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COVER PHOTO: Oil City & Titusville RR Station, Oil City, PA. Photo by Ron Morgan.



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# DIVISION 4

## THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

**OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8TH, 2019.**

**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

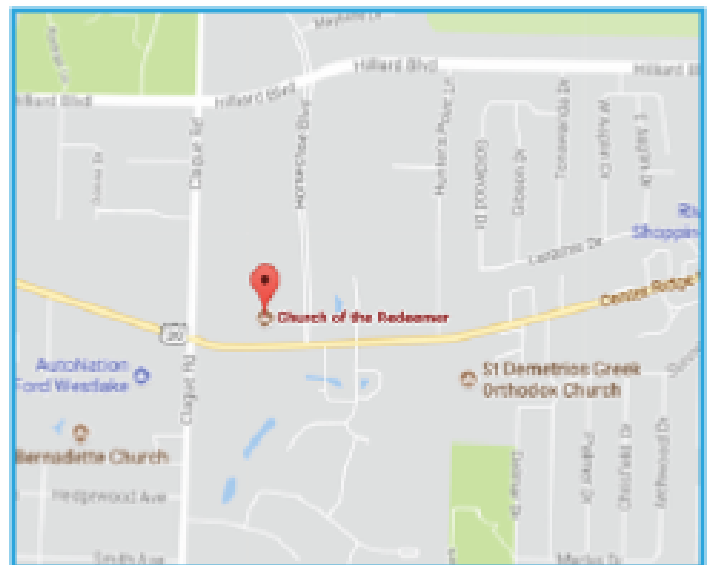
social half hour starts at 7:00 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:30. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Meetings are held at the Church of the Redemer, 23500 Center Ridge Rd, Cleveland, OH 44145. Visitors are welcome to attend any meeting.

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.

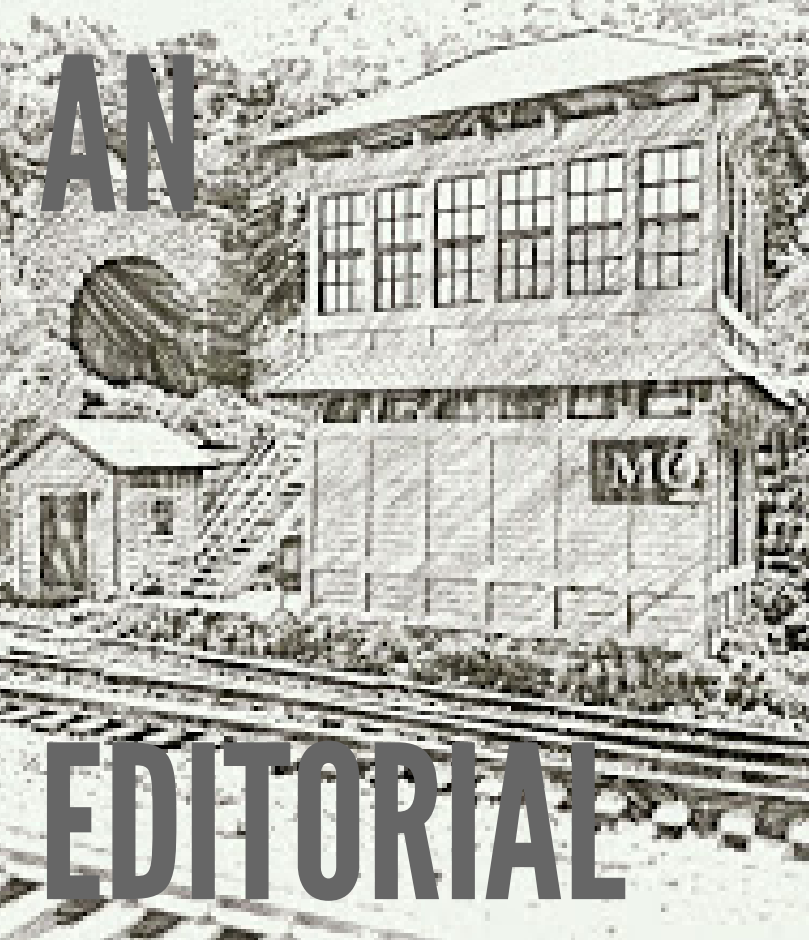
*The Flatwheel* is typically electronically published no later than the Monday preceding the monthly meeting. Submissions are due no later than the 26th of the prior month, for example, August 26th for the September *Flatwheel*.

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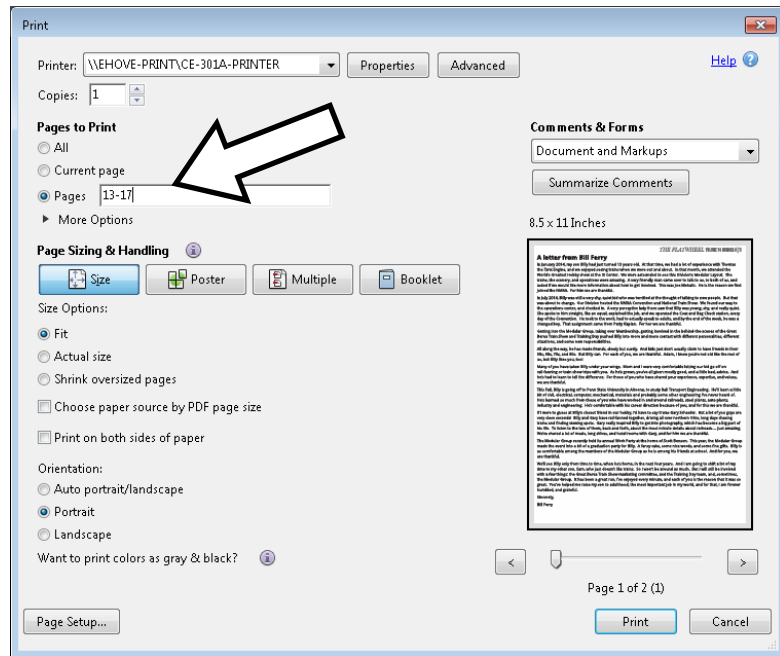
**Yahoo** - The Division has a Yahoo group available for members. Send your request to join to [dave\\_wms@sbcglobal.net](mailto:dave_wms@sbcglobal.net). It's best to include "Division 4" in the subject line and include your name. The group is private and does not appear on the Yahoo directory.







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range of pages you wish to print; EXAMPLE: 13-17. Then click on the **PRINT** button.

I have been your editor soon to be 3 years. Past Editor Dave Williams held this position for 10 years. YOU can be our next editor by simply telling Lee, or myself, you would like to try your hand at it. It is easy and only a little time consuming.

The primary issue I have heard raised is the lack of a hard copy since I have been your editor. Publishing 200 +/- monthly hard copies seems to me to be unachievable by a volunteer staff. But if you have ideas how this could be accomplished, again, approach Lee or myself with an offer to try to make it happen and I am sure it can be tried.

I don't intend this to be a threat of quitting should I receive criticisms. My issue is that it is becoming more difficult to come up with new ideas for OUR Flatwheel to be a source of interesting ideas and fresh ways of presenting them.

Our outstanding Webmaster, Ben Lanza, has been receiving from time to time complaints about The Flatwheel.

**ALL FLATWHEEL RELATED COMMENTS, CONCERNS & QUESTIONS SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO ME, BRUCE BOWIE, AT [in2trains@gmail.com](mailto:in2trains@gmail.com) OR 419-602-3584. NOT TO BEN!**

All *Flatwheel* related comments, concerns & questions should be directed to me, Bruce Bowie, at [in2trains@gmail.com](mailto:in2trains@gmail.com) or 419-602-3584. **NOT TO BEN!**

The most recent concern was the desire by a member to be able to get a hard copy of a specific article. I wrote on this topic in an in-depth article in the May 2019 *Flatwheel* but will repeat again for those who missed my prose.

You can print to any printer the entire *Flatwheel* by simply clicking on the **PRINT** icon in your PDF reader, then in the dialogue box that will open again click on **PRINT**.

You can also print only the pages you wish to have a hard copy. To do so, again click on the **PRINT** icon. When the



**BRUCE BOWIE**  
**EDITOR**

# FROM THE SUPER

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

Well I am starting off writing this month recapping our successful trip to the Oil Creek and Titusville Railroad with the visit to the Drake Well Museum. If you didn't make it, you missed a great trip. The weather seemed destined to ruin our day but, in the end, it was a dry day. It was a little cool, but it was still a great ride in the open car. We finished with a good meal at the Cracker Barrel in Austintown and Scott Carter, our driver and member of Division 4 got us back to the IX Center by 10:30. We owe Ron Morgan a big thank you for putting together a great trip. I understand Ron has our next trip in the works that will take us west to the Adrian & Blissfield Railroad in Michigan. Ron will keep us posted.

The Great Berea Train Show was a success. I was a little off in last month's column thinking the show would be over and done with by the time the October Flatwheel hit the streets. Oops! But I can't say Thank You enough to all those who worked the various volunteer positions. I stood up there on my soapbox in September and begged for help and you the members came through. Thank you for your support!!!

Our main topic of November's meeting will be the budget. The Board will be meeting Tuesday November 5th at the church at 7 PM. We will be meeting at the opposite end of the church (East End) due to the church having another activity in the room where we normally meet. I invite you all to attend and see the behind the scenes work that goes on. As I stated at the October meeting, we usually take any extra funds not budgeted for the coming year and make donations to various railroad related projects. To be considered I would like to receive a written request for funds summarizing the project. We as the board will look over and discuss the requests and decide on dollar amounts to donate. The amounts we award depend on how much funds are left after we take care of the budget for the coming year.

Our annual Award's Banquet will be here before you know it. I hope you have Friday December 13th marked on your calendar. We will not be having a meeting that night at the church. We will be having the banquet at Carrie Cerino's as last year. One change that was suggested was to have carved steamship round of beef this year so we will honor that suggestion.

Greg will have the sign-up sheet at the November meeting so be sure to sign up. And we are still holding the cost to our members at \$15.00 per person.

The module group will be setting up at two events during the holiday season. If you want to run some trains, contact Adam "Hot Box" Woody for information. Don't forget Training Day on November 3rd. It is our chance to show off our skills and promote new interest in our hobby. Contact Gary Schaefer if you would like to attend. And last but not least, layout tours. Ron Morgan has organized a great tour of members layouts out in our western reaches Sunday November 17th and Saturday November 23rd.

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 November 8th.

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, October 11, 2019 Church of the Redeemer, Westlake Ohio

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Lee Sheffield at 7:30 pm. A moment of silence was observed in memory of Jim Moore, Rich Tressa and other recently deceased members.

The September meeting Minutes were presented for corrections or changes and were approved as published in the *Flatwheel*.

Treasurer Greg Noeth presented a brief financial statement. The Fair Board has been paid for the Train Show. Some Show related bills are still being finalized.

Membership Chair George Keller reported on his efforts to bring the name badges up to date. He then requested all new members and visitors to introduce themselves.

Clinic Chair Larry Madson stated that the evening's clinic would be on 3D Printing presented by Bruce Bowie. In November, Chuck Klein will give his clinic on the Terminal Tower. Clinic presenters are requested for next year (January through June).

Modular Group Chair Adam Woodie gave an account of recent modular group activities, along with upcoming events. Those events include Division 4's TRAINing Day, the holiday display at the Cleveland Zoo, and Trees and Trains in Lorain. Volunteers are needed for all events, and all Division members are welcome to participate.

Steve Kaplan reported that he and Chuck Klein would be setting up a model railroad display and explaining the hobby at the North Ridgeville Library on December 7. This will be part of their

Holiday on the Ridge celebration.

Bruce Bowie: *Flatwheel* deadline is October 26.

Contest Chair Joe Filipiak said that tonight's contest is for mainline steam engines; next month will be re-purposed boxcars. January will be automobile rail carriers. September winners gave descriptions of their models and techniques.

Great Berea Train Show: Greg Noeth reported on attendance numbers. Finances are still in progress. Show volunteers were acknowledged by Lee. Mike Klein said that this year's show visitors were active buyers.

TRAINing Day Chair Gary Schaefer said that he had a sign-up sheet for the November 4th event at Black River Landing in Lorain. Gary listed event and setup times. Volunteers are encouraged to attend, just to work on their own models if they want. The nearby B&O caboose will be open.

Lee reminded everyone that the next Board Meeting will be at 7 pm on Tuesday November 5th. All members are welcome to attend. This meeting will be our annual budget board meeting. Lee said that any organization interested in requesting project money should provide him with a written statement in advance of the meeting.

Lee said that this year's Awards Banquet would be held on Friday December 13th at Carrie Cereno's. The sign-up sheet is available tonight and again at the November meeting. The event will have a DJ and Santa's Elf.

Ron Morgan reminded everyone that the Oil Creek



and Titusville field trip is tomorrow.

Ron talked about layout tours on two dates in November with a list of owners.

Company Store Proprietor Scott Benson reported on new inventory, to include basic rail tools, gauges, Golden Spike postage stamps, and small foam sheets.

Adam Woodie gave a review of items for the evening's raffle and reminded everyone of the upcoming Awards Banquet raffle.

Bruce Bowie said that the bridge he built for Jim Moore's layout, featured in the January 2018 RMC, is looking for a good home. Lee suggested that someone should consider placing the bridge in a

Division module.

George Keller said that the Mad River & NKP Museum in Bellevue would again feature their holiday train on the weekends of 11/30 - 12/01 and 12/7 - 12/8. Santa's Elf will be in attendance. George said that Bowser and Accurail have both donated kits for the upcoming Division Training Day.

Lee invited everyone to meet at Baker's Square after the evening's clinic (and resetting the chairs).

Meeting adjourned at 8:24 pm.



DAVE WILLIAMS,  
SECRETARY

**TRAINING Day**

**MODEL TRAINING DAY**  
Sunday November 3rd, 2019  
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

BLACK RIVER LANDING & TRANSPORTATION CENTER  
421 Black River Lane (under the bridge)  
Lorain, OH 44052

• FREE PUBLIC EVENT •  
NOTE: Under age 18 must be accompanied by an adult.

**CELEBRATE!**  
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROADING SOCIETY

**OPERATING MODEL TRAINS DEMONSTRATIONS DISPLAYS HANDS ON TRAINING**

**WIND BARRIERS ATTENTION!**  
Plans & models all available. Anyone who wants to learn more to get started or improve what you have!

**DOOR PRIZES & OTHER GIVEAWAYS**

**MAKE IT TAKE IT CLINICS & PROJECTS**

**WHICH SCALE IS RIGHT FOR YOU**  
DCC vs. DC

**WEATHERING & SCENERY**  
JMRI

**BENCHWORK and MODULES**

**LAYING TRACK**

**WIRING & ELECTRONICS**  
WHAT TOOLS YOU WILL NEED

**MODEL & PROTOTYPE RESOURCES**  
MORE! MORE! MORE!

Did you know that there is a "Railroading" Merit Badge? It's true. This event offers information about this merit badge as well as certified counselors who can get you started, add to what you've done, and actually complete your requirements for earning the Railroading Merit Badge.

The Trainees Committee of The Lorain Growth Association will have a snack bar with food and drinks for sale.

[www.div4trainingday.org](http://www.div4trainingday.org) • [info@div4trainingday.org](mailto:info@div4trainingday.org)

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The Lorain Growth & Tourism Committee

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**Our TRAINING Day activity is coming soon. Participating is a great way to spread the fun of our hobby and spend some time with fellow members. It is not too late. Contact Gary Schaefer, [trains.ohio@yahoo.com](mailto:trains.ohio@yahoo.com) or 440-759-3097, for more info on this activity.**

# THIS & THAT

**FAST TRACKS JIGS** - Want to get something new done for your layout over the coming months? The Division maintains an inventory of Fast Tracks jigs, tools and supplies. Code 83 #4, #5, #6, #8, #6 Gantlet and a #6 single/double crossover are available. Also - a number of our members have used them to complete the turnout construction requirements for the NMRA's Civil Achievement Program. Contact Steve Kaplan to arrange to borrow these tools. ( spk@skaplanassociates.com ).  
- Steve Kaplan

**SAVE THE DATE** - Reservations for future show are in place:

October 3 & 4, 2020

October 2 & 3, 2021

- David James, *The Great Berea Train Show*, Show Manager



**PENNSYLVANNIA T1** - The Pennsylvania Railroad T1 Steam Locomotive Trust Inc.

(<https://prrt1steamlocomotivetrust.org/>) is one amazing group. To build a "new" T1, 4-4-4-4 from scratch seems impossible yet its being done. Go to the groups website to view video's and find out just where the nonprofit group T1 construction is at.

The article on the left is from Trains magazine- Joe Kurilec, MMR®



Contractor Gary Bensman inspects a boiler course for a new Pennsylvania Railroad T1 duplex. Steve Smedley

## PRR T1 rises in St. Louis

Boiler courses are coming together for the lost duplex

**Gary Bensman walks** through Continental Fabricators in St. Louis, holding a washout plug for the boiler of Pennsylvania Railroad T1 No. 5550. Bensman grips the plug much like a judge would hold a gavel, as he holds court over the fabrication of the boiler for a locomotive class whose last member of 52 fell to the scrapper's torch by 1956.

The new Pennsylvania T1 4-4-4-4 steam locomotive is being built by the nonprofit group, The Pennsylvania Railroad T1 Steam Locomotive Trust Inc.

The trust is using Bensman's experience to produce the boiler that's the heart of the T1. Bensman, 62, owns Diversified Rail Services and is overseeing construction of the pressure vessel, a 3½ course boiler, and smokebox.

The first and second boiler courses (or sections) of No. 5550 sit next to a new boiler being manufactured for Mid-Continent Railway Museum's former Chicago & North Western 4-6-0 No. 1385 and other projects that are in the shop. The 1385 project is easily recognized as a locomotive, but the T1 boiler start looks more like a highway culvert.

The T1 group has already built the prow and cast drive wheels. Visitors have the opportunity to learn more about the project and donate toward the purchase of a section of a Boxpok driver wheel at [prrt1steamlocomotivetrust.org/station](https://prrt1steamlocomotivetrust.org/station).

Bensman is visibly proud of the work he is doing to bring back a monster of steam days. "This is a realistic and believable project, \$20 million and a 20-year mission."

Pensy fans and steam fans everywhere couldn't be happier. — Steve Smedley

From Trains magazine

Wed. OCTOBER 30, 2019 7 PM

# This is a FREE event!

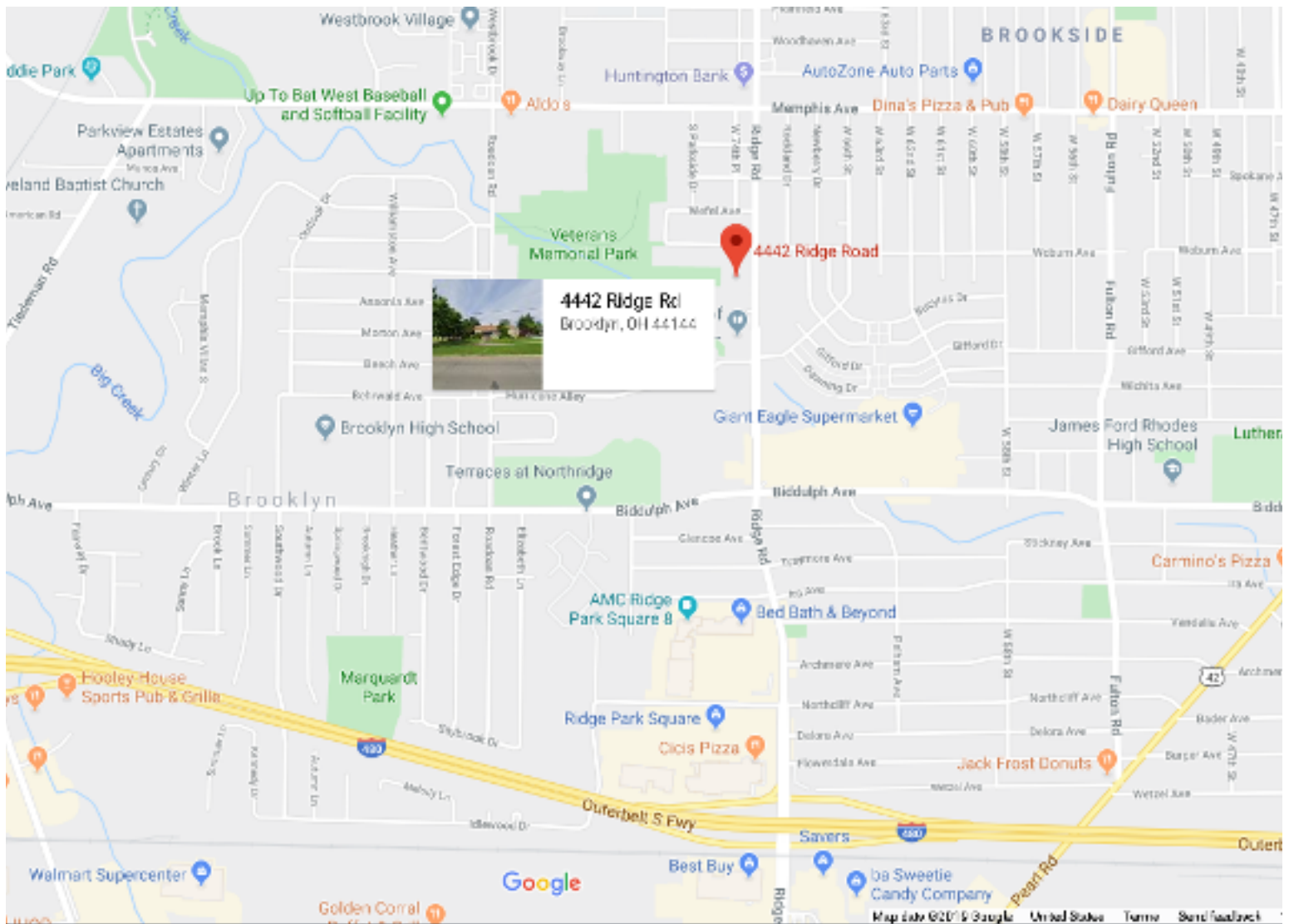
Spend an evening with Mike Lytle and enjoy his fact filled ( not to mention GREAT images ) presentation about the Moveable Bridges in the Cleveland Flats.

Mike's efforts are outstanding and provides an interesting look into all types of bridges. DIV. 4 MEMBERS, Please support Mike!

**Brooklyn Historical Society**

**4442 RIDGE RD. (On Ridge Road between Biddulph and Memphis.)**

**BROOKLYN, OH. 44144**





**SHOPPING! - Sent by Tom Businger.**

**And John Hemsath's response:**

**Barb went with me to Wings...Once...Before we were married!**



**NOW SHE KNOWS  
HOW I FEEL  
WHEN SHE'S  
SHOPPING  
FOR CLOTHES...**



**@trainworldllc**

# MODULE GROUP

## Great Berea Train Show (GBTS)

We had another successful display at the GBTS. A big thanks goes out to everyone who took time out of their busy schedules to not only assist with setting up/tearing down the display but for also helping with the numerous tasks during the show. The layout was up and running by 9:00 AM on Saturday and we never looked back. Numerous positive comments were received from the show attendees regarding our layout.

## Looking Ahead:

**1) Training Day:** Training Day is the module's group next scheduled event. We will arrive around 9:00 AM to begin setting up the layout. If you have ever wanted to see how the layout comes together or just want to run a train or two, then please come out and join us.

## 2) Cleveland Zoo and Trees and Trains

Both events will be here before we know it. The Holiday Lights at the Zoo will begin in about 4 weeks on Friday, November 22nd with Trees and Trains beginning the following week on Saturday, November 29th. Television advertisements for the Holiday Lights at the Zoo began on October 22, 2019. If you are interested in operating on either layout, please contact me via email. Operating Schedules for each event are issued on a regular basis via email.

Until next time.

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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

# MEMBERSHIP

## WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

At this time I would like to remind all Division 4 NMRA members to make sure that your dues are up to date. I know that not everyone's membership renewal date is the same so please check your membership cards for the exact date.

See you in November !!!!

**GEORGE KELLER**  
**MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN**



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](mailto:gkeller4@woh.rr.com) or call 419-217-0396 and leave a message.

## RAFFLE

No news is good news. We will as always have a great raffle. The mix will be varied so all modelers will have an opportunity to win something they really, really want!

**ADAM "Hot Box" WOODIE,**  
**THE RAFFLE DUDE**





# 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.**



The Company Store had some good success at the October Division 4 meeting. Thanks for all the purchases of our discounted items!! We also sold a number of our new items; if interest in these continues to be good, we'll bring some new stuff 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**



**November 8, 2019**

**The Worlds Fair to the Public Square**

**Chuck Klein**

Join us for a program on how and why the Terminal Tower came to be built on the southwest corner of the Public Square

**DECEMBER 2019**

**We do not have a December contest and instead we celebrate the holidays with our Annual Awards Banquet. Enjoy! -**

**Larry**

# 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**

**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**



**After many years being our Clinic Chairman, Larry has asked we find a replacement so he can "retire". For anyone wishing to be more active in the Division, this is an excellent opportunity. Contact Lee if interested.**



# CONTEST TABLE

## **November's contest is a re-purposed box car, with or without it's trucks. Let's have some fun with this one.**

The Model Contest for October was for heavy mainline steam locomotives, nothing smaller than a 2-8-2.

We had eight entries in the model category and three dioramas. Seventy percent of the members present voted for their choice. This shows that you don't have to display a model to participate. Voting is participating.

The winning models were presented by Jim Grill for first place, Al Halvorsen for second place and third place was awarded to Dave Lawler. The diorama contest saw three great creations for the members to view and vote on. First place was awarded to George Keller with his Berkshire butcher shop. Receiving second place was John Witt's work and third place went to Larry Kowicki for his fine diorama.

The interest that is shown in the model and diorama displays by the large number of people viewing and voting on them is not a surprise. We all are involved with trains in one aspect or another. The model contests are designed for everyone to participate, whether it's simply to bring in a model train to display or having fun building a diorama. The model contest is designed for you, so why not give it a try.

**There is no contest in December as we will be enjoying food, fellowship and awards at the Annual Awards Banquet. January's contest is an automobile hauler rail car; any era, from the earliest through today's rail cars.**

**Well, that's all for this month from the contest box, you've got your assignments so get to work!**

**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,:

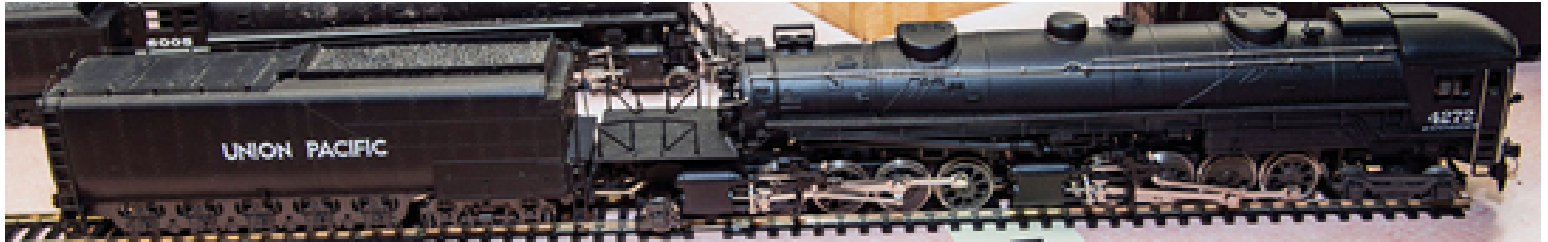
*"The diorama had to be a maximum of two square feet and had to be constructed on a wood or foam base"*

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.

# Ocotober Contest Models: LARGE STEAM LOCOMOTIVES (2-8-2 or larger)



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## October Contest Dioramas: LARGE STEAM LOCOMOTIVES (2-8-2 or larger)



The following owners will have their layouts open on Sunday November 17th 2019:

Mike Fahler

Brian Haas

The following owners will have their layouts open on Saturday November 23rd 2019:

John Hemsath, MMR®

John Witt

Dave Lawler

Bram Bailey

The Eerie & Mad River Model Railroad Club

**ALL LAYOUTS WILL BE OPENED FROM NOON UNTIL 4 PM UNLESS OTHERWISE NOTED.**

THE LAYOUT TOUR GUIDES WILL BE DISTRIBUTED SHORTLY.

First I want to thank those members who are graciously opening their layouts. Without the willingness to say yes, there would be no layout tours.

I also want to remind the membership of the effort your fellow members are making to open their layouts for your viewing enjoyment. Please take the time and participate in this great opportunity to enjoy our hobby and other members' work. Let them know by participating that the effort was worth it.

As a matter of courtesy, please ask the owner's permission before taking pictures.

Each stop will help you get to the next open layout.

Please enjoy the tours and as always your feedback is always welcomed.

Don't Just Belong – Participate!

# ANNOUNCING THE 2019 FALL LAYOUT TOUR



**BY RON MORGAN  
MCR DIVISION 4 LAYOUT  
TOUR CHAIRMAN.**

## MORE TOUR OPPORTUNITIES

Ladies and Gentlemen:

November is National Model Railroad Month. This has been celebrated since some time before 1958. That is the year that I was introduced to it. In the spirit of the comradery of the hobby I am hosting my home layout open house as listed below. This is an opportunity for all to see the accomplishments of several very dedicated friends. The layout was started in 1991. The current efforts are to complete the scenery. There has been significant progress in the last several months.

If you know of others who may be interested, please pass this message on, especially if they are new to the hobby. I have sent this message to all in my contact list who like trains. With respect to your privacy, you should only see your name and mine in the letterhead.

The layout is HO scale of the Pennsylvania Railroad in mid state Pennsylvania during the late 1940's to the mid 1950's. There is also a logging operation. The room size is 32 X 36 feet.

Saturday November 16 and Sunday November 17 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM (Follow the signs on the doors on these dates.)

I also wish to make the layout available to those who cannot attend on November 16 or 17. Please contact me and we can schedule a date and time for you to visit. A phone call is preferred to expedite scheduling. If you need directions, please contact me.

Looking forward to your visit,

Dave Hanna

7669 Chillicothe Rd.

Mentor, OH 44060

dhanna4070@sbcglobal.net , 40-255-5566 (home), 440-210-4945 (cell)

**Dave Hanna is a member of Division 5. His personal information is printed here with his permission. - Editor**





November is National Model Railroad Month. In support of this event my UP Sherman Hill layout will be open:

Saturday November 16 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

Sunday November 17 from 1:00 PM to 4:00 PM

My home is near the intersection of State Routes 2 and 306.

For those of you who have not seen it, here is a description of the layout:

Depicts 40 miles of the Union Pacific Railroad in Southeastern Wyoming (Cheyenne to the Hermosa Tunnel)

Uses the majority of my 66' x 33' basement

Current equipment on the layout is from the 1950's era (steam, diesel, turbine)

Scenery is about 90% complete

Many scratch built structures in Cheyenne: depot, freight station, roundhouse, backshop, yard tower

Dave Hanna's Pennsylvania RR Middle Division layout will also be open on the same dates and times. Dave is about 15 minutes away, so it's easy to see both layouts. If you have not seen Dave's layout in awhile, you'll be amazed at the progress made the last three years.

If you cannot make the open house, but want to see the layout, call or text me and we'll work out a time for you to come.

Hope you can make it!

Terry Kolenc

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**Terry Kolenc is a member of Division 5. His personal information is printed here with his permission. - Editor**



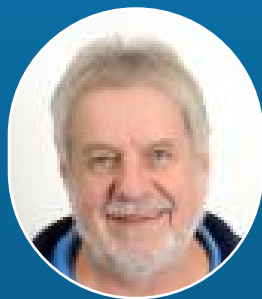
# QD TOWER AT THE WEST END OF THE COLLINWOOD YARDS

I found this old QD Tower at the west end of the Collinwood yards in 2013. Many times I had free time waiting for road crews. I always took advantage of this free time to look around and see what I could find of interest.

I do not know when QD Tower was taken out of service. The building is in good shape. I also do not know if it is still standing as these images were taken almost six years ago. Between that time the massive cooling tower at Collinwood was demolished. (Boo-Hiss)



**This view of QD Tower is  
looking West toward**



BY JOE KURILEC, MMR<sup>®</sup>  
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## Trackside View

Moving to the trackside view of QD Tower. Notice the old lettering on the wire factory in the background. The buildings around this area have some great architecture.



## East View

The East view looks toward the Collinwood yards. To the right is the diesel shop building. At the left of QD Tower is a large iron column.

It may have been some type of crane. Anyone have an idea?



## Working Yard Tower

This is the working yard tower in the Collinwood yards, Years ago Division 4 had a tour of the Collinwood Shops. We were allowed to go into the tower!

Those were the days when people had "common sense".



## The newsletter for Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids (SCCFK)

Collect Stamps (The Most Educational Hobby)

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March 1, 2019

### Owney and the Railways Mail - by Larry Oliver

A Border Terrier, an orphan and abandoned, of uncertain age, wandered into a post office in Albany, New York in 1888. It was cold and he soon settled into a comfortable position on some mail bags. He was scruffy and had obviously been on the streets for some time, and this may have been the first warm bed in a long time.



Most people love a dog, and this one immediately won the affection of the mail clerks in the office. He was mild-mannered and loved the affection - and the food - that the clerks gave him. His love of the mail bags as a bed was endearing, and led to some long-term and widespread adventures.

The Albany Post Office daily carried mail to the railway stations, and the dog accompanied them on the trips. By this time, he had acquired the name of "Owney". How that name was chosen is a subject of myth, with numerous speculations in

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KAPLAN

PHOTO FROM THE ORIGINAL ARTICLE

the various literature that surrounds the dog. It is clear that the clerks in Albany named him, for they had a collar and name tag for him with that name on it.

And it was a good thing Owney had that collar and name tag because his introduction to the Railway Mail Service set a pattern that made him a legend. Owney had "adopted" the railroads as his home away from Albany, and was soon hopping rides in the mail cars. The railway mail clerks took to Owney just as the Albany clerks had, and fed him, gave him water, and loved him and his companionship on their trips while sorting the mail. Owney always slept on the mail bags, with the clerks gently moving him when they needed to open a bag.

It was not long before his travels, first around New York, then far afield around the entire US, gathered attention and adoration. People - not just postal clerks - began adding trinkets to his collar to indicate where he had traveled. A sort of postal charm bracelet! His travels extended to almost every state in the US, and as his collar became too laden with trinkets, the postal clerks would remove some and mail them back to Albany for safekeeping.

John Wanamaker was Postmaster General at the time, and he had a special harness made for Owney to hold the trinkets to relieve the load on his collar.

Owney literally traveled around the world in 1895. In Tacoma, Washington, he boarded a steamship bound for the Orient. He visited China and Japan, collecting trinkets along the way. He even acquired a special postal classification called "Registered Dog Package". The round-the-world tour took 132 days, going from west to east.

Owney traveled over 140,000 miles during his sojourn as a Railway mail mascot. He visited several thousand cities and accumulated over 1,000 trinkets and medals. He was greeted by crowds at most places in the last 6-7 years of his

life - his fame had spread widely.

There are several anecdotes that persist about his life and experiences. The most credible of which include his jumping off a train when a mail bag fell off as it was leaving a station and staying with the bag until it was retrieved. He was given a passport when he arrived in Japan.

That he was loved is not in question. Such an experience could not be duplicated today for a variety of reasons, notwithstanding the multiple restrictive regulations under which the USPS operates.

He was honored with a US stamp, Scott 4547 in 2011.

He died in 1897 while on a trip to Toledo, Ohio. His body was collected and is now preserved, along with his harness and the medals, in the Smithsonian Postal Museum in Washington, DC. All dog lovers should see it.

Stamp Collecting Clubs for Kids is a 501(c)(3) organization. Donations are greatly appreciated and if \$10 or more you will be sent a written receipt. You also can donate via PayPal on our website - [www.stampcollectingclubsforkids.org](http://www.stampcollectingclubsforkids.org)

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# PIPE LOADS



**BY GARY SCHAEFER**  
**PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR**

I have heard several of my modeling brethren discussing pipe loads. I took these photos in 2012 just outside the west end of CSX Willard Yard. They show a pretty good look at how the pipes are stacked, wood slats are placed, and straps around the pipe. The actual reason that I took the pictures is that both gondolas are Lake Terminal cars. This may also be of interest to those interested in the loads as well. I found 1/64" chart tape works great to simulate the steel banding used on loads.

[A roll from Amazon, Chartpak Graphic Art Tape, 1/64 W x 648 L Inches, Black Matte, 1 Roll (BG1501M) for \$8.98. This is a 10 lifetime supply, so share with your friends! - *Editor*]

**SEE PHOTOS NEXT PAGE -  
*EDITOR***







# DIVISION BUS TRIP, OCTOBER 12, 2019



**BY BRUCE BOWIE  
PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR  
UNLESS CAPTIONED**



The Division hosted a bus trip to Oil City, PA on Saturday, October 12th. The trip was organized by Assistant Superintendent, Ron Morgan. The trip was well done and a good time was had by all thanks to Ron's efforts.

We loaded onto the BRT Charter bus at the IX center at 8 AM. BRT provides very comfortable buses. BRT Charter is owned by our very own David James.

We traveled to Oil City with one rest stop on the way to stretch our legs. We first stopped at the train station. The station was originally a PRR station. It is quite large and it has been well maintained by the 501c3 group operating the railroad. The east end has picnic tables and a concession stand. We ate the box lunches provided as part of our \$20 total cost.



After lunch we again got on the bus and took a short 5 minute ride to the Drake Well Museum. I personally was not looking forward to this portion



of our day. However, the Museum is excellent. The primary museum building has many very nice displays of all facets of oil production from the early days to more modern.



One photo and caption I saw fascinated me. Trains did not arrive to the Oil Creek

### **Photo by Ron Morgan**

area for the first few years of production. The oil was pumped into wooden barrels. The barrels were then loaded onto large flat bottomed wooden barges. However, the creek is not normally deep enough to float the barges. Their solution was to build a dam behind where a large number of barges



### **Photo by William Reinhart**



### **Photo by William Reinhart**



### **Photo by Ron Morgan**



were sitting, their bottoms stuck to the bottom of the shallow creek. Then, when the leadership decided it was time to ship the oil, they would blow up the dam. The on rushing water would raise up the barges. The smart barge operators would wait for the first wave to pass, and ride the second wave down the creek. Those that let go their moorings with the first wave would be smashed to pieces. Wow! What our forefathers would do. Amazing.

The museum had a replica building on the same site as the original first well. Inside was a working steam powered pump. The pump would pull up a stream of oil and dump it into a nearby barrel as did the original. A museum docent was in the building and told the story of how this all came to be.



We stayed at the museum for 2 hours and then left for the train station. At the station our guide, Ron,



gave each of us our 2nd class ticket for the train ride. We stood in line behind the 1st class passengers at the west end of the station. Once we were boarded, the railroad then allowed the coach passengers to board. There were 10 cars on our train and it was filled with passengers.

The train traveled for 1 1/2 hours following Oil Creek through the valley. Sadly, our warm fall delayed the fall colors. Still, it was a very scenic ride. At the far end we disembarked to stretch our legs. Many of us (myslef included) went into the small station and got a little ice cream to eat.

We again boarded the train for the return 1 1/2 hour trip. Upon our return, we got on our bus and headed home. We stopped at the Austintown, OH Cracker Barrel for a pleasant supper. Supper was the only expense not included in our package.

Thank you to Ron Morgan for all the work it took to put together this great and cost effective day of TRAINING!

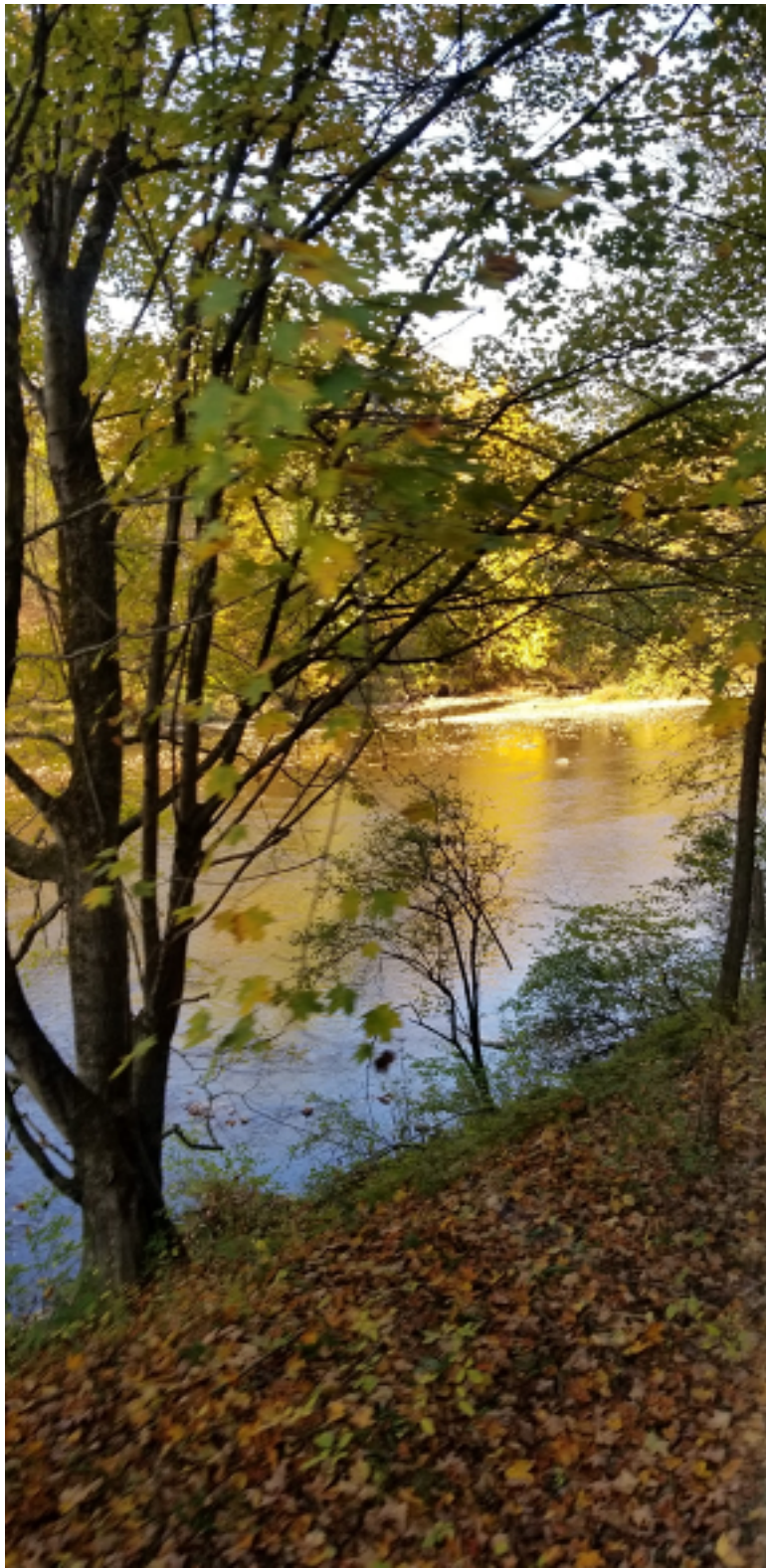


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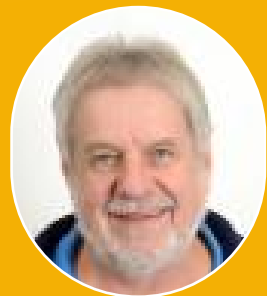
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# NEW USE FOR A FLAT SCREEN TV!



**BY JOE KURILEC, MMR®**  
**PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR**

I like to write railroad articles. Many times I just can't get the right position for maps to be photographed and digitized for publishing. I needed a large surface to hang items for a photo shoot using a tripod.

As I looked around the house for something to mount maps on I saw the flat screen TV. It was not in use so I gave it a try.

I used clear tape to attach the map to the front of the TV. A few test images showed that I needed some "filler" at the bottom of the map.

White card stock from Marc's filled the bill. I added a date of the map and now could take images of the map.



My tripod is to the left. I adjusted the tripod to get the best angle needed to shoot the image. To the right is a Bruce Bowie "tip". He found this LED light for under \$100.00 to be used in his paint booth.

I also used his idea but found another use. GREAT lighting for picture taking!

I noticed that by hanging a colored background over the TV and placing models to be photographed on a small table in front of the TV made a very easy way to get good shots of models.

The LED light is to the right. I found a \$5.00 tripod in Marc's closeout department making the LED light easy to adjust in many positions that are sometime needed during photo shoots.

# ANOTHER PASSING



## ***Obituary for Richard John Tressa***

RICHARD TRESSA. Born in Cleveland to the late John and Marjorie (Sasky) Tressa. Beloved husband of 19 years to the late Leona (Eckerfield) then 25 years to the late Susan (Stevenson). Devoted father to Judy Holmes (Chris), Tammy Beckett (Michael), and Leah Forget. Caring papa to Jeremy, Heather, Todd, Crystal, Brent, Kandise, Nathan, Stephanie, Brittany, Brandon, Kyle and 7 great grandkids. Brother-in-law, uncle and friend to many. Most important in his life was his dog, Mandy. Rich was a long time member of the UCC church and a member of Division 4 of National Model Railroad Association. He loved his family, trains and the Lord. He will be greatly missed by all. Friends may call on Sunday, October 20, from 1-3 PM at JARDINE FUNERAL HOME 15822 Pearl Road, Strongsville. Memorial Service at 3 PM at the funeral home. A special thank you to the nurses and staff at Strongsville DaVita and SWGH hospice for their care of our dad. In lieu of flowers, consider a donation to your local APL in Rich's name. To send flowers or a memorial gift to the family of Richard John Tressa please visit our Sympathy Store.



# WHAT'S GOING ON?



## MODEL TRAINING DAY

Sunday November 3rd, 2019  
11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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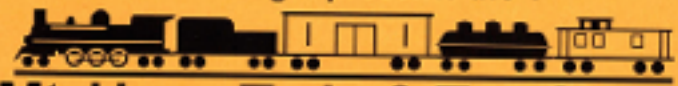
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10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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# Cleveland Model Show 23

"The Local Contest That Seems More Like A Regional!"



**Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2019**

Kirtland School Complex in Kirtland, Ohio  
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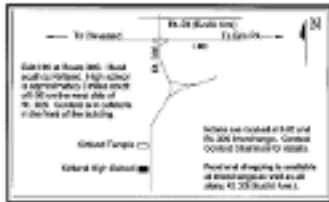
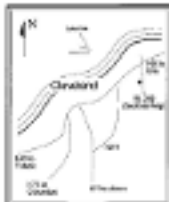
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**Show Schedule:**

- 7:30 a.m. Vendor Set-Up
- 8:00 a.m. Registration and Vendor Areas Open to General Public
- 12:00 p.m. Registration Closes, **NO LATE ENTRANTS**. Contest judging begins (contest area to remain open)
- 3:00 p.m. Approximate Time of Awards Presentation (shortly after judging ends)
- 4:00 p.m. Vendor Rooms Closed
- 4:30 p.m. Show Ends - *Due to Contractual Obligations, the Show Facility must be empty by 5:00 p.m.*

**Contest Entry Fees:** Adults - \$10, unlimited entries; **JUNIORS & BANTAMS - FREE!**  
**General Admission:** 12 yrs and Over - \$2; **Early Entry to Vendors** (Before 8:00 a.m.) - \$10  
**Vendors:** 8ft. tables - \$35/ea. (\$55/ea after Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>)

For additional information, please visit our web site at [www.clevelandmodelshow.org](http://www.clevelandmodelshow.org) or contact:  
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# MANSFIELD

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Denny's Trains will have its fifth train show Sunday, November 17, 2019 at The Richland County Fairgrounds 10:00 A.M. - 3:00 P.M. in The Fairhaven Hall, 750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, OH 44906

**Admission \$6 - under 12 FREE!!**

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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

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## 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.



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