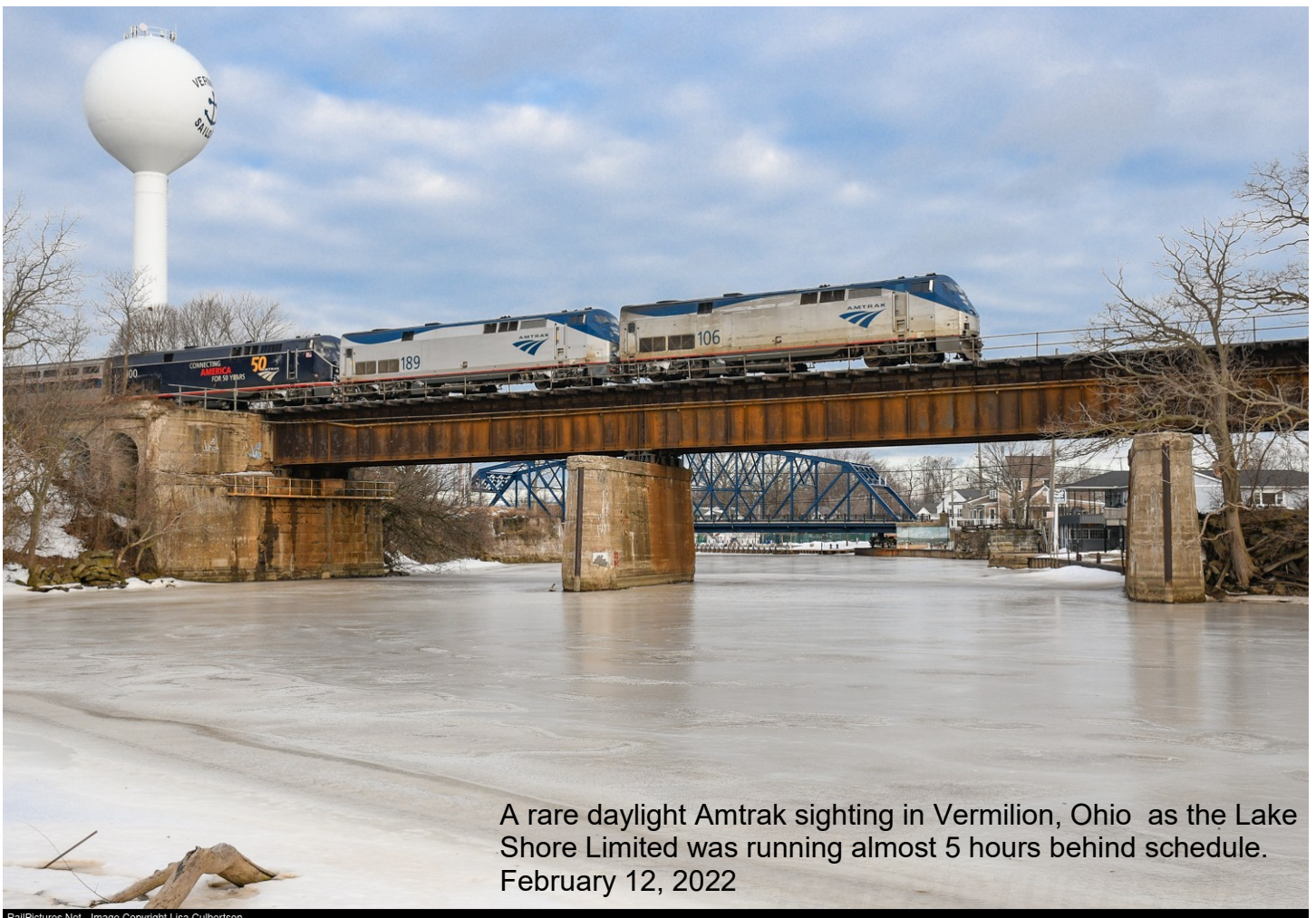




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# DIVISION 4

## THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE **FRIDAY, JANUARY 13, 2023**

**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.

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# FROM THE SUPER

Greeting from Cab

Greeting from Cab.

Hope everyone had a great Thanksgiving. We had to be canceled our family dinner due to both Gayle and I tested positive for Covid. Bummer. We are in quarantine for the next 10 days as I write this article.

Training Days has come and gone. The crowd was small but enthusiastic. Thanks to everyone who came out to support the event. A big thanks to Gary for again chairing the event.

Trees and Trains and Wild Winter Lights at the zoo has started. Thanks to the module team for another great job. If you can help out with either event, please contact Adam and sign up and join the fun.

The 2024 MCR Convention is progressing slowly. Being able to plan an event is not like it use to be. This economy is causing a lot of issues. More on this in the near future.

Fall layout tours went well. Fun to see all the layouts. Thanks John, for a job well done. THINK SPRING!!!

The Rails to Pittsburgh web site is up and running for the 2023 MCR Regional Convention. I am sure they would appreciate your consideration and support. I will be registering this week.

The member appreciation dinner is coming along nicely. Hope you have signed up to join in on the fun. So far almost 70 have signed up for the event. Would love to have another 70 to sign up.

Dave and I will be planning a BOD meeting in January. Need to close the books on 2022 and look into plans for 2023. One of the major topics will be Training Days.

We need to improve on this activity. I believe we will come up with a great future plan for this program.

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

I need a nap!



Ron Morgan



# MEETING MINUTES

## **Division 4, MCR, NMRA, Genera Meeting Minutes, November 11, 2022**

Superintendent Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 6:30 pm. He had all the Veterans in the room stand up and he thanked them for their service.

A motion was made to accept the minutes of the last meeting. It was seconded and carried by the Division that last months minutes were accepted.

Greg Noeth gave the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: Great Berea Train Show – David James – David thanked everyone for their hard work and assistance. Without all the volunteers the show would not be the success it is.

Training Day – Gary Schaefer – Gary thanked the 20 members for their help. There were not many in attendance, but those who were there had an enjoyable time. Look for his article in The Flat Wheel.

2024 Regional Convention – Jerry Kruger – a planning meeting was held on November 2<sup>nd</sup>. Looking for a name and a logo for the 2024 Convention. If you are interested in assisting in any of the areas for the convention, please let Jerry know via email. There are many jobs available! Convention will be held the 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May of 2024. Another volunteer meeting will be soon via Zoom.

Division 4 By Laws Review – Ron Morgan – Still working on and will be carried over.

Other – Ron Morgan – There is still 2 weeks left for John Janda's cousin's Estate Sale.

New Business: Member Award/ Appreciation Dinner – Dave Williams – Social Hour starts at 6:00 pm. Dinner at 6:30 pm. It will be held at Parker's in Avon Lake.

2023 Budget – Greg Noeth – Greg went over our annual budget. Training day line will be discussed at a later date, but will be left in budget as a page mark. A motion was made and seconded to accept the budget. The division carried the motion.

Show and Tell – Greg Noeth brought in his 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Certificate and a photo of an engine that ran between Cleveland and Pittsburgh. Ron Glass shared a framed train calendar.

**Committee Reports :** The Flat Wheel Deadline – Chuck Shick – December’s Flat Wheel deadline is November 26th.

Membership – Bill Dluback – Please keep all your information with NMRA current. We have had 5 new members join from The Great Berea Train Show. Visitors Craig Butler and Doug Rohn were welcomed. If you need a badge, please sign up on the sheets at the table.

Clinics – Jerry Kruger – Chris Lance is tonight’s presenter. The 2023 Convention is May 4<sup>th</sup> to the 7<sup>th</sup> in Pittsburgh.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – Hopefully have something for everyone. Bought lots of stuff for next month from John Janda’s cousins estate sale. Raffle will begin 10 minutes after meeting ends.

Modules – Adam Woodie – Set up Wild Winter Lights is Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. We are running there for 30 nights. Sign up with Adam tonight or on line.

Company Store – Scott Benson – Has tools and stuff. Official NMRA and O Gauges – Division 4 hats and shirts can be ordered. Division 4 and Division 7 cars, external brace cars. Tonight is last night to purchase a Cuyahoga Valley 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary car at meeting.

Layout Tours – John Witt, MMR® – We have 3 for tomorrow and directions are up on the front table.

AP Awards – John Hemsath, MMR® - Association Volunteer Certificate and Association Official Certificate, both awards were presented to Lee Sheffield.

Contest – Joe Filipiak – Last Months Winners of Outside Brace Cars:

Model: 1<sup>st</sup> – Don Glass  
2<sup>nd</sup> – Joe Kurilec  
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No Contest next month. January is self propelled rail vehicle that has passenger seats, (NO LOCOMOTIVES).

Comments and Concerns – Ron thanked our Veterans once more. A happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Darrell tomorrow.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting, it was seconded and carried. Meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Shick  
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick



# NORTH COAST OHIO

## DIV-4 Leadership

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# MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Things are full swing for the module group over the holiday season. We are currently set up at the Wild Winter Lights which is sponsored by the Cleveland Metropark Zoo. We are also set up at the Trees and Trains located at the Black River Landing in Lorain. Both events will run until the end of December. Be sure to stop out and visit us.

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



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie







**Zoo Winter Lights**



**Trees And Trains At Black River Landing**



# COMPANY STORE

## Company Store

2022 is the 50-year anniversary of the Cuyahoga Valley & West Shore model railroad club. In recognition of this milestone, the club had a custom car made, in two colors, Tuscan and green. These are Accurail Pullman Standard 3-bay covered hoppers. See photos below. The Company Store has these available for purchase for \$25 each. See me at the January meeting, or contact me by email, to purchase yours.



We'll also have some hard-to-find Division 4 Newburg & South Shore custom cars.

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, [sben-son440@zoominternet.net](mailto:sben-son440@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 contest tables will take a pause in December so we can gather for our Christmas banquet. The November contest of a line side private residence saw some interesting entries. First place in model offerings was given to Tom McInerny with his scratch-built house. Second place went to Jim Grell and his lite bungalow. Third place was taken by Dave Lawler with his CNR section house which was rented to employees and their families. The diorama entries had Joe Filipiak taking first place with his well-worn and quite in need of repair house with surrounding yard junk. Second place went to a newcomer to the contest table, Peter Lundstrom and third place was taken by John Hughes. Thanks to all who entered models and dioramas and thanks to all who voted for their favorites.

As mentioned earlier, there is no contest in December. January's contest is a self-propelled rail vehicle that has the capability to carry passengers. The range of possibilities runs from RDC passenger cars to the Galloping Goose to a Fairmont work cart with bench seats. A contemporary hi-railer pick-up truck will even qualify. No locomotives please.

Well, I hope to see you at the December banquet. There will be an award given out for precision modelling in memory of Richard Mayich to a well deserving model railroader from Division Four.



Joe Filipiak

# RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The Annual Awards Banquet is nearly upon us! As in years past, there will be a fantastic raffle as part of the festivities as shown in the photo! Several great items up for grabs such as gift baskets, framed pictures, mystery gifts, multiple car sets, and much more! Please note, no raffle bucks will accepted at the Awards Banquet.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie





# LAYOUT TOURS

John Witt, MMR®

Thanks to all you hosted and participated in the Fall 2022 Layout tour. We had about 150 layout visits by our members to the 7 layouts open. In addition to the HO scale DCC equipped layouts – we had an N scale, an ON3 scale and a DC powered with Pacific Fast Mail sound system!! Quite a selection of different equipment and gages.

Think about hosting in the Spring of 2023 !!!

John



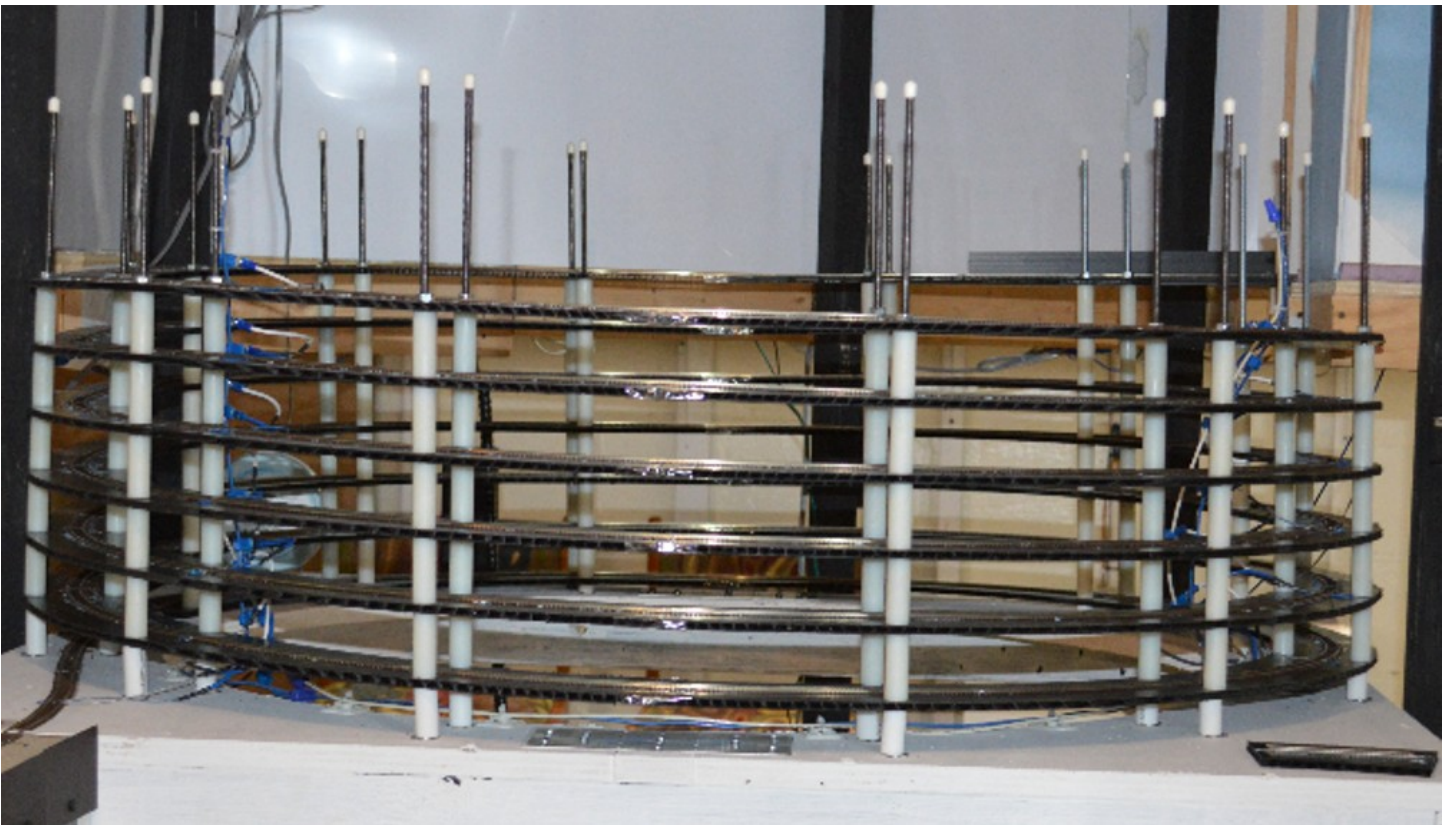
**JOHN WITT**

# TWO HIGHLIGHTS of DIVISION 4 LAYOUTS

By Joe Kurilec, MMR®

This year I was only able to see two layouts because of medical issues with my wife. I have to choose what events or operating sessions (if any) I go to.

The first layout I visited was Steve Holheimer's N scale layout in Lakewood. I really like the helix that Steve built.





Steve's modeling skills shows in his structures & buildings. This is a very nice job on this building. Very impressive.



Here he used cardstock mock ups for position and clearances. Good visual to see the end results.



The next layout that I never had the pleasure of visiting was Joe Toth's, Portage RR (Pennsylvania) in Rocky River. Joe has a ton of details packed into his attic railroad.



Joe is able to squeeze a lot of buildings and add a TON of details to his scenes.



Another mine on the layout. Great use of limited space.



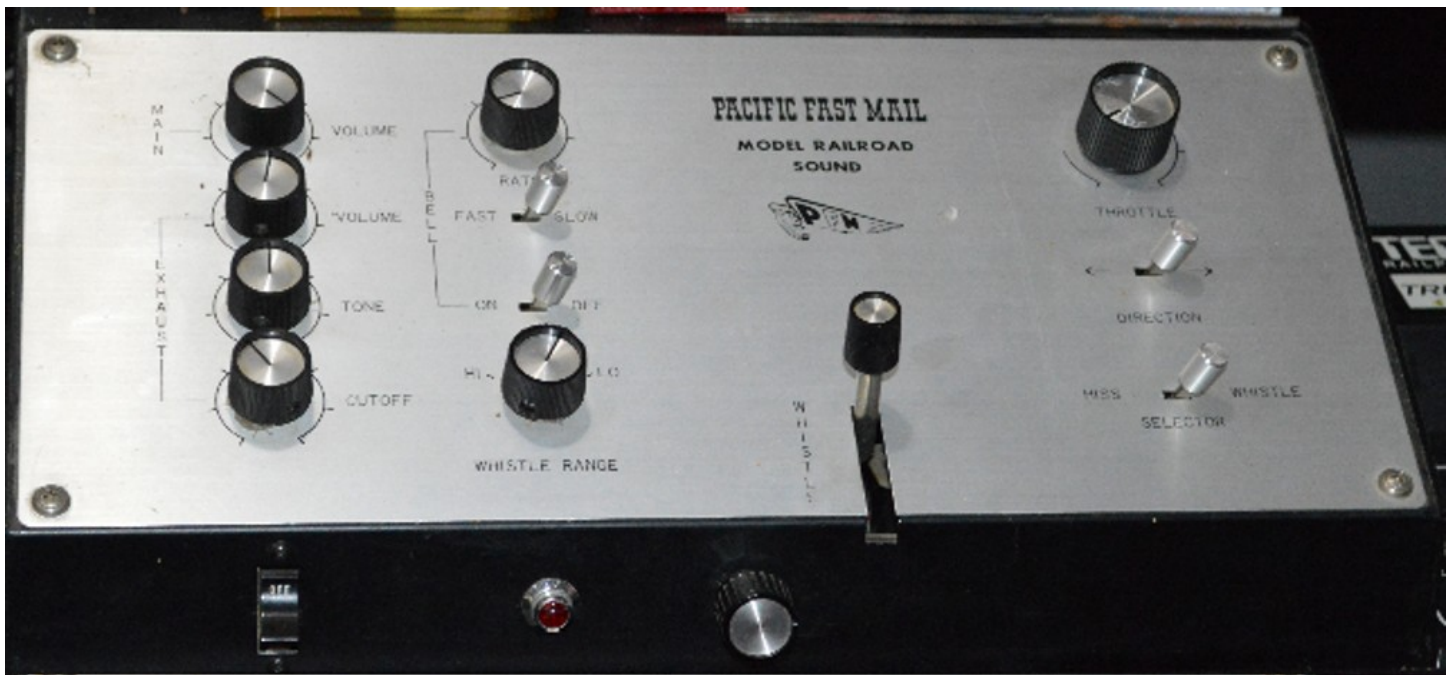


The Swift meat packing puts a lot of industry in a small space. The street scene was done very good.



What caught my eye in the scene was the use of an old vintage Suydam "saw tooth roof" factory building. Joe also detailed the interior. The yards behind it also adds to the realism.

In another scene, Joe used an old Dyna-Models structure, again adding lots of detail to make the area interesting.



Once again Joe's use of "older" items was really fun to see. The last time I saw the PFM sound unit was at Paul's Model Railroad shop in Gettysburg, PA. The shop was built in two passenger cars. In the center was a "tower". Upstairs was an around the wall layout...with the PFM units to try out. That was sometimes in the 1960's.



# TRAINING DAY PICTURES

Dave Williams

































## NOVEMBER MEETING PICTURES



Clinician — Chris Lance











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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.



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