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COVER PHOTO: A photo from the late Jim Moore's COLD CREEK & LAKE ERIE RR. See this month's This & That column for a link to more photos of Jim's layout.



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DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

WE DO NOT HAVE A REGULAR MEETING IN DECEMBER. WE CELEBRATE AT AN AWARDS BANQUET INSTEAD. JOIN US ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2019. SEE INFORMATION IN THE THIS FLATWHEEL FOR DETAILS.

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

WHEN & WHERE WE MEET

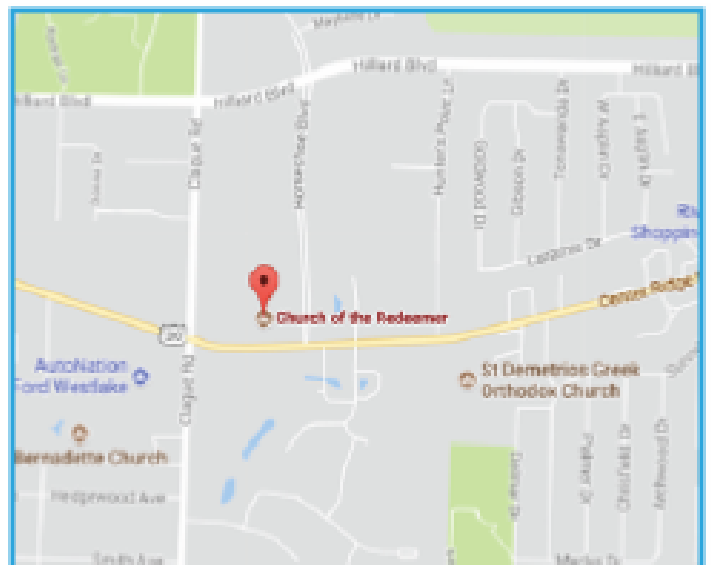
The North Coast Division holds 10 meetings a year (none in July and August). Meetings are on the 2nd Friday of each month. A social half hour starts at 7:00 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:30. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Meetings are held at the Church of the Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Rd, Cleveland, OH 44145. Visitors are welcome to attend any meeting.

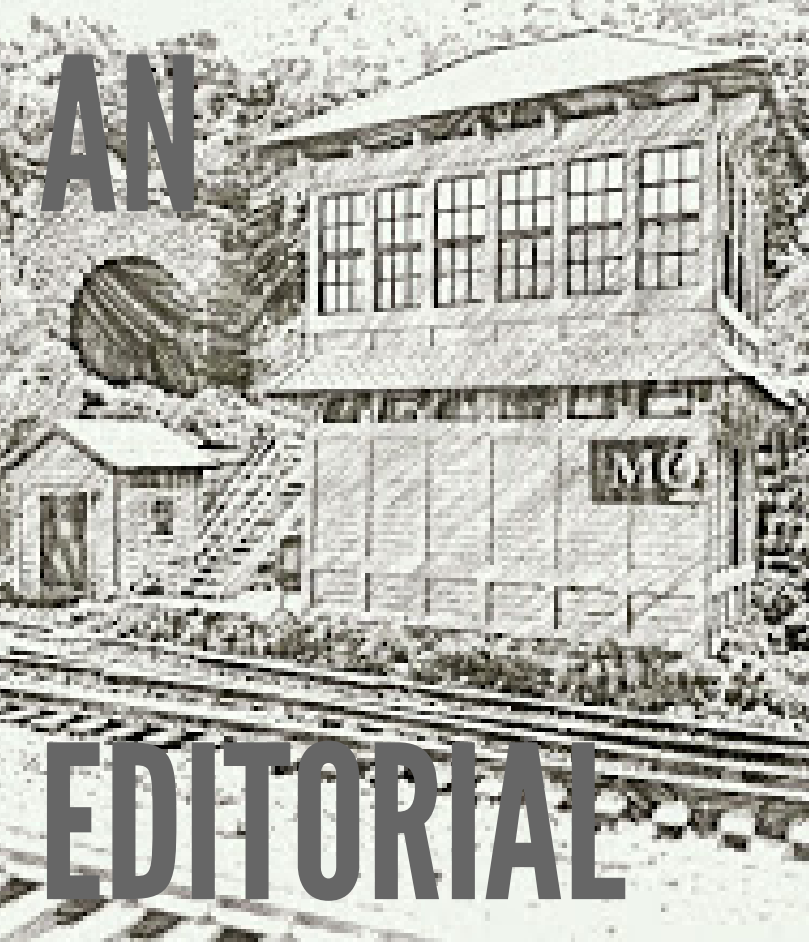
The Division's newsletter, *The Flatwheel* is published monthly (except during July and August) by Division 4 of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). All comments are welcome. Views expressed in *The Flatwheel* do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the NMRA,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

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

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

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





I have written on this subject in the past but I want to use the recent passing of two members to once again pass on my thoughts on this subject.

We are on this earth for a very short time. Most of us in this hobby are in our retirement years, e.g. closer to the end of our lives than the beginning.

When I am with a group of model railroaders talking about our hobby I frequently hear one or more using the phrase "when I build my layout, I will..." And the person saying this appears to be older than myself.

I am 68 years old and if my health holds I *may* have another 20 years to enjoy my hobby. But the odds are well stacked against such luck. More likely I will have a major health event that will cause my death, or severely impair me such that my modeling days are over well before my 88th birthday.

This is not intended to be a downer. I am hopeful this will energize and motivate you to start doing something, anything on your hobby.

Dig that kit out of the closet and build it. If you don't have a layout to display it, give it to a friend for his or her layout. It took me 4 months to build my Portage River lift bridge. I submitted an article based on its construction to Railroad Model Craftsman, and much to my surprise and sense of pride and accomplishment, they published it. However, I built it to give to my best friend, Jim Moore, for

installation on his Cold Creek & Lake Erie RR. The appreciation I received from Jim warmed my heart way more (pun intended!) than being published in a national magazine.

We have a friend out our way, just over Division's 4 border, that helped build my last layout and Jim's CC&LE. I won't mention his name, but Chris goes to many, many train shows, always going home with "stuff". He has yet to build his layout though his wife wants him to and his friends have offered to help. I know, as I too get enjoyment from simply purchasing things for my future railroad, he enjoys the hunt for things to use on his future railroad. But at what point will he build it??

Let's all of us promise ourselves that today, not tomorrow, we are going to do a hobby related activity. And then again tomorrow make that same promise. And so on, and so on, until we ourselves reach the last station on our train of life.

**What's on
your
BUCKET
LIST?**



**If you don't have a hobby
"bucket list", make one, today.
Then start pulling things off the
list and doing them. And have
fun along the way!**

**BRUCE BOWIE
EDITOR**



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 upon us and Christmas will be just around the corner. Coming up soon the Awards Banquet at Carrie Cerrino's on Friday December 13th 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 2nd. Good food, a visit from Santa's Elf for the kids and grandkids, music and dancing for the adults and to top things off, our fantastic raffle put on by Adam Woodie. Adam has learned well from the Great Wizard of Raffles, Mike Klein.

With the onset of colder weather, the winter months allow us to devote more time to model railroading. This fall's below normal temperatures and early snowfall is keeping us inside. But 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 15 or 30 minutes.

Did you get out on Nov 17th and 23rd to the layout tours? We have some spectacular modelers in our group with phenomenal layouts. It was my first time visiting the Mike Fahler's layout in Wellington. I was impressed with the sheer size and operating capabilities without any duckunders. Brian Haas's layout based upon the local area of Grafton was impressive too as always with his great trees. I was not able to get out to all the layouts on Sat the 23rd. I was at Bram Bailey's helping operate so Bram could give his talks about the layout. Ron Morgan set up a great bunch of layouts along the I 90/Route 2 West corridor.

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 weekends with the International Trees and Trains exhibit in Lorain and at the Cleveland Zoo Wild Winter Lights. This is the seventh year that Division 4 has participated in the exhibit in Lorain and the first at the Cleveland Zoo. Trees and Trains is great fun and the first night is a bit of a madhouse with lines of people waiting to get in 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 30th through the end of December. And it is free, donations are accepted.

The layout at the Cleveland Zoo Wild Winter Lights opens Friday the 22nd. It promises a million lights and numerous other activities for all ages. This will be our first time at the zoo, and they are expecting large crowds. The zoo folks are saying attendance could break a 100,000 people. Wild Winter Lights will be open on weekends through December into the first week of January. Check out the Metro Parks website for further details.

In closing I hope to see you at the Awards Banquet on Friday December 13th or at the next meeting on Friday January 10th 2020.

As always, Model Railroading is Fun !!!

Body text

**LEE SHEFFIELD,
SUPERINTENDENT**



THE NORTH COAST DIVISION



BOD MEETING MINUTES

NMRA MCR Division 4 General Meeting Minutes for Tuesday November 5, 2019 Church of the Redeemer, Westlake Ohio

In attendance: Lee Sheffield, Ron Morgan, Greg Noeth, Dave Williams, Gary Schaefer, Ben Lanza, Dave Flebbe, Adam Woodie, Jeff Lauren, Fred Obreza, Jim Moore, George Keller, Brian Haas, Joe Kurilec MMR, Bruce Bowie, Fred Wagner, Chuck Shick, and Tom Beutler. It was noted that David James and Joe Filipiak were unable to attend due to their work schedules.

Superintendent Lee Sheffield called the meeting to order at 7:04 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 2020. Each item was reviewed, with discussion and adjustments as necessary.

A motion to accept the budget, subject to general membership approval at the November 8, 2019 meeting, was made by Gary Schaefer and seconded by Greg Noeth. The motion passed unanimously by verbal vote.

Grants were discussed based on written requests from organizations and individuals. Five organizations/individuals were identified as being worthy of consideration. A proposal was suggested by Ben Lanza for the distribution of funds budgeted for grants. After brief discussion, Gary Schaefer made a formal motion to accept the proposal, which was seconded by Greg Noeth. The motioned passed unanimously by verbal vote.

Filling the Director vacancy created by the passing of Jim Moore was discussed. Identified candidates are Fred Wagner and Tom Beutler. It was decided to ask for additional candidates at this Friday's general meeting, and to ask all candidates to speak at that time.

Gary Schaefer gave a brief review of this past weekend's TRAINing Day, stating that 22 Division members volunteered at the tables, with an additional 8 volunteers working to display the caboose. The event had 164 visitors.

Adam Woodie and Lee Sheffield gave a brief explanation of the Modular Group's participation at the Cleveland Zoo. Adam referred everyone to an email that he sent earlier in the day.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:27 pm.

**DAVE WILLIAMS,
SECRETARY**



GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

NMRA MCR Division 4 General Meeting Minutes for Friday, September 13, 2019 Church of the Redeemer, Westlake Ohio

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Lee Sheffield at 7:30 pm. Lee asked for any corrections to the September 2019 general meeting Minutes. Hearing none, Lee declared the Minutes official as printed in the November Flatwheel.

Lee asked all military veterans to stand and be recognized, receiving applause from the rest of the membership (and each other).

Treasurer Greg Noeth gave a brief review of the Division's financial standings. All Train Show bills have been paid.

Lee called for any additional candidates for the Director vacancy made by Jim Moore's passing. Candidates spoke briefly on their qualifications to the membership as well as the directors. Lee instructed the directors to meet following the business meeting and chose the new Quad County director [see addendum].

Membership Chair George Keller asked for new members and visitors to introduce themselves. George then reminded everyone to keep their membership current to keep our insurance coverage in good shape for events.

Lee presented the 2020 Division budget to the membership. A motion was made by Gary Sole to increase the amount allocated to the Modular Group, and was seconded by David James. Passed unanimously by the membership present. A motion was made to accept the 2020 as amended by Tom Beutler and was seconded by Darl Kretsinger. Passed unanimously by the membership present.

Larry Madson, Clinic Chair, said that the evening's clinic would be given by Chuck Klein on the Terminal Tower. There will be no clinic in December due to the Awards Banquet. January's clinic will be given by Steve Holtzheimer on AC&Y's Spur Four.

Modular Group Adam Woodie discussed upcoming events, to include the Cleveland Zoo and Lorain's Trees & Trains. Medina Ice Festival in February and participation in the National Train Show in St. Louis are on the schedule for next year. The Modular Group's annual meeting will take place in January. The zoo has purchased train sets that we'll need to assemble.

Scott Benson gave a rundown of Company Store inventory, to include instructional DVDs, which are free to use with a deposit.

Steve Kaplan announced that four members would be supporting the North Ridgeville Library's event on

December 7th with a static display and answering questions about the hobby.

November 26 will be the Flatwheel deadline.

Contest Chair Joe Filipiak talked about the evening's contest of repurposed boxcars. Joe encouraged everyone to look at the models and vote. Last month's winners described their models and the techniques used.

Training Day Chair Gary Schaefer said that 164 visitors attended last weekend's Training Day, with 24 Division Four members working the tables and 8 Lorain Tourism representatives staffing the caboose display.

Lee reminded everyone that next month's meeting will be the annual Awards Banquet to be held at Carrie Cerino's. Cost is \$15 for adults with children free, noting that much of the cost is covered by the Division. Treasurer Greg Noeth is accepting sign-ups and money this evening. [Secretary's note: per last year's Flatwheel, Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm and Dinner begins at 7:00 pm].

Ron Morgan talked about upcoming layout tours on Nov 17 and Nov 23. Members should have received specific information by now, if not, see Ron.

Adam Woodie reviewed items for the evening's raffle. Next month's Awards Banquet raffle will be a big one. No raffle bucks will be accepted – all cash.

George Keller said that the Mad River & NKP Museum will be having their Santa Express on the last weekend in November and first weekend in December.

Ron Morgan said that the Cuyahoga Valley & West Shore Railroad Club will be having Open House on those same weekends. Ron also said that he is preparing next year's field trip to Blissfield Michigan.

Lee invited everyone to go to Baker's Square after the clinic for continuing conversation and dessert. Lee also asked everyone to participate in room clean up before leaving.

Frank Bongiovanni said that the N & W Historical Society will be having its convention in Cleveland next June, and that they are looking for layout tours as well as speakers on prototype railroads in the region.

Chuck Klein, Mike Klein, and Steve Kaplan have completed the annual Porter Library showcase display.

Meeting adjourned at 8:35 pm.

**DAVE WILLIAMS,
SECRETARY**



**Chuck Klein at the
November Division
meeting presenting his
clinic on the World's
Fair coming to
Cleveland's Terminal**

MODULE GROUP

Activity for the module group has picked up considerably for the upcoming holiday season. The stage has been set at the Cleveland Metroparks Zoo for module group's participation in the 2019 Holiday Lights event. Our display is located in the Exhibit Hall which is immediately inside the zoo past the main gate. A big thanks goes out to 26 members who volunteered to operate the layout!! Remember, the curtain goes up on Friday, November 22nd at 5:30pm. Please check the Cleveland Metroparks website for the dates and times the Holiday Lights event is open and stop by for a visit.

As if that wasn't enough on module group's plate, Trees and Trains at the Black River Landing in Lorain will begin on Saturday, November 30th beginning at 5:00pm. Opening night is always a big draw with several family activities planned at the Landing. Please come out and see the operating train layout and finely decorated trees. Gail Bonsor and the rest of the Lorain Main Street Growth Tourism Committee do a fantastic job decorating trees for the event!!

Both events wrap up at the end of December (Trees and Trains) and the first full weekend in January-2020. After which the module group will hold it's annual planning meeting in mid January-2020 at the North Olmsted Public Library. If you have an event in mind that you would like considered, please feel free to join us. The date and time for the meeting will announced within the next few weeks.

As always, if you are interested in joining the module group, please contact me via email or stop by at the raffle table during the monthly business meeting.

Until next time, this is Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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



Local Channel 8 Personalities

Recent Module Group Activity at the Cleveland Zoo's WILD WINTER LIGHTS



North Coast Division Personalities



MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

It was gratifying to see so many new members and guests at our last Division 4 meeting. I remind you once again to check your membership renewal date. I will see many of you at our Christmas get together but for those of you who aren't attending I would like to wish each and every one of you a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

FYI - as of 11/19, Bill Cramer was transferred across the street from the hospital to Parkside Villa for rehab from pneumonia. He says Bill was a little more coherent today than yesterday. He also says Bill has his cell phone with him. - Ron Morgan

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 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 WOODIE,
THE RAFFLE DUDE



CLINIC

There is NO DECEMBER clinic as many of us will be enjoying food and fellowship at our Annual Awards Banquet in lieu of our regular meeting.

JOIN US - SEE DETAILS ON PAGE

January 10, 2020

AC&Y's Spur 4 - Serving the Rubber Industry

Steve Holzheimer

This presentation covers Steve's efforts at replicating the operations and appearance of the AC&Y Spur 4 facilities and customers in Akron, OH circa 1960 on his home layout. Plenty of historical prototype and in-construction model photos will be used to illustrate the project

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.

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; lmadson@roadrunner.com

440-934-2643 or 440-864-2305.

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.

THIS & THAT

MAKES ME THINK, YA KNOW - Well this weekend I am in Frankenmuth on the annual pilgrimage. Sitting in a chair reflecting on past weeks as ladies are shopping. I talked with Fred the other night. He told me that George and Harold went to Linda's (Jim Moore's wife) to get Harold's stuff. You know, I grew up around excellent, precise modelers, yet in the end model railroading is what Jim lived for; friends, trains and good times. Not a solo hobby. His fun were these things, not whether the boxcar had the correct brake wheel. This really makes me think, ya know! - *Jeff Gray*

I received the above text from member Jeff Gray. Jeff was reflecting on Jim Moore's passing. I found his reflections very accurate to my own. I asked and he agreed to allow me to share them with the membership. - Editor



OOPS - "QD" Interlocking (MP-174.7 / Now CP-175) was located at E. 140th St. at the west end of Collinwood and controlled the junction of the yard leads with the Mainline Lakefront, the Cleveland Short Line, and the later Cleveland Union Terminal Line. The Tower was part of the C.U.T. project and replaced an earlier structure.

From E. 140th St. to Coit Rd. the double-tracked Cleveland, Painesville & Eastern electric interurban was on the east side of the NYC tracks.

This information on QD Tower should have been included with last month's article. Mea culpa - Editor

MORE ON MOORE - Our recently passed good friend and Quad County Director Jim Moore built an amazing model railroad. The COLD CREEK & LAKE ERIE depicted the Penn Central between Cleveland and Toledo circa 1969. Huron, Sandusky and Danbury were prominent features. Jim loved operations and his railroad was designed with operators in mind. Use this link to see photos of Jim, his layout and friends:



<https://photos.app.goo.gl/gjGMUSnyc71Ed56S7>.

CONTEST TABLE

What a great turnout for the November Model Contest which was a re-purposed boxcar. Usually there are more model entries than dioramas but November's Contest saw the dioramas rule the display. There were six dioramas and three models on display for all to see. Sixty-one members voted for their favorites and the results are; Model 1st place, Chuck Klein, Model 2nd place, Steve Riddlebaugh, and Model 3rd place, Frank Bongiovanni. Diorama winners are; Diorama 1st place, George Keller, Diorama 2nd place, Jim Grill, and Diorama 3rd place, John Witt. Nine members brought in their models and dioramas for all to enjoy. The Model Contest is growing and you can add to it by simply participating with your own model or diorama. My question to you is WHY NOT.

December will be the Division Christmas Dinner so there will be no contest for December. A new award will be given at the Christmas Dinner which will be the Richard Mayich Award. We will resume the Model Contest in January with the challenge to bring in a rail car dedicated to shipping automobiles. Any era, from the earliest through today's auto hauling carriers. The February Contest subject is railroad control towers, from mainline to yard towers. Well, there you have it. A couple of projects to work on that will make you forget about the cold and snow outside the window. That's it for now from the contest box. **Merry Christmas!**

January's contest is a rail car dedicated to shipping automobiles. Any era, from the earliest through today's auto hauling carriers.

The February contest subject is railroad control towers, from mainline to yard towers.

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,:

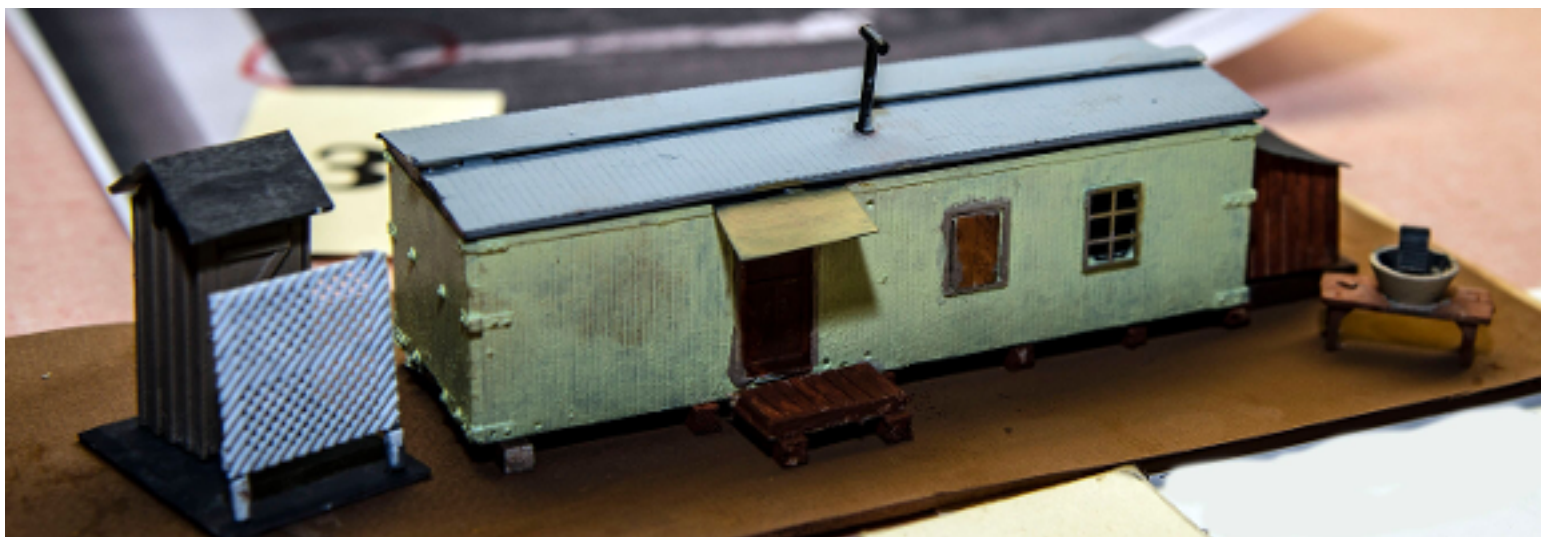
"The diorama had to be a maximum of two square feet and had to be constructed on a wood or foam base"

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.

September Contest Models: RE-PURPOSED BOXCARS



September Contest Dioramas: RE-PURPOSED BOXCARS



September Contest Dioramas: RE-PURPOSED BOXCARS



ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET



BY LEE SHEFFIELD
PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

2019 ANNUAL AWARDS BANQUET

Don't forget 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 Chef Carved Steamship Round of Beef as the main course. In addition to the beef there will be Chicken Marsala and Penne Pasta with meat sauce. Side dishes include Oven Browned Duchess potatoes and deluxe California mixed vegetables. Desert will be Carrie Cerino's Homemade Miniature Pastries. And of course, there will be salad and homemade rolls and butter. There will be a cash bar available and we will have a DJ for your listening and dancing pleasure. One of Santa's Elves will be joining us after dinner with gifts for the kids and our own Adam Woodie will be putting together a fantastic holiday raffle for the big kids. (See below - *Editor*)

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 call Greg Noeth at 216-398-3428 or email at GNoetharch2@aol.com. Sign up by December 2nd.

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

DIRECTIONS

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.

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

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.

AWARDS BANQUET RAFFLE!

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The time is nearly upon us for the annual Holiday Banquet and with it, the annual Holiday Raffle! I have scoured many a train shows, estate sales, and internet websites to bring you lots great items this year's raffle. Up for grabs will also be plenty of non-model railroad, items and various themed gift baskets.

Set up for the raffle with be the same as last year. Most of the items for the raffle will require blue tickets which will be sold at the usual rate of

\$1 for 5 tickets

\$2 for 12 tickets

\$3 for 20 tickets

\$4 for 30 tickets

\$5 for 40 tickets

The premium prizes for the annual raffle will require red tickets which will be sold as follows:

\$1 for 1 ticket

\$5 for 6 tickets

\$10 for 15 tickets

Good luck at the up coming holiday raffle.

Until next time!

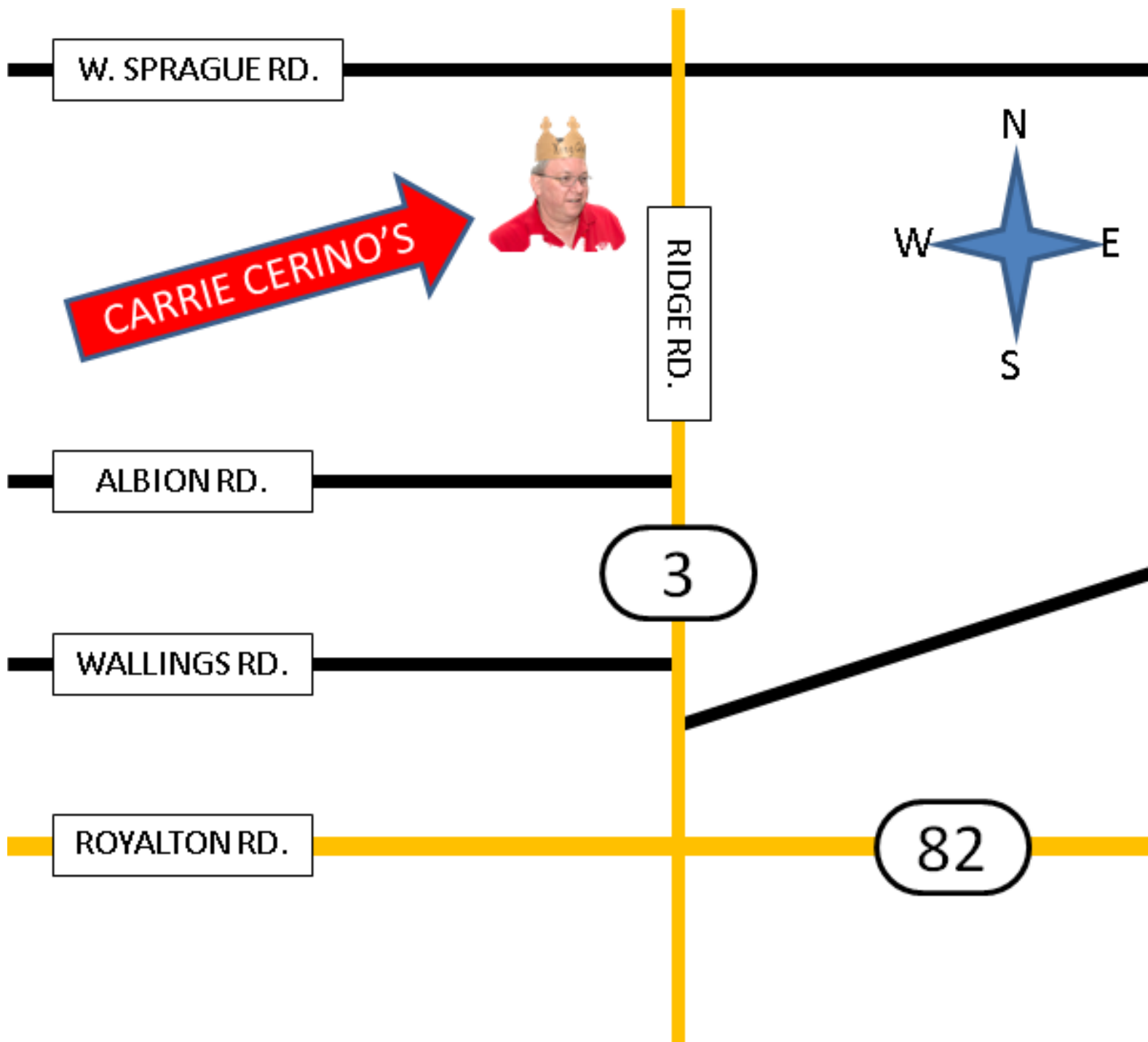


ADAM "HOT BOX" WOODIE
RAFFLE DUDE

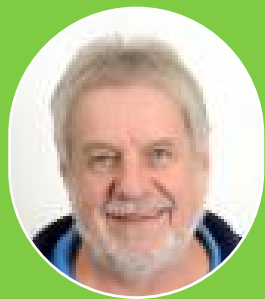
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HAIR CLIPS AS 'CLAMPS'



BY JOE KURILEC, MMR®
PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

I find it amazing on finding new uses for products that I never thought of using!

While getting a haircut I noticed a long (4") hair clip. I asked to see one explaining what I was interested in. I was given a "clip".



One place I have not been to is Sally's Beauty Supply. A Google search showed at least five locations in the Cleveland area. I would also think any drug store or Marc's would carry these. The lower clamp is a typical clamp used for hobby work.

The top clip is shown holding a piece of wood and could be used for any type of model building needing a holding clamp.



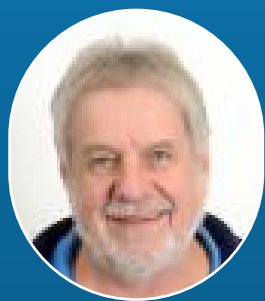
What I like about these hair clips is the long length. They work great to get to a back part to hold for glueing.

I also want to mention about a taller supply cart sold at Sally's. This is a TV tray mounted on rollers.

The nice thing about these "trays" is the height. It is adjustable so you can make it benchwork level to hold tools or scenery supplies while working.



BRAKE SLED & REMOTE CONTROL 'CARS'



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

A brake sled looks like a "slug" but does not provide power. It helps with braking on downhill moves such as a hump yard. A remote control car looks similar but houses all of the electronics needed to control any locomotive using a MU connection.

We will look at the remote control flat car first.

The first time I saw one of these remote control cars was at the Collinwood yards. CSX calls these remote control flat cars. They are interesting in looks and function.

All of the electronics are installed in the flat car and used by an employee with a radio controlled "belt pack". These flat cars can be MUed to any locomotive without the need to install electronics in every locomotive.



This CSX remote control flat car was spotted early one morning. My camera flash reflected off the



car sides. The old Collinwood coal tower sure looks nice.



While at the CSX Painsville yards, I found another remote control flat car. A second remote car was to the left of this car.



I found this image on the Internet with the remote control flat car in use. A modeler could use a under the body power truck. This could be an easy model to use to earn your Master Builder, Locomotive AP certificate, scratch building! Or make a dummy unit for a real conversation piece!

Another very interesting car is the Brake Sled. While doing research on the CSX remote control flat car I found an article in Railroad Model Craftsman about a "brake Sled" car. The brake sled car looks very similar but has a totally different use. These were constructed from old steam locomotive tender

frames or scrapped diesel frames. The frames were loaded with concrete using sheet steel to cover the deck.

This view shows the top of the brake sled. This would make an interesting model using an old diesel purchased at a train show such as the "Great Berea Train Show" this October 5 & 6, 2019. Remove the body, add a styrene deck and possibly some Micro-Mark rivet decals for added detail. The model could be stored in your yards.



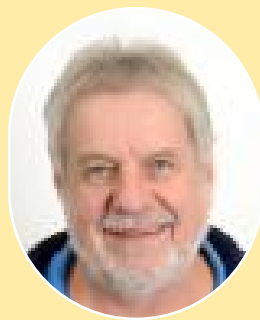
This brake sled was located on the internet. It uses a steam locomotive tender frame. I am guessing it was on a small branch line. Once again it would be very easy to build one.

I personally have five certificates towards my effort to achieve Master Model Railroader® status. I still need MASTER BUILDER - CARS and MASTER BUILDER - MOTIVE POWER. To qualify for the Master Builder - Motive Power certificate:

1) Build three scale models of railroad motive power, one of which must be scratchbuilt. Motive Power is defined as a locomotive or a self-propelled vehicle.

I spoke with Division AP Chairman, Bruce Brintnall if a powered sled as described in Joe's article would qualify. Bruce answered "If he built the Brake Sled from scratch and it was powered, (maybe a spud unit for power) it could be entered as a Locomotive"...Hmmm. - EDITOR

DIVISION 4 HELPS OPEN THE 'WILD WINTER LIGHTS FESTIVAL' AT THE CLEVELAND ZOO!



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

Set up of the Div. 4 module took place on Monday, 11,18,19. Myself and Chuck Shick had the task of setting up a Lionel display in a room next to the entrance where the module was.

The Cleveland Zoo purchased track, locos, cars, structures and a power supply (a vintage Lionel ZW transformer!). My job was to unpack items as Chuck put together a track plan on the provided tables. Once completed, I installed the power and we were off and running!

This event was discontinued after the 2004 season. It was brought back on Friday, 11-22-19 at 5:30PM. It will be open on Thursday through Sunday with some select Mondays.

Wild Winter Lights Festival will run through Sunday, January 5th., 2020.



The Div. 4 module ready to meet all of the Zoo guests. The Zoo had purchased a ton of poinsettia plants.



As you enter the Wild Winter Light Festival, the module was in a building to the left.



As you walk through the Zoo, lights are everywhere.



The amount of lights displayed was very impressive!

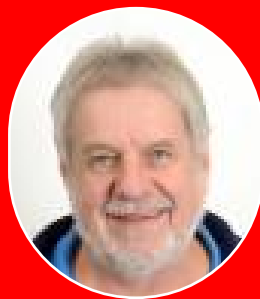


Chuck Shick's efforts on Lionel display. He made three separate loops. The Zoo staff did all of the decorating on the Lionel layout. Many said the layout was cute! I helped escort them out of the building!



If Lee had a white mustachio he'd be a dead ringer for the conductor on the Polar Express! (lookout Tom Hanks, Lee is waiting in the wings!)

ANOTHER WAY OF PRINTING A PAGE IN THE FLATWHEEL



BY JOE KURILEC, MMR[®]
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Have a Mac?

Open *The Flatwheel* to the page you would like to print.

Super simple. Hold the Command (Apple Key), the shift and the number 4 keys down.

A cross hair cursor will appear. Drag the cross hair over the area that you want to print (or save). Letting go you'll hear a camera shutter sound.

That image will appear on your desktop. It'll be named Picture 1. If you do more, the desktop image will be Picture 2, Picture 3, ETC.

Check the document open and do a COMMAND P. The print dialog box will open. Click print.

Document gets printed.

On PC you'll have to jump thru a few hoops!

Open *The Flatwheel* to the page you wish to print. You can use the "PRINT SCREEN" key, usually located on top of your keyboard, to the right of the "F Keys".

This will take a desktop picture of everything on your screen.

Open your paint program, at the application splash. Click the "PASTE" box. The entire desktop picture was taken and pasted in that document.

You can "crop" the image to just the part you wish to print. Hold the CONTROL KEY and the P keys. The print dialogue box will appear. Click print.

Document gets printed.

A better way is to open the page of *The Flatwheel* that you wish to print. Hold the WINDOWS KEY, the SHIFT key and the S key.

The screen will turn grey over the page you

want to print. Drag your cursor over the AREA you want to print and let go of the mouse button.

Open your paint program, at the application splash. Click the "PASTE" box. Your selected area will be in the paint application.

Hold the CONTROL KEY and the P keys. The print dialogue box will appear. Click print.

Document gets printed.

The above steps are very easy to learn. Keystroke shortcuts are faster then going to the top and dropping down the menu to find what you would like to do!

In a text document, move your cursor over some type to high light the text.

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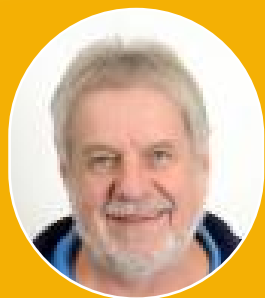
C Copies the text to the pasteboard. The text stay visible in your document.

V Pastes the text wherever you want.

X Removes the text from the document. Using COMMAND V pastes the text where ever you want.

A High light part of the text, using this shortcut selects all of the text in your document. This means you can do anything with the high lighted text. Change the font, make the text bigger or smaller or other special things (Bold Underline or italic). There are many other shortcuts that can save you time. I hope these help!

'THE BEREA SANDSTONE QUARRIES OF OHIO'



by JOE KURILEC, MMR®
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From time to time I come across some interesting books. In a past issue of the Flatwheel, I did a review of "Rails Through West Park" by Ralph Pfingsten & Blaine Hays.

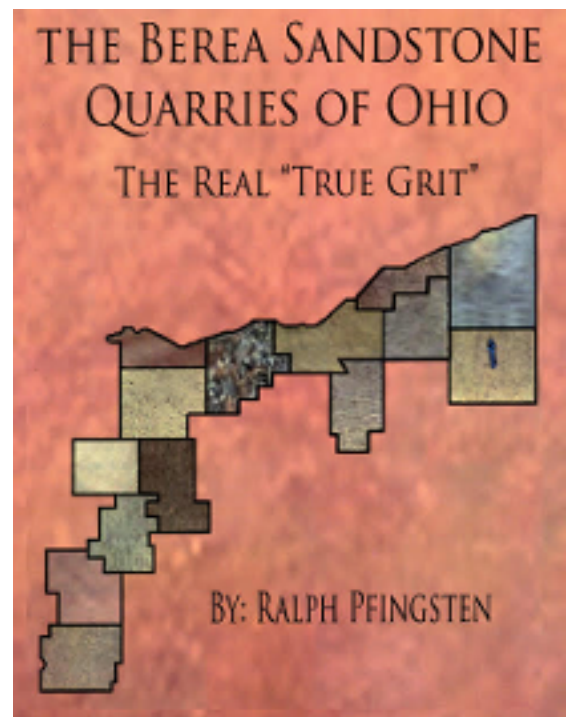
That book has some very good images of railroads in our back yard!

Ralph's new book "The Berea Sandstone Quarries of Ohio" is packed with pictures of quarries around north east Ohio. I learned that the Berea Sandstone name was given to all of the sandstone quarried in other locations. There are many maps AND railroad info such as sidings that served these quarries. I also learned that there is a working quarry in Kipton, Ohio along with many locations of old quarries. Anyone remember Smith Quarries or Wildwood Lake? These were both old quarries.

The book covers many of the tools used for getting the stone cut & finished. There is a section of places that used Berea sandstone in construction of those buildings.

The book is very interesting and is a must for any modeler that has a quarry on their layout or to for ideas to add a quarry to one of those spots where you want to add something, but just can't figure what to build! Many of the photo's are then & now...which I really enjoy!

One source of Ralph's books is the Berea Historical Society. Several books are kept in stock.



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WHAT'S GOING ON?

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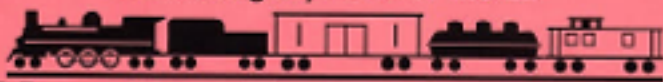
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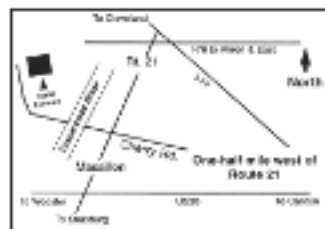
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The Division's newsletter, *The Flatwheel* is published monthly (except during July and August) by Division Four of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National

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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.

Gary Schaefer saw this "caboose" picture on the NMRA Facebook page and thought it was unique enough to share. Thanks Gary! - Editor

