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# DIVISION 4

## THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 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 6:00 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 6:30. 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*.

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# FROM THE SUPER

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

February brings us Member Appreciation Night. Or pizza night as most member's call it. It's a chance for us to reward ourselves for the hard work put into the Great Berea Train Show and throughout the year. Jerry Kruger 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 has not been officially scheduled but will likely be the evening of our February meeting. They usually meet prior to our normal monthly meeting.

Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM we will be having a Board of Directors meeting. This meeting will take place over Zoom. The February BOD meeting is usually how we say, the most boring of all BOD meetings as the agenda is usually short. There are always things to discuss to keep the division working.

The upcoming elections will be discussed at the BOD meeting as well as at the February meeting. Dave Flebbe is heading up the nominating committee as he made his presentation at the January meeting asking for nominations. We currently have one person running for Superintendent and two running for Assistant Superintendent. If you are interested in running for one of the position's, please contact Dave. This is your chance to volunteer.

As I sit in my chair gazing out at the snow falling, I am gathering my thoughts on what to take to the Amherst Railway Society Train Show in West Springfield, Massachusetts. This will be my 9<sup>th</sup> year I have attended. The HUB group of Boston has voted to not display this year, so we have stepped up to the plate with our division modules. And a few vendors and manufacturers have decided against attending due to the recent wave of Covid. We have a group of seven driving and three flying in on Thursday the 23<sup>rd</sup> and we will drive home on the 27<sup>th</sup>. I recall Dave Williams mentioning he will be attending again this year. The show is definitely worth attending with its four buildings (over 8 acres) of model trains.

This brings me to Division 5's Railfest. They have been given the green light by the college to have their show in March. We have been given space as in the past so we can host a membership table. George Keller and his wife are looking for volunteers to man the table throughout the weekend. You get into the show in exchange for volunteering so give George a call or see him at the February meeting. Please volunteer.

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 11<sup>th</sup> and Happy Valentine's Day !

As always, Model Railroading is Fun !!!



Lee Sheffield

# ANOTHER LOSS

Ed Quiñones died 1/15/2022. Please let our fellow Div4 members know.

He had many medical problems over the years, but he never complained. He truly loved building and operating model trains — even after he went blind. He was a fun guy!

Here is his obituary —

<https://www.listonfuneralhome.com/obituary/Eduardo-Quiones>

# MEETING MINUTES

Superintendent Lee Sheffield opened the meeting with a warm greeting on this chilly evening at 6:31 pm.

Minutes of November's meeting were accepted as is.

Greg Noeth gave the Treasure's report.

Membership – Lee Sheffield – welcomed visitors Jim Bobel and Bob Jump.

Awards Banquet – Lee Sheffield presented the 2021 Bruce Brintnall Member Award from the banquet night to Ben Lanza who did not attend the Award's Banquet.

Elections – Dave Flebbe – We have 2 interested in running for Assistant Superintendent. Bert Wisbar and David Williams are the two interested in the position. Both gentlemen were given a chance to introduce themselves. Ballots will go out mid March and should be returned no later than mid April. Newly elected officers will take over in June.

Clinics – Bram Bailey is doing tonight's clinic on the Shaker Heights Line, The PCC Era.

Membership Appreciation Night – Will be on February 11<sup>th</sup>. There will be pizza and entertainment this evening.

Board Meeting – Tuesday, February 8<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. If you are interested in attending let Lee know.

Module Group Activities – Adam Woodie – We just finished up at Zoo Lights (3<sup>rd</sup> year). We had much better placement this year and lots of exposure to the public, had a good time. Wrapped up Trees and Trains (9<sup>th</sup> year). On Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup> is the annual planning meeting at London Pickle Works.

Flatwheel Deadline – Chuck Shick – Is January 26<sup>th</sup>.

AP Awards – John Hemsath – there are none tonight.

4H Engine Raffle – The raffle needed to be done as the original winner Brandon Wehe cannot be found. Joe Kurilec name was drawn first and he declined and a second name was drawn. New winner was Lee Sheffield.

# MEETING MINUTES

Contests – Joe Filipiak – Last months winners of the Sanding Facilities:

Models – 1<sup>st</sup> – Jim Grell  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Scott Eastburn  
3<sup>rd</sup> – George Gelehrter

Dioramas – 1<sup>st</sup> – John Witt  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Joe Filipiak

Tonight's contest is: Small rural station. Be sure to go over and vote. Next month will be: Railway Post Office Car. There are 51 in attendance tonight.

Company Store – Scott Benson – A donation was made to the Division. Scott is doing a Silent Auction them off. The Silent Auction will be done exactly one minute after the last Raffle ticket is drawn. New items: Woodland Scenic figures. Scott is still taking orders on Shirts, hats and all. The prices will be going up. Steve Kaplan is transitioning Fasttracks over to the Company Store and Scott.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – New Year, same raffle. Ticket prices are different. Raffle will begin at 7:10 pm.

New Business/Comments – Ramhog Shearer wished everyone a Happy New Year. It was brought up to look at February on our National Calendar, Bram Bailey's layout is pictured.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:56 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Shick  
NMRA, MCR, Division 4, Secretary



Chris Shick

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# MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The Module Group has completed participation in the Wild Winter Lights Display at the Cleveland Metropark Zoo as well as the Trees and Trains Display at the Black River Landing in Lorain. A big thanks goes out to everyone that participated in both events.

Our annual planning event was held on Wednesday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. Several events were discussed and the 2022 display schedule was set. Things will be somewhat quiet for the module group until August arrives with the Cuyahoga County Fair.

For anyone interested in joining the Module Group, please contact me at [woo3482@hotmail.com](mailto:woo3482@hotmail.com).

Until next time!



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

# COMPANY STORE

The Company Store had a small silent auction of donated HO model railroad items at the January meeting. Thanks to the bids and wins, we have some extra working capital to help supply the store!

If you're looking to get a Division 4 shirt or ball cap, the Company Store can help you. The order form is available at the Division 4 website and at our meetings.

The Company Store is now managing the FastTracks turnout tools library. We have an inventory of jigs, tools and supplies for use by members. We have HO Code 83 jigs for #4, #5, #6 and #8 turnouts (left or right), #6 Gantlet, and #6 crossovers (single or double). Plus all supplies including the Quicksticks. They will be available at Division 4 meetings, but contact Scott Benson, 440-567-9089, [sben-son440@zoominternet.net](mailto:sben-son440@zoominternet.net) to arrange to borrow what you need.

The Company Store will not open at the February meeting, see you in March!



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](mailto:spk@skaplanassociates.com) to arrange to borrow what you need.**

**Steve**

**216-533-4319**

# CONTEST TABLE

The United States Postal Service has their motto, neither rain nor snow or gloom of night will prevent them from their rounds. Well, the post office has nothing on our Division Four members. Our meeting night was a snowy, icy, dark gloomy night but fifty-one of our members showed up for the meeting. The Marines of Model Railroaders had landed! The contest had nearly a dozen entries of a rural railroad station. The entries ranged from micro small buildings to neatly detailed and lite stations to a throwback to an earlier toy train time. Forty-one votes were cast for these entries with the results as follows: Jim Grell's detailed and lite station took first place, John Hemsath's beautiful depot placed second, and Joe Filipiak's before and after the wreck of the Grafton Station came in third place. John Witt's diorama won first place with second place going to John Riddlebaugh's fun entry. Thanks to all who entered the contest and thanks to those forty-one members who voted.

February's contest subject is an R.P.O. (railroad post office) car. There are different variations of R.P.O. cars. With a little research, you can find them. The March contest is the "blank box car contest". Blank box car bodies are available at the contest table. Just ask, you can have as many as you want. They are free.

Winter is definitely here, so now is the time to be at your workbench having fun creating the next model contest entry. Don't just think about it. As they say, **JUST DO IT!**



Joe Filipiak

# CLINICS

February's meeting is Member Appreciation/Pizza night! As such there will not be a formal clinic and, as is tradition, it will be movie night. I have a few did options about what to show. Bring you popcorn for after the meeting.

As some of you may know, the Division owns a few Fast Track turnout / track jigs and the various tools needed to make hand built turnouts. The jigs are available to members who what to build their own turnouts for their layouts. Turnouts built using Fast Track jigs qualify for the Model Railroad Engineer – Civil category in the Achievement Program. March's clinic will be a live demonstration on how to construct a turnout using the Fast Track system. The demonstration will be shown on the video screens in the meeting room so everyone can see.

The Division has recently purchased a subscription to Zoom. We plan to broadcast the March meeting and clinic using Zoom so everyone, even those unable to attend in person, can participate.



Jerry Krueger

# RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

2022 started off with the organization's monthly meeting along with another great monthly raffle. Next month is the membership appreciation night i.e. pizza night. With that said, the monthly raffle will not take place in February but will re-start in March.

Until next time!



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

# Zoo Winter Lights Ice Carver

Pictures by David James



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# THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE

## FOLLOWING THE LINE WEST OUT OF THE FLATS

### PART 9

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 8 @ the CSX diamonds near Brookpark Road. We will cross Brookpark Road and take a look at the Parma yards.



The yards are located between Brookpark Road and west 130th street to the right of the GM complex.

# THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 9



The GM complex can be seen to the left rear. Still standing is a very old freight ramp. A B&O wagon top box car was parked here for many years as a storage shed. To right center is the yard office.

# THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 9



This photo show the old yard office. Photo, Ron Spiga.



The end of the yard stops at west 130th. Street. In the image below we turn around with our back to the yards.

# THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 9



Looking west from west 130 Th. St. Almost in the center left at the pile of ties was a spur to the power station. I have seen several depressed center flat cars in the 1960s on this spur carrying large transformers. As we move west over Hummel Road, seen in the distance, the tracks pass thru the city of Brookpark. They cross Snow Road, Holand Road and Smith Road ( west 150 Th. St.)

# THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 9



At Smith Road the tracks continue west to Middleburg Hts. The fence at the right was the entrance to the old Smith Road quarries, a place to swim. It is now a housing development. At the far left, paralleling the tracks is Stroud Road.

# **THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 9**



Stroud road is a dead end street. Almost at the end of the street next to the tracks are footers from the old water tank that once stood here. Photo, Ron Spiga.

# THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 9



As we get back on the B&O tracks, the next road we cross is Fry Road. The remains of an old siding that once served a lumber yard that was on Bagley Road. Bagley road can be seen in the distance upper left. Once crossing Bagley Road, the tracks cross Engle Road on the way to Fowles Road where the B&O station once stood.

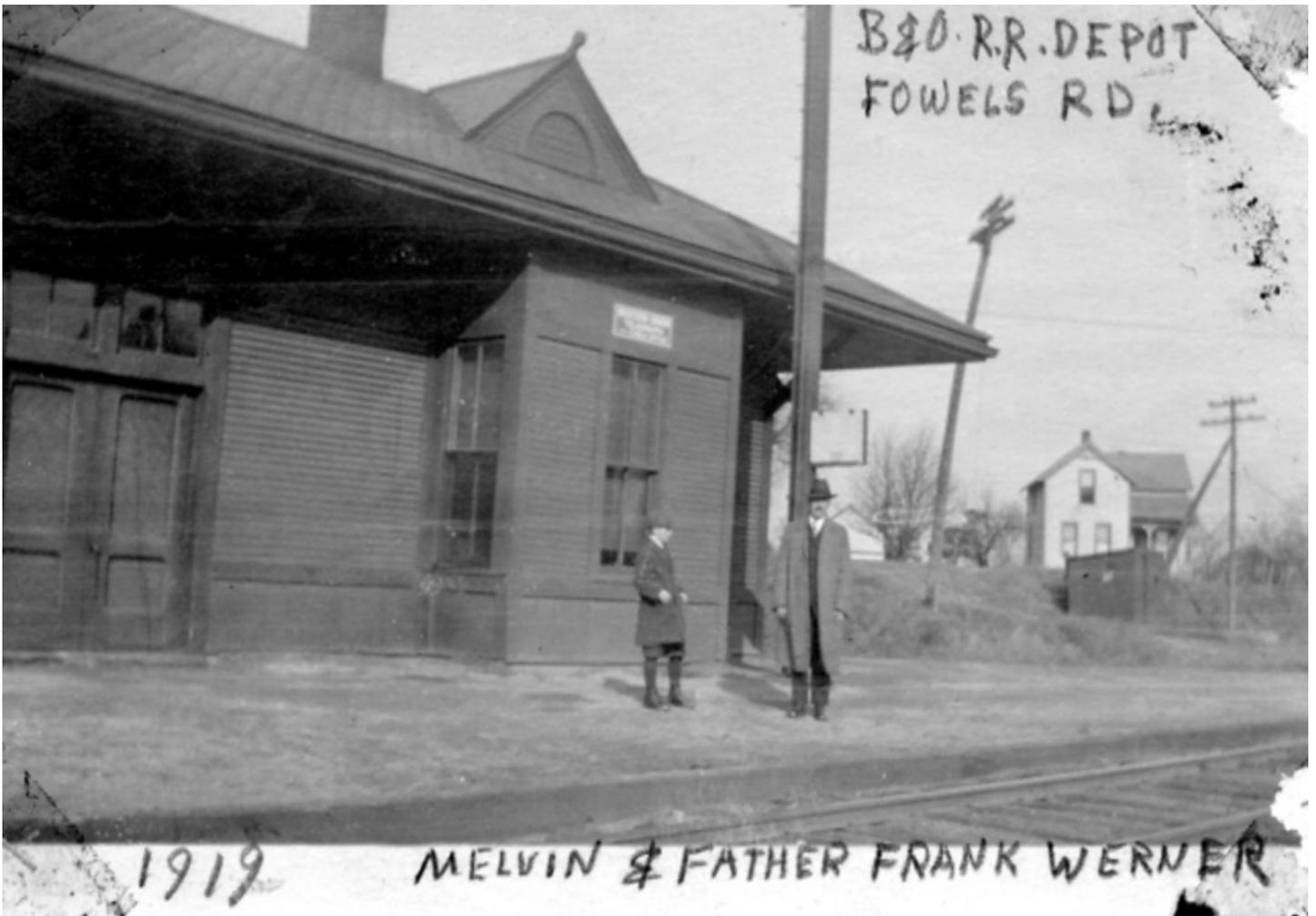
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B. & O. Station on Fowles Rd.—1910

G. Brookin's Album

# THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 9



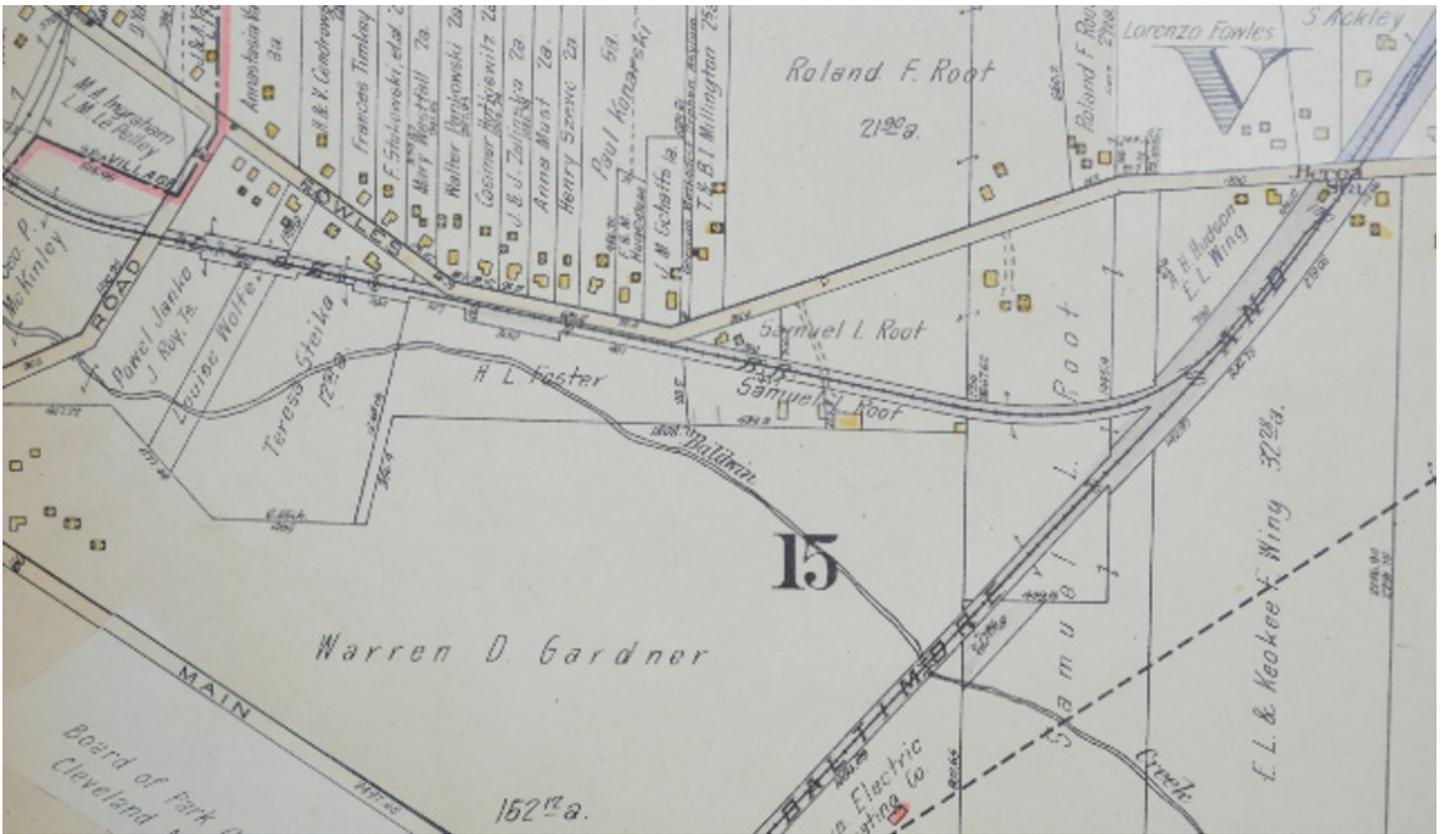
Fowles Road B&O station 1919. Fowles road is to the right. Image, Berea Historical Society.

# THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 9



In this view the station is closed, train order signals removed. The spur going right would lead to the Berea quarries and the Berea power plant where coal was delivered by the B&O. Photo taken in 1968. The station was moved to Trolley Land USA on Columbia Road. The station can be viewed today at Clint Williams shopping complex along with other railroad items. It is located on Columbia Road and Bagley Road, near NS tracks that cross Columbia Road. The complex is about a block away from the CV&WS model railroad club. Notice the electric power grid just above the switch stand.

# THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 9



This plat map shows the station location, upper right and the spur (left center) leading to the Berea Light & Water Plant and The Cleveland Stone Company.

# THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 9



The station once stood where this relay box now stands. The spur is gone. To the center where the tracks curve to the right heading to Main Street, where in the next photo the power grid is located.

# THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 9



At Main Street, to the right is the power grid that can be seen in the 1968 image at Fowles Road. The station once stood at the center rear of this image.

# **THE B&O WEST 3rd ROUND HOUSE PART 9**



Looking west from Main St., the track curves to the left and will go over the trestle over the Metro Parkway.

Part 10 will start from the trestle over the Metro parkway with a stop at the old Berea Brick & Tile company on the way to the Strongsville B&O station.

# THE B&O WEST 3<sup>rd</sup> ROUND HOUSE PART 9

Thanks for reading. Comments are always welcome. [jkurilec@earthlink.net](mailto:jkurilec@earthlink.net)

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The Sentinel

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Case Western Reserve University Encyclopedia of Cleveland History ([case.edu/ech/](http://case.edu/ech/))

Bill Cramer for guidance and direction!

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# JANUARY MEETING PRESENTATION



Lee Sheffield presenting the 2021 Bruce Brintnall Member Award to Ben Lanza

# JANUARY MEETING CLINIC



Bram Bailey gave a wonderful presentation about the Shaker & Van Aken Trolley Lines.

# JANUARY MEETING CONTEST TABLE PICTURES



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# WHAT'S GOING ON

2022 - Feb. 6	<p><b>Medina Train and Toy Show</b>                  Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256                  9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00                  Phone: 330-948-4400</p>
2022 - Feb. 13	<p><b>Mansfield Train Show</b>                  Fairhaven Hall, Richland County Fairgrounds                  750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906                  10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$7.00                  Phone: 419-606-7934</p> <p><a href="#">Map</a> <a href="#">Flyer</a></p>
2022 - Feb. 19	<p><b>Canfield Train and Toy Show</b>                  Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana, Canfield, Ohio 44406                  Being held in new Event Center                  10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$6.00                  Phone: 330-651-1042</p> <p><a href="#">Map</a> <a href="#">Flyer</a></p>
2022 - March 5	<p><b>Independence Train Show - KD Trains LLC</b>  <b>The Independence High School <i>Fieldhouse</i></b>                  6001 Archwood Rd.                  Independence, Oh 44131</p> <p><b>10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$7.00</b></p> <p>Phone: 216-642-0692 Email: <a href="mailto:kdtrains@att.net">kdtrains@att.net</a></p>
2022 - March 19	<p><b>Mt. Hope Train &amp; Toy Show</b>                  Mt. Hope Event Center, 8076 St. Rt. 241, Mt. Hope 44666                  (for GPS use Millersburg, Oh 44654)                  10 am to 4 pm Adm. \$5.00                  Phone Jon Ulbright at: 330-262-7488</p> <p><a href="#">Info and Map</a> <a href="#">Map</a> <a href="#">Flyer</a></p>

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