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# DIVISION 4

## THE NORTH COAST DIVISION



OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE **FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022**

**6:00pm Social Time - Meeting starts at 6:30pm**

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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

Just had a chat with Lee to make sure that I was to write the Superintendent Report for June. So here it goes.

First, I want to thank Lee for his 8 years of service to our awesome division. What a hardworking and dedicated individual. Lee could always be counted on to be at whatever event was taking place. We appreciate your dedication to the division and the hobby.

I also want to thank those who voted in this year's election of officers. It will be an honor to serve this group for the next 2 years.

Since I am a rookie, there will be a learning curve for myself and our new assistant superintendent. We will do our best to get up to speed as quickly as possible. Our officers as a group I feel are as good as any in the region. There will be some minor changes made here and there along the way but that is normal with leadership transitions. Several recommendations have already been discussed and I will be reviewing those suggestions.

I attended the tri-regional convention in Indianapolis. There were about 500 in attendance. Great layout tours, clinics, and a good train show. The committee did a great job. Division 4 had 15 members attending. Next opportunity will be Pittsburgh in 2023.

Speaking of conventions, I indicated that Division 4 would be interested in hosting the 2024 MCR Convention in the Cleveland area in May of 2024 during the MCR Board Meeting at the Indianapolis Convention. Date and place to be determined. A letter of intent will be sent to the regional officers in the near future. More to come on this issue.

# FROM THE SUPER

As I mentioned above, I attended my first MCR Board of Directors meeting at the Indianapolis Convention along with Dave Williams. One guest who was present was the President of the NMRA Gordon Robinson. Gordon flew in from UK for the convention and had a really good time. He will be back again for the national convention in St. Louis. A very positive individual.\

A reminder to the membership that the signup sheets for the Berea Train Show will be on the table at the June meeting. It is extremely important that we have full coverage for this show. Remember it is the major money maker for the division and your help would be greatly appreciated.

Also, as a reminder the Division 4 picnic will be Sat. June 25, 11-3 at Lester Live Steamers. Please bring a dish: salad, chips, dessert to share. Hot dogs, hamburgers, brats, pop and water will be provided.

I want the membership to know that I have an open- door policy and will be happy to listen to your thoughts and suggestions. (That's why I get paid the big bucks!) Well, like Harry Truman said, "The Buck Stops Here".

Well, our train is just entering the yard limits so it is time to call it a day. Looking forward to seeing you on the next run.

Ron



Ron Morgan

# ELECTION RESULTS

The Membership List shows a total of  
192 members in the Division  
11 Family members that can't vote  
2 members were deceased. That left  
179 members that could vote

There were 14 members that didn't have  
an E-Mail. So we mailed out 14 Ballots  
with return postage. We had 11 Ballots returned.

We had 25 members vote on line. We had 2 members vote twice on the first day. They were  
caught as they happened and verified as errors. That left 23 votes to count.

We had 7 members vote at our monthly Division meeting.

We had 41 members vote in total. The breakdown is as follows.

Ron Morgan received 41 votes for Superintendent

Christine Shick received 41 votes for Secretary

Jeff Lauren, John Janda, Fred Wagner and Bian Haas received 41 votes for  
Directors

Gary Schaefer received 40 votes for Director at Large

Bugs Bunny was a write in for Director at Large

The votes for Assistant Superintendent were as follows.

On Line Voting

16 votes for Dave Williams

7 votes for Bert Wisbar

1 Extra Write in

Mail in Voting

9 votes for Dave Williams

2 votes for Bert Wisbar

Division meeting Votes

5 votes for Dave Williams

2 votes for Bert Wisbar

1 write in for Bugs Bunny

The total of all votes

30 votes for Dave Williams

11 votes for Bert Wisbar

2 votes as write in for Director at Large



Dave Flebbe

# BOD MEETING MINUTES

Board of Directors Meeting, Division 4, MCR, NMRA Tuesday, May 9, 2022

Meeting opened at 7:03 pm, by Superintendent Lee Sheffield.

Election results were given by Lee as Dave Flebbe could not attend tonight's meeting.

192 Members, 11 are Family members, leaving 181 eligible members to vote. The 14 members without email addresses were mailed ballots and 11 of those came back. 23 on line votes and 7 members voted in person at March's meeting.

Our total of votes was 41 total votes. All current officers were reelected to their current offices. Ron Morgan will be our new Superintendent and Dave Williams will be our Assistant Superintendent with a 30 to 11 vote.

Jerry Kruger told the board that the Division's Digital Projector is outdated and incompatible with Clinics current computer. He has looked into a new digital projector and they run around \$600.00. After some discussion Frank Bongiovanni made a motion to allow Jerry to purchase a new digital projector for \$600.00. Greg Noeth seconded the motion. A vote was taken and passed.

Jerry also mentioned that the computer doesn't have MS Office on it and would like to purchase a copy. Was decided to download Open Office, it's free.

Martha Newberry Award – Dave Williams – Martha was a great modeler from our region. This award is done in honor of her memory. A plaque is presented to the winner at the Conventions Awards Banquet. A suggestion was made to put a flyer with her bio and her work be placed near the voting area for this year. Do we want to continue this award? This will be tabled for the fall BOD Meeting.

Next years regional is in Pittsburgh (2023) and hopefully 2024 will be here in Cleveland.

Module Work Day will be reworked because the Division 4 Picnic is scheduled for the same day. Adam Woodie and David James are working on setting up a new date.

Berea Train Show – is still the first weekend in October. Things are moving along. We are going back to using the 5 buildings this year.

# BOD MEETING MINUTES

Train-ing Day was discussed. Suggestions were made to possibly look into another location. The crowds seem to be dwindling down and it's the same people showing up. Decision was made to stay this year and if the crowd doesn't get bigger, to look for a new location for next year.

A lot of other ideas were thrown around, with no definite decisions or conclusions.

Gary Schaefer made a motion to conclude the meeting. Seconded by Burt Wisbar.  
Meeting concluded at 7:57

Respectfully Submitted,  
Chris Shick  
Secretary of Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick

# MEETING MINUTES

NMRA MCR Division 4  
General Meeting Minutes for Friday May 13, 2022

Westlake Recreation Center  
28955 Hilliard Blvd  
Westlake OH 44145

Superintendent Lee Sheffield brought the meeting to order at 6:30pm. He called for any changes, omissions or corrections to the April 2022 General Meeting Minutes, and hearing none, declared them as official.

Treasurer Greg Noeth gave a summary of Division finances.

Membership Co-Chairs William Dluback and Brian Haas reported on member renewal status and then asked for new members and visitors to introduce themselves. Member Bob Varga re-introduced himself, stating that this was his first attended meeting in about 30 years.

Election Co-Chair David Flebbe presented the results of the Division Officer Election. Ron Morgan (unopposed) was elected as new Superintendent. Dave Williams won for Assistant Superintendent. Secretary and Directors were unopposed, and all maintain their current positions. Lee called for a motion to certify the election results as official. The motion was made by Joe Mehalic and seconded by Bruce Brintnall MMRÔ. The motion was verbally unanimously approved by the members present.

Lee requested that members review and put their names onto the Great Berea Train Show volunteer sign-up sheets at the back of the room. The picnic sign-up sheet was identified as being available on the same table.

Clinic Chair Jerry Krueger stated that the evening's clinic would be his own on the benefits of NMRA membership. The June clinic will feature a speaker from the Ages of Steam Roundhouse on updates taking place at that facility. Jerry is looking for clinicians for next season, as well as for planned clinics at the Train Show.

Modular Group Chair Adam Woodie said that the group's next event would be the Cuyahoga County Fair this summer.

The Flatwheel deadline is May 25.

# MEETING MINUTES

AP Chairman John Hemsath MMRÔ awarded Joe Mehalic his Volunteer AP Certificate.

Contest Chair Joe Filipiak asked April contest winners to describe their models and techniques used. This evening's contest is for logging equipment on rails other than locomotives. There will be no contest in June, and awards will be given to highest points winners for the season. Joe listed next season's contest categories (which should be listed elsewhere in this Flatwheel). Joe Filipiak called for the recognition of Lee Sheffield's work for four years as Superintendent. Lee received a warm round of applause.

Company Store's Scott Benson gave a brief review of items available.

Raffle Chair Adam Woodie indicated items ready for winning after the meeting.

Layout Tour Chair Ron Morgan said that the recent open houses were very well attended and thanked everyone for their participation.

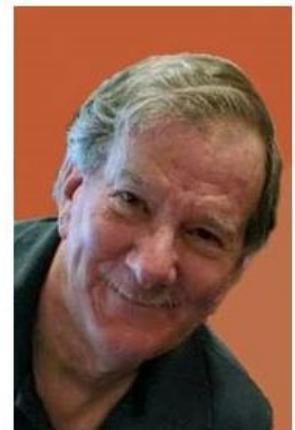
Picnic Organizer Larry Kuczynski said that the picnic would take place at N.E.O.L.S. on June 25<sup>th</sup>, 11 am to 3 pm. Sign up on the sheet at the back of the room and bring a side dish. Lee said that the Modular Group workshop originally scheduled for the same day would be re-scheduled.

Dave Williams gave a brief presentation concerning the Martha Newberry Award. This award is presented at each MCR convention to a model structure as decided upon by Division 4 members present. The award is then presented at the convention's award ceremony. Martha Newberry and her husband Eric were longtime members of Division 4 and both noted for their excellent models. The award was established after Martha's passing, about eleven years ago.

Lee passed the Superintendent's gavel to Ron Morgan.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:06 pm.

Dave Williams  
Acting Secretary



Dave Williams

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COAST  
OHIO

DIV-4  
Leadership

### ELECTED OFFICERS

Superintendent - Ron Morgan, [ronalco844@gmail.com](mailto:ronalco844@gmail.com)

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# MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Spring is in full swing and summer will soon be upon us. With that said, the Cuyahoga County Fair scheduled for the month of August will be here in 3 short months. The module group will be holding a work session on Saturday, June 18th. Details regarding this event will be emailed out to members of the module group. This is a fantastic opportunity to get your modules ready for summer/fall/winter schedule.

As always, anyone interested in joining the Module Group, please contact me at [woo3482@hotmail.com](mailto:woo3482@hotmail.com). I will add you to the module group email list and you will receive all of the latest information regarding upcoming events, operating schedules, etc. pertaining to the module group.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

# COMPANY STORE

The Company Store manager will be absent for the June Division meeting. I'll be restocking the store over the summer. If you have any items that I might consider supplying, let me know. See you in the fall!

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. Email me with your order when I'm not at the meeting.

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, [sbenson440@zoominternet.net](mailto:sbenson440@zoominternet.net) to arrange to borrow what you need.

We also have our DVD loaning library, mostly covering modeling techniques. DVD loans are free to Division 4 members.



Scott Benson

# CONTEST TABLE

The model and diorama contests are now over for the 2021-2022 season. What a great and diverse season it has been. Twenty-four division members participated throughout the season. Some members entered the contests every time or nearly every time. Some members only entered the contest for the month when the subject matter really got their interest. Nearly everyone enjoyed the contests, based on the number of votes cast each month.

The results from the May contest, which was something from the logging industry that moved on rails, other than the locomotive, are as follows, 1st place for model is Bob Todten. 2nd place for model is John Hughes and 3rd place for model is Steve Riddlebaugh. John Witt won 1st place in the diorama with his entry. The June meeting will have the awards for the most points accumulated in the model and diorama contests for the season. Plaques and prizes will be awarded at that time.

Next season will have a new set of contest subject matters starting with the **September** meeting contest. The subject is an articulated steam engine. Anything from a Big Boy to a Garid to an Erie Triplex or even a small logging articulated tank engine.

**October** is a wood sided rail car with outside metal bracing that is not a common box car.

**November** is a private residential house that is trackside. Make it interesting.

**January** is a self-propelled passenger car (vehicle) on rail.

**February** is a first-generation re-purposed diesel (name change, body modification, B unit steam generator, slug).

**March** is a yard crew office.

**April** is an open hopper car purposed for something other than coal.

**May** is a military train. Something that would be found on a military train consist.

I want to thank everyone that helped make our contests both interesting and successful. I know that there are ideas already being put together for the new season and I can't wait to see what you come up with.



Joe Filipiak

# CLINICS

## June Clinic - Ages of Steam Roundhouse

June's clinic will be by Frank O'Hare from The Ages of Steam Roundhouse in Sugarcreek. Frank's clinic will include a presentation on AOS' work on Yreka Western 2-8-0 No. 19 to bring it back to steam. Frank will also give us an update on AOS and other restoration projects. This is a great opportunity to hear firsthand about what's going on at Ages of Steam Roundhouse.

## Help Wanted

As part of this year's Great Berea Train Show we are planning a dedicated clinic/demonstration area. We would like to schedule 3 or 4 short clinics and demonstrations each day. Signs will be posted throughout the show with the clinic schedule. There will be a table setup for demonstrations and chairs for attendees. The Division is in the process of purchasing a new digital projector that will be available for use. There will also be a digital document projector that can be used to project any live demonstrations. The Division already has its own audio system with microphones and a speaker that will be available for use.

The clinics presented should touch on basic topics and should be between 20-30 minutes in length. Some ideas for topics include: basic rolling stock tune-ups – how to turn a \$10 car into a more reliable runner; basic locomotive tune-up – how to get the best performance from the recent show purchase; basic weathering; understanding DCC; and easy scenery.

We're looking for Division members who would like to help and give a clinic during GTBS. The topics listed are just suggestions. If you have something else in mind let me know. If you can help give a clinic, please contact me at [jakrueg@neo.rr.com](mailto:jakrueg@neo.rr.com).

## Fall Clinics

I still have openings for members to give clinics in the Fall and beyond. If you have a clinic you want to present please contact me. If you have an idea for a clinic but need help putting the presentation together, contact me and I can help you.



Jerry Krueger

# RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The monthly meeting scheduled for May included yet another great raffle. June's meeting and subsequent raffle will be no exception. As always there will be sometime for everyone! Please remember that the meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:30pm so purchase your tickets early!

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

# EDITORIAL

I want to personally thank Dave Williams. Dave has been the Official Photographer for the Flatwheel since Bruce Bowie was the Editor. He has been a great asset to our Division as his pictures document the many activities we have. If you want to see what a member looked liked in the past, you can look back at pictures of previous Flatwheel issues located on the Div4.org web site.

Looking back, you can also be reminded of the members we have lost over the years. Thanks to Dave, we have a great picture library in the Flatwheel.

Thank again Dave.



Chuck Shick

# NMRA CONVENTION

## NMRA National Convention & Train Show

Sun, August 07, 2022 08:00 AM — Sat, August 13, 2022 06:00 PM (CDT)



- Modelling with the Masters
- Layout Tours
- Self Drive Tours
- Prototype Tours
- Operating Sessions
- Non Rail Tours
- Clinics
- Contest
- National Train Show

**Gateway 2022**  
**NMRA 2022 Convention**  
St. Louis, Missouri  
August 7 – 15, 2022  
[gateway2022.org](http://gateway2022.org)



Banquet with Michael Gross

# TRI-REGION CONVENTION

The Tri-Region Convention was held from May 18-22nd. It was a well planned event. I think we had 15 Div-4 members in attendance. The Clinics and Layout Tours were outstanding.



Chuck Shick

Here's Division 4 member Thomas Atherton (right) winning first place in Scratchbuilt Non Revenue Car at the Tri-Regional Convention.



Dave Williams



# TRI-REGION CONVENTION



# MAY MEETING CONTEST TABLE PICTURES



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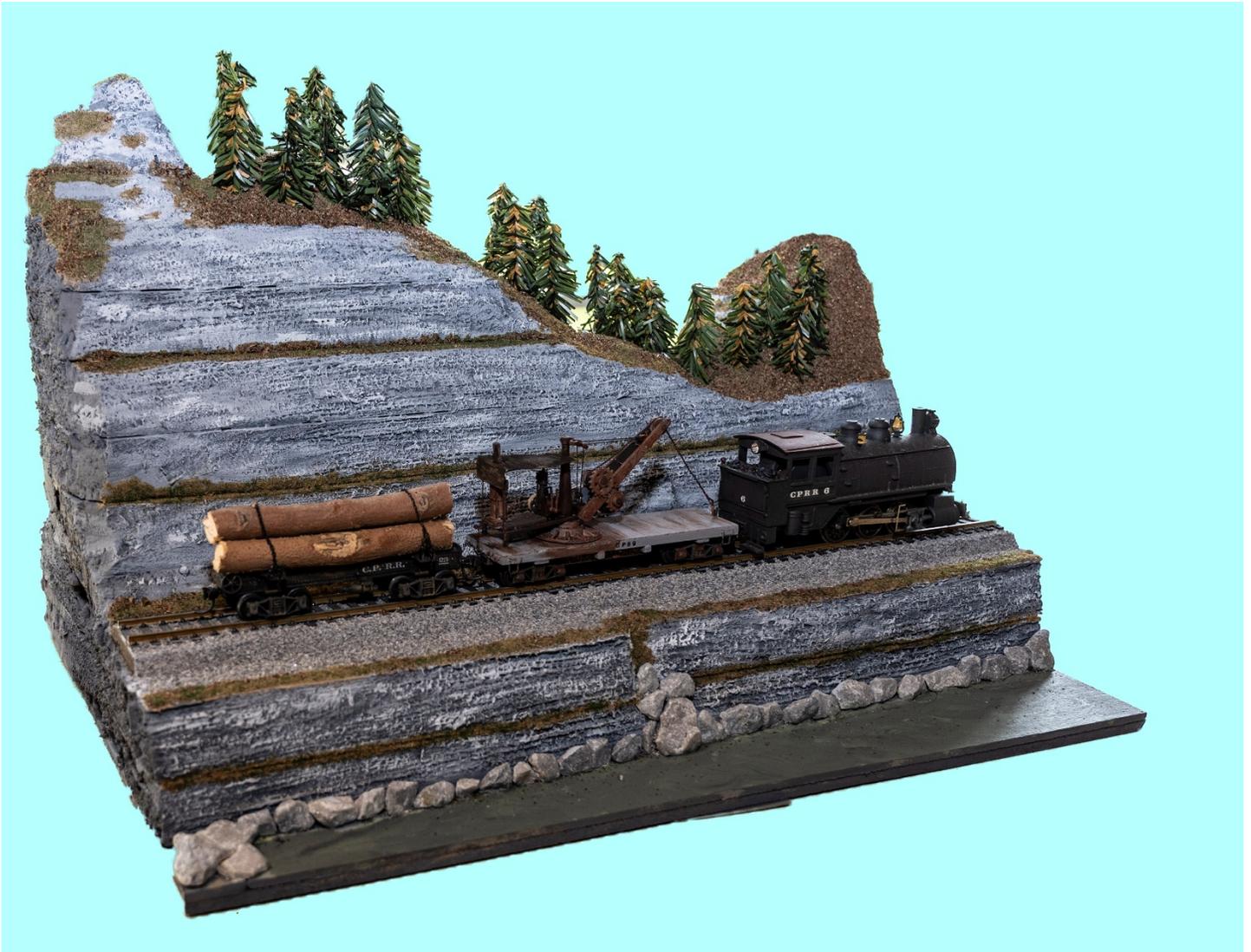
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# MAY MEETING VOLUNTEER PRESENTATION



# MAY MEETING

## RON MORGAN RECEIVES GAVEL



# MAY MEETING CLINIC

