



# THE FLATWHEEL

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NS 4000 gallops through CP 307 in Swanton during a moderate snowfall on New Years Eve a few years ago with train 20E. This was the location where, about six months prior to this photo, a westbound stack train struck an unoccupied vehicle, derailed and knocked over some power lines.

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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.

Views expressed in *The Flatwheel* do not necessarily reflect the opinion of the NMRA, MCR, or Division 4.

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# FROM THE SUPER

Greeting from Cab

Greetings from Cab.

Happy New Year! To you and yours.

Hope Santa brought you some new train equipment. He passed me by again!

The Division 4 Members Appreciation Dinner was very nice. Good food, great location and good service. Big thanks to Dave Williams for a job well done, to all the member memorial presenters and to those who attended.

Four members from the division received the Dennis Novak Outstanding Member Award at this year's event. Those recognized were Steve Kaplan, Greg Noeth, Gary Schaefer and Lee Sheffield. Make sure to congratulate them at the next meeting. Next year we might make history! Make sure to sign up for next year's dinner.

The Division 4 Board of Directors will be meeting this month to close the books on 2022 and to review our plans for 2023. Plans include potential changes to Training Days and the 2024 MCR Regional Convention to mention a few items on the agenda.

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 have registered and am looking forward to attending.

Bram Baileys new book Ontario Northland in Color Volume II, The Chevron Era is now available. Very nice and well done. I purchased mine through Lombards Hobby located in Chicago.

A big thanks to all who participated in Trees and Trains and Wild Winter Lights at the Zoo. Your efforts are appreciated.

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

Happy New Year!



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  
3<sup>rd</sup> – Dave Lawler

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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 have been very busy for the module group over the holiday season. Wild Winter Lights sponsored by the Cleveland Metropark Zoo has seen tens of thousands of visitors over the holiday. Several guests have stopped to see the train layout we currently have on display. This event will wrapping up on Friday, December 30th.

We are also set up at the Trees and Trains located at the Black River Landing in Lorain. This event will have one day remaining for the holiday season which is Friday, December 30th. Be sure to stop out and visit us at both locations.

Looking ahead, the module group will be having our annual planning meeting sometime in January-2023. Exact date and time will set after the holiday season. Please let me know if there is an event or other item you would like added to the agenda.

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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Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

I regret to inform you that Trees and Trains has been cancelled for Friday, December 30th. The building lost power for a considerable amount of time during the deep freeze this past week-end. This caused the temperature to drop inside building resulting in the waterlines freezing up. One waterline in the mechanical room burst and flooded the building. Gail had taken photos yesterday showing the water being 3" to 4" deep in the main display room.

We suffered minimal losses thus far as result of the flooded room. All of the totes were dry but any cardboard boxes was lost.

Those of us with modules on display were requested to dismantle the layout and remove the modules. A big thanks to everyone who was able to help on such short notice. A couple of specific notes:

- 1) Chuck Shick's module and tote are currently stored in the small club trailer.
- 2) I have Jeff Martin's Power CAB in my possession at my house.
- 3) There was a bag of literature, photos, and VHS tapes which I assume were left over from TRAINing day. Everything but the clamps in the bag were ruined. I have the clamps at my house.

I will bring the above mentioned items with me to the next monthly meeting minus Chuck Shick's module and tote.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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# COMPANY STORE

## Company Store

Just a few new things for the Company Store at the January meeting. See you there!

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 has 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

As you are reading this article, 2022 is nearing an end. With the new year comes the hope in each of us that our health will be good or at least improve. The hope that friendships we have made through the years will continue and even grow stronger and the hope that we will make new friends during the new year. I hope that each of you finds the motivation to finally start that layout or build a new model or even attend a convention.

The annual Christmas banquet for our division was a lot of fun with good food and conversation. I had the privilege to award the Richard Mayich Precision Modeling Award to David Lawler. Dave is a fantastic modeler, and I am sure you will agree with me if you have visited his layout. What you may not know is that Dave has scratch-built models of ships that sailed the Great Lakes. When I say that they are museum quality, I'm not kidding. Several of his ship models are in the collection of the Great Lakes Museum in Toledo. Dave does participate in the model contests throughout the year which has made him eligible to receive this award. Congratulations Dave for a well-earned and most deserved recognition.

The January model contest subject is a self-propelled rail vehicle that can carry a passenger. This can be anything from a Fairmont to a Brill car to a RDC to a high-railer. Locomotives are not eligible. I hope to see your entry at the contest table in January.



Joe Filipiak

# CLINIC CORNER

## JANUARY

January's clinic will be by Michelle Kempema via Zoom from Greeley, CO. Michelle is the Executive Director of the Colorado Model Railroad Museum. Her presentation will be about the Museum, its large HO layout and the Museum's plans for the future. Michelle give a great presentation!

## FEBRUARY & MARCH

There are no clinics planned for February and March. February is Division 4's biannual auction. March is Member Appreciation night with pizza. I'm already previewing videos to show while everyone enjoys their pizza.

## FUTURE CLINICS

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.

## CLINIC EXTRA

As some of you may recall, as part of the promotion of the 2014 NMRA National Convention Norfolk Southern was kind enough to put the convention logo on one of their locomotives. Their Altoona shops put it on rebuilt SD40-2 #3215. Over the years I've been asked whatever happened to #3215. Well, while going down the rabbit hole watching YouTube videos a few weeks ago I came across a new posting of an Ashland Railway steel coil train entering Willard Yard on the CSX. As I watched the video I recognized an "old friend" in the consist. No longer wearing NS logos, the number is the same and a much faded convention logo still adorns the rear hood.

[Ashland Railway steel coil train arrives at CSX Willard Ohio yard and CSX train meets ASRY 2027 - YouTube](#)

# RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The Annual Awards Banquet has come and gone. With it was another great banquet raffle. Photos, high quality rolling stock, multi-car sets, and Walthers gift certificates were up for grabs. A huge thanks to David Williams on coordinating the event. I am already looking forward to next year's banquet. If you have never attended the awards banquet before, I would suggest you mark your calendar for next year.

Our next monthly business meeting will have a raffle prior to the evening presenter / clinic. Be sure to purchase your tickets prior to the meeting, if possible. On a side note, February will not have a raffle since that will be auction night.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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## AWARDS BANQUET FOLLOW-UP

Dave Williams

I want to thank the following people for their assistance with the Awards Banquet:

Lee Sheffield, for filling in all the blanks on how the Banquet has been done in the past and what needed to happen this time around.

Ron Morgan, for setting up the agenda, and doing his share of the speaking. Ron also made sure that I didn't go completely overboard on expenses.

Ron and Gayle Morgan, for providing the poinsettia centerpieces and most of the extra tables.

Adam Woodie for the raffle – which included bringing all the prizes, setting up the raffle tables, selling tickets, drawing tickets, giving out the prizes, dealing with hecklers ..... and making sure that the modules were running at two other events.

Patty Kaplan, for very nicely handwriting everyone's nametag.

Greg Noeth, for handling the sign-up sheet and taking care of all the incoming and outgoing money, as well as giving good advice on how the business side of this event needed to happen.

Tom McInerney and Dave Lawler, for being part of the impromptu committee that came up with the idea of going to Parkers.

Gary Sole and Bruce Bowie for their remembrances of Chuck Klein and George Keller.

Ben Lanza, for sending out email notices.

Chuck Shick, for the Flatwheel notice.

Parker's staff, especially Mitzi and Morgan, (Mitzi is the Events Coordinator as well as an excellent fill-in bartender on the restaurant side).

Gary Chopsinski aka DJ Chop, who is in tune (pun not intended, but OK, I'll keep it) with our group.

The members who kept the trains running at *Wild Winter Lights* and *Trees and Trains*.

And of course, everyone who was able to attend.

I was made aware that three expected guests were unable to attend due to serious illnesses. Privacy prevents me from mentioning names but I'm sure they're in our thoughts and prayers.

We've already reserved Parker's for next year – it'll be a little earlier than usual, on (first) Friday December 1<sup>st</sup>. DJ Chop will be back, as I hope everyone else is as well. In the meanwhile, if you liked the food, may I recommend Parker's restaurant on your own for dinner, 32858 Walker Rd, Avon Lake, OH.

## AWARDS BANQUET PICTURES

Dave Williams



Dennis Novak Award - Greg Noeth



Dennis Novak Award - Gary Schaefer



Dennis Novak Award - Lee Sheffield



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Rich Mayich Award - David Lawler



Bruce Bowie - Remembrance of George Keller







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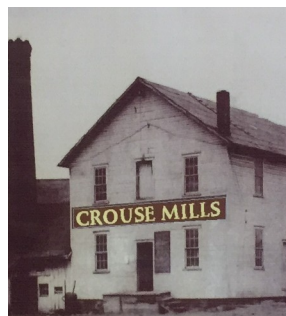
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We are Division 4 of the Mid-Central Region of the National Model Railroad Association. (DIV-4 MCR NMRA).

With more than 200 members from Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lorain and Medina counties in the state of Ohio.

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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