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DIVISION 4 THE NORTH COAST DIVISION OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 10, 2021

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. 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.

Views expressed in *The Flatwheel* do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the NMRA, MCR, or Division 4.

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

Westlake City Recreation Center 28955 Hilliard Blvd Westlake, OH 44145



FROM THE SUPER

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

September brings us to the start of another model railroading season. This time I like to think the fall weather is what drives us to our basements to work on our railroads but the bug still persists. Just when I thought the numbers were dropping in Ohio, bam back over 4000 today.

Ok, back to more enjoyable subjects. The Medina 4H group had their modules set up at the fair and I was, as always, amazed at the imagination and ingenuity that goes into the kids modules. If you did not get a chance to get to the fair to see the modules you missed a great display. I was kind of disappointed there wasn't more interest from our members as I only had 11 members listed on the sign in sheet. We will have the drawing for the HO Engine at the September meeting with each of the members that signed in at the fair having a chance to win.

I wrote about our summer picnic last month and just wanted to thank Larry Kuczynski again for a job well done. Get it, burgers, brats, well done. Ok, ok enough with the dry humor. Thank you, Larry.

The module group chalked up a successful event at the Cuyahoga County fair. We had lots of interest from the public, and a lot more when it was raining. Our members ran lots of trains, but one thing was for sure, it was HOT. It was ironic that the last module event was at the Zoo operating in 20 to 30 degree temperatures and then we operated at the fair in 80 to 90 degree temperatures. Talk about extremes, I even had a sun kink due to the heat to repair that was giving us problems. The next module event will be Oktoberfest at the Berea Fairgrounds. If you are out stop by and see us. And bring us some cream puffs from Schmidt's.

September will mark one year at our new meeting location in Westlake. I believe the new venue has worked well for us especially with the onset of the bug. If we were still at the church, we would not have had the meetings that we had.

Well we are in search of a new Clinic Chairperson. Gary Sole has changed job duties and with it he has less time to devote to the Division, so he is going to step down. As you know Gary took over the position from Larry Madson who handled the job for a number of years. So, I ask that you consider speaking up and volunteering to be our Clinic Chair. As I had stated in my column a year ago, the alternative is no clinics. I don't think anyone wants that to happen so give it some thought. We can split up the duties if you don't want to tackle the entire job yourself. Thank you in advance for volunteering whomever you are.

FROM THE SUPER

The Great Berea Train Show is proceeding as planned. David James or his official designee, will be filling us in at the September meeting. This brings me to my official standing on the soapbox tirade. OK, I will make it short and sweet, we need your help putting on the show. You all know this show is our fundraiser for the year. Yes, we have a healthy bank account, but you know we skip one year and another show will fly in and we will be done. Your help would be greatly appreciated if you please sign up for a job or two. The more that sign up the thinner the total job gets amongst the helpers. Thank you in advance for your help.

I am working on planning our Awards Banquet. I thank Joe Filipiak, Joe Kurilec and Chris Shick for doing the legwork and phonework to get info on a few banquet halls.

We had our late summer BOD meeting on Tues the 24th. The main topic of conversation was the Great Berea Train Show which is proceeding as planned. The minutes can be read in this issue of the Flatwheel. We are also pursuing hybrid meetings in the future to help our membership attend our meetings while staying at home.

Please continue to welcome our new members and visitors to our meetings. Try to answer their questions the best you can or refer them to another member who might have the answer. Remember, we were all green at some point. See everyone on September 10th.

And remember, Model Railroading is Fun !!!

Lee Sheffield Superintendent



Lee Sheffield

THE GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW OCTOBER 2 & 3, 2021

By David James

<u>Division 4 needs your help!</u> Our show date is coming fast. The GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW makes the many events during the year possible for the membership. This is our only fund-raiser each year. To do this we need volunteer help.

We still have time slots open and would like the membership to consider volunteering for any position. The "shifts" are four hours, but you can volunteer for an hour or more. These positions are very easy and will get you admission into THE GREAT BEREA TRAIN SHOW!

To volunteer please email:
David James david.j@brtcharter.com
Or Lee Sheffield lakeshorenyc@yahoo.com

Remember your help benefits the entire membership. You'll be able to earn points for the NMRA achievement program. Thanks for your help.



David James

NORTH COAST OHIO

DIV-4 Leadership

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BOD MEETING MINUTES

The minutes for the August 24th BOD did not make it by the Flatwheel Deadline. It will be published in the October Flatwheeel.

The Editor

MEETING MINUTES

Minutes for NMRA MCR Division 4 General Meeting Westlake Recreation Center, Westlake, Ohio

11 June 2021

(Republished from July Flatwheel.)

The meeting was called to order by Superintendent Lee Sheffield. Lee held a brief review of the May meeting's auction, noting that it was the first auction in the new facility, with minor changes indicated for next time. The membership provided generally positive comments. Lee then asked for corrections or changes to the May Minutes; hearing none, Lee declared the Minutes to be approved.

Treasurer Greg Noeth was unable to attend the meeting but had earlier provided Lee with a financial report which Lee presented to the membership.

Great Berea Train Show Chair David James was not in attendance. Lee provided a brief status report on the show's progress. There will be no ticket sales at the back gate but that gate will be open and staffed by us for use by vendors, volunteers and guests returning from the restrooms.

Clinic Chair Gary Sole talked about *Railroad Heritage* as an important recipient of photographs (see https://railphoto-art.org/journal/). He then asked if the membership would be interested in seeing clinics on Zoom by presenters outside of the Division. Receiving a positive response, Gary said that he would see what was available for next season. Gary stated that the evening's clinic would be provided by George Keller (on lift bridge electrical contact using pogo pins).

Module Group Chair Adam Woodie said that modules would be on display at both the Cuyahoga County Fair and Octoberfest. Volunteers will be needed at both events, especially the week long fair.

Lee said the Flatwheel deadline is June 26 and that the Flatwheel will be published in both July and August.

Contest Chair Joe Filipiak announced the winners of the April contest and gave each winner a chance to describe their entries. Joe then awarded plaques and gift certificates to winners for the season. Joe concluded with contest categories for next season (September 2021 – June 2022).

Company Store Chair Scott Benson gave a summary of items available for purchase.

Raffle Chair Adam Woodie described the evening's prizes.

Joe Kurilec MMRTM was thanked for his work on the virtual raffle, which he stated was fairly well completed by this point.

Picnic Chair Larry Kuczynski reported that the picnic would be hosted by the Northeast Ohio Live Steamers (in Lester, near Medina) on July 24th between 11 and 3. He asked that everyone remember to bring a side dish and also sign up tonight so that he'd have some idea of how much food to bring. Bringing lawn chairs was also suggested.

MEETING MINUTES

Layout Tour Chair Ron Morgan said that tours would be scheduled for November.

Chuck Klein spoke about the upcoming <u>Nickel Plate Historical & Technical Society's</u> annual convention in Lebanon Ohio in October, saying that members of other railroad societies were being invited.

Lee talked about his recent trip to Colorado.

Ram Shearer said that Ormandy's Hobby Shop in Medina was relocating to a facility about 18 miles further west.

It was announced that Division 6 will be holding its meeting at the Marion Union Station in Marion Ohio next weekend. It's an all-day event with numerous clinics along with plenty of train watching.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:28 pm.

David M. Williams Filling in for Chris Shick, Secretary

MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

August has been very busy month for the module group with our participation in the 2021 Cuyahoga County Fair. The layout was greatly appreciated by Cuyahoga County Fair staff. A big thanks to everyone that provided modules for the layout as well as those that ran trains over the 6 day event. It was very well received by the general public that attended the event. Unofficial attendance numbers for the fair were around 172,000 total paid attendance. Numerous flyers were passed out for the Great Berea Train Show. Hopefully, those flyers translate into new attendees for the GBTS.

No sooner has the layout been taken down for the Cuyahoga County Fair, the module group is gearing up for Cleveland Oktoberfest. This event will take place at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds beginning Friday, September 3rd through Monday, September 6th. There will also be a bonus weekend this year for Oktoberfest which will be Friday, September 10th and Saturday September 11th. If you plan on attending the event, don't forget to stop by the layout for a visit. We will be located in the Education Building aka the Home and Hobby Building. After Oktoberfest is complete, the module group will be set up at the Great Berea Train Show, Training Day, as well as the Cleveland Zoo.

In summary, mark your calendars for those upcoming events. If you are interested in joining the module group and operate a train or two on the layout, then please don't hesitate to let me know. There will be plenty of opportunities over the next couple of events for anyone that would like try their hand at module model railroading. Please email me at woo3482@hotmail.com and let me know if your are interested.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

COMPANY STORE

The Company Store will not be present at the September and October Division meetings. If you'd like to order a Division 4 shirt, please contact me at Sbenson440@zoominternet.net. See you in November!!

Scott Benson



CONTEST TABLE

The September division meeting is fast approaching and is always a fun time to catch up with old friends and meet new people who will soon be friends as well. We all share a common bond in model railroading and its many facets and that, my friends, is what makes model railroading the great hobby that it is. My mowing equipment seemingly has been going nearly non stop this summer and I am more than ready to do something that is a lot more fun.

One of the fun events at our meetings is the model contest. The contest subject matters are varied enough to allow you to participate no matter what era you are interested in or how involved a modeler you are. The model contest is simply to bring in a model that fits the challenge for the particular contest. This September contest is asking for you to bring in your favorite tank car from the era you are modeling or simply one that is interesting to you. I have to believe that everyone has at least one tank car and some I know have at least a hundred and one. The diorama entry section of the contest gives you a chance to tell a story by modeling a scene that incorporates the contest subject. The vast majority of people in attendance vote for their favorite choice in each category. We are depending on your participation to make the contests a success.

The October contest will be a small steam powered switch engine. It can be narrow gauge or even a steam charged engine from a steel mill. Well, that's about it for the Contest Box this month. I'm looking forward to seeing all of you and your models in a few weeks.



Joe Filipiak

CLINICS

The Clinic for the September meeting will be from Frank Bongiovanni

The Subject is going to be: "The New York Central in West Virginia".

Hope to see you all at the meeting.

RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The monthly raffle will resume in September along with the monthly meeting. As always, there will be something for everyone.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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STANDING NOTE

So you want to build some turnouts - whether you are working on Achievement awards, or upgrading your trackwork, this is a reminder that the Division has an inventory of Fast Tracks tools and supplies for use by members. All are HO Code 83.

We have #4, #5, #6 and #8 turnouts (left or right), #6 Gantlet, and #6 crossovers (single or double). Plus all supplies including the Quicksticks.

Contact Steve Kaplan - 216-533-4319 spk@skaplanassociates.com to arrange to borrow what you need.

Steve

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THE DYNAMIC DUO AND A FAMILY TRADITION From 1941 to 1985 PART 2.

By Joe Kurilec, MMR

THE GREAT MODEL BUILDING OF BERNIE KLEIN.

by Joe Kurilec, MMR

In part 1 of the Klein's railroad empire I mentioned about several items that Bernie Klein built over the years.

Starting around 1948 Bernie built the water tower below. It features the tank made from a Quaker Oats box.

The roof has detailed shingles made from corrugated card stock.



THE DYNAMIC DUO AND A FAMILY TRADITION From 1941 to 1985 PART 2.



Above is an old Varney caboose. Bernie lettered it for AEL. All Eastern Lines.



Bernie worked for CTS, Cleveland Transit System. He built this small trolly and painted it. The colors are not CTS colors.

THE DYNAMIC DUO AND A FAMILY TRADITION From 1941 to 1985 PART 2.



This short caboose was built on a Lionel frame. Bernie scratch built the body out of wood and card stock and lettered it for the NYC.

Keep in mind these models were built in the early 1950s. I am amazed how his craftsmanship is so great.

Look at the "details" that are very symmetrical!

THE DYNAMIC DUO AND A FAMILY TRADITION From 1941 to 1985 PART 2.



Another one of Bernie's scratch built models is this longer caboose. The frame is hand made as are the steps.



This B&O wagon top caboose is one of his models that stands out. Look at how the roof and bay window are sanded to a very realistic curve. Bernie used the same Varney caboose as the one above lettered for AEL.

THE DYNAMIC DUO AND A FAMILY TRADITION From 1941 to 1985 PART 2.



At the time, this Mantua Pacific, 4-6-2 was and outstanding model for its time! It was about 1960 when Bernie added details.



Notice the pilot. That was an American Flyer Hudson, 4-6-4 part. Bernie filed out the casting between in "boiler tube" sections.

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THE DYNAMIC DUO AND A FAMILY TRADITION From 1941 to 1985 PART 2.



Bernie then painted and lettered the engine. Notice the letters BCM at the tope of the tender. That stands for Bernie, Chuck & Mike.

A special thanks to the Klein family for sharing these wonderful memories.

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THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE, CLEVELAND, OHIO FOLLOWING THE LINE WEST OUT OF THE FLATS. PART 4

By Joe Kurilec, MMR

More information can be found in The Sentinel Second Quarter 2014 issue in the well-written article "The B&O in Cleveland" by Bill Cramer, Mike Lytle and Ron Spiga. All issues of the Sentinel can be purchased on 3 CDs from the B&O Historical Society Company Store. http://borhs.org/ Look for the link "Videos and other digital Media."



As we move out of the flats area, we see another 2018 view of the target signal (black arrow) and remaining track work. This is the area viewed at the end of part 3. Behind this view is the "new" Harvard bridge and Beltline Street.



Behind us is the target signal. Heading south, Beltline Street can be seen in front of the truck at left as the track curves. RD tower once stood to the right of the track.



Beltline St. is right of Chemical Solvents Inc. Google maps



1990 view with Chemical Solvents Inc. at left.

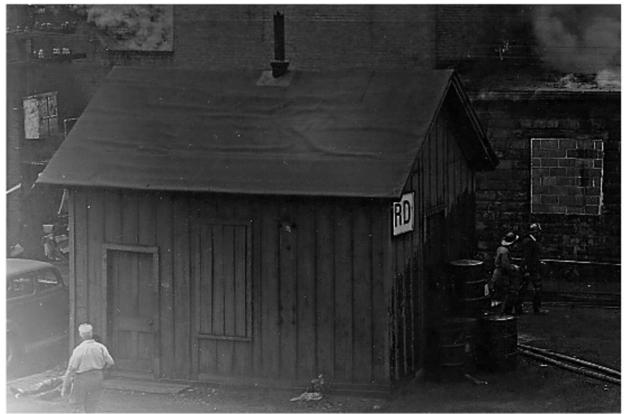


2019 view from Beltline St.

Ron Spiga

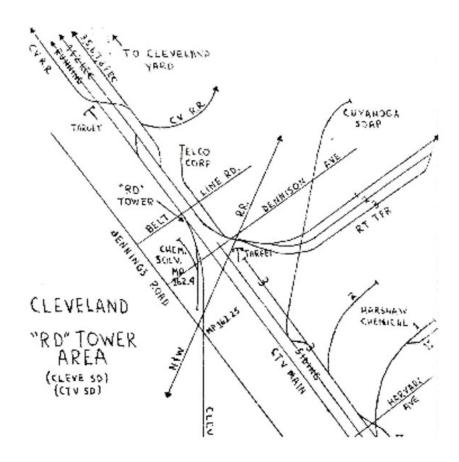
These three images show the oldl ocation of RD Tower. The top image is a 2019 Google map view showing Beltline Road, top right arrow. Chemical Solvents, center arrow, is to the left of Beltline Road. The middle image taken in 1990 has the arrow point to where **RD** Tower once stood. Beltline Road is right above the arrow. The lower image taken in 2019 from Beltline Road shows the location of RD Tower, which would havebeen to the rear of the silver containers.

Joe Kurileo

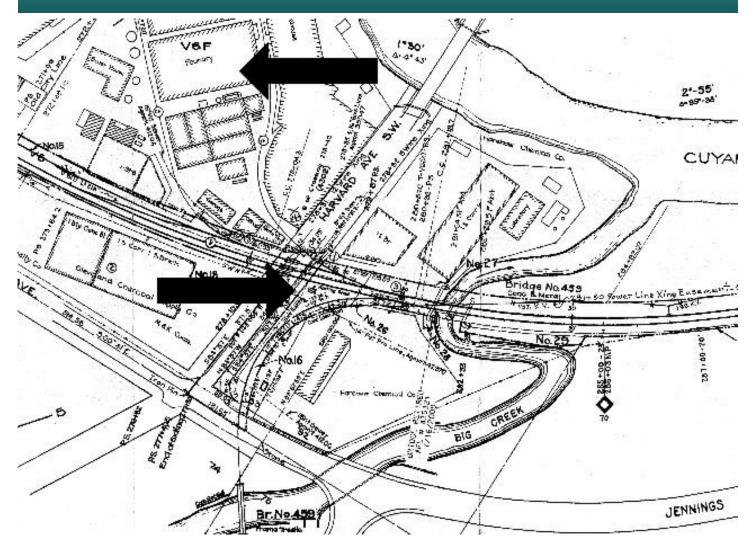


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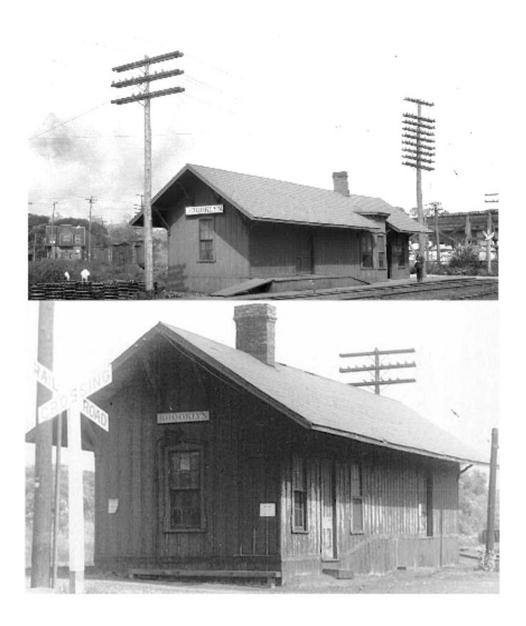
This image taken from the second quarter 2014 issue of The Sentinel, page 30 of Ron Spiga's article "Will the Real RD Tower Please Stand Up" clearly shows the RD markings. The date of this image is unknown and it is not known if this was a storage-shed for National Solvents, now known as Chemical Solvents Inc., or was still used as RD Tower. Researching this area found building materials (cinder blocks) on the side of Chemical Solvent Inc. This material is also seen to the right of RD tower making this the correct location! Tracks of the B&O (C L & W) are in front of RD Tower.



The RD Tower area map provided from the Ron Spiga collection show the target signal, top left. RD Tower by Beltline Road is right below the target signal, almost center left in the map.



The lower arrow shows the location of the smaller station, called a waiting shed. You'll see the curved siding to the lower right of the waiting shed seen in other images. The siding curved southwest crossing Jennings Road and Big Creek heading to industries in the valley. The top arrow points to the Harshaw Chemical Company grounds, which we will briefly talk about later.



The top view is a trackside view of the Brooklyn, Ohio station that may have been built in the early 1900s. This is how it looked in 1919. Harvard Avenue is to the right of the station. Notice to the left side of the station, the utility pole with several freight cars on the siding. You'll see that siding in other images. The bottom view is looking from Harvard Avenue at the front of the station. This front view shows where there was once a loading dock. It seems that the station was shortened at some point. The Valley Railroad stopped at this station. It ran from Cleveland to Zoarville and was founded in 1871. The first track of the Valley Railroad opened in 1880. The line was completed in 1884. The B&O had a controlling interest in 1890but in 1895 the railroad went bankrupt and was reorganized as the Cleveland, Terminal and Valley Railroad. The B&O took over the CT&V in 1909 and was merged with the B&O in 1915. Rail traffic declined causing CSX to abandoned a third of the line in 1984.



The 2019 top image shows the trackside view of where the station once stood. There once were two tracks in front of the station. The 2019 lower image is taken from Harvard Road.



The larger station was removed and a much smaller building replaced it. This is a 1966 view. To the right of the station is the siding mentioned in image G. Notice also that two tracks are still running in front of the smaller station, which is now alive and well living in Berea, Ohio!





My good friend and pilot of New York Central's 479 "jet Car" Don Wetzel (D) and I were talking about this article and the stations that once were at the area of Harvard & Jennings Road. Don mentioned his son Chris approached CSX to purchase the station. Hiring someone to disassemble and move the station proved to be too expensive, so Chris took the station apart and moved it to his home at the corner of West and Prospect Roads in Berea, Ohio were it still stands. Chris no longer lives there.

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THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE, CLEVELAND, OHIO FOLLOWING THE LINE WEST OUT OF THE FLATS. PART 4

This will complete part 4. Part 5 will take a look around the Jennings, Harvard / Denison area along with some views of companies that once stood. We will then start the climb out of this area.

CREDITS and ACKNOWLEDGMENTS.

All photos by Joe Kurilec, MMR unless otherwise noted.

Plat map books provided by State Tool & Die, Emil Orenick, President and CEO.

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The Berea Historical Society.

The Brooklyn, Ohio Historical Society.

The Strongsville Historical Society.

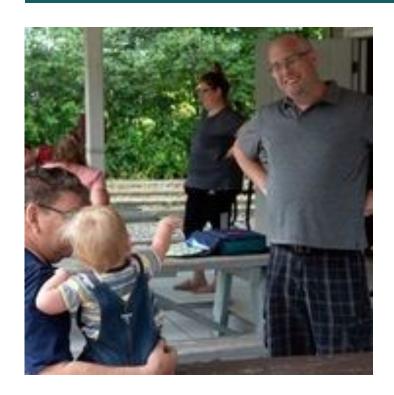
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WikipediA. Online research.
Bill Cramer for guidance and direction.
Ron Spiga as my historical compass.

Thanks for reading. Comments are always welcome. jkurilec@earthlink.net

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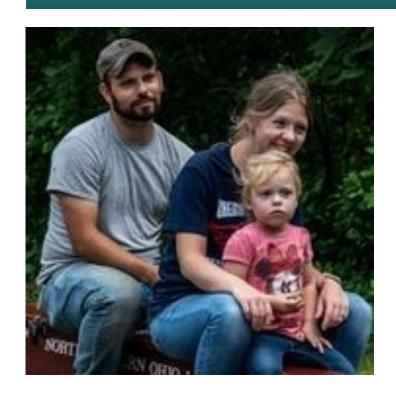






DIVISION 4 PICNIC PICTURES

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DIVISION 4 PICNIC PICTURES

7-23-2021





by Joe Kurilec, MMR

On August 3rd. I was able to get to the fair to judge modules. At that time two other Division 4 members had voted.

The 4H module ran great and they had some pretty nice motive power, steam & diesel. I hope more Division 4 members were able to view the display and vote for the ones they liked.



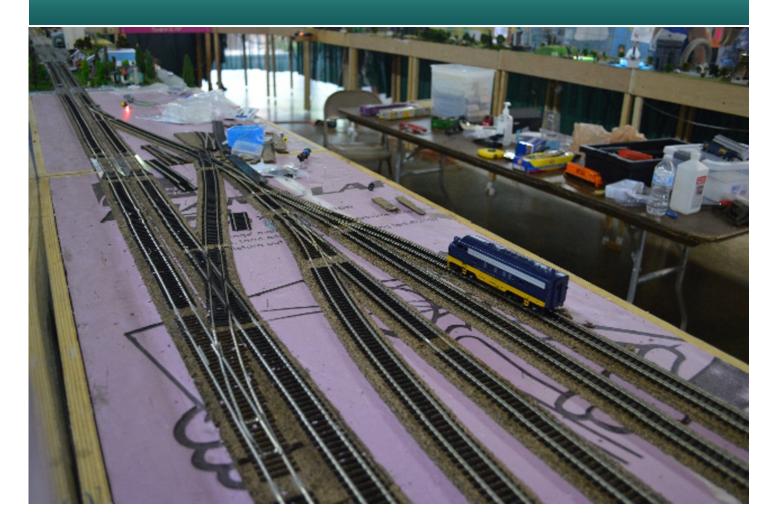
The 4H flag is displayed at the module and thanks us for our support.



This snow scene earned first place at the stand alone module judging a few weeks before the fair, I really feel this is some excellent modeling!



These young modelers really put a lot of effort into the work they do and it shows.



This under construction yard impressed me. Nice track work.



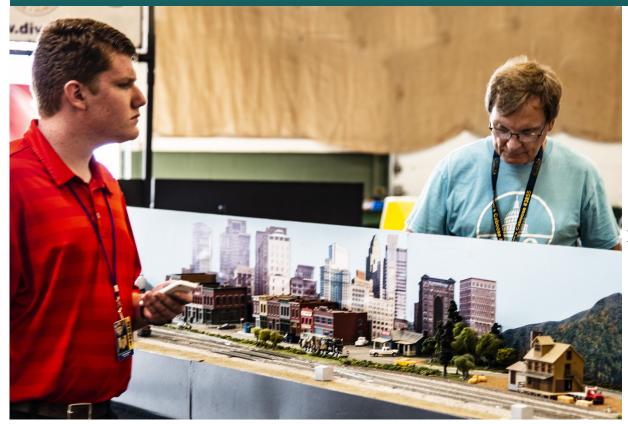
The Cuyahoga County Fair DIV-4 Module Group Display Pictures by Dave Williams



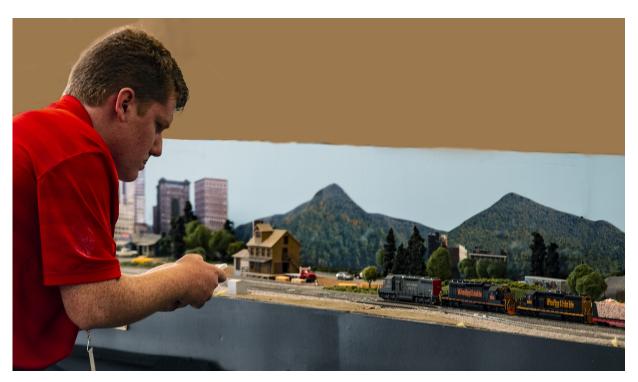


Chuck Shick William Cramer

The Cuyahoga County Fair DIV-4 Module Group Display

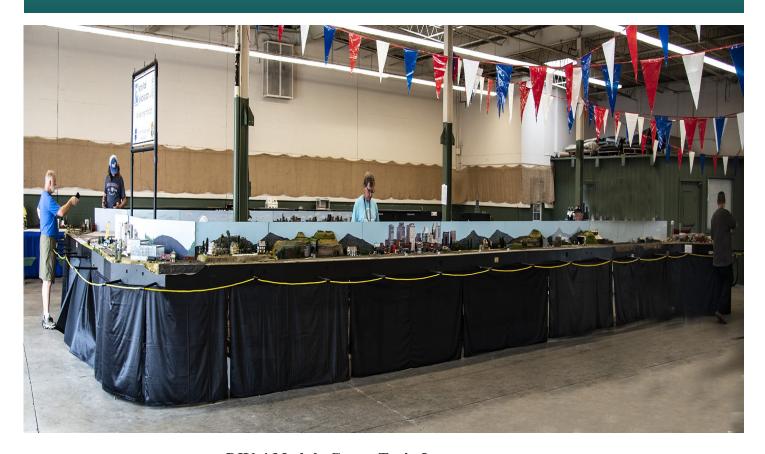


Kyle Kogler & Larry Kowicki;



Kyle Kogler

The Cuyahoga County Fair DIV-4 Module Group Display



DIV-4 Module Group Train Layout

The Cuyahoga County Fair DIV-4 Module Group Display



Morgan Griffith, Chuck Shick, Kendra Agnew



Cuyahoga Fair Farris Wheel

WHAT'S GOING ON

2021 Sept 3-6

& Sept 10-11

Oktoberfest - DIV4 modules on Display

2021 - Sept 11



Model Train Flea Market

Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot)

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. Free

Phone: 216-470-5780 Donations Accepted and Appreciated

MAP Flyer WEB Page

2021 - Sept 18

Boy Scout Day - RR Merit Badge

Painesville Railroad Museum (aka Painesville Depot)

475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077

10:00 am to 4:00 pm Adm. \$25.00

Phone: 216-470-5780

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Rain Date Sept.26

Roads—Rails-N-Sales

At Black River Landing—Lorain Ohio

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Sponsored by LGC3855 Caboose Committee

2021

Oct. 2 & 3

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The Great Berea Train Show

Model Train Show NMRA Div 4
Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds

19201 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130

Sat 10 am - 4 pm, Sun 10 am - 4 pm Adm. \$8.00

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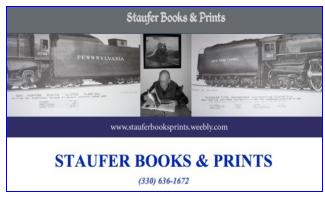
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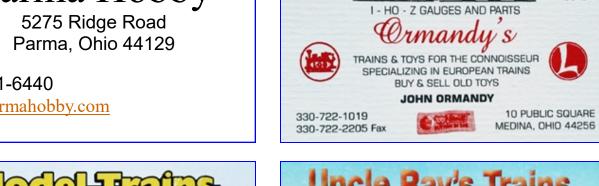
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