look forward to your participation for many years to come!" - Joane Scudder, Cuyahoga County Fair Board

Please share my thoughts and accolades with all who made your exhibit such a huge success. See you in October!"

Things will be picking up this fall beginning in October with the display at the Great Berea Train show followed by the Berea Library. November and December promise to very busy as well. The Module Group has been in contact with the Cleveland Zoo about being part of the Holiday Lights display. Also, there is always Training Day and the Lorain Trees and Trains.

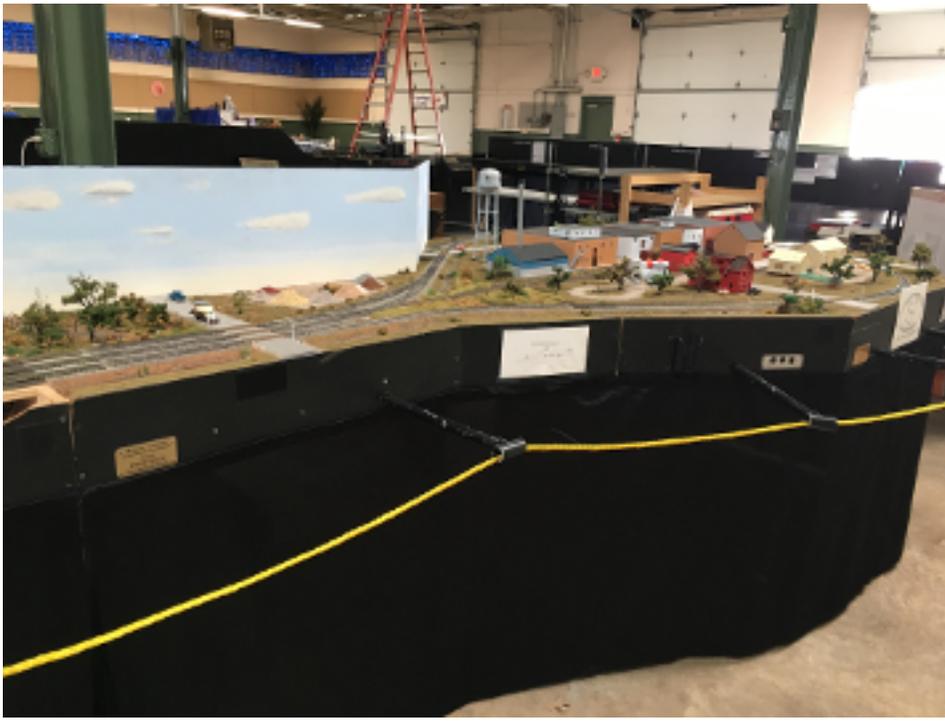
If you are interested in joining the module group, please see me at the meetings or send me an email at woo3482@hotmail.com, Subject: Module Group.



**Adam "Hot Box" Woodie
MODULE GROUP**



Larry Madson's Steel Mill Modules



**Scott Benson's
Fox Lake Large Loop**



**David James' Akron
Junction large loop**

And from Gary Schaefer:

Adam, All

While at the Fair I did have a few interesting comments made:

" This fair was good. You guys made it great!"

" This is the coolest thing that I have ever seen!"

" Thank goodness you were here. Otherwise, this building

**See Joe Kurlec's
article further back
in this issue for more
on the Division's
efforts at the recent
fair. - Editor**

COMPANY STORE

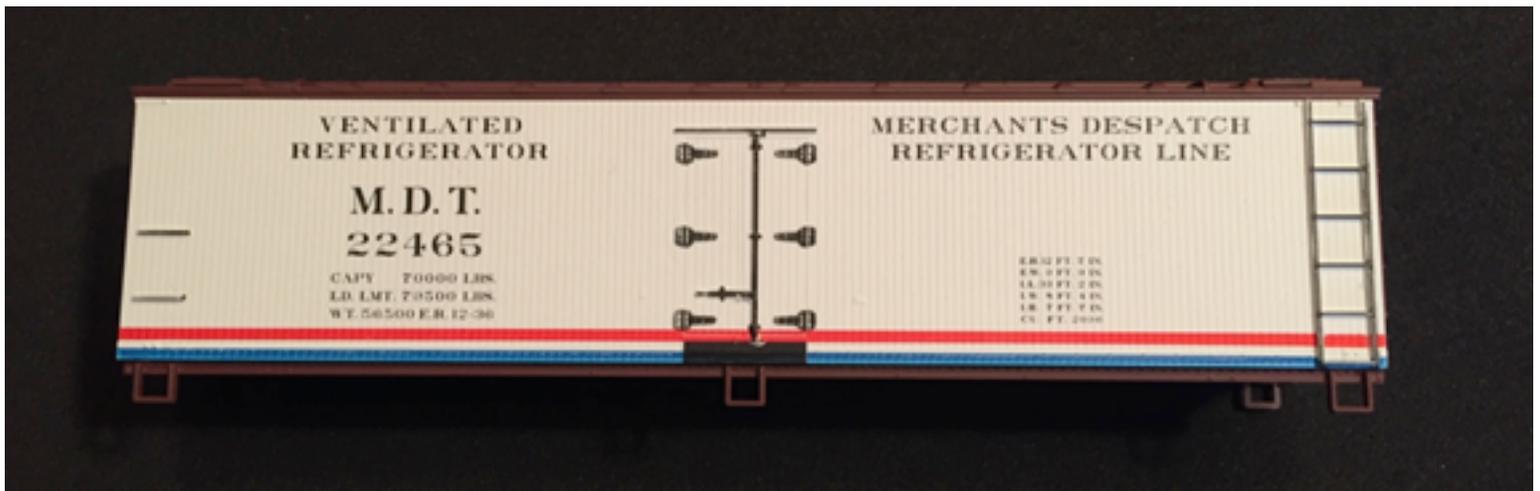
Davies Steel hopper cars are still available!

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.

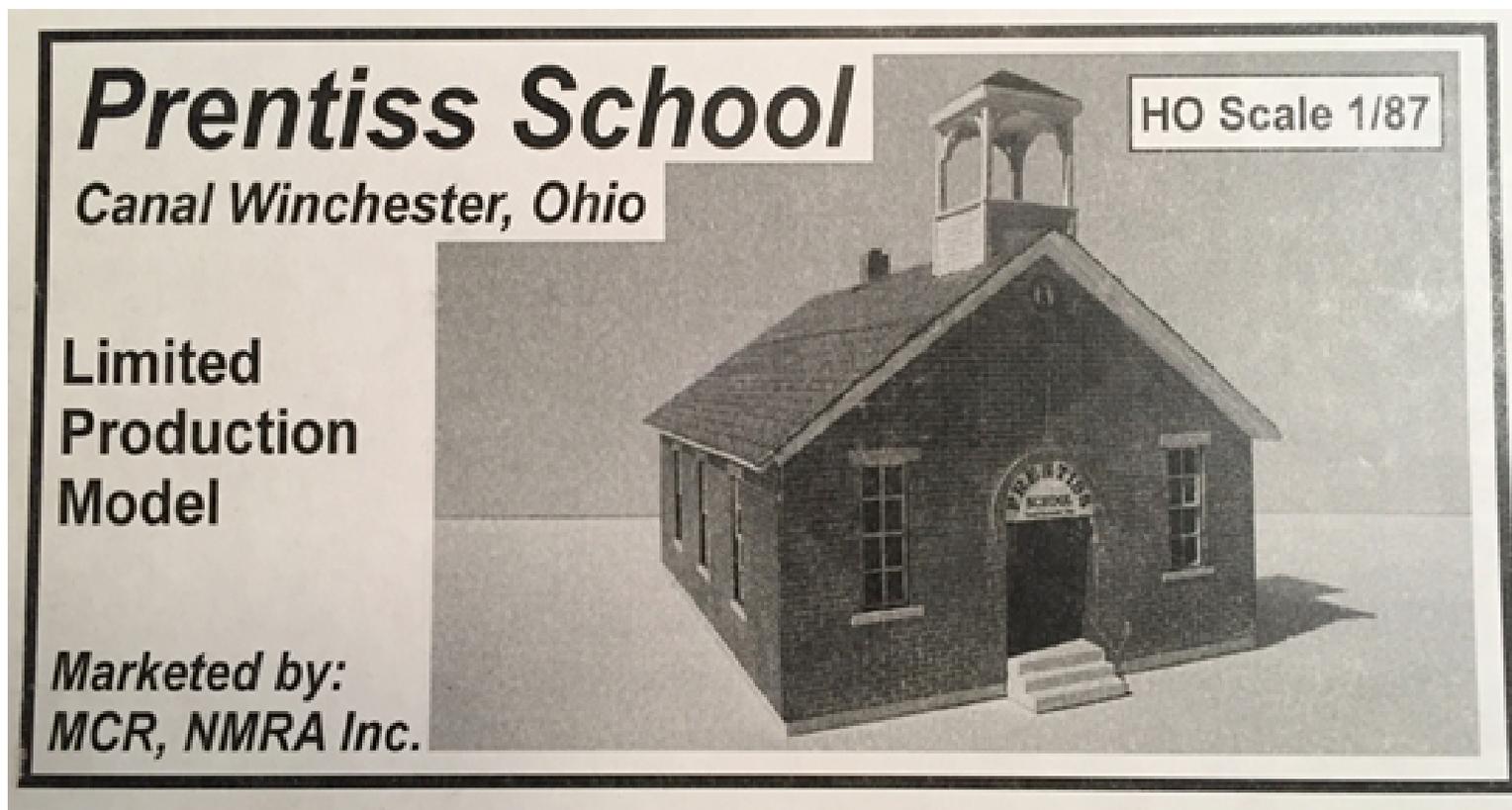
Price is REDUCED to \$17 each.



We have six MDT 40' Wood Reefers remaining. These are Division 7 (Cincinnati) limited edition cars, made by Accurail, representing cars built in 1927. Two numbers are available. **Price is REDUCED to \$15 each.**



The MCR Canal Winchester Schoolhouse kits are now **REDUCED to \$20 each!** This is a nice laser cut wood and styrene kit. One-room schoolhouses survive all around the country, being re-purposed for homes and other uses. This kit surely can find a home on your layout!



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Canal Winchester, Ohio

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The Company Store will have some new items at the October Division 4 meeting. We'll have some basic modeling tools available at good prices, and other items. If interest in these kinds of items is good, we'll continue to bring new things in.

Division 4 shirts and hats are available through the Company Store. Order at the monthly meeting, or through the form on the Company Store page on our web site. Division 4 patches are also available at \$3 each.

We have a library of how-to DVD's for member use, available at our meetings. A \$10.00 deposit for each DVD rented. \$10.00 returned when DVD returned at next meeting.

SCOTT BENSON
CO. STORE MANAGER



SEPTEMBER 2019

Ohio's Narrow Gauge Railroads - Spain James



**Nearly all of the slim rail. You've seen it
Find out where in September!**

OCTOBER (originally JUNE) 2019

3D Printing for Model Railroading - Bruce Bowie

Bruce will present a clinic on what he has learned during the past six months of owning an inexpensive 3D printer. The goals of this clinic include:

- Show the possibilities of 3D printing for our hobby use
- Show the costs involved
- Show how he approaches 3D design and printing
- NOT intended as a step-by-step "how to"

Bruce will have his printer with him and use it to print a sample item for those who have never seen how they function.

CLINIC

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

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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



CONTEST TABLE

From the Model Contest Box:

Another fun season of sharing our model railroad treasures and talents with others is upon us. As in the past, the contest will have two categories; a model that conforms to the contest for the month and the other category is the “mini module” or most often referred to as a diorama. A division member may enter one or the other category, but not both.

The voting will be a little different. The ballot will have a 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place to mark your choice for each of the categories. If an entry receives the most votes in 1st place and also receives the most votes for 2nd place, the higher place will be awarded to the entry but the 1st place winner will not be eligible to receive the 2nd place award.

Points will be awarded as follows; 4 points for 1st place, 3 points for 2nd place, 2 points for 3rd place and 1 point for participation. I know rules can be a pain, but without them, we would have a corn field meet which would be chaos and yelling. We will leave that nonsense for the politicians.

**September’s model project is a crane on rails.
Anything from a bridge crane to a little burro crane.**

October’s contest is mainline steam power. Nothing smaller than a 2-8-2.

**REMINDER TO LAST MONTH'S
WINNERS, PLEASE BRING AND
SHARE YOUR MODELING TIPS
AT THE NEXT MEETING**

**JOE FILIPIAK
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.

THE GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW

Well, as I'm sitting here with Ken on our way home from St. Louis, I'm working on planning and rechecking and getting things ready for the next big event which is the Great Berea Train Show coming up the first week in October. as always, all of your help is greatly appreciated as this event in the largest fundraising event we do for the division and if you haven't signed up for a spot we can always use some help at the front gate or the back gate or putting tables up or taking tables down there's always a lot of things that can be done.

It's been a great summer and a lot of us have done a lot of things but it's time to get ready to kick off the winter model railroading season, so hope to see you all at the show.

There will be sign-up sheets at the September meeting. Or email David at david.j@brtcharter.com. PLEASE help YOUR Division have another successful show by volunteering just a little of your time to this event. Remember, this is our only fundraising event and makes all the other great things we do possible.



or



**BY DAVID JAMES
GTBS CHAIRMAN**

Vote for David's new head shot photo by emailing your preference to your Editor, in2trains@gmail.com

**ONLY 12 SEATS AVAILABLE AS OF
8/24 SO CONTACT RON SOON TO
RESERVE YOURS! THE
SEPTEMBER 13th MEETING IS
THE LAST CHANCE TO SIGN UP!!**

ALL ABOARD

Announcing the Division 4 Oil Creek and Titusville Railroad and Drake Well Museum Park one day bus trip to be held Saturday October 12th 2019.

The date is: Saturday October the 12th 2019.

Train time is: 3:00 pm.

Estimated Departure from Cleveland is: 8:00 AM

Estimated Return time at this point is: 9:00 pm.

Cost of the trip is: \$20.00 per person which will include the bus, ticket to ride the 3:00 am train, a box lunch on the train and your ticket to visit the Drake Well Museum and Park in Titusville.

A food stop on the way home is being looked into. This will be on your own. More details on this issue to follow.

There are 44 seats still available on the bus.

Seats space will be sold on a first come basis.

Sign-up sheet will be available starting at the Division 4 April, May and June 2019 Business Meeting.

Participation at this point will be limited to Division 4 Member's and their spouses.

Payment is required at sign-up time.



**BY RON MORGAN
PHOTOS BY LARRY KOWICKI**

Once again Scott Benson and myself had the privilege of judging 4H members and the effort they put into the 4H module project.

Last year Scott Hewis approached Scott and myself asking if we would judge the 4H modules. We were invited back this year to once again judge.

We would like to show Division 4 member just a few of the modules judged..

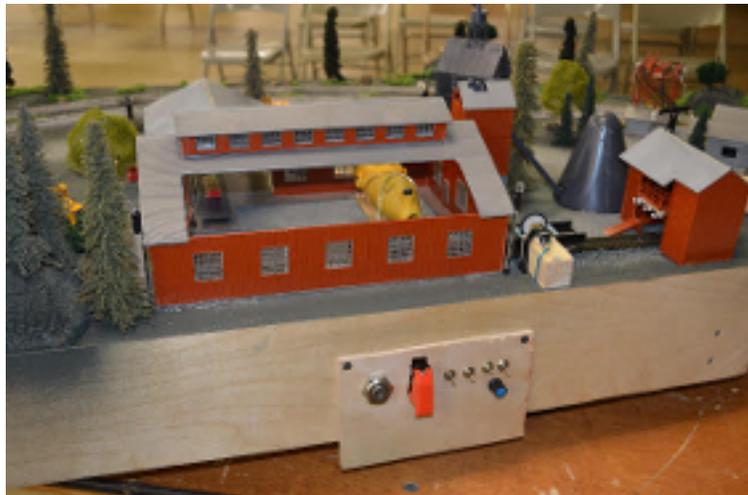
4H MODULE JUDGING



This seaside scene was very good. Ben Prochaska did a really good job of modeling the ocean with white caps. This is something I would never attempt as I feel water is very hard to make realistic. Ben's skills showed some amazing and creative ways to make the white caps....not to mention his rock casting efforts!



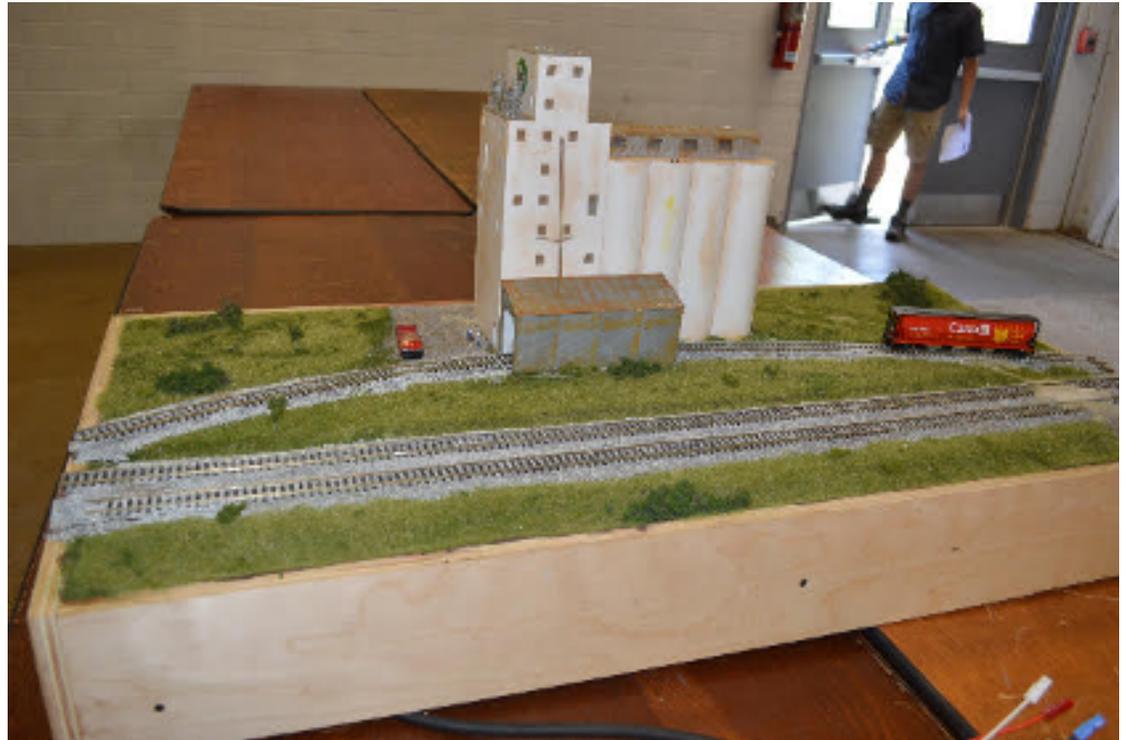
BY JOE KURILEC, MMR[®]
PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR



Speaking of being creative, 4H member John Coyne IV made this really clever animated saw mill using a Dremel Motor Tool that actually cuts

balsa wood! John has some serious electric skills. Notice the key protected panel and the red cover on the motor tool power switch. John used a small motor (to the right of the building) with a rubber tire to push balsa wood into the saw (motor tool). The wood carrier was 3D printed and worked flawlessly. The front of his module has the roof of the sawmill removed and uses a piece of clear plastic to show viewers the working mill.

I did not judge the two modules shown on the right and did not get the names of the 4H members but felt these samples would be interesting to Division members. The rock castings and scenery on the lower image is very effective!



ASR READING 2100 ROSS ROWLAND EVENT - SEPTEMBER 21

LETTER PROVIDED BY
DAVE HANNA, DIV 5

Dave and friends,

As you know, I've been an officer in American Steam Railroad for a few years now and a part of the organization going back more than 10 years now. We have been actively working on getting Reading T-1 No. 2100 back in steam since mid-2015 when we moved her from Richland, WA to Cleveland. We are getting very close to making steam with our firebox work well in hand. As you know, steam locomotive projects, no matter how big or small, always seem to take more money, time and resources than we initially anticipate and this one has been no different. As such, we are holding a very special fund raising event in September to help push us over the top with our boiler work.

Attached (see What's Going On? section - Editor) is the PDF flyer for the American Steam Railroad Ross Rowland event scheduled for the afternoon and evening of September 21, 2019 at the roundhouse on W.3rd St. in Cleveland. Ross will be our keynote speaker with a catered BBQ dinner. This will be a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to have Ross share his steam experiences with us in a unique live multi-media setting with stills and video of the trips he has run throughout the last 50 years including his years with the 2101 and then later helping to get 2100 back in operating condition in the late 80s in Hagerstown, MD.

I encourage everyone to think about who from the next generation or two they could bring along to this event to help keep the flame and the dream ignited in the hearts and souls of the younger generations so we can keep these machines from the Golden Age of American railroading alive for many decades to come and for all to enjoy.

Midwest will have their RS-3 fired up and giving rides back and forth in the yard. There will be plenty of photo ops with the 2100 and the other equipment there as well including some nicely finished and detailed live steam locomotives including a C&O T-1 2-10-4, a Reading 0-6-0 Camelback switcher and a few more to be determined. We would love to have you join us.

All proceeds will go towards getting the 2100 back in steam. The last of our running gear evaluation will be completed at the end of August so we should have a nice comprehensive update to give everyone that evening on the remaining work to be completed.

Tickets can be purchased online at the ASR store or you can mail a check.

This will be the only active 4-8-4 in Ohio and in the Great Lakes region and much of the Midwest with the exception of 261 out of the Twin Cities and the occasional 611 trip each year down south.

Thanks again and let me know if I can answer any questions. If you wouldn't mind sharing this with your email list and any fellow Division 5 modelers and photographers it would be greatly appreciated.

Rob Gardner

American Steam Railroad VP and 2100 Project Manager

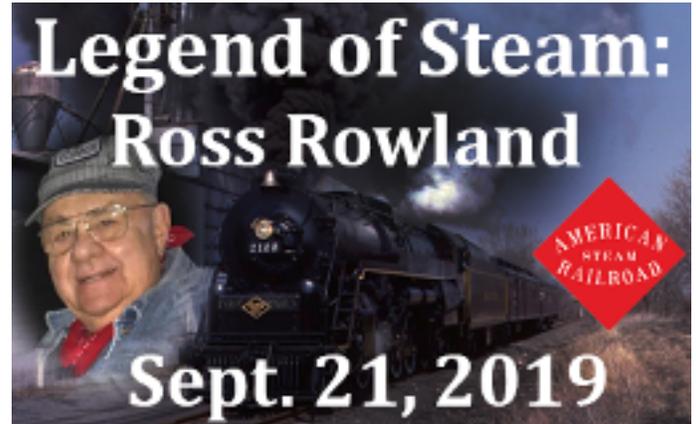


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Lorain Caboose Update



BY GARY SCHAEFER
PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

A lot is happening with the Lorain Caboose. Most exciting was moving the caboose to Black River Landing.

A few weeks ago, in preparation of the move CSX moved the caboose from near the steel mill to 14th St. We were able to get into the caboose and clean and inspect it.

The next step was purchasing 80 tons of limestone. 40 tons each for the pickup and drop off sites to level the ground for the transport company.

Saturday August 17th was the day. First, we had to push the caboose from 14th to 13th Street with our own Don Glass manning the brake wheel.

Once there the caboose was winched onto the trailer of Silk Road Transport. We had a police escort up Broadway Ave. to the drop off site at 8th. The caboose was unloaded on the rails behind The Palace Theater where the exterior will be painted before moving the final few hundred feet. Please check out the website <https://loraincaboose.org> to see all pictures and updates.

We are excited to announce that PPG Industries will be donating all of the paint needed for the project! Since we were expecting it to take two years to find a caboose and it only took two months fundraising is behind schedule. T-Shirts are being sold at this time. I will have some at the meeting if anyone is interested.



Shirts are \$20 each



1960 TRAIN WRECK AT WELLINGTON, OHIO



BY JOE KURILEC, MMR[®]
PHOTO'S FROM THE COLLECTION OF
DON WETZEL

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MIKE FAHLER

Many Division 4 members know or have seen Don's jet car clinic, the "Flight of the M-497".

I happened to be at Don Wetzel's house when he was going thru his collection of railroad images. The following pictorial

is about the Wellington wreck. The train was going 79 miles per hour, too fast, as it was routed around a freight train thru a crossover.

The New York Central passenger train #12, The Southwest Limited left the tracks destroying three GP units and several passenger cars.

There were about 155 passengers on the train. Four died as did the fireman when he was thrown out of the locomotive window.

Fifty other passengers were injured.



Three GP units lie in the foreground. To the right of the engines was a unoccupied wooden tower destroyed by the wreck. Notice that the hook was brought in from Collinwood Yards.



Some of the mangled cars. Notice the large wooden blocks in front of the 3 railroad people to be used to stabilize the hook for lifting. To the far right is the bottom of one of the Geeps!



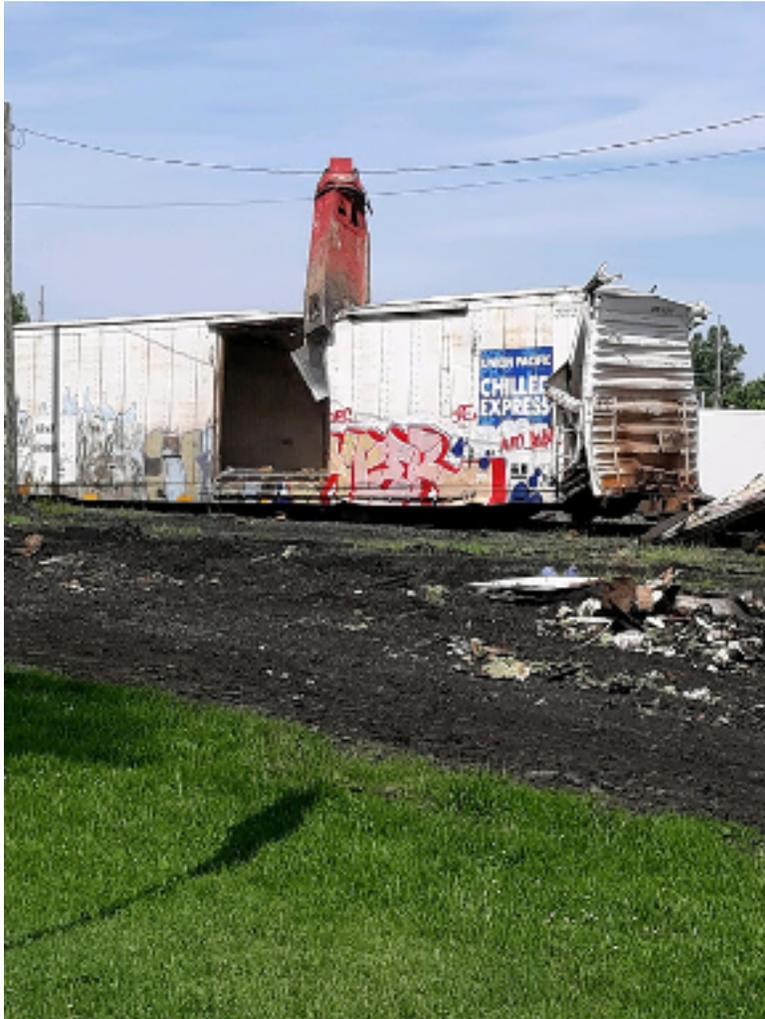
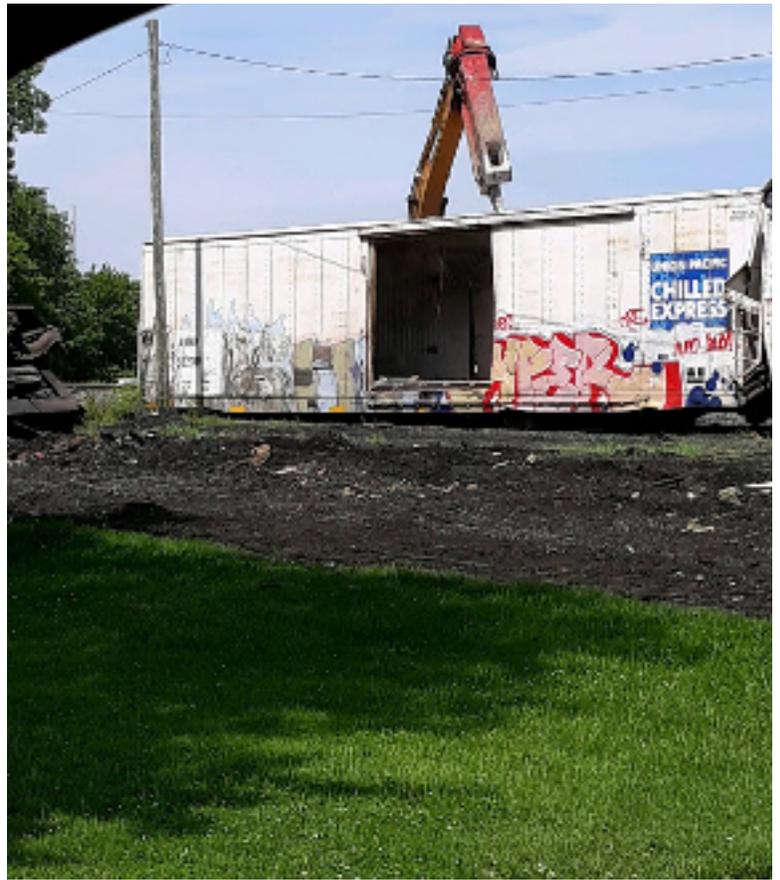
I really would NOT like to be the two guys working next to the bent rail! Notice how the rails are lifted from the ties. The rails to the right of the crossing are also lifted, not to mention the broken rail.



Joe Btfsplk by cartoonist Al Capp

WELLINGTON?

This series of photos provided by Mike Fahler of a more recent Wellington railroad accident. Interesting way to eliminate damaged cars!



DIVISION 4 DISPLAYS THE MODULAR LAYOUT AT THE CUYAHOGA COUNTY FAIR



by JOE KURILEC, MMR®

Photos by the author

Division 4 was invited to the CCC Fair this year and was a BIG hit. The layout was on public display in the Hobby & Crafts building from

August 6th to August 11. Everyone really enjoyed the layout with many fair guests never seeing an operating model railroad! The modular group

had a ton of great comments. "This display made the building interesting" If the display was not here the Hobby & Craft Building was not very interesting".

Kids had a great time running next to the trains as they went around the layout. Many people were taking videos and pictures of scenes around the layout.

Many of us were able to promote the Division, the NMRA, our Great Berea Train show, coming to the fairgrounds this Oct. 5th & 6th. Division members, please help-out with some volunteer time...one hour or more. WE NEED YOUR HELP. This yearly event makes our meetings and events possible.

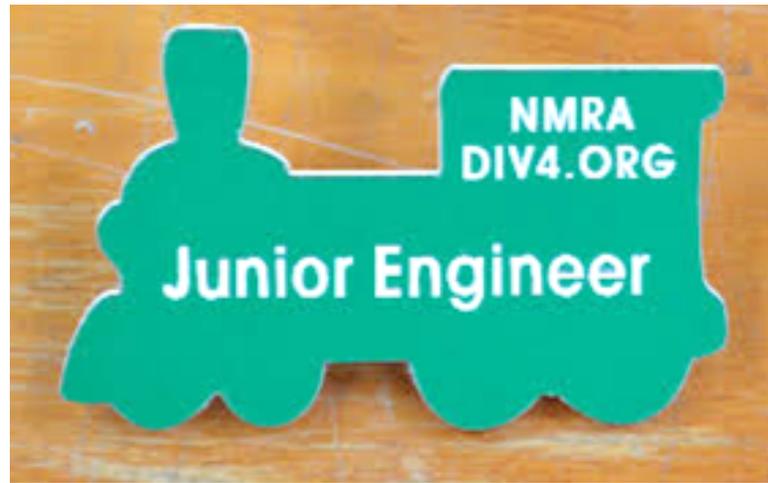
Training day and the CV&WS model railroad club also were promoted.



Monday, August 5th was setup day. All modules were in place waiting for structures and final details to be added.



Not being part of the modular group I found it really neat to see all of the work that goes into setup. Here, Bill Cramer & Larry Madson's very well detailed steel mill module awaits structures and bridges. I ran some switching moves inside of the steel mill complex. That thing runs very well!



When ever I got the chance to have one of the younger visitors make the horns blow, I, like other members issued "Junior Engine" Pins. The kids AND families seem proud to get these! It also was a time to give out GBTS and Training day flyers explaining what the events were. Many families were NOT aware of our train show at the fairgrounds!



Ron Morgan had me take out a UP grain train out on the mainline. That was a first for me! When Sunday came around the module crew was ready to go home. It was a great week and a golden opportunity for Division 4 to showcase the greatest hobby in the world..... model railroading.

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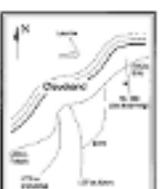
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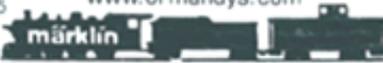


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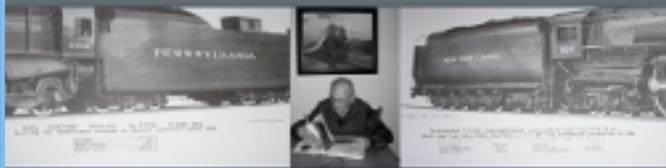
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The Division's newsletter, *The Flatwheel* is published monthly (except during July and August) by Division Four of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National Model Railroad Association

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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*.



**East Broad Top M-1 in front of
Robertsdale Station on Russ Norris's
HOn3 layout. Photo by Bruce Bowie**

ABOUT US

We are Division 4 of the Mid-Central Region of the National Model Railroad 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.