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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. Starting September, 2020, the meetings are held at the **Westlake City Recreation Center**, 28955 Hilliard Blvd, 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 4 of the Mid-Central Region (MCR) of the National Model Railroad Association (NMRA). All comments are welcome.

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EDITORIAL

I am looking for suggestions on ways to make our Flatwheel newsletter better. If anyone has any thoughts for information you would like to see, or anything that would make it easier to read, please let me know.

This is the newsletter of the members of Division 4. Please send comments to:
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Chuck Shick, Flatwheel Editor

FROM THE SUPER

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

Division 4 + October usually means one thing, the Great Berea Train Show. Well, with 2020 being anything but normal the show was a no show. I really thought we could pull it off, but the stars just didn’t line up. Dealers were ready to go after being cooped up so long and not selling anything. Obviously, they need the cash flow. The fairgrounds and the table rental company were working with us. Hurdles were being jumped with the Health Department. But in light of our litigious society we opted to cancel. Just one person could have to come after us claiming they caught the bug at our show, and we would have to defend ourselves. NMRA insurance covers someone getting injured but it doesn’t cover sickness. So, let’s look forward to 2021.

Our September meeting went off very smoothly. If I heard correctly, we had 52 members present. Jeff Lauren was at the church in case anybody forgot about the new meeting location and he was happy to report that no one showed up. All the work done up front about the location change I am happy to say worked. The new meeting room is spacious and very accommodating. The chairs were set up to allow proper distancing and everyone wore a mask. There were plenty of tables for the raffle, contest and anything members had to sell or show off. Thank you everyone. We all owe Joe Filipiak a pat on the back for his work to get this move to our new location set up. I know he had to make a lot of trips to the center and make more than a few phone calls to get things settled. Thank you Joe !!!

This is shaping up to be a short column with all the cancellations and such. Keep working on those model railroad projects. The September meeting went well so I expect the October meeting will follow suit. See you on October 9th.



Lee Sheffield, Superintendent

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

NMRA MCR Division 4 General Meeting Minutes for Friday, September 11, 2020 Westlake Recreation Center, Westlake Ohio

Superintendent Lee Sheffield called the meeting to order at 7:28 pm. Since it has been so long that the last minutes from February's meeting were approved. Members were given a chance to report out on what they have been working on for their layouts during the pandemic. A few took the floor to let us know they were moving right along.

Lee then said a lot of Thank Yous to those who have been working hard during the Covid-19 pandemic. They are as follows:

Benjamin Lanza (not present this evening) for our daily dose of Division 4 Members stuck at home, an amazing job enjoyed by all.

Joe Filipiak for finding the Westlake Recreation Center to hold our meetings at.

Joe Kurilec for the wonderful job of the online raffles, and Ben for his help in getting them out.

Jeff Lauren for going to the Church of the Redeemer and sending any stray members over to the Rec Center.

Chuck Shick for taking over and doing a fantastic job on his first edition of The Flatwheel.

Treasurer Greg Noeth then gave a report on the Division's financial standings. No expenditures currently except for the payment for 5-year ownership of the Division 4 website.

Lee moved onto the Zoom Division Board Meeting from August. He let everyone know The Great Berea Train Show is cancelled. It was cancelled due to all the liability aspects. He then thanked David James for doing an excellent job on handling the show. Chuck Klein asked from the floor if it would be possible to add vendors who were willing to take part to the next The Flatwheel. This way our members could show those vendors support when they need supplies. Gary Schaefer volunteered to ask David to send a list to Chuck to add to the newsletter.

Training Day in November and the Christmas awards banquet are also cancelled. We will hold a regular meeting in December if the Rec Center is available.

Youth Policy – Lee has copies available. Frank Bongiovanni was referred to about being able to support youth groups financially but cannot say the NMRA is represented. Cannot say that is who you are a part of. Under 18 years of age members must always be in the eyesight of their guardian that they are present at any function with the Division. Youth can be a member, but their guardian does not need to be. Questions from the floor were answered by either Lee or Frank. **VERY IMPORTANT** in dealing with youth, **DO NOT MENTION THE NMRA.**

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Committee Reports were given next:

Membership – George Keller – let George know if your tag needs to be changed to another color. He is working on new tags. He then asked for guests – none were present.

Clinics – Larry Madson was absent tonight Lee reported in his place. The Division is looking for a new person to line up clinics. There is a budget. Tonight's clinic presenter is Bram Bailey and his presentation is about his new book "Canadian National Atlantic Region" along with a slide show.

The Flatwheel – Chuck Shick – deadline is still the same the 26th of each month.

Contest – Joe Filipiak – Joe handed out awards for February's contest winners:

Tower Contest: 1st - Joe Filipiak

2nd - Joe Kurilec

3rd - Frank Bongiovanni

Dioramas: 1st - Jim Grell

2nd - George Keller

3rd - John Witt

In February we had 72 members present at the meeting and 46 voted. Joe moved on to giving the awards for those who entered last year's contest. Over all winners were given plaques and gift cards.

Model contest – 1st - Chuck Klein

2nd - Jim Grell

3rd - Joe Kurilec

Dioramas - 1st - George Keller

2nd - John Witt

3rd - Jim Grell

GENERAL MEETING MINUTES

Upcoming contest:

September – Load on a flat car

October – Sleepover passenger car, any road, any era from heavy weights to today's Amtrak

November – Rubber wheeled railroad vehicle

January – A typical commercial building found in the business district within one block of the railroad

February – LARGE motive power (non-steam) No yard or four axle road switchers

March – RPO car

April – A small country railroad station

May – A rail car lettered for a short line railroad. The railroad had to be a real railroad that once existed or is still in business today.

Raffle – Tim Sheffield filling in for Adam Woodie “Get your tickets”

Company Store – Scott Benson – there are added items available like Division 1 cars (some N-scale available also), Division 2 laser cut kits, signal tower, and glue pens just to name a few.

Virtual Raffle – Joe Kurilec – thanked Adam Woodie, Ben Lanza and all the people who have donated for the raffles. Presented the last winners with their prizes.

The Bi- Annual Auction is to be held in March of 2021. We will keep an eye on how things are going. Due to having to be out of the Rec Center by 10:00pm Estate Sale items may not be included.

John Hemsath was thanked for his donation of the lamps to light up the displays.

Gary Schaefer mentioned that on September 26, 2020 there will be ROADS – RAILS – n - SALES at Black River Landing in Lorain. All monies raised will go to continuing the restoration of Lorain's Caboose C-3855. There will be cars, trucks, motorcycles, and a flea market.

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Meeting was adjourned at 8:15 pm. Raffle to begin a 8:30 and then Bram Bailey will present his clinic.



Chris Shick,
Secretary

THIS & THAT

GLUE DISPENSING - I have been modifying some NOS Shinohara HOn3 turnouts to DCC friendly for use on my EBT v3.2. The electrical/mechanical changes are easy. But I have struggled to try to mount small 1/16"x1/16"x1/16" super magnets and my 3D printed throwbar WITHOUT gluing the moving parts to the non-moving parts! I purchased a Glue Looper from our Company Store at the September 11th meeting. It has been a HUGE help. Thank you Scott for adding such neat items to our Company Store. I needed a way to hold a small amount of super-thin ACC glue. I found an excellent product made for just this purpose at...drum roll, please...MicroMark. Their Glue / Custom Color Cup Dispenser Item #: 82031, \$12.95 less the NMRA 15% discount, works perfectly in conjunction with the Glue Looper.



With cinders in your eyes, Bruce Bowie

THIS & THAT

I have received a request from Ian Hughes.

Is there anyone in Division 4 that does HVAC work? I'm looking to add AC to my layout room — It's a challenging attic space but I think it's doable.

Please email Ben Lanza.

This question has come up a few time in the past year.

Turnouts that cause problems. Either dead zones, or derailments.

There is a few great Youtube videos that can explain how to solve your problems with turnouts.

Change the way a turnout (Electo-frog type) is wired.

[Go to youtube. Search "Chadwick Model Railway 77" Start at 8:55 time.](#)

Fix worn turnouts that are causing derailments.

[Go to youtube Search "Chadwick Model Railway 74"](#)

I hope these videos help anyone with turnout problems. Charlie has many videos about all parts of Model Railroading. His videos are great. He even includes his mistakes which is sometimes easier to learn from things that can go wrong, than only seeing it done right the first time.

MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The module group has some positive movement on two events scheduled for this fall and winter. The first one is the Trees and Trains display which takes place at the Black River Landing in Lorain, Ohio. I was contacted by the event coordinator and was informed that this event is scheduled to take place in some type of hybrid form. The committee which organizes the event will make a decision soon and will inform us in the next couple of weeks.

I have been contacted by the Cleveland Zoo regarding the Winter Lights Display. It sounds like this event will also be a "go" for this year. I will be providing for details regarding the module group's involvement once I have more information from the Cleveland Zoo.

Until next time!



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

It was certainly great to have monthly meeting and raffle again after a 6 month pause. Next month will be another great raffle with lots of prizes up for grabs. As always, there will be something for everyone at the upcoming meeting. I hope to see everyone there!



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

COMPANY STORE

We'll have some new items at our next Division meeting. I'll have some cars and building kits from our sister divisions. I'll also have more of the Glue Loopers - demand was hot in January! 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.

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

CONTEST TABLE

September's meeting in our new location was exciting. We had fifty-two members in attendance who enjoyed each others company. I'm starting to get pretty good at identifying people by just seeing their eyes.

The pleasant business of awarding contest participants for their modeling efforts was handled at the meeting. Usually this is done at the June meeting. Last season we had five of our eight contests completed. The points standing for models found Chuck Klein taking first place with Jim Grell in second place and Joe Kurilec in third place. The diorama awards had George Keller in first place, John Witt in second place with Jim Grell pulling down third place. The awards were in the form of plaques and gift certificates to Walthers. First place winners received \$150 certificates, second place \$100 and \$75 certificates to the third place winners. Congratulations gentlemen and thank you for your great entries.

The September model contest had eight entries with their flat car loads. Don Glass had captured everyone's interest with his uniquely long load. Joe Filipiak won second place with Fred Wagner in third place with his entry. There were eight models submitted for viewing. We had three dioramas to enjoy. George Keller earned first place with John Witt receiving second place and John Puch with third place.

The October model contest is a passenger car sleeper from any era. Heavy weight Pullmans to today's Amtrak and any where in between. A special thank you to John Hemsath for donating the studio lights for the contest display tables.

Well, that's about it from the contest box for this month. I'll leave you with this thought: just because you wear a mask does not excuse you from brushing your teeth. After all, you need them in good shape for Don's donuts.



Joe Filipiak

A VISIT TO THE WEST 3RD B&O ROUNDHOUSE

Last November I did a quick stop at the B&O roundhouse after my weekly trip to the West Side Market. Division 4 members should take some time to visit the West Side Market and many of the historic sights such as Ohio City and the Tremont area. Great food and drinks.



Joe Kurilec

Outside to the right of the turntable was a newly restored "service" car. My camera caught the reflective paint along the bottom of the car.



One thing that did not please me was loco 4070, a 2-8-2 at the end of these passenger cars. Behind 4070 was a repainted caboose. Nice job! Work was being done on the tracks leading to the roundhouse.

WHAT'S GOING ON

So far, these shows have not been cancelled.. If you plan on attending, it is best to call to see if they are still going on.

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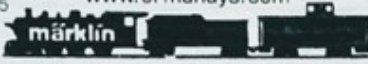
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The North Coast Division meetings are normally held on the second Friday of the month, to hear guest speakers, share skills, have railroad related clinics, and to share common problems and successes. Many of us get together informally in round-robin sessions to operate and work on each other's layouts, or just talk railroads and modeling.

