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# DIVISION 4

## THE NORTH COAST DIVISION



OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 09, 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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**Westlake City Recreation Center**  
**28955 Hilliard Blvd**  
**Westlake, OH 44145**



# FROM THE SUPER

I hope you all had a great summer and are ready to think model railroading. I have started making plans for changes and additions to my layout. Add additional signals, add a new structure, add more detail to the layout, paint clouds on the backdrops and replace several circuit breakers. Should be fun.

Congratulations to John Witt for finishing the requirements for becoming a Master Model Railroader. Job well done. There are several others that are very close to finishing their remaining certificates.

The division picnic was well attended. Great food and great train rides. A good time was had by all. Thanks Larry Kuczynski and family for a job well done.

The Div. 4 BOD meeting was held on August 20, 2022 at the CV&WS Depot in Olmsted Falls. Main topic of discussion was the Fall Open Houses, Training Days, the Div. 4 By-Laws, the Great Berea Train Show and the 2024 MCR Regional Convention.

Our next division activity will be The Great Berea Train Show. There are still too many slots open for ticket booth and gate workers. These slots need to be filled if we want to have a show. Most slots are for 2 hours. Please sign up at the September business meeting. Also, if you would like to spend some time at the membership and clinic area doing a clinic, demonstrating how to make something or work with youth on the time saver talk to Jerry Kruger.

Help needed on Saturday: (1) slot Front Gate Ticket Booth Noon to 2pm.

(2) slots Back Gate 11:30 am to 1:30 pm and 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Help needed on Sunday: (2) slots Front Gate Ticket Booth 9:30 am to 1:00 pm and 1:00 PM to 4:00 pm.

Slot Front Gate Wrist bands 9:30 am to 1:00 pm.

Slots Back Gate 11:30 am to 1:30 pm and 1:30 pm to 3:30 pm.

Please sign up to help. **DON'T JUST BELONG – PARTICIPATE!**

Speaking of the Great Berea Train Show there will be at least 3 new displays on hand. The Medina 4H Club, NOLS (Northern Ohio Live Steamers) and the HO Club from Norwalk. Looking forward to seeing them participating. Also, we will be welcoming back Scale Trains to our show. Good job David and Gary.

# FROM THE SUPER

Currently our assistant superintendent Dave Williams is searching for a venue for our December member appreciation dinner. More information to come.

Brief update on the proposed 2024 regional convention. The MCR Officers will vote on the 2024 regional convention on September the 16<sup>th</sup> during the regional bod meeting. Jerry Kruger will be making a brief presentation during that meeting. Jerry will do a great job.

Division 12 will be hosting a one day event on September 10<sup>th</sup> in Erie Pa. Information is in the Flat Wheel.

The Rails to Pittsburgh web site is up and running for the 2023 MCR Regional Convention. This should be a good event and worthy of your consideration.

Well, the train is pulling into the yard and this run is over.  
Until next time,

Ron



Ron Morgan

# MEETING MINUTES

## Division 4, MCR, NMRA General Meeting Minutes June 10, 2022

Meeting was called to order at 6:32 pm, by our new Superintendent Ron Morgan.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer's Report was given by Treasurer Greg Noeth.

### Old Business:

Division Picnic- Larry Kuczynski – sign up sheets are in the back. Need a head count. Side dishes are needed. Division is providing hot dogs, brats, burgers, buns, and beverages.

Great Berea Train Show – Ron Morgan – Deposit is in for our Pre-Covid amount of buildings. Sign up sheets are in the back. Please be sure to sign up for where you would like to work. David James is looking into seeing if we can start set up on as early as Thursday evening.

Indianapolis Convention – Bram Bailey thought it was too long, most everything was done by Friday evening. Other than that feedback was positive about scheduling, being able to do tours and operations both am/pm.

### New Business:

2024 Regional Convention – Ron Morgan – Our bid to host the 2024 Convention will be submitted once corrections are made. We should know by September if we are hosting.

Certificate – Ron Morgan – A certificate was to be presented to Past Superintendent Lee Sheffield for all of his years of dedication to Division 4.

Mid-Central Regional Membership Meeting – Dave Williams – meeting will be on June 24<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm, via Zoom. Everyone is welcome to attend, just let Dave know your email address so he can send you an invite.

### Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel – Chuck Shick – no summer issues this year. Regular deadline of August 26<sup>th</sup> for next issue.

Membership – Bill Dluback – please keep all of your information up to date with National. New member – Newton Siers Welcome.

Clinics – Jerry Kruger – There is no calendar set as of yet. Planning to 20 minute Clinics at The Great Berea Train Show. If you have any ideas please let Jerry know.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – Great prizes tonight, come get your tickets. Drawing will begin 10 minutes after meeting ends.

sure to let Adam know if you want to display your module or run trains at either of these events.

# MEETING MINUTES

Module Group – Adam Woodie – Saturday, June 18<sup>th</sup> will be a work session at the bus depot. Picnic to follow at David James' home. Cuyahoga County Fair is August 9<sup>th</sup> to the 14<sup>th</sup>. Octoberfest id Labor Day weekend. Be sure to let Adam know if you want to display your module or run trains at either of these events.

Company Store – Scott Benson – not in attendance

Layout Tours – John Witt – There will be tours on a Saturday and Sunday in November. Let John know via email if you are interested in showing you home display.

Contests – Joe Filipiak – last months winners of the Logging Industry are:

Models:           3<sup>rd</sup> place – Steve Kornuc  
                       2<sup>nd</sup> place – John Hughes  
                       1<sup>st</sup> place – Bob Todten

Diorama           John Witt

Awards for the year. These awards are done by points and earned by participation. Dioramas and Models are kept track of separately.

Models:           3<sup>rd</sup> – Dave Lawler – received a plaque and a \$75.00 gift card  
                       2<sup>nd</sup> – Jim Grell – received a plaque and a \$100.00 gift card  
                       1<sup>st</sup> – George Gellehrter – received a plaque and a \$150.00 gift card

Diorama:        3<sup>rd</sup> – John Hughes – received a plaque and a \$75.00 gift card  
                       2<sup>nd</sup> – Rick Toll – received a plaque and a \$100.00 gift card  
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**January** – Self-propelled passenger car (vehicle) on rail.

**February** – First generation re-purposed diesel (name change, body modification, B-unit steam generator, slug)

**March** – Yard crew office.

**April** – Open hopper car purposed for something else other than coal.

**May** – Military train, something that would be found on a military train consist.

AP Awards – John Hemsath - Chief Dispatcher, Master Builder Cars, and Mater Model Railroader all went to John Witt.

# MEETING MINUTES

Comments/Concerns – Ron mentioned that Gary Schaefer had surgery and was at home recuperating. There is a card up front to sign to wish him a speedy recovery. Ron then went on to mention those members who have belonged to the NMRA for more than 50 years as of June 10, 2022. They are as follows:

|                   |                  |
|-------------------|------------------|
| Jim Stevenson     | 65 years, (1957) |
| Peter Streth      | 64 years, (1958) |
| Dennis Brown      | 63 years, (1959) |
| Bram Bailey       | 57 years, (1965) |
| James Burkhart    | 52 years, (1970) |
| Larry Madson      | 52 years, (1970) |
| Steve Riddlebaugh | 52 years, (1970) |
| Brian Wiseman     | 52 years, (1970) |
| William Deptowicz | 50 years, (1972) |
| Greg Noeth        | 50 years, (1972) |
| Wayne Tucker      | 50 years, (1970) |

607 total years of service from these members.

A motion was made by Jerry Kruger to adjourn the meeting and seconded by John Hemsath. Motion was carried by the members and meeting was adjourned at 7:12 pm.

Respectfully submitted,  
Chris Shick  
Secretary Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick

# BOD MEETING MINUTES

Division 4, MCR, NMRA Board of Directors Minutes, Saturday August 20, 2022

Meeting was opened at 9:30 am by Superintendent Ron Morgan. Started out with a warm cheery welcome.

Minutes of previous Board of Directors meeting were approved.

Treasurer's report was given by Greg Noeth.

Great Berea Train Show – David James – The Great Berea Train Show will be on October 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds. Currently 38 vendors are sending in their checks. This year we will have clinics. Brian Haas brought up about possibility of putting up a sign at the Fairgrounds sometime in August to help with advertisement of the Show. David will check with the fair board. Did a random pick of 6 vendors for prizes. There are flyers available to help get word out also. Polaris will be doing security. Set up will be on Thursday night with finishing up Friday. It was brought up to raise the price of gate prices for next year, due to inflation. It was tabled to be discussed at a later BOD Meeting.

Training Day – Gary Schaefer – Training Day will be November 6<sup>th</sup> at the Black River Landing in Lorain, Ohio. Gary has sent out emails asking for donations. We are trying something new and doing some clinics and training sessions at the GBTS using the conference rooms. Gary will give a definite answer about doing Training Day in November in a couple of weeks.

Donation for the NEOLS for hosting Division 4 Picnic- a motion was made by Ron Morgan and seconded by Gary Schaefer to donate \$300.00 to NEOLS for hosting our picnic last June. Motion was carried by all officers.

Awards Banquet – Ron Morgan – will be on December 9<sup>th</sup> at Parkers in Avon Lake. Ron made a motion to raise the cost of the banquet to \$20.00 and John Witt seconded it. No vote was taken to be tabled for later discussion.

Auditing of the Books – Last audit was done in June of 2022. It has been decided to be done every year in June.

Division 4 By Laws – Ron has noticed there are some sections that repeat themselves or contradict in the By Laws, he asked for a volunteer to go over them. John Witt and John Hemsath agreed to look them over.

# BOD MEETING MINUTES

Recap of Cuyahoga County Fair – the fair went well and Ron thanked Adam Woodie for a job well done of coordinating the layouts and schedules.

New Business-

Field Trip – Greg Noeth will plan a trip for next year, to be announced at a later time.

Division 12 Mini-Meet – will be on September 10, 2022 in Erie, PA. Look in Flat Wheel for more information.

Division 2's 2023 Regional Convention will be May 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> of 2023. Registration is now open.

Division 4 Convention Bid and Committee – Our Division will be making a bid for the 2024 Convention to be held here in Cleveland area. This will be done late in September. Jerry Krueger and Ron Morgan have been scoping out places to hold the Convention. Looking at the old Holiday Inn on Bagley and Engle for May of 2024. Jerry has set out a list of where he needs help at. Please be sure to sign up.

Trailer is in real bad shape and David James is looking into getting a new one.

Gary Schafer made a motion to close the meeting, Greg Noeth seconded, motion carried. Meeting ended at 10:40 am.

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



Chris Shick

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Leadership

### ELECTED OFFICERS

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### APPOINTED POSITIONS

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N.O.A.R.S. Representative - Bill Kovacs

Webmaster - Ben Lanza, [blqt@nls.net](mailto:blqt@nls.net)

Refreshments - Don Glass

Training Day - Gary Schaefer, [trains.ohio@yahoo.com](mailto:trains.ohio@yahoo.com)

# MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

It's been a while since the last update in the Flatwheel regarding the module group. I am happy to report that module group work party which was scheduled for this past June was very productive. July was quiet month for the module group but that is just the calm before storm of August i.e. the Cuyahoga County Fair! and Cleveland Oktoberfest!

The module group once again had a large layout on display at 2022 Cuyahoga County Fair! You could not ask for better weather during the week of the fair. Traffic into the Home and Hobby Building was practically non-stop during the event. Several flyers regarding application to the NMRA as well as Great Berea Train Show were picked up by the general public. Hopefully, those flyers translate into a few new members as well as additional attendees of the GBTS. Numerous compliments were given by the public regarding the layout. Kyle Kogler's module depicting a rock concert in the park and Larry Madson's and Bill Cramer's Steel Mill seemed to garner the most attention. A few people even enjoyed the subtle humor of Stan Dus' module named Yasgur's Farm.

A three week reprieve is given to the module team before The Cleveland Oktoberfest begins! This event is held at the Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds beginning Friday, September 2nd through Monday, September 5th (Labor Day.) There is also a bonus weekend of Friday, September 9th and Saturday, September 10th. The module layout will be located in the Education Building aka The Home and Hobby Building. Come on out and enjoy some good food, adult beverages, live entertainment, and of course, the trains.

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.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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# COMPANY STORE

The Company Store will be back at the September meeting. See you then!

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 awards and rewards of the 2021 - 2022 Model Contest season were presented at the June meeting. The recipients of the Model Contest were, third place and a seventy-five dollar prize to Dave Lawler. Second place and a prize of one hundred dollars went to Jim Grell with first place and a prize of one hundred and fifty dollars going to George Gelehrter. The Diorama Contest saw John Hughes take third place and a seventy-five dollar prize. Second place in dioramas went to Rick Toll with a one hundred dollar prize. First place in diorama construction went to John Witt with a one hundred and fifty dollar prize. Congratulations to these fine modelers and thank you to all of the members who shared their talents of railroad modelling with us.

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Summer is upon us with all the fun things to do and I certainly hope that a little model railroad building is one of the fun things to do on your list. Now that summer is underway, our good friend, John Hemsath, has already asked, "what have you done?".



Joe Filipiak

# CLINIC CORNER

## SEPTEMBER

September's clinic will be a hands-on demonstration of various weathering techniques. It has been more than a decade since I gave my previous weathering clinic to the Division. New materials and new techniques will be presented. The clinic will be a hands-on demonstration utilizing a new document camera to project everything on the meeting room screens. Make sure to bring a pen and paper for taking notes.

## OCTOBER

October's clinic will be by John Hemsath. The clinic is titled "Easy Super Detailing a Boxcar." John will go over his tricks on how to turn a ordinary boxcar into an eye-catcher. Something we can all use to make our most recent GBTS purchases into standouts on our layout.

I'm always looking for Clinics. If you have a topic you'd like to present please contact me. If you need help putting a clinic together, let me know and I can help you put one together and help get points toward your AP certificate. If you have a topic you would like to see presented, let me know. I'm hoping to get some people I meet at the Indy Regional and St. Louis National to do presentations remotely.



Jerry Krueger

# RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Summer is nearly over and soon fall will be upon us. This is a time for despair, for the monthly raffle will return at next monthly meeting! As always there will be sometime for everyone! Please remember that the meetings are scheduled to begin at 6:30pm and the we must out of the building by 9:00pm. We would like to give the scheduled presenter plenty of time for the clinic so purchase your tickets early!  
Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

## John Witt's MMR journey at Division 4

My Master Model Railroader story does not start with trains in my childhood – it starts with moving forward from a basement layout to joining the NMRA and Division 4.

It started with my work friend Brian Barnt , who encouraged me to “ leave the basement” and expand my model railroading with the division 4 club.

First I needed to convert my engines to DCC. Frank Feko and Larry Madsen really helped me understand how to install and program the DCC chips.

Then I joined the Module Group – whose whole focus is to expand the hobby to others while having the maximum amount of fun running trains ! The entire team is very supportive and welcoming of new Module modelers and Scott – Adam – Lee- Gary – Jeff -Bill- David-Tim- Steve-John – Jerry and Everyone .. helped me with module ideas.. and signed me up for many fun hours of running trains for the public.

Then I started into contest model building – and was encouraged by Joe

Filipiak. When I compared my models against some of our really great modelers like Jim

Grell and Dave. Lawler , I knew there was more to learn.. John Hemsath

encouraged me to get started down the MMR path – with its daunting paperwork, and try to achieve a few awards.

So first I modified and upgraded my home layout - trackwork – turntables – buildings – scenery and lighting.. Then I started on the specific categories -

I brought in my 8 cars from that category tonight 4 scratch built and 4 highly detailed.. My efforts were reviewed by Joe Kurilec and Dave Lawler who gave me improvement suggestions, and explained that cars have to really represent the prototype and get loaded with details.. and scratch building can be fun – sort of..

So now the 8 MMR achievement units are complete and I am a Master Model Railroader..

Next area to learn is Operations.. with the help of John – Joe – Bram – Larry – Gary – and Ron.

There is always more to do.. Thanks to all who helped me along the journey..

Please ask me to help you achieve more from your modeling – and have more fun !!



JOHN WITT



**Hotel and Reservation Information:**

For those traveling from some distance, we have arranged a few rooms at the site of the event. To make a reservation with the discount price of \$135.00 per night **call the Hilton Garden Inn directly at 814-866-1390 and mention that you are attending the Alleghany Western Mini-Meet on September 10, 2022. Make sure to ask for the “NMRA Block” when registering for a hotel room.**

**Online Registration:**

To register and pay securely online, please go [HERE](#).

**Mail-in Registration:**

Download, print out, and fill in the [2022 AWMM Mail-in Registration Flyer](#). Mail it and a check to Division 12, MCR, NMRA at PO Box 1052, Meadville, PA 16335. Please be sure to check if you are interested in ops-sessions, having your models displayed, or having a model judged for merit award. Confirmation and additional information will be sent by email.



**Alleghany Western  
Mini-Meet 2022**

**September 10, 2022**

**Model Railroad Event**

**Saturday's events at the Ambassador Center**  
I-90 Exit 24 – 7794 Peach Street  
Erie, Pennsylvania

- Registration 8:00-8:45 AM
- A variety of clinics throughout the day
- T-TRAK layout on display
- Option for lunch at the event
- *Awesome* raffle prizes
- *Your* models on display
- Judging offered for merit awards
- Wrap-up and hors d'oeuvres 4:45-5:45 PM



Friday evening before the meet and Sunday afterwards, participate in off-site activities!

- Tour local model railroads and meet with the modelers
- Operate on local model railroads

Watch for program schedules, clinic lists, display and judging information, model railroad tours and ops-sessions, vendors and donors, raffle prizes, and other information on our website:

[www.div12mcr.org/mini-meet/](http://www.div12mcr.org/mini-meet/)



# JUNE MEETING PICTURES



CLICIAN



PRESENTATION TO DAVE LAWLER

PRESENTATION TO  
GEORGE  
GELEHRTER



# JUNE MEETING PICTURES



PRESENTATION TO  
JIM GRELL



PRESENTATION TO  
JOHN HUGHES

# JUNE MEETING PICTURES



PRESENTATION TO  
JOHN WITT

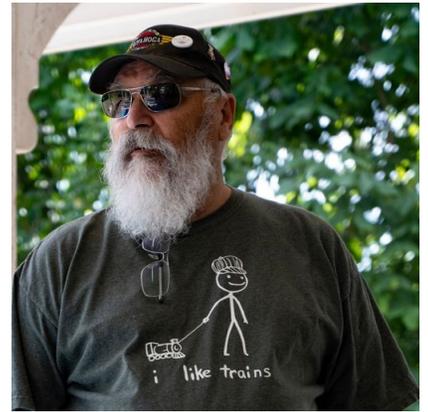


JOHN WITT'S CARS

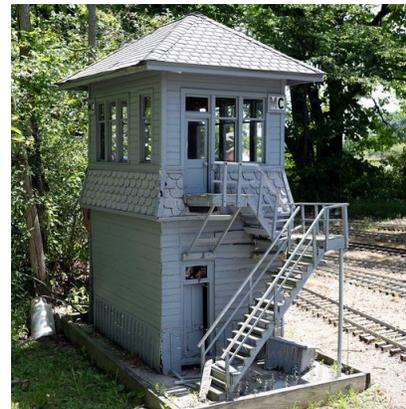
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**RAILS TO PITTSBURGH**  
**Early Registration Form**  
**May 4-7, 2023**  
**NMRA, Mid-Central Region, Division 2**



keystonedivision.org

Primary Registrant Badge Name \_\_\_\_\_ (must be NMRA member)  
 NMRA No. \_\_\_\_\_ Region \_\_\_\_\_ Division \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_  
 Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Number of persons attending \_\_\_\_\_  
 Names of Others \_\_\_\_\_

| Item   | Quantity | Price   | Amount    |
|--|----------|---------|-----------|
| Early Basic Registration<br>(Expires Jan. 1, 2023)   |          | \$85.00 |           |
| One Year Full NMRA Membership<br>(With print magazine subscription)  |          | \$92.00 |           |
| One Year NMRA Membership<br>(Without print magazine subscription)  |          | \$68.00 |           |
| Family Members (per person, spouse or child)<br>(Expires Jan. 1, 2023)   |          | \$25.00 |           |
| NMRA RAILPASS 9-month* includes digital magazine-<br>*One-time only, new members or members<br>dormant for 2 or more years |          | \$19.95 |           |
| <b>TOTAL AMOUNT</b>  |          |         | <b>\$</b> |

Sign-up form for extra fare items will be sent out to all early registrants at a later date.  
 Activity assignment will be based on the order that the applications are received.  
 Make check payable to: **NMRA, Keystone Div 2, Mid-Central Region**  
 Mail to: **Convention Registrar, Tom Gaus**  
**3357 New Texas Road**  
**Pittsburgh, PA 15239**  
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## T-TRAK Call for Modules



This Call for Modules is intended for those T-TRAK modelers that might be interested in attending the “Rails to Pittsburgh”, NMRA Mid Central Regional Convention hosted by the Keystone Division.

The convention will be presented at The Doubletree by Hilton at Cranberry in a suburb of Pittsburgh on May 4-7, 2023.

The large layout will be hosted by the convention as an invitational layout and will be open to all modelers attending the convention.

The layout will occupy half of one of the hotel’s Banquet Halls, in a room 64’ by 60’ and tentatively will be a three branch E shaped layout. The layout plan will support 80 double equivalent modules.

This Call for Modules is particularly directed at T-TRAKers residing in western Pennsylvania, western New York and northern Ohio areas.

If you are interested in participating in this invitational Layout, please send an email to

[bdemaeyer@att.net](mailto:bdemaeyer@att.net)

Information about the Convention can be found at

[www.keystonedivision.org](http://www.keystonedivision.org)

## MEDINA 4H GROUP JUDGING AT THE MEDINA FAIR.

by Joe Kurilec, MMR®

On July 18th, Division 4 members were invited to judge the 4H modules for the upcoming Medina Fair (running now. 8-1 to 7-22.)

Scott Meredith, part of the Medina County 4H Advisory Council contacted us.

Scott Benson, Kyle Kogler, Scott Kogler and myself volunteered to do the judging. This is always fun as we get to see some of the very creative work that is put into these modules. I am always amazed at what these young people do and the interaction between the judges. I noticed one very pleasant item. None of the young people had a cell phone glued to their hands! They paid attention to what they were doing!



This farm scene was done very well. Just enough details to make a great module.



This module was VERY clever. LED strips were used to create a lightning effect. The LEDs were programed to "sync" as if there was a lightning strike.



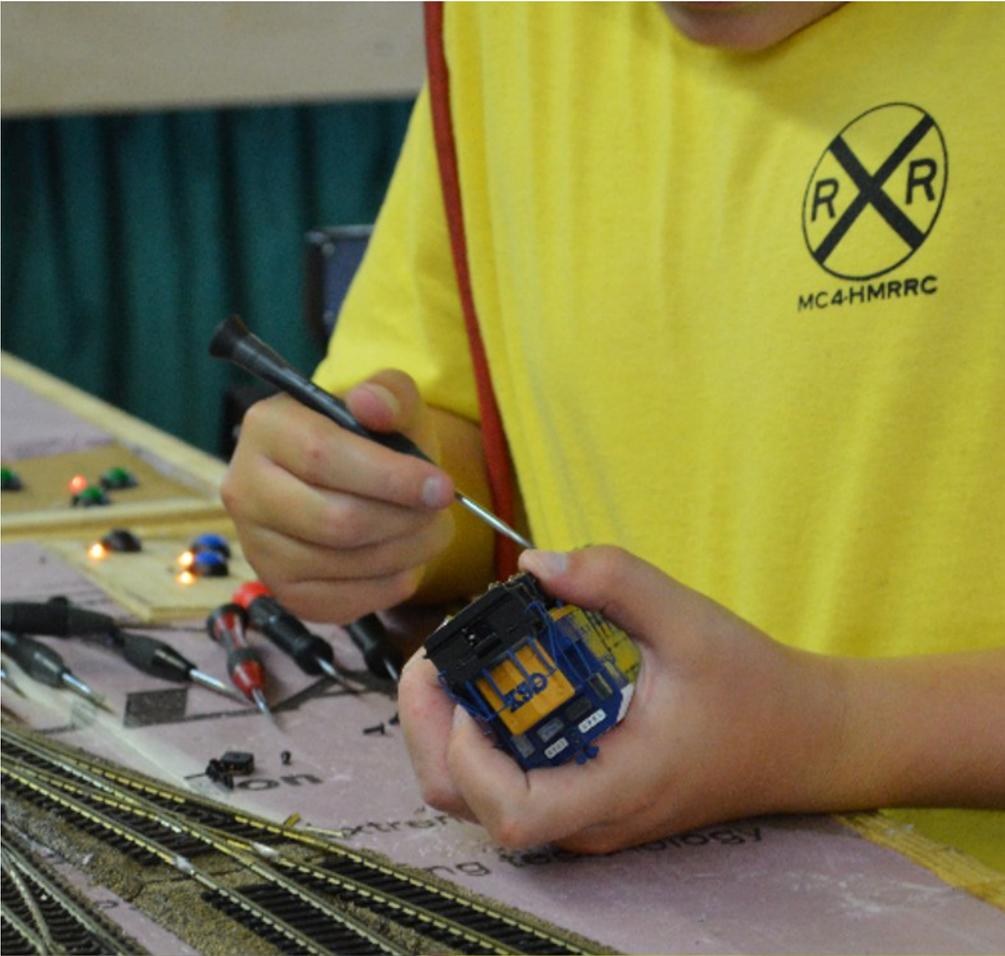
This coal mine & depot was interesting. I liked the mine area and details.



The young 4H member that put this together put a lot of work into it. He captured the many buildings of downtown Cleveland.



Once again creative ideas were put to use on this module, The water scene was made to be viewed at the front of the module. VERY clever.



As I was taken pictures of the 4H module layout, this member caught my eye. He disassembled a loco and did repairs to the on board DCC board! WOW!



Last, on the way home using State Rd, which turns into Marks Road. There is a W&LE line. To finish off a great day, I saw the W&LE doing switching. GREAT Day!!

# Bowser RS3 Phase III model

by Joe Kurilec, MMR®

I got a call from Bowser stating my NKP RS3 was ready to ship! I think it has been way over two years since I placed my order!

The model came in 2 days. A tad bit shorter then 2 years!

This is a great looking loco with crisp lettering and very good details. I think there are other road names....but as NKP nut, who needs them!

Anyone wanting a RS3 should look @ Bowser's Trains website. [www.bowser-trains.com](http://www.bowser-trains.com)



Here are couple of photos that *Adam Woodie* took of the iron ore loading docks located in Marquette, Michigan.



# 2022 NMRA National Convention Report

By JERRY KRUEGER

I arrived in St. Louis late Sunday afternoon ready for a full week of model railroading activities and a chance to see friends and acquaintances. By the time I arrived, checked into the Marriott Grand Hotel and settled in, the Convention Registration Desk had closed for the day. I did find a few friends gathered in the hotel's lobby bar and got caught up with them.

The Convention activities took place in the Marriott Conference Center located across the street. You went through an underground walkway to reach it so you didn't have to go outside. Registration opened at 8:00AM Monday morning. When I arrived to register, there was already line of people waiting to pick up their information. After signing on the dotted line, I picked up my packet of information and headed upstairs to where the clinics were being held. There were six clinic rooms; one room was set up classroom style. On the main floor was the SIG room/tour waiting room and the "Celebration of Modeling" or Contest room.

I stuck to attending clinics during the week and did not go on layout tours or prototype tours. The feedback I got from others was that the layouts were exceptional. Tours seemed to be well attended.

It was nice to see people that I've come to know over the years of attending the National Convention. People still mentioned how much they enjoyed the 2014 Convention in Cleveland nearly eight years later, which speaks highly of the work we did as a Division. I also had a chance to meet new friends from both in the area and around the country. I used the opportunity to do some networking to get clinic presenters for our Division meetings.

There were a few hiccups as the Convention got started but the Committee seemed to handle them well. One common complaint was that the clinic rooms were way too cold. Unlike prior years, none of the clinics were recorded for posting on the NMRA members' only section – an issue I plan to raise to Gordy. Also, there was no central location on the website to access handouts from clinicians.

Unlike previous conventions, there was no auction or white elephant sale this year. For those that came with money looking for bargains, they would have to wait for The National Train Show.

## 2022 NMRA National Convention Report

The National Train Show was held at the Gateway Convention Center located in Collinsville, IL. It was about a 20 minute drive from the Marriott in downtown St. Louis to get to the NTS. For those without cars, the Convention provided shuttle buses to take them to and from the hotel. The Gateway Center was a smaller facility from previous NTS that I've attended. The layout of the manufacturer booths, vendor booths, and layout was disjointed. While the manufacturers and most vendors were in the main hall along with a few layouts, other vendors were setup in the hallway and layouts were located in meeting rooms and smaller halls in the facility. Like during the week, it was nice to see some of the manufacturers that I've gotten to know over the years.

Oddly, one of the highlights of the week was Friday night. I had found a place online call Up Down St Louis. It was a barcade featuring over 50 beers on tap, pizza by the slice and classic pinball machines and video games. I convinced Dave Williams and Jim Williams from TX, no relation to Dave, to join me. We made a stop on the way back at St. Louis Union Station. STLUS has been restored and converted to a hotel, conference center and tourist destination with an aquarium, Ferris wheel and more. It was a fun night out.

I left St. Louis early Saturday morning and made the 7-1/2 hour drive back home. The car a little fuller, the wallet a little lighter and with a renewed energy for model railroading with the knowledge gained for the clinics. For Division members who have not yet attended a National Convention I highly recommend putting it on your bucket list. 2023 will be in Fort Worth, TX. 2024 will be in Long Beach, CA.



# 2024 Regional Convention

By JERRY KRUEGER

Division 4 will be submitting a bid to the MCR BOD to host the 2024 Regional Convention. I have been asked to oversee the planning for the Convention. We have started looking at various locations. In anticipation of acceptance of the bid we are forming a Host Committee. This as an open invitation to Div4 members to join the Host Committee. We will need to members fill the following positions:

Registration/Registrar  
Clinic Coordinator  
Layout Tour Coordinator  
Prototype Tour Coordinator  
OpSig Coordinator  
Timetable Publisher  
Conest / Model Display Coordinator  
Door Prizes  
Non-Rail / General Purpose Activities

We will be holding a first organizational meeting in October after The Great Berea Train Show – We don't want to distract from putting on a great Show. The details of the organizational meeting will be published in the October Flatwheel and in a follow up email blast. We have a very talented pool of members in Div4. We can put on a great Regional Convention in 2024. As I said for the 2014 National Convention, the more members we have volunteer, the better the event and the easier it will be to hold a great event.

If you are interested in joining the 2024 Regional Convention Host Committee please contact me at [jakrueg@neo.rr.com](mailto:jakrueg@neo.rr.com)



JERRY

# WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATIONS

By JERRY KRUEGER

Our first summer vacation was towards the end of June. I had seen a listing of the top train excursions in the US earlier in the year. One of the trips listed was the Stargazer tour on the Sky Railway in Santa Fe, New Mexico. The Stargazer tour was an evening trip into the Galisteo Basin to observe the night sky in a dark sky site. This seemed like the perfect excursion combining a train trip with my interest in astronomy. Plus, Santa Fe is the home of the Georgia O'Keefe museum, my wife Julie's favorite artist, and home to a number of art galleries in its old town section.

The Sky Railway runs a number of different excursions out the Railyard District of Santa Fe. The Railyard is also the terminus of the NM Rail Runner trains between Albuquerque and Santa Fe. The Sky Railway uses a GP16, various coach cars including a dome car, an ex BN flat car and an ex ATSF caboos. The flat car had railings so passengers can enjoy an open-air ride out into the desert. The locomotive, coaches, flat car and caboos have the most unique paint job I've ever seen. The Sky hired a local mural artist to paint the equipment. The GP16 has a dragon motif.



Unfortunately, the night of our trip into the desert was overcast. The star gazing was not particularly good but we got to enjoy a beautiful desert sunset on the trip out to the Galisteo Basin.

Our second vacation was Fourth of July weekend to see the grandkids in Massachusetts. We vacationed in mid-state New Hampshire. One of the activities was a trip on the Conway Scenic Railroad. We had booked dome car seats on the 1-hour excursion from North Conway to Conway and back. As luck would have it, again, it was an overcast, rainy day. The grandkids enjoyed the ride and the view from the dome. As an added bonus, the North Conway Model Railroad Club was open to visitors before the trip. The Club is located in the old freight house by the station and close the roundhouse and turntable.

On a related note, our son had to attend a math conference in the San Francisco Bay area in July. Since he had time to travel from Urbana IL to SF, he decided to take the California Zephyr. He was only 4 hours late into Emeryville. He said he really enjoyed the trip!

# WHAT'S GOING ON

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| 2022-Sept 10<br><br>       | <p><b>Mail-in Registration:</b></p> <p>Download, print out, and fill in the <a href="#">2022 AWMM Mail-in Registration Flyer</a>. Mail it and a check to Division 12, MCR, NMRA at PO Box 1052, Meadville, PA 16335. Please be sure to check if you are interested in ops-sessions, having your models displayed, or having a model judged for merit award. Confirmation and additional information will be sent by email.</p>   |
| 2022 - Sept. 23-24<br><br> | <p>Ribbon Cutting of Engine Barn / Birthday Party for 999 Engine<br/> <b>Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot)</b><br/>                 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077<br/>                 11:00 am to 3:00 pm                      Adm. Free<br/>                 Phone: 216-470-5780                      Donations Accepted and Appreciate</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <a href="#">MAP</a>                      <a href="#">Flyer</a>                      <a href="#">WEB Page</a> </p>                                     |
| 2022 - Sept. 24   | <p><b>Fostoria Rail Festival</b><br/>                 Fostoria Junior/ Senior High School<br/>                 Fostoria, Ohio<br/>                 10:00 am to 4 pm                              Adm. \$5.00<br/>                 Phone: 419-435-1781</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><a href="#">Flyer</a></p>   |
| 2022 - Sept. 25   | <p><b>Penn - Ohio Model Railroaders Train &amp; toy Show</b><br/>                 St. Michaels Bysantine Catholic Church<br/>                 2230 Highland Rd. Hermitage, PA.<br/>                 9:30 am to 3:00 pm<br/>                 Adm. \$5.00    Phone 724-866-4142</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <a href="#">Map</a>                      <a href="#">Flyer</a> </p>  |
| 2022 - Oct. 1-2   | <p><b>The Great Berea Train Show</b><br/>                 Model Train Show NMRA Div 4<br/>                 Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds<br/>                 19201 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130<br/> <b>Sat 10 am - 4 pm, Sun 10 am - 4 pm</b> Adm. \$8.00<br/>                 Phone: 440-785-9907</p> <p style="text-align: center;"> <a href="#">Info &amp; Map</a>                      <a href="#">VIDEO</a>                      <a href="#">Flyer</a>                      <a href="#">Web Site</a><br/> <a href="#">Dealer Application</a> </p> |

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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.



A former C&O caboose has been painted as an advertising piece for Sheoga Hardwood Flooring in Middlefield, Ohio. The Sheoga plant is located just up the hill from the former B&O Fairport Branch, which is now a bike trail. Interestingly, only the front and ends of the caboose have been repainted, with the opposite side retaining its yellow C&O paint.

Posted by [Jeff Sell](#) on March 21, 2019