



THE



FLATWHEEL

FEBRUARY 2020

VOLUME 55, NUMBER 2



In This Issue

FEBRUARY 2020 VOLUME 55 NUMBER 2

FEATURES

18 DIVISION ELECTIONS

20 ANOTHER HOBBY

SHOP

24 LOOKING FOR THAT

CERTAIN TRUCK FOR

YOUR LAYOUT?

26 BEREIA HISTORICAL

SOCIETY AND MODEL

RAILROADING

28 A PASSING

COLUMNS

- 3 North Coast Leadership
- 4 When and Where
- 5 An Editorial
- 6 From The Super
- 8 General Meeting Minutes
- 10 Module Group
- 11 Membership
- 11 Raffle
- 12 Company Store
- 13 Clinic
- 14 This & That
- 15 Contest Table
- A What's Going On?
- B Hobby Sources Listings

COVER PHOTO: Your editor recently traveled to western Massachusetts to attend his granddaughter's baptism. Rather than drive, I and my wife traveled on Amtrak from Sandusky to Albany. Good decision!



NORTH COAST LEADERSHIP

ELECTED OFFICERS

Superintendent - Lee Sheffield lakeshorenyc@yahoo.com

Assistant Superintendent - Ron Morgan,
ronalco844@gmail.com

Secretary (& Flatwheel Staff Photographer} - Dave Williams
(440) 838-4996 dave_wms@sbcglobal.net

Treasurer - Greg Noeth (216) 789-2086
gjnoeth@yahoo.com

Director East - Fred Obreza (216) 587-4419
chevy5664@sbcglobal.net

Director Quad County - Fred Wagner,
boonedog0219@gmail.com, 419-908-8251

Director West - Gary Schaefer, trains.ohio@yahoo.com

Director at Large - Brian Haas, haasland@msn.com

Director at Large - Jeff Lauren, jflrn@sbcglobal.net,
21-798-1896

APPOINTED POSITIONS

Great Berea Train Show - David James c (440)-785-9907
david.j@brtcharter.com

Achievement - Bruce Brintnall MMR®,
brintnall@mindspring.com

Layout Tours - Ron Morgan, ronalco844@gmail.com

Contests - Joe Filipiak, graftonpotter@frontier.com

Historian/Archivist - Frank Bongiovanni

Raffle - Adam Woodie, woo3482@hotmail.com

Co. Store Manager - Scott Benson,
sbenson440@zoominternet.net

Clinics - Larry Madson, lmadson@roadrunner.com

Flatwheel Editor - Bruce Bowie, in2trains@gmail.com

Membership - George Keller, gkeller@woh.rr.com, (c)
419-217-0396

Modules - Adam Woodie, woo3482@hotmail.com

N.O.A.R.S. Representative - Bill Kovacs

Webmaster - Ben Lanza, blqt@nls.net

Refreshments - Don Glass

Training Day - Gary Schaefer, trains.ohio@yahoo.com

DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

JOIN US ON FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14TH FOR OUR NEXT MEETING.
WE OFFER GOOD FELLOWSHIP, FREE SOFT-DRINKS/COFFEE AND
AN INFORMATIVE CLINIC ON SOME ASPECT OF OUR HOBBY.
DON'T JUST BELONG, PARTICIPATE!

WHEN & WHERE WE MEET

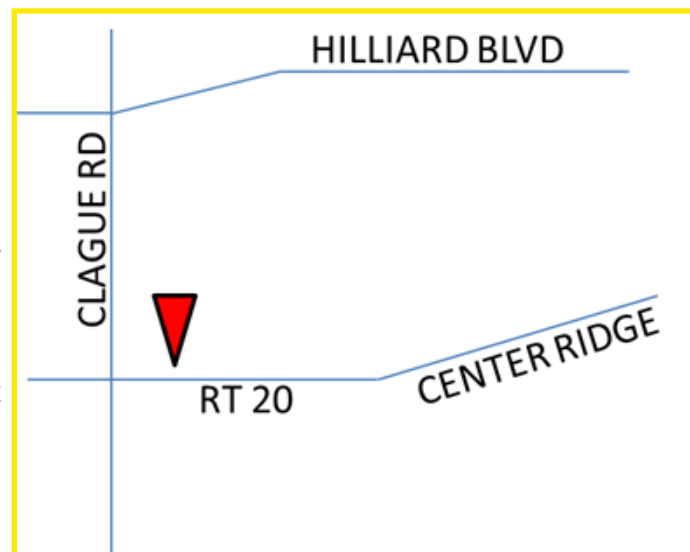
The North Coast Division holds 10 meetings a year (none in July and August). Meetings are on the 2nd Friday of each month. A social half hour starts at 7:00 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:30. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Meetings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

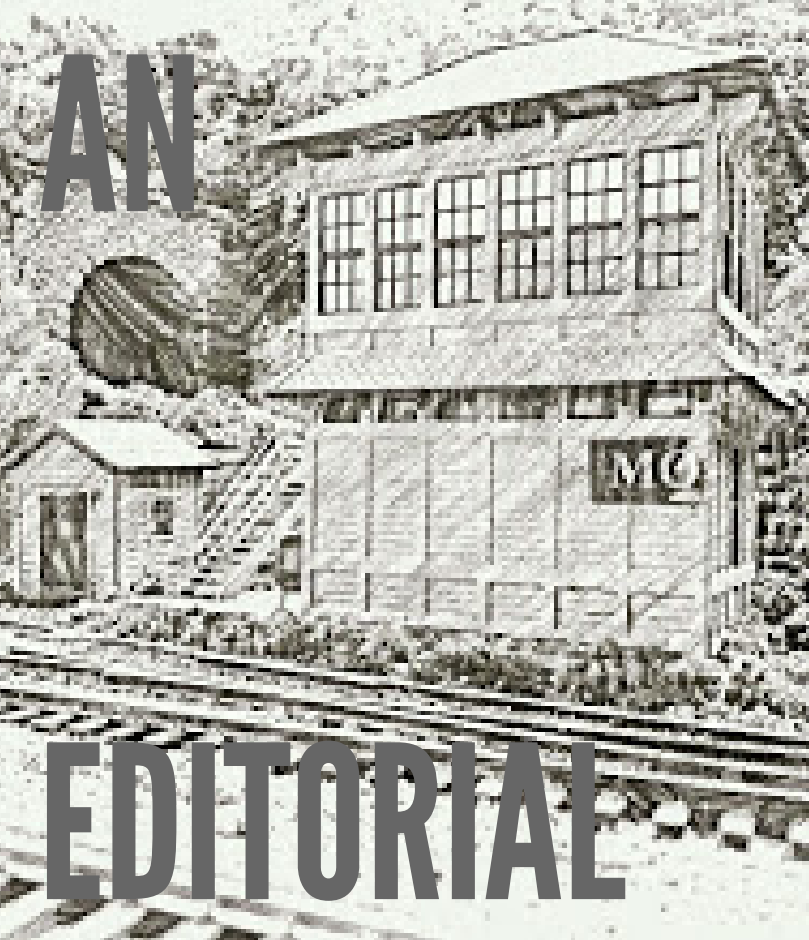
The Division's newsletter, *The Flatwheel* is published monthly (except during July and August) by Division 4 of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). All comments are welcome. Views expressed in *The Flatwheel* do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the NMRA,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

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

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

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





my last railroad I made a frame down the peninsula and covered both sides of the the frame with 1/8" tempered hardboard. I then curved the corners where it met the wall using the back side of vinyl sheet flooring material as well as the corners of the walls. I used spackling to blend the edge of the vinyl onto the the tempered hardboard and the drywalled walls.

I attach my lighting fixtures to the backside of my valance. My backdrops extend from the table to the ceiling. I prefer this so when standing on one side you cannot see the light fixtures lighting the other side of the peninsula.

The backdrop and walls are painted "sky blue" and then have custom painted clouds hand painted by my crew's master artist, Gary Dunn. (Thank you Gary!!)



My layout construction has progressed to adding backdrops to the table structure. So why bother with a backdrop?

The most important reason to add a backdrop is to increase the size of your layout. Huh? No, you don't make the table structure larger. The simple act of placing a backdrop to act as a view block from one side of your layout to the other dramatically increases the "mental" size of your layout.

Imagine you have an "L" shaped table 4' wide x 20' long in one direction and 4' x 10' long on the short side. You place track running along the sides with turns at each end for a continuous loop. You have approximately 60' of mainline track. Sounds like a lot. Now go stand at one end of the layout. You can operate a train from any one position and always see your train without ever moving.

Now imagine you have placed a 36" high backdrop down the middle of the two legs of your layout. With the the backdrop blocking the view of your train you now have to walk around the layout to see the different areas your train traverses.

You have increased the "mental" length of your layout by at least double to triple its real length. I also believe it makes viewing the individual scenes on your railroad more realistic.

There are different methods for adding backdrops. On



I have modified this backdrop design on my current layout by using .060 x 4' x 8' HDPE plastic sheets. I bought mine at Menards under the brand PLAS-TEX® White Plastic Interior Wall Panel, Model Number: PTC0045M Menards® SKU: 5072787 for \$19.98 per sheet. This material can be cut with scissors or a utility kniker and is very flexible allowing it to be curved where needed, such as corners, to very tight radii.



BRUCE BOWIE
EDITOR

FROM THE SUPER

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

Our next shindig, I mean meeting, will be Member Appreciation Night. Seasoned veterans of Division 4 declare it pizza night. It's another chance that we can reward our members for the hard work everyone puts into the Great Berea Train Show and throughout the year. Larry Madson will have some form of entertainment for us while we enjoy our pizza so bring your appetite. We will have a short business meeting before the pizza arrives.

Speaking of meetings, it's that time of year our Director's meet to discuss any inputs from our membership. If you have something you wish to present, contact one of our Director's or attend the Director's meeting which is scheduled for 7 PM on Friday Feb 14th. They will be meeting prior to our normal monthly meeting.

Tuesday, February 11th 7 PM we will be having a Board of Directors meeting at the church. If you would like to see the inner workings of the division, please attend. The February BOD meeting is usually how we say, the most boring of all BOD meetings as the agenda is usually short. But things will be brought up that need to be attended to in order to keep the Division working. I invite you to attend.

The upcoming elections will be discussed at the BOD meeting as well as at the February meeting. Chuck Klein is heading up the nominating committee as he made his presentation at the January meeting asking for nominations. So if you are interested, please contact Chuck. This is your chance to volunteer.

A month or so ago Bruce Bowie announced he was stepping down from the position of *Flatwheel* Editor in June. You have heard me mention that we are looking for a replacement at the monthly meetings. It will be a big pair of shoes to fill as Bruce has given us one heck of a *Flatwheel* for our reading pleasure every month. Thirty to forty pages of member written articles as well as the usual columns from myself, raffle chair, company store, clinics, contest and membership chairs. As well as full color photos of all subjects related to our Division. Well I have been approached by one of our newer members, Chuck Shick, to volunteer for the position of *Flatwheel* Editor. Chuck and his wife Chris both joined Division 4 and have already joined the Module Group. He has a couple of modules in the works and already came out and ran trains at module activities, notably the Metro Parks Zoo. Now if you had interest in taking over the *Flatwheel* don't despair. Two heads are always better than one. There will be times when the job might be a little overwhelming and Chuck may need a hand. So, if you are interested please see me and I will introduce you to Chuck and we will see what we can work out. You won't ever see me turn away volunteers.

I am writing this column while I gather my thoughts on what to take to the Amherst Railway Society Train Show in West Springfield, Massachusetts. This will be my 8th year I have attended. The steel mill modules will be making the trek east again as we join up with the Hub Group modules. We have a group of six driving up on Thursday the 23rd and we will drive home on the 27th. I recall Dave Williams mentioning he will be attending this year. The show is definitely worth attending with it's four buildings (over 8 acres) of model trains.

This brings me to the end of my monthly spiel. 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 February 14th. Happy Valentines Day !

As always, Model Railroading is Fun !!!

**LEE SHEFFIELD,
SUPERINTENDENT**

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION



ANNUAL DIRECTORS' MEETING

The Division's Directors will meet at 7 PM prior to the February regular meeting in a side room at the church. This is an annual requirement established in our bylaws. It is meant to provide the membership an opportunity to meet with the Directors to express any and all concerns and/or ideas the members may have in how the Division is operating.

**ALL MEMBERS ARE INVITED TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THIS
OPPORTUNITY**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

NMRA MCR Division 4 General Meeting Minutes 10 January 2020

Church of the Redeemer, Westlake, Ohio

Superintendent Lee Sheffield called the meeting to order at 7:30 pm and requested any corrections or changes to the Minutes of the November 2019 meeting. Hearing none, Lee declared the Minutes for that meeting to be official.

Treasurer Greg Noeth gave a brief statement concerning the Division's finances.

Membership Chair George Keller asked visitors and new members to introduce themselves. It was noted that members of the Lorain County Model Railroad Association were in attendance as a group.

Clinic Chair Larry Madson said that Steve Holtzheimer would be the evening's clinic presenter, giving a clinic on modeling a portion of the Akron, Canton & Youngstown Railroad. The February meeting is Member Appreciation Night with pizza, and Larry will be showing videos. Bruce Brintnall MMR and Frank Bongiovanni will be the March clinicians with their Master Model Railroader and the Apprentice presentation. Larry reminded everyone that he is scheduled to step down as Clinic Chair as of the June meeting and the Division is seeking someone to take his place.

Lee said that a Board meeting is scheduled for Tuesday February 11 at 7 pm at the Church of the Redeemer. All members are welcome to attend. The next General Meeting will be Friday February 14.

Chuck Klein discussed upcoming elections, stating that all incumbents with the exception of Secretary are eligible to run for their offices, and all have chosen to do so. Chuck encouraged other members to consider running as well. Chuck called for candidates for the position of Secretary as the current Secretary has reached his four-year term limit. [Secretary's note: a candidate did step forward after the business meeting.]

Chuck Shick has volunteered to be the next newsletter editor when Bruce Bowie completes the current season in June.

Modular Group Chair Adam Woodie gave a review of recent group activities, which included staffed weekend displays at both the Cleveland Zoo and Lorain's Trees and Trains. The Zoo had over 102,000 visitors for its holiday event and the layout was well received. The Modular Group's annual planning meeting will be this Tuesday at the North Olmsted Public Library. Upcoming events, including participating at the National Train Show in St. Louis this July, were discussed.

Adam continued, in his role as Raffle Chair, giving a description of the evening's raffle prizes.

Scott Benson presented a description of the Company Store inventory.

The Flatwheel deadline is January 26.

Contest Chair Joe Filipiak talked about the evening's theme of automobile carriers and encouraged

everyone to vote. Winners of the November contest were invited to describe their entries and techniques. Next month's contest will be railroad towers.

It was announced that we have received letters of thanks from the Erie Metro Live Steamers and St Ignatius Modeling Club for recent grants. Joe Filipiak also gave thanks on behalf of the Grafton Rail Projects for a grant received and gave a brief explanation of how the funds were being used.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm.

**DAVE WILLIAMS,
SECRETARY**



**Gary Schaefer sent this for our enjoyment.
Thanks Gary!**

MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The module group held their annual planning meeting to discuss upcoming planned events in the 2020 season. A few new events were added to this year's schedule such as the Medina Ice Festival, New York Central Historical Society Convention, and the Cleveland Oktoberfest. Of course, the group will also be displaying at some of the same events as in past such as Railfest, TRAINing Day, and Trees and Trains. Be sure to come visit the module group at one of the upcoming planned events.

February 15th, the module group will be displaying at the Medina Ice Festival in downtown Medina. March 14th and 15th will be our annual display at Railfest which is located at the Lakeland Community College in Kirkland. March 28th and 29th, the club will be displayed at the Avon Lake Library.

One of the items that was brought up for discussion at the annual meeting was the lack of displaying the layout at an event in either Erie and/ or Huron Counties. The module group has traditionally displayed heavily in Cuyahoga County, Lorain County, and usually one event in Medina County annually. However, Erie and Huron counties are rarely ever visited by the group. Therefore, we are asking the members of Division 4 if they are aware of any events in these two counties that module group can contact. Please mention any ideas to myself or another member of the module group when you get a chance at the monthly meetings.

As always, anyone interested in joining the module group, please see me at the monthly meeting or contact me via email at woo3482@hotmail.com.

Until next time.

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie
MODULE GROUP

MEMBERSHIP

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

It's great to see a packed house at our monthly meetings and sometimes standing room only. A big thanks to everyone who has promoted membership in the NMRA and the number of new members at our meetings shows that your efforts are paying off. I am working on new name badges and I hope to preview a copy at our next meeting.

Don't be surprised if a guy who says he is me shows up at the next meeting. It's actually me, I finally got a haircut. My wife says that I look 15 years younger!!! I don't feel 15 years younger. I just know that I'm 15 dollars poorer. Why, I could have bought something for my railroad with that 15 dollars. I know I can get the hair that was cut off to work in my static grass applicator. Are there really gray weeds?

GEORGE KELLER

MEMBERSHIP CHAIRMAN



**Members Bob
Caywood & Bram
Bailey at the January
meeting**

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

As always, be sure to check out the items available at the monthly raffle. I try to have something that will appeal to everyone.

**ADAM WOODIE,
THE RAFFLE DUDE**



COMPANY STORE

The Company Store will not be at the February meeting.

Not only is it Valentine's Day, but it is Pam's birthday, and she's not having a pizza dinner party! The GlueLoopers were in hot demand in January. I hope to have some more in March. I'll also have some of the glue pens we saw in the January clinic. More finger LED lights, Golden Spike stamps, HO gages etc. for sale at upcoming meetings.

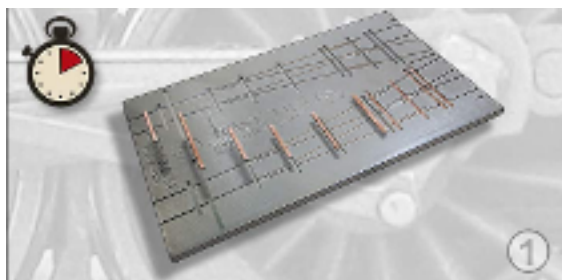


Davies Steel hopper cars are still available!

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.

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.



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.



SCOTT BENSON

COMPANY STORE MANAGER

CLINIC

February 14, 2020

Member Appreciation Night

For your entertainment we will be playing a video of

"THE GENERAL" starring Buster Keaton

March 13, 2020

Frank Bongiovanni and Bruce Britnall MMR

Frank and Bruce will present a somewhat free form clinic on structures. They will discuss building and scratchbuilding structures for your layout, techniques, material, tools, tips and tricks. Audience participation is very much encouraged!

**Steve Holtzheimer
presenting the January
clinic on the AC&Y Spur
4 during the January**



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

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

VALLEJO PAINT & OTHER SCENERY ITEMS - On a recent trip to Depot Trains I came across a new line of Vallejo weathering colors. These are acrylic paints. The colors are named to compliment items that you are weathering. Engines, the environment or muds. These can be applied with a brush. I would think you could also airbrush the colors but have not tried that.

I picked up bottles of light brown mud, brown mud, rust texture, streaking grime, petrol spills, fuel stains and oil stains. There are several other colors and found the ones I purchased to be interesting. They sell for \$5.99 each.



I also found a new display from Woodland Scenic. There are several new styles of self sticking bushes and "weeds" and trees with leafs that can be pulled apart. I am very pleased with these new products.

- Joe Kurilec, MMR®

Need weights to hold down items when gluing? One of the guys at the New York Central Historical Society gets a small bag of garden stones from a garden supply or home improvement store. He uses plastic bottles. The type that tea comes in. These are individual serving size with a larger mouth opening. I feel any plastic (cottage cheese, butter) container could be used. The small stones are placed into the container. These make excellent weights to hold down almost anything. Homosote, cork roadbed, foam or flex track that has been glued down.

Need more weight? Use a quart milk bottle. Once your gluing project is over, the stones can be placed in your flower bed. - Joe Kurilec, MMR®

RAILROAD HUMOR - from the Modelers Guild facebook group. - Gary Schaefer



CONTEST TABLE

The January model contest marked the 4th contest of this session. The contest winners for January model displays are; 1st place, Joe Filipiak, 2nd place, David Flebbe, and 3rd place, Mike Klein. The diorama by George Keller is 1st place with John Witt's diorama at second place. Both of the dioramas have interesting stories attached to them. We have had 20 separate members bring entries in for the contests. That is about 1 out of 4 people that walked through the door had a model or diorama in their hands. I think that's great but I believe there are many more that are thinking, "should I bring a model in, too?". It is wonderful that you come to the meeting and enjoy yourself but it would be even nicer to see a model from you filling up a spot on the display table.

The February Model Contest is a railroad tower. Anything from mainline to yard towers. Looking ahead to April; and aren't we all, the subject for the contest is a Pullman/sleeper passenger car. Any era, from heavy weights to Amtrak Superliners. Winter will go away faster if you're working on a model project. If you don't believe me, try it! Well, that's it for now from the contest box.

CORRECTED EDITION!!

The February Model Contest is a railroad tower. Anything from mainline to yard towers.

The March Contest will be an unusual/interesting flat car load on a flat car or cars.



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.

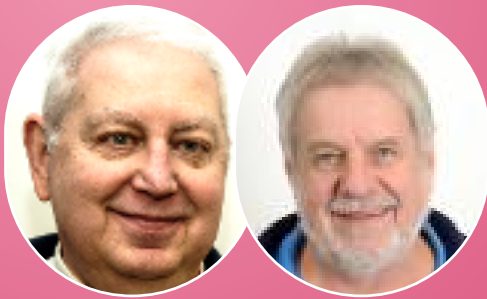
MODELS



DIORAMAS



DIVISION ELECTIONS



BY CHUCK KLEIN
& JOE KURILEC, MMR[®]
NOMINATING COMMITTEE

January 2020 will be a year for Division Elections. Everyone currently serving is eligible for re-election with the exception of Dave Williams, our current Secretary, who has term limited out after two, two year terms.

We have to have a slate of candidates by the February 14th Division meeting. The election is held in March, with results by April. The new terms begin effective with the June meeting.

If you have a desire to serve the Division let the nominating committee, Chuck Klein or Joe Kurilec, know.

Any questions contact Chuck, cbklein765@gmail.com, or Joe, jkurilec@earthlink.net.

Members Who Would Like to Continue Serving As
Division 4 Officers And Directors:

Superintendent- Lee Sheffield

Assistant Superintendent- Ron Morgan

Treasurer- Greg Knoeth

Secretary- Chris Shick **

DIRECTORS

West- Gary Schaefer

East- Fred Obreza

At -Large- Jeff Lauren

At -Large- Brian Haas

Tri- County- Fred Wagner

Chris Shick is new to the Board. Fred Wagner stepped in to fill the vacancy left by Jim Moores passing.

If any member would like to run for any of the above positions a fellow member may place their name in nomination at the February meeting or have a petition signed by 10 members stating what office you want to run for.

CHIRS SHICK BIOGRAPHY



My name is Chris Shick. I am an Instructional Assistant for the Cleveland Metropolitan School District for the last 20 years. My job is working with 6th, 7th, and 8th grade Emotionally Disturbed children. It's not just a job it's an adventure, as no two days are alike. I have been married to my husband Chuck for close to thirty-three years. We have two adult children with two grand pups.

There has always been a love of trains in my life beginning at a very young age. I would watch my dad and two older brothers run their Lionel trains around our living room. At Christmas time there was always a North Pole village and train set up around the base of our Christmas tree. A tradition I have continued to this day.

Chuck and I took our children on many vacations, some included train rides and museums. We travel a lot and have the goal of visiting all 50 states

before our 50th wedding anniversary, (only 14 more states to go and 17 years to get it done). The best trip to date was on the Alaska Railroad. We rode the train from Anchorage, Alaska to Mount Denali and back again. The Mount Washington Cog Railway in New Hampshire runs a close second.

Chuck and I had built a 12'x 12' layout with a two way track around our basement. He did all of the electrical and laying of the tracks. I was called in for the fine detailing and artsy work when needed. Due to circumstances beyond our control we moved from that home to another where we just didn't have the space or time to spend on model railroading. In recent years our children have moved on and we now have an extra room and Chuck has retired. We have gone to see layouts and some of the shows locally and got the bug again to start a new layout. Currently we are working on a 12' x 10' layout and two modules. They are both just in the beginning phases.

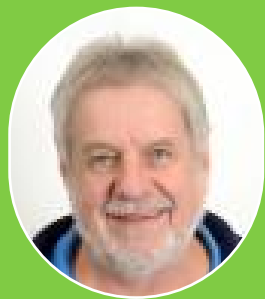
My connection with Division 4 began when Chuck joined the NMRA in late 2018. He took me to many of the outings and I joined in October of 2019. I look forward to being the Secretary for Division 4 and can't wait to know more about model railroading.

Chris Shick

New members - speaking from personal experience, there is no better way to feel "part of a group" than to actively participate. And there is no better way to participate than to hold an office, be it elected or appointed. We are in need of a new Clinic Chairman, and as noted above, officers come June. So as our tag line states:

"Don't just belong, participate" - *EDITOR*

ANOTHER HOBBY SHOP



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

DOLLS AND MINIS

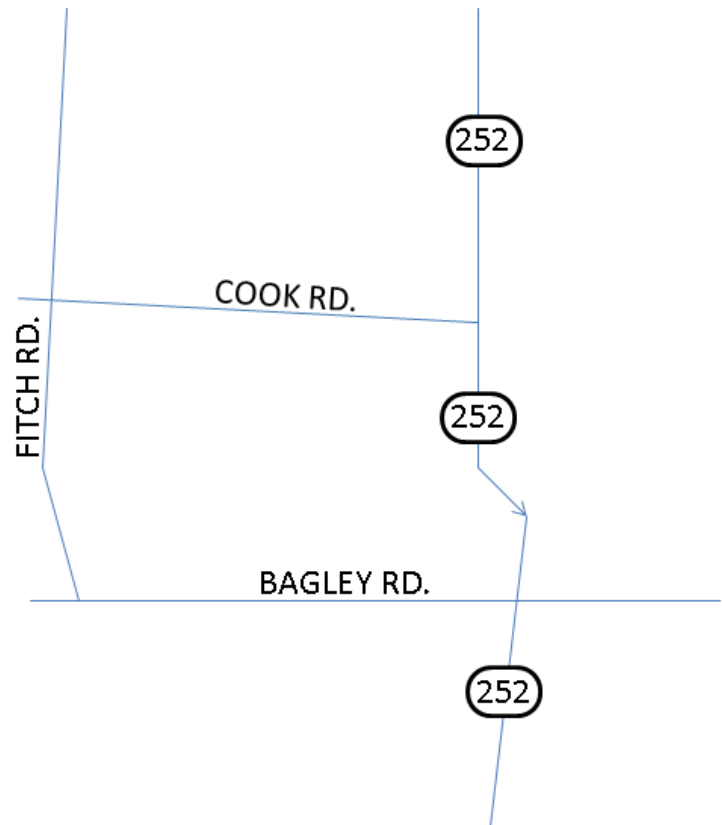
8068 Columbia Road

Olmsted Falls, OH 44138

440-647-1519

www.dollsandminis.com

HOURS: Tuesday thru Saturday
10AM - 6PM



I noticed this shop as I drove to the Cuyahoga Valley & West Shore model railroad club. Dolls and Minis is located on Columbia Road, a few feet from the NS tracks. While not a regular hobby shop the store does have a lot of items that model railroaders can use. When you stop at Dolls and Minis make sure you take time to look at all of the products they have.

Dawn, the owner is VERY helpful and also is trying to get younger modelers interested!

Dolls and Minis is located on Columbia Road going north, between Bagley Road and the NS railroad crossing.



The NS tracks are to the right of the shop. Make sure you look at all of the many items upstairs and downstairs.

Walking a few feet to the right of Dolls and Minis give you a great place to watch trains!



The shop has a very good supply of wood, strip wood and some wood shapes. Paint supplies are also available.



Midwest bass wood is in stock along with many other sheets of wood for modeling

I found some interesting wood shapes and items that could be used. Some can even be used for larger scale modeling.



Downstairs I found doll house doors and windows for larger scale modeling. These are excellent model parts.

Another interesting model supply was doll house flooring material. I could see this product having many uses.



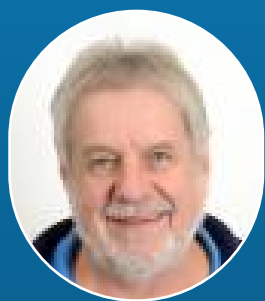
While there, check out the tool section. They have a good stock.

There is a good selection of electrical and lighting supplies for use around the layout.



Several brands of scenery supplies are on hand including Woodland Scenic products.

LOOKING FOR THAT CERTAIN TRUCK FOR YOUR LAYOUT?



BY JOE KURILEC, MMR[®]

PHOTOS BY THE AUTHOR

I heard about DHS models from several open house flyers and email notices the firm had but never went to one. Big mistake! I drove by the firms location in Berea, Ohio to find a wealth of all types of vehicles in many scales.



DHS die cast is easy to find. Its off of Bagley Road on the Karl Street industrial parkway. Karl St is just west of the CSX



The front door leads to the offices, display area and warehouse area of DHS models. I met with Chuck Sword and he showed me around. The quality of the die cast models is excellent. Details are top notch.



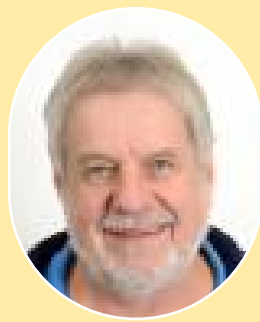
That special truck or equipment that you are looking for to complete a scene on your layout will be found here! The variety of vehicles are almost never ending. The models come in several scales.

The warehouse is packed with any kind of model you might want.



Thanks Mr. Sword for the great tour!

BEREA HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND MODEL RAILROADING



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

As an BOD member of the BHS I get to see a lot of things at the BHS museum. The BHS has special events during the year/

This past April, Mike Lytle gave his very interesting presentation on the "Bridges of the Flats." This September 25th at 7PM, Division 4 member Chuck Klein will present "The Terminal Tower.

Past and Present". The Berea Historical Society is located at 118 E. Bridge Street, Berea Ohio. 440-243-2541.

One of the best models I have seen there is Lee VandeVisse's Berea Sandstone station. Lee was a Division 4 super. He went on to get the "holy grail" by working for Model Railroader Magazine. Lee is somewhere in heaven building his heart out!



The original Berea Station was located west (to the right) of this photo near High & Depot Streets. The citizens of Berea wanted a much needed new station. In 1876 they voted to build a new station as Berea was growing. A trolley line connected the station with downtown Berea. This image taken in 1946 and was once the Big Four Railroad. BHS collection.

Scratchbuild a sandstone station



Lee's station graced the pages of Model Railroader. Kalmbach Publishing image.

Lee's station is located on the lower level of the BHS. Viewing the museum is FREE and will gladly accept donations.

The desk in front of Lee's model once stood inside of the station.



This is a street side view and faces Depot Street.



Located at the front of the model is the name plates.

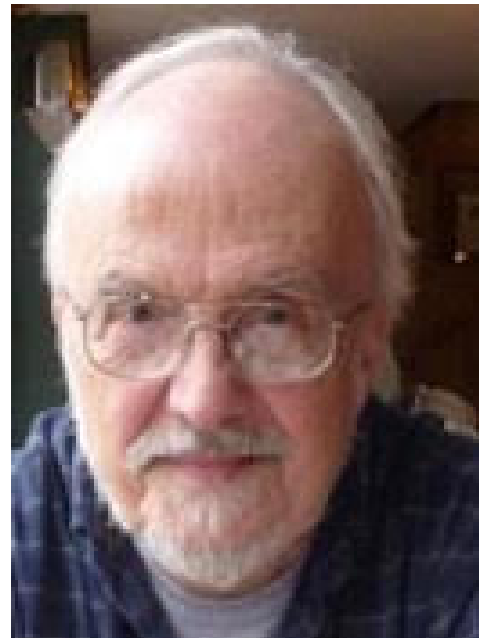
The museum has a nice research room and the staff will try to find what you are interested in.

Copies can be purchased at a low price.

A PASSING

FRITZ H. SCHAUFEELE

age 83, beloved husband of Joan E. Heinrich, devoted father of Krista, and Karl departed December 23, 2019. Respected musician and educator, mentor, and steadfast friend. In lieu of flowers, family suggests contributions to Lakewood High School Music Department. Memorial Service, 11am, Saturday, December 28, 2019 at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 18001 Detroit Rd. Lakewood, OH



WHAT'S GOING ON?

MANSFIELD TRAIN SHOW

Denny's Trains will have its seventh
train show **Sunday, February 9, 2020** 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!!

THIS SHOW WILL HAVE ONLY TRAIN-RELATED ITEMS

If you are looking for tropical fish, bird feeders, baby clothes, plants, tupperware, toys, men's socks, basement water-proofing booths, etc., **THIS SHOW IS NOT FOR YOU!!**

This show **WILL** have **KIDS AREA** with a small riding Thomas train, operating G scale Thomas trains, several operating layouts and 150 tables of quality train-related items.

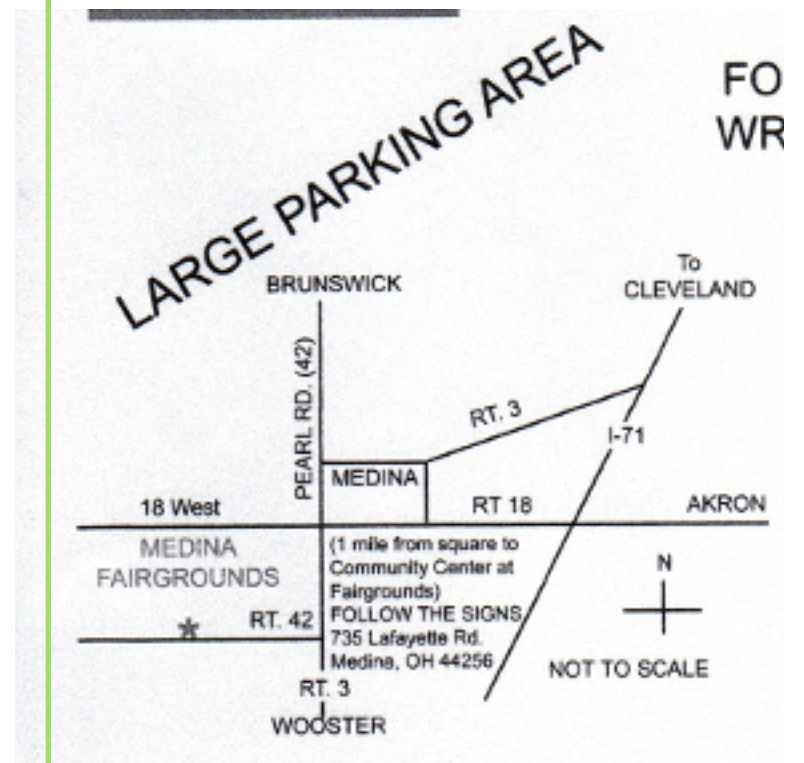
DEALERS - 8 ft. tables \$25 - Buy 5 get 1 FREE! - Saturday set-up 4:00 P.M. - 8:00 P.M. Sunday set-up 7:00 A.M. - 10:00 A.M. There will be limited drive-in access to unload - Dealers must stay completely set-up until 3:00 P.M.

For more information, contact Dennis Breese at 419-606-7934 or email at coaltrain3@hotmail.com

Please make checks payable to Dennis Breese and mail to:
Dennis Breese
22537 State Route 3
Loudonville, OH 44842

DIRECTIONS: off US 30, 7 miles **WEST** of I-71 - exit at Trimble Rd., go north 1000 feet, turn left on Longview, take Longview 3/10 of a mile to stop sign at Home rd., turn right - Fairgrounds on right

**Medina
Fairgrounds**
735 Lafayette Rd.
Medina, OH 44256



28th Midwest Scale Train Show

March 20 - 21, 2020

Manufacturers, Clinics, Operating Layouts, Model Contest

All Scales and Gauges Welcome: N scale to 7/8" scale

Operating Layouts and Modules:

Large Scale Display

Desk Top Layouts

New for 2020:

N Scale T Trak

Battery and Remote Control Demos

by Bennett Hill Trains and the On30guy

Live from Boston, Massachusetts, Alan Carroll

will do demos all day Friday and Saturday on

how to rework plastic locomotives

CLINICS

by top area and
regional modelers

all day Friday and
Saturday

Top area
and regional
manufacturers and vendors

Only at:

SALEM CENTERPLEX

1098 N. Ellsworth Ave., Salem, OH 44460

www.salemcommunitycenter.com

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Salem-Community-Centerplex/855560220889754>

<http://www.portlandlocomotiveworks.com/events/28th-annual-midwest-narrow-gauge-show/>

Food by Linda's Home Cooking



SHOW TIMES

Friday: 12:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Saturday: 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT:

Gary Kohler, P.O. Box 155, Washingtonville, OH 44480-0155
330-759-0264 m2fg@aol.com

The Midwest Scale Train Show is focused primarily on the Narrow Gauge genre. It is a great resource for the "narrow minded" amongst us. - *Your narrow minded Editor*

Sponsored by KD TRAINS, LLC

INDEPENDENCE, OHIO



TRAIN & TOY SHOW



MARCH 7, 2020

10AM-3PM

Independence High School Fieldhouse (NEAR O.H.S.)

6001 Archwood, Independence, OH 44131 (15 miles from Cleveland)

Adults \$6.00 *Children under 12 FREE

Featuring Model Trains: **Toys—New & Old

All Scales, Operating Layouts, Demo Plots, Food, Free Parking

Info/Tables: Dennis Peller (216) 642-0682/440-336-5488 Email: kdtrains@aol.com Facebook: KD Trains, LLC

Dealer Info:

Tables are \$6 @ \$25.00 ea. ALL TABLES PREPAID!

Dealers will set up Friday 7pm-10pm, Tear Down Sunday.

Dealers will accept full responsibility for any injuries

or loss to their or their property while attending the show.

All loading/unloading to be done in designated area.

Dealers expressly release the promoters, KD Trains LLC,

and the Independence Fieldhouse from any liability and

agree to hold promoters harmless therefrom.

RT 77/460—Rockside Rd Exit-East to RT 31-South to Sellig



Please Print—March 7, 2020 Sponsored by KD Trains, LLC Show/Dealer Application No pick up before 1PM

Dealers: \$16.00 per table (2x10MFT) REQUIRED: MUST APPEAR WITH APPLICATION

I would like _____ table(s) at \$25.00 each = \$_____ TOTAL \$MC000000. Free free admission per table dealer.

Name _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Website: _____

Make check payable/mail to:

KD Trains, LLC

c/o Dennis Peller

6010 Hillside Rd.

Independence, Ohio 44131



ERIE PA RAILROADIANA AND MODEL TRAIN SHOW

Sunday, March 1st, 2020

10 A.M. TO 4 P.M.

RAINBOW GARDENS - WALDAMEER PARK

200 Peninsular Drive, Millcreek, PA

FROM PITTSBURGH: Take I-79 to Rt. 90 West to 832 North to Alt. 5 West

FROM BUFFALO: Take I-90 West to 832 North to Alt. 5 West

FROM CLEVELAND: Take I-90 East to 832 North to Alt. 5 West

FROM RT. ALT. 5: Take Rt. Alt. 5 turn left go 1/4 mile, turn right and drive through the arches marked Rainbow Gardens.

DOOR PRIZE

---ADMISSION---

Adults --- **\$5.00** Senior Citizens & Students 12-18 --- **\$4.00**

Under 12 accompanied by an adult --- **FREE**

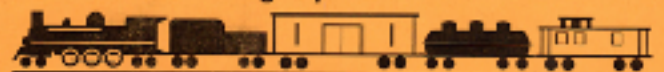


DEALER TABLES AVAILABLE

14' x 1' - **\$35.00 per Table** 8' x 1' **\$25.00**
\$30.00 -- 2 Tables or more per Table

CONTACT: IRON SPIKE PRODUCTIONS
244 Crestview Rd
Slippery Rock, PA 16057
(724) 992-2035

Jon Ulbright presents the 5th



Mt. Hope Train & Toy Show

sponsored by CJ Trains LLC
www.cjtrains.com

Featuring:

- All Gauges & Parts
- Running Layouts
- Farm & Vintage Toys
- Die-cast Models
- Books & Videos
- NASCAR Items
- 600+ Dealer Tables
- Free Parking
- Catered by Mrs. Yoder's Kitchen

Saturday, February 29, 2020

10:00 AM - 4:00 PM • Admission: Adults \$5.00 • Children 12 and under FREE

Mt. Hope Event Center

8075 St. Rt. 241

Mt. Hope, OH 44660

(if using GPS: 6870 St. Rt. 241, Millersburg, OH 44654)

Rules for Dealers:

1. Dealers will set up Friday 2:00 PM, Saturday 8:00 AM.
2. Dealers will accept full responsibility for any injuries or loss to their or their property while attending the show. Dealers expressly release the sponsors (CJ Trains LLC and Mt. Hope Event Center) from any liability and agree to hold sponsors harmless for the same.
3. All dealers will be required to sign a contract to agree to accept all terms of these rules and conditions. If unable to attend because of any other reasons, the dealer must let CJ Trains LLC know one week prior to the show in writing or by phone.
4. There is to be nothing attached to the walls.
5. If for any reason the show is cancelled, all dealers will be notified.
6. All items and/or sample material must be placed directly under the tables. No table material is to be left in the aisle or unattended. Electricity is available for food service (2 generators) and/or additional cost.
7. All loading and unloading of material, exhibits, and/or use to be done at the designated entrances.

6. No "junkies" before 4 p.m.



Next Show:
November 7, 2020

Please Print

Dealer: _____ Day 1 ticket is \$5.00 --- Day 2 ticket is \$4.00 ---
The first admission is free.

Name _____

Phone _____

Address _____

City, State, Zip _____

Event _____

☐ 2' x 4' x 8' ☐ 8' x 8' ☐ 10' x 10' ☐ 12' x 12' ☐ 14' x 14'

I would like _____ tables at \$25.00 each or \$

Per table fee Dealer \$6.00 per table at CJ Trains LLC

All table orders are prepaid! No exceptions!

Make checks payable to:
CJ Trains LLC
c/o Jon Ulbright
P.O. Box 448
Millersburg, Ohio 44601
www.cjtrains.com

Call after 6:00 PM
Jon Ulbright
203-232-7488 • 203-232-7488
e-mail: ulbright@cjtrains.com
Mt. Hope - Spring 2020



RAILFEST 2020

Saturday and Sunday
March 14 & 15, 2020

10 am to 4 pm
Buy - Sell - Trade

Located at
Lakeland Community College
7700 Clocktower Dr.
Kirtland, Ohio 44094
(State Rt. 205 at Interstate 80 - exit 125)



Operating Layouts

- N Scale Layouts (about 6 tables)
- H0 Scale Layout (open layout on display)
- S Scale & American Flyer (open layout on display)
- Lionel O Gauge
- Lionel G Gauge
- Live Steam Display (Lionel Live Steam)

Admission \$8.00

Two Day Pass	\$13.00
Family (couples)	\$13.00
Family (max)	\$13.00
(2 Adults with Children under 10)	

Food Service Available at reasonable prices

Exhibits

- RR Equipment
- Exhibitors
- Operating Layouts
- Model Layouts
- Model Displays
- Food Service Available
- ATM



For Information Write:

MCR MCR Division 5
PO Box 5361
Mason, Ohio 44040

Phone: (440) 337-8888
Phone: (440) 417-6746
Email: railfest@mcr.org

Free Parking

Free Shuttle Bus
8:30am - 4:00pm

Presented by

National Model Railroad Association
MCR - Division 5 Event

Visit us at: www.nmra.org
Facebook at: www.facebook.com/RailfestTrainshow

Largest continuous running two day train show in CNO!

RAILFEST 2020 DINNER

7th Annual Railfest Dinner March 14, 2020

Will be held at **Palmerston Railroad Museum** (aka Palmerston Depot)
475 Railroad Street, Palmerston, Ohio 44677
Seven miles east of College
Have Dinner in a Historic Train Station!

Time:
Saturday evening, 6:30 pm, March 14, 2020

Price:
\$22.50 per person

SPEAKER & SUBJECT:
Tom Prokajewski, Cleveland, Palmerston and Western Railway (CP Interurban)

RESERVATION DEADLINE:
March 7, 2020

DINNER MENU:
Tossed Green Salad
Italian and Ranch Dressing on the side
Chicken
Roast Beef
Corn, Beef and Cabbage
Red Skin Potatoes
Rigatoni
Beverages: Soft Drinks, Coffee, Condiments, Creamer, Sugar, Sweetener

Direction to Palmerston Depot:
Exit College, turn right (north) onto Rt. 205
North on Rt. 205 to OH Rt. 2 (2 miles)
South on Rt. 2 (1.5 miles) to OH 680 / OH 205 (just 225)
South on OH 205 for 225 feet, left turn (east) onto Chester St.
East on Chester St (0.7 miles) to North State Street
South on North State Street (under RR bridge) to Railroad Street
Turn on Railroad Street to Depot



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

Get and Return

Get and Return

Please mail back with **Second Check** for the Buffet by **March 7, 2020**
(Check will be held & deposited March 16, 2020)
Make Checks payable to **Railfest**

Print your name: _____

Amount Enclosed: _____

Check # _____

Mail to:
Tom Prokajewski
2942 E. 36th St.
Willoughby, Ohio 44094

Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____
Name: _____

Return this part

106401-0010 00106 476/2019


HOBBY SOURCES IN OUR AREA

State Tool & Die 

4780 Briar Road | Cleveland, OH 44135 | T: 216-267-6030



Shop our entire inventory of HO scale cars and accessories at www.statetoolanddie.com

Sounds Of Motion 

DCC SALES AND TECHNICAL SUPPORT

6910 SOM Center Rd.
Solon, OH 44139
Phone 440-248-4599

FRANK FEKO
Proprietor
frankfeko@gmail.com

DEPOT TRAIN & HOBBY
"It's not just a Hobby . . . It's an Adventure."

Garden Railroad, Lionel, HO, & N
Trains, Track, and Accessories
Plastic Models, Rockets,
Wooden Ships, Hobby Tools, and Paint

4342 W. 130th Street
Cleveland, Ohio 44135
216-252-8880
www.depotland.com



EASTERN OHIO TRAINS
The Hobby Home of High Speed Service

2740 Fairmount Blvd.
Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44106
Phone: 216-215-7377
Fax: 216-371-0931
email: cohss@aol.com
www.easternohiotrains.com

Joe Andrews, Proprietor

JASON'S BRASS POLES

We specialize in trolley model products.
Railroad Trolley & Specialty & Model Railroad Dealer

Brian Weisman - Owner

bweisman@roadrunner.com (TROLLEYS & MODEL RAILROAD DEALER)

<http://www.jasonsbrasspoles.com/>

These vendors are members of our very own NORTH COAST DIVISION! Give them a try when you need the supplies and services they offer!! - Editor

AL'S TRAINS & HOBBY LLC

708 BROADWAY AVE.
BEDFORD, OHIO 44146



DCC INSTALL
FRAME MILLING
TRAIN SETS & ACCESSORIES
MODEL KITS-SLOT CAR SETS
& ACCESSORIES

HOURS:
M-W-F: 10-6
THURS: 10-7
SAT: 10-4
SUN-MON: CLOSED

Phone: 440-232-0591 Fax: 440-232-0596
www.alstrains hobby.com email: al@alstrains hobby.com

Stauffer Books & Prints



www.staufferbooksandprints.weebly.com

STAUFER BOOKS & PRINTS

(330) 636-1672

KEEP YOUR TARGET "ACQUIRED"
AT THE

WARZONE MATRIX



CHRIS WILSON
(216) 433-1316
WARZONEMATRIX.COM

4704 ROCKY RIVER DRIVE
CLEVELAND OHIO 44135

M2ONE@sbcglobal.net

MON-SAT 10-5
SUN. NOON-5

www.ormandys.com



I - HO - Z GAUGES AND PARTS

Ormandy's

TRAINS & TOYS FOR THE CONNOISSEUR
SPECIALIZING IN EUROPEAN TRAINS
BUY & SELL OLD TOYS

JOHN ORMANDY

330-722-1019
330-722-2205 Fax



10 PUBLIC SQUARE
MEDINA, OHIO 44256

Model Trains

Jan Dell Flowers Train Shop

Lionel - MTH - Marklin - Micro-Trains - Kato - LGB - Piko - Bway Ltd.

19350 Detroit Road Rocky River OH 44116

440/331-2392
Jim Lewis



Uncle Ray's Trains

4282 Lake Rd. • Sheffield Lake, Ohio 44054



uncleraystrains@gmail.com

Or call Uncle Ray at... (888) 933-2999 • (440) 933-0609

www.uncleraystrainsoh.com

Stewart's Hobbies & Collectors' Toys

Trains • Plastic Kits • Die-Cast Cars
Slot Cars • Toy Soldiers

38033 Euclid Ave. • Willoughby, OH 44094

STORE
HOURS:
M-F 12-6
THURS. 12-8
SAT. 10-6

440/942-6632

ROB STEWART
SANDY STEWART

• Buy •
Sell • Trade
Old & New

Strongsville Hobby
of Elyria
440-366-0665




ELECTRIC & NITRO R/C CARS, BOATS, AIRPLANES, SLOT CARS, ROCKETS
HOBBY SUPPLIES & PINE CAR DERBY, TRAINS & PLASTIC MODELS

831 Chestnut Commons Dr.
Elyria, Ohio 44035
Phone (440)366-0665
Fax (440)366-0666

**R/C TRACK
ON SITE**

Mon - Fri 11:00 - 8:00
Sat 11:00 - 6:00
Sun 12:00 - 5:00
JERRY IVANCIC

www.strongsvillehobby.com

DANIELS HOBBIES *Premium Quality*
EST 1978

34E Main Street, Norwalk, OH 44857
M-Sat 10AM-6PM, Closed Sundays
(419)588-2029 | danielshobbies.com

CORNER FIELD



MODEL RAILROAD & HOBBY

18720 Pioneer Road • Middlefield, Ohio 44062
Located in Huntsburg

Tom Elesh, Owner • 440-636-5162
Website: cornerfieldmodelrailroadmuseumandhobby.com
Email: cornerfield@cornerfieldmodelrailroadmuseumandhobby.com

BAD L's Hobby
Your One Stop Slot Car Shop!

13397 Smith Road
Middleburg Heights, OH 44130



440-941-BAD1 (2235)
info@badlhby.com
<http://badlhby.com>

Bob Lusch
The "B" in BAD

STOCKYARD EXPRESS LLC
O-Gauge MTH Electric Trains & Accessories
Where the bull stays in the barn and the train rolls down the track

- MTH Authorized Service & Demo Center -

MTH - Lionel - Atlas
'O' Trains, track, accessories and more

49293 Plate Rd
Oberlin, OH 44074
(South of Bentler & SR 20)

Clyde & Diane Lewis
440.774.2131 / 440.774.7575 fax

www.stockyardexpressllc.com
email:stockyardexpress@aol.com

 **BEN FRANKLIN** 

Plastic, Wood & Metal Models
Trains • Rockets • Kites • Coin Books
Die Cast • Roadrace • Pine Car Derby
Puzzles • Radio Control • Dime Store

Large Selection
Great Prices
Howard Mowcomber

183 Park Ave.
Amherst, OH 44001
440-988-5462

THE MUSIC BOX

Grand Pacific Junction
8062 Columbia Road
Olmsted Falls, OH 44138
440-235-1625
440-946-5588
themusicbox@prodigy.net

HOBBYTOWN USA

7982 PLAZA BLVD.
MENTOR, OH 44060
HTUMENTOR@AOL.COM

440-974-2116 MON-SAT
440-946-5588 10am-8pm

DOLLS AND MINIS

8068 Columbia Road
Olmsted Falls, OH 44138
440-647-1519
www.dollsandminis.com
HOURS: Tuesday thru Saturday
10AM - 6PM

PLEASE SUPPORT THESE DEALERS!

DIVISION 4, MCR, NMRA

The North Coast Division

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 Road, Westlake, 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 Four of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National

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

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

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

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.

Your editor traveled in Business Class on his recent trip to the Berkshires of Massachusetts. Larger, relining seats made the ten hour trip easier and more comfortable. - Editor

