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DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 2022

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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.

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*.

Westlake City Recreation Center
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FROM THE SUPER

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

Thanksgiving should be wrapped up and each of us a little plumper in the mid-section by the time you read this newsletter. The Awards Banquet is all set for Friday December 10th. The cutoff date was November 24th so if you missed signing up, you can may be able to get on a waiting list in case someone cancels. Don’t forget, no meeting that night. Good food, music, a visit from Santa’s Elf and a fantastic raffle put on by Adam Woodie. Even though we don’t have any kids attending, believe or not the last round of grandkids has grown up, George still wants to entertain us big kids. The doors open at 6 and we eat at 7 PM. Important note this year, you can bring your own adult beverages (aka booze). The bar will be open to serve you if you wish to share what you brought, or you can keep your bottle at your table. Soft drinks and such will be available at the bar. Just remember to drink responsibly or have a designated person to get you home.

Did you get out on Nov 13th and 21st to the layout tours? We have some spectacular modelers in our group with phenomenal layouts. I was not able to get out to all the layouts on Sat the 13th. I was at Dave Lawler’s helping operate so Dave could talk about the layout.

As seasoned as many of our members are there are still new techniques and ideas to be learned. When you visit the various layouts, you can always find something new to try out on your own layout. Our members love to get their layouts spruced up and are proud to show them off. You too can open your layout up for one of the layout tours. It doesn’t have to be 100% finished with everything perfect. Visitors love to see parts under construction. And you would be surprised of how much of an incentive it is for working on your layout when you know it’s going to be open for tours. Contact Ron Morgan if you are interested.

The coming year is election time. So far no one has stepped up to run for Superintendent or Assistant Superintendent. Dave Flebbe is heading up our nomination committee so if you are interested contact Dave. We are also looking to split up some of the duties of the Membership Chair. Someone who is computer savvy would fit right in. We need the Division Membership List updated as there have been many changes over the last couple of years. Contact me or George if you are interested.

The module group is busy weekends with the International Trees and Trains exhibit in Lorain and at the Cleveland Zoo Wild Winter Lights. This is the ninth year that Division 4 has participated in the exhibit in Lorain and the third at the Cleveland Zoo. Trees and Trains is great fun and the first night is always full of activity inside and outside the building. Beautifully decorated Christmas trees and multiple train layouts to entertain the adults and kids. Make the trip out to Lorain and visit. Join us and run a train for an evening. The hours are Fridays & Saturdays 5 to 9 PM, Sundays 3 to 7 PM from Nov 27th through the end of December. And it is free, donations are accepted.

The layout at the Cleveland Zoo Wild Winter Lights opened Thursday the 18th. There are over a million lights and numerous activities for all ages. Wild Winter Lights will be open on weekends through December into the first week of January. They even offer drive through nights for those who don’t want to brave the cold. Check out the Metro Parks website for further details.

In closing I hope to see you at the Awards Banquet on Friday December 10th or at the next meeting on Friday January 14th, 2022. Remember the meeting will start at 6:30 PM, an hour earlier than previous meetings. Doors open at 6pm.

As always, Model Railroading is Fun !!!

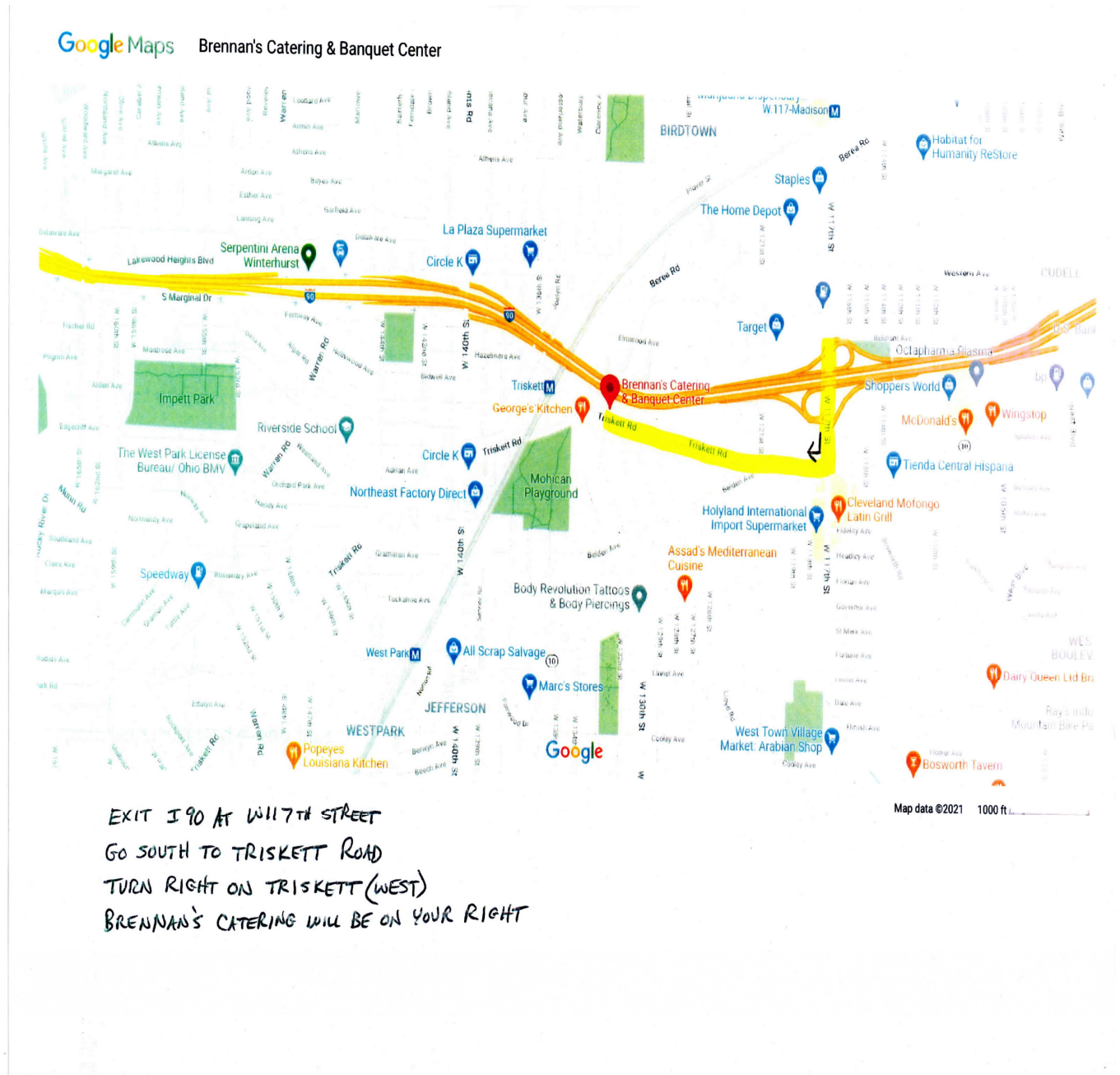
Lee Sheffield



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AWARDS BANQUET

DECEMBER 10th AT BRENNAN'S



RESERVATIONS CLOSED ON NOVEMBER 24TH

The Count to Brennan's was due on November 25th.

FRED OBREAZA

Division 4 director Fred Obreza passed away in late September. Fred and his wife Joanne could always be counted on to help with Division activities, perhaps most notably as greeters and membership representatives at TRAINing Days. Besides their interest in trains, Fred and Joanne were also involved in automobile clubs. Their collection of cars included a '57 Chevy and a Ford Model T; friends drove vintage cars in Fred's funeral procession. After retirement from K Mart, Fred drove the community bus for Walton Hills. Besides Joanne, Fred is survived by his son Fred (wife Ruth) and two grandchildren.



NORTH COAST OHIO

DIV-4 Leadership

ELECTED OFFICERS

Superintendent - **Lee Sheffield**, lakeshorenyc@yahoo.com

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BOARD OF DIRECTORS MINUTES

Division 4 NMRA, MCR Board of Directors Meeting 11/9/21

Superintendent Lee Sheffield called the meeting to order at 7:11 pm.

The 2021 budget was gone over while making additions and corrections.

The board then started working on the 2022 budget.

Ways to cut down on expenses were discussed. One way is to charge more to at least cover half of the annual awards banquet. Module Group, Grants, Training Day, and Flatwheel will all have smaller budgets.

The Board voted on presenting the budget to the members. Approval was passed for presentation.

Training Day there were about 64 people visitors. Not many visitors may have been because of the beautiful weather.

Next suggestions to change the by laws. Possible thought for additions or corrections:

1. Director of the East should reside in Cuyahoga County or Medina County.
Having one representative from each county with 2 members at large.

Current Directors are to meet Friday, November 12th before the meeting to make the decision of who will fill in for Director of the East, Fred Obreza's former position. This will be a fill in until the elections happening in the Spring.

The Westlake Recreation Center wants us out of the building at 9:00pm at the latest. Meeting starting in January will begin at 6:30pm.

Went over other things that need to be discussed at Friday's meeting.

Motion made and seconded to adjourn. Motion carried, meeting adjourned at 8:34 pm. (Sorry guys, being on line I couldn't tell by voices who made the motion and seconded).

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Shick
Division 4 NMRA, MCR Secretary

MEETING MINUTES

Division 4 NMRA, MCR Monthly Meeting November 12, 2021

Superintendent Lee Sheffield called the meeting to order at 7:32 pm.

All Veteran's were recognized and thanked for their service.

Minutes of previous meeting were approved.

Treasure's Report – Greg Noeth – amounts of all accounts were given.

Starting time for meetings will be at 6:30 pm beginning in January.

Missing remote was found.

Medina 4-H modules are in the lobby. Stop by, look at them, and question the boys about their individual modules. Also feel free to set up and do a clinic at on of their meetings for them.

Hopefully, everyone got to see Joe Kurilec's article in the NMRA Magazine. It was a real nice article about our own Division 4 and all we do. Great job Joe!

The other 4 current Directors met before the meeting and John Janda will fill in for the rest of Fred Obreza's term until the Spring elections.

Membership – George Keller – if you don't have a new name tag, please sign up on the sheet over by the tag box. Guests tonight were Stan Dus (sp?) Welcome to the meeting.

Clinics- Jerry Kruger – Bruce Bowie is doing tonight's clinic, it is a hands on training of how to make roads. No clinic for next month. Bram Bailey will do January's clinic. If you are interested in doing a clinic, please let Jerry know.

Module Group – Adam Woodie – Set on Sunday, November 14th at 1:00 pm for the Wild Winter Lights at the Zoo. We start running trains on Thursday, November 18th. Trains will be run Thursdays through Sundays from 5:30 to 9:30, please get there about 4:30 to clean the tracks. This will run on these nights until the week of Christmas when we will run every night. Trees and Trains set up is Saturday, November 20th, around 9:30am. Trees and Trains will start the Saturday after Thanksgiving and run until Sunday, December 26th. Running nights are Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays. If you are interested in running trains at either event please let Adam know.

Flatwheel – Chuck Shick – Deadline is November 26th.

MEETING MINUTES

AP Awards – John Hemsath – One award tonight is going to John Witt. He earned his Model Engineer – Civil.

Contests – Joe Filipiak – Last months winners:

Model: 1st – Joe Kurilec
2nd tied – Scott Eastburn/ George Gelehrter
3rd - Steve Riddlebaugh

Dioramas: 1st – John Witt
2nd – Dave Lawler
3rd – Rick Ulmer

This month was Sanding Facilities, there is no contest in December. January's contest is Small Rural Railroad Station.

Training Day – Gary Schaefer – There was low attendance die to the beautiful weather. We only had 5 members there sharing how to make items for displays. Gary knows 3 families came from the advertising at The Great Berea Train Show. We may get 2 – 3 new members for the Division. Total 64 visitors, 16 Division 4 members, and 5 volunteers from the Caboose Committee.

Awards Banquet – Lee Sheffield – We need at least 50 reservations. Maps are available on the front table. Greg is up here taking reservations and you can make reservations until Wednesday, November 24th. Banquet will be at Brennen's Party Center on Triskett Rd. in Cleveland. Doors open at 6:00 pm, Dinner at 7:00 pm, and have to be out by 11:00 pm. Cost is \$15.00 per person and children under 15 are free.

Layout Tours- Ron Morgan –

Saturday, November 13th – Chuck Kline, Dave Lawler, Larry Kowicki, and Ramhog Shearer.

Sunday, November 21st – Ron Morgan, Joe Kurilec, and Paul Novak and Sons.

All tours are from Noon until 4:00 pm.

****Please be respectful of all Covid requests****

Company Store – Scott Benson – Scott is taking orders for shirts and has restocked the store with modeling supplies, adhesive foil, scale gauges. There are also videos to check out.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – periodicals, puzzles, lot of stuff get your tickets. There will be Christmas themed stuff at the banquet.

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Frank Bongiovanni – Norfolk/ Southern and Nickel Plate Society Convention is being held June 2nd to the 4th. It will be at the Holiday Inn in Independence. There will be lots of presentations and tours like Age of Steam and Weather Tours. David James will be providing transportation. There will also be a combined banquet. Sign up and enjoy!

Elections – Dave Flebbe – needs two more helpers for elections. Larry Kowicki and Joe Filipiak volunteered.

New Business – Mary Gorbett would like someone to set up an O-Gauge train set for her grandson. She lives in Independence. David Williams volunteered. The Division received a Thank You note from the family of Leonard Scherry for allowing them to have tables to sell off Leonard's train equipment at the Great Berea Train Show. It's up on the front table if you would like to read it.

2022 Budget – Lee Sheffield – The budget was gone over line by line. Bram Bailey made a motion to accept the budget. Bruce Bowie and David James seconded the motion. The members present passed the motion, budget accepted.

Raffle will be at 8:20

Meeting adjourned at 8:22

Respectfully submitted,
Chris Shick
Division 4 NMRA, MCR Secretary



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MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The holiday season is upon us and with it comes one of the busiest parts of the year for the module group. We have two layouts on display this season. The first one is located at the Cleveland Metropark Zoo as part of the Wild Winter Lights Display. This is the third year the module group has participated in this event. This event began on Thursday, November 18th and will continue through Sunday, January 2, 2022.

Our second event is the Trees and Trains event located at the Black River Landing in Lorain. This event will begin on Saturday, November 27th. Please be sure to stop out for a visit during the holiday season.

On the horizon will be the return of the Module Group Planning Event. This meeting will be scheduled for sometime in January 2022.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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COMPANY STORE

No store for December because of the Awards Banquet, so there is no meeting.

Store will be open again in January.



Scott Benson

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

216-533-4319

CONTEST TABLE

The model contest for November saw a total of seven entries. The contest was a little harder than finding a car or engine that would satisfy the subject for the contest. Some of the subject matter choices for the contests are designed to challenge you to do some research into what is being asked for in the contest. We have had three contests so far this season and we have had sixteen different members participate in the contests. It would be great to see even more members enter in the contests but that's up to you.

The November Contest was sanding facilities found by engine terminals. Seventy-four percent of the people at the meeting voted for their favorite entry. Jim Grill's greatly detailed entry received First Place. Second Place went to Scott Eastburn and his neat narrow gauge O scale structure, and Third Place went to George Gelehrter with his fine entry. The diorama entries had John Witt taking First Place and Second Place went to Joe Filipiak for his current day Willard sand tower.

There is no contest in December because of the banquet but that just gives you more time to put together your entry for the January Contest. The contest subject matter is a small, rural railroad station. There are railroads all over the world and most of them have or had stations on their lines. The station you choice can be from Northern Ohio but certainly does not have to be. There are many, unique little stations that can make a great subject for your entry. The contests are designed for 3-D entries but we may have a photo contest in the future. Well, until next time, when we hopefully can stop at your station, have a great holiday season and don't forget to set up the train under the Christmas tree.



Joe Filipiak

CLINICS

There will be no clinic in December due to the Awards Banquet.



Jerry Krueger

RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

It is finally time for the Holiday Banquet Raffle! Numerous model railroad related items, gift baskets, photos, and even a few mystery items will be up for grabs. There will be something for everyone.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE, CLEVELAND, OHIO FOLLOWING THE LINE WEST OUT OF THE FLATS. PART 7

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.

We left part 6 showing the old Cleveland Zoo. Below, looking north of the zoo grounds, towards the West 25th Street bridge (Pearl Rd.) The station is located to the right. To the right of the station are steps leading up to Pearl Rd.

To the left of the B&O tracks are the W&LE tracks that parallel the B&O. Notice there is a spur from the W&LE tracks crossing the B&O tracks to the small yard located right of the station, out of view. Image date 1905.



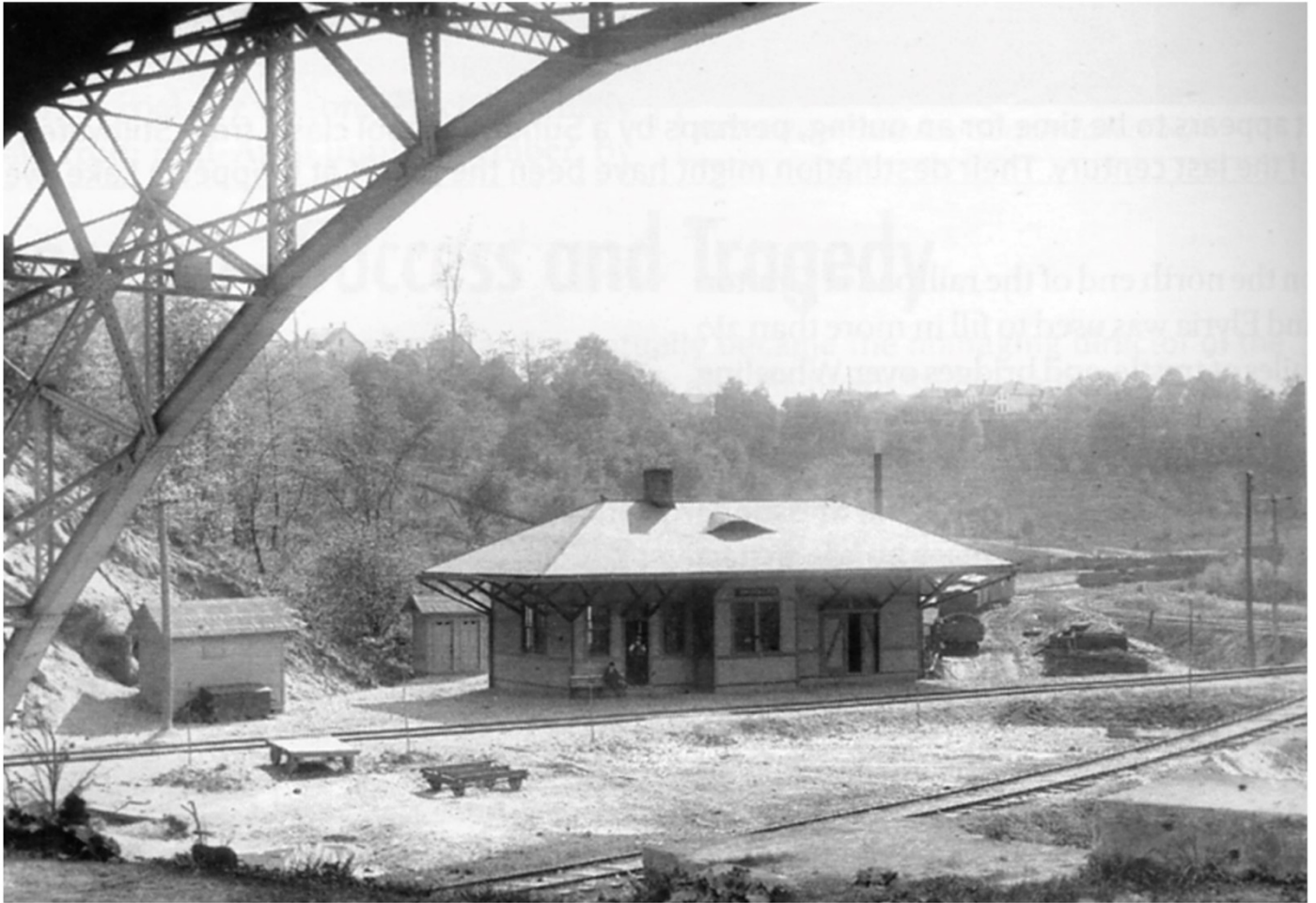
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The top view is the approximate 2019 view of where the station once stood.
The lower 2019 view is from the Pearl Rd. Bridge.

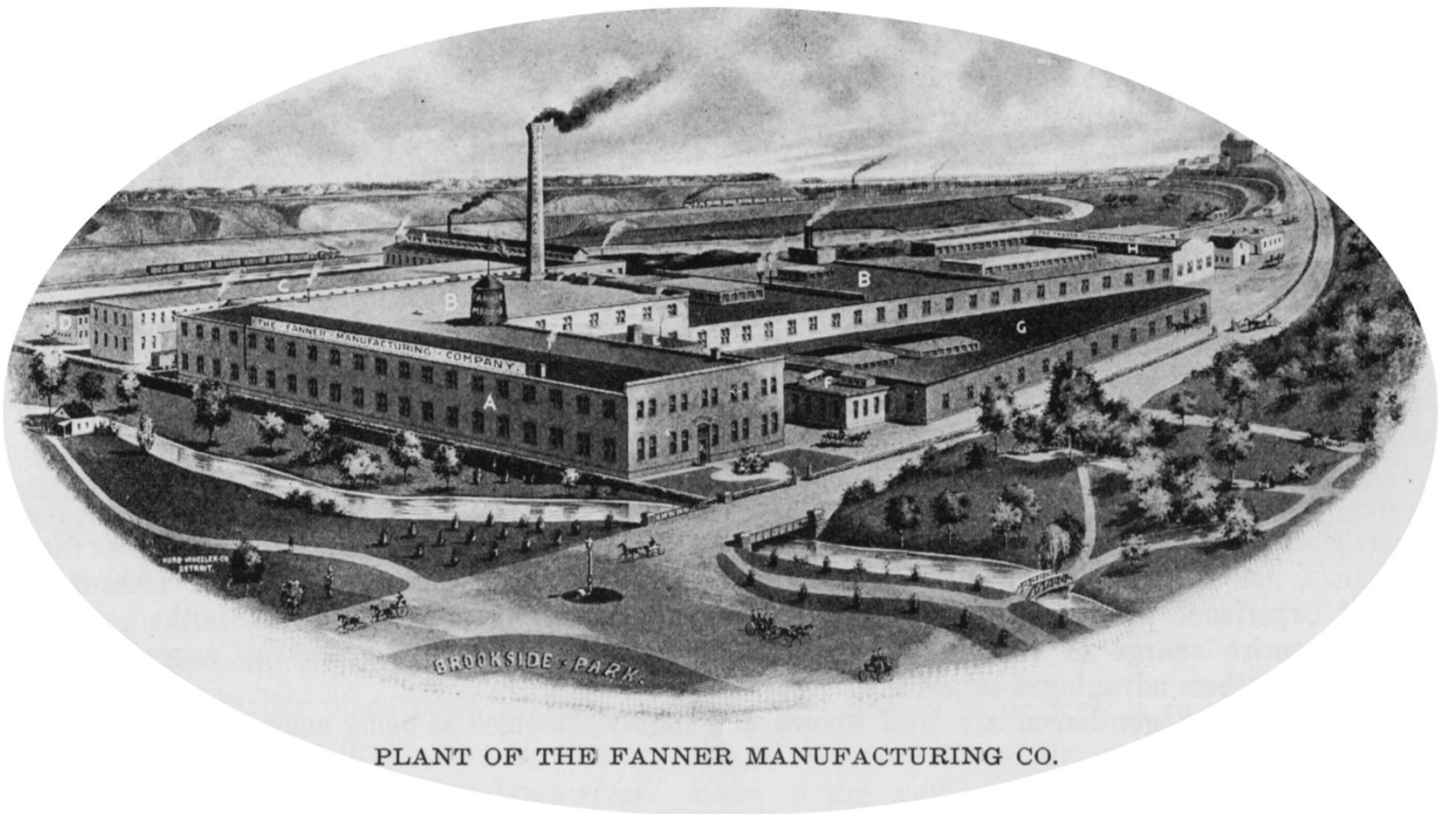
The B&O bridge and tracks are lower center. The station was located near the dumpsters, center left.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE, CLEVELAND, OHIO FOLLOWING THE LINE WEST OUT OF THE FLATS. PART 7



Looking southwest. This station larger then the 1905 station and is a different design. . Notice to the right of the station are the tracks serving the W&LE and the B&O tracks leading to Fanner Manufacturing Company. Notice the outhouse to the left of the station. To the right is now the zoo parking lot. Image: Mark Demaline collection. Date unknown.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE, CLEVELAND, OHIO FOLLOWING THE LINE WEST OUT OF THE FLATS. PART 7



I found this artwork at the Brooklyn Historical Society showing the layout of the Fanner plant, organized in 1893. At that time they employed about twenty people, increasing employment to 500! Fanner made light gray iron castings, stove trimmings, nuts, bolts and rods. At one point Fanner had the largest nickel-plating plants in the country.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE, CLEVELAND, OHIO FOLLOWING THE LINE WEST OUT OF THE FLATS. PART 7



This image was taken from the Pearl Road Brooklyn Bridge in 2019. The tracks on the right were the W&LE. The tracks on the left are the B&O.

Fanner Manufacturing company would have been center, far left, now the Zoo parking lot.

In the distance is the Fulton Road bridge going over the Zoo.

Part 8 will go over some of the businesses in this area and on to the Fulton Road bridge as we follow the B&O.

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



Looking south in the 2019 image is the zoo parking lot where Fanner Manufacturing Company was located.

THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE, CLEVELAND, OHIO FOLLOWING THE LINE WEST OUT OF THE FLATS. PART 7

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

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Cleveland Public Library

Barnard Collection, B&O Historical Society.

B&O Railroad Museum.

The Berea Historical Society.

The Brooklyn, Ohio Historical Society.

The Strongsville Historical Society.

The Sentinel

Midwest Railroad Preservation Society, West 3rd Street Roundhouse, Clark Avenue Yards. Steve

Korpos Board of Director member and Supervisor of Roundhouse Operations.

Case Western Reserve University Encyclopedia of Cleveland History (case.edu/ech/)

Bill Cramer for guidance and direction!

Ron Spiga as my historical compass and photo collection.

Barbara Kurilec for proof reading.

TRAINING DAY 2021 PICTURES



The Black River Landing & Transportation Center in Lorain, Ohio is used for TRAINING Day each year. The building is the Perfect size for this event. This sits on the site of old B&O yards.

TRAINING DAY 2021 PICTURES



Entering the center your greeted by Div. 4 members. Here Dave Flebbe left, waits for the doors to open while Gary Schaefer does last minute paperwork. Gary does a real good job putting TRAINING DAY together.

TRAINING DAY 2021 PICTURES



One of the highlights is the Div. 4 modules organized by Adam "hotbox" Woodie. Whenever we display the modules the public enjoys seeing the trains run.

TRAINING DAY 2021 PICTURES



Lee Sheffield put on a "how to" display on installing DCC & sound boards to model engines and programming them.

TRAINING DAY 2021 PICTURES



Here John Henning and Larry Kowicki set up for the Make it Take it clinic. Our guests could build model car kits and take them home. This was a VERY popular. I something take caught my attention was the ladies and younger girls that participated in kit building. This was a welcome sight!

TRAINING DAY 2021 PICTURES



Here John Witt explains his scenery techniques to interested modelers. John's display shows how to start from the beginning to the finished scene.

TRAINING DAY 2021 PICTURES



I always have model railroad & NMRA magazines with a sign to take some home. Depot Trains always donates railroad cars for guests to "try out". If interested, the cars are given out. The sign "please touch" seems to confuse a lot of people. It seems they are used to "do not touch" signs!

TRAINING DAY 2021 PICTURES



Brian Haas has a building trees display. This is another clinic that gets a lot of attention. Div. 4 members, please consider doing some modeling for next years TRAINING DAY. It is a lot of fun and you'll get volunteer credits toward the NMRA's Achievement Program.

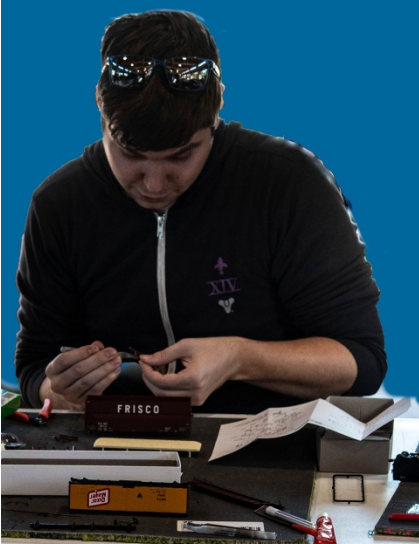
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