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DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION



OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 2023**

Meeting starts at **6:00pm** this month for the Auction.

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

February meeting will be our famous Division 4 Auction. The auction will start as close to 6:30 as possible. Remember to pre-print the item forms off the division web site. This will save a lot of time. Also, please limit the number of items you bring. If you bring a lot of items the auction team may not be able to get to all of them.

The region had a board meeting on the 20th of January. The meeting went well. Some of the agenda items included the Pittsburg Convention status, the Cleveland Convention status, the new region convention guidelines, the new **NMRA Inter-change**, and the NMRA Central District Election. Also, the MCR is looking for a new **MCR Contest Chairman**. If anyone would be interested, please let me know. Speaking of the election, you will be receiving your ballot shortly. Please take the time to read about the candidates and vote. Should only take several minutes.

The Rails to Pittsburgh is looking for more members to sign up for the MCR Regional Convention. I am sure they would appreciate your consideration and support. I have registered and am looking forward to attending.

Speaking of conventions, Jerry Krueger hosted a group of Division 4 members for a 2024 MCR Convention startup meeting. More information on the convention and help requirements will be forth coming.

As I am writing this article, part of the modular group is getting ready to travel to Springfield Mass. for the train show at the Big E. The group always has a great time. Safe journeys to them.

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

Ron



Ron Morgan

B.O.D. MEETING MINUTES

Division 4, MCR, NMRA , Board of Directors Meeting January 7, 2023 via Zoom

Superintendent, Ron Morgan greeted everyone and began the meeting at 10:06 am.

Ron gave us his thoughts on the past year. He thought it was a pretty good year over all. Our Membership has held steady.

Treasurer's Report was given by Greg Noeth.

Greg continued with reviewing of the books for 2022. Only thing possibly outstanding is a bill for the trailer.

Ron moved along to possible grants to consider. He received a request from Joe Filipiak for the Grafton Railroad Society to help with the B & O Caboose with ribs for the ceiling. After much discussion it was decided to table this for now and possibly place it in the 2024 budget.

Meeting change in October. We will be meeting on the third Friday of that month. It needs to be put out on the website and mentioned in The Flatwheel.

Clinics – Jerry Kruger – Friday's speaker is all set and ready to go. Hopes to start promptly at 7:00. Working on April, May, and June. Jerry will have movies for pizza night in March.

Convention – Jerry Kruger – Getting ready to sign the contract with the hotel next week. Will need a check from Greg for the deposit. Jerry will hold a planning meeting on Tuesday, January 24th. Will let us know at meeting Friday night if it will be Zoom or in person.

Company Store – Scott Benson – Not much new. Scott will not be at Friday's meeting.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – It is going strong and have lots of inventory.

Trees and Trains Wrap Up – Adam Woodie – Adam thanked everyone who was able to help clear out after the flood. No damage to power source. He especially thanked Lee Sheffield for drying it out and adding extra wooden feet on it. A motion was made by Chris Shick to donate \$250.00 to Trees and Trains, Greg Noeth seconded the motion. It was passed \$250.00 will be donated to Trees and Trains.

Modules – Adam Woodie – A rough draft of this year's schedule was sent out to the Module members. Module meeting is Thursday, January 19th. The Zoo has concluded. There was also a lot of wetness and dampness, but was taken care of.

Great Berea Train Show – David James – There will be a Marketing Meeting in February. Asked Gary if the flyers will be ready before the Division 5 show in March.

Division Picnic – no date yet, looking for a day in June.

Website – Ben Lanza – According to the new Regional Technical Group, there needs to be a back up for key positions in the Division, There also should have separate email addresses for the Division also.

Membership – Bill Dluback – Bill is keeping up with unpaid members and also working on the 30 to 60 day list as well. We will have a Membership desk at Division 5's Show in March. Will need volunteers to man the table.

The Flatwheel – Chuck Shick – The 26th of the month is the deadline, but it's okay to get articles in early.

Auction – Ron Morgan – Gary Schaefer made a motion to drop the 10% commission. John Janda seconded the motion. Board passed the motion to drop the 10% commission. We need a sign up sheet for runners. Greg will let everyone know how the money will be handled. Auction will start promptly at 6:00 pm. There will be no formal meeting this night unless it is needed.

Disposition of Division Property – Adam Woodie – Years ago, Scale Trains donated a list of things to the Module Group. They are no longer being utilized or kept up. Currently are just taking up space. Adam has a buyer for the engines. Gary Schaefer made a motion to donate rolling stock to the Cuyahoga County and Medina County 4-H groups, the engines for Adam to take care of. Jeff Lauren seconded. After much discussion Gary rescinded his motion and made another one to put the rolling stock into the Auction and engines to be taken care of by Adam. Greg Noeth seconded the motion and the board passed the motion.

The Herbie Box Cars – Ron Morgan – We have 2 display cases that are owned by the Division not being utilized. A motion was made by Ron Morgan to put large display case in the Auction. John Janda seconded the motion, the board passed the motion to put the large case for sale at the Auction. Another matter of The Herbie Box Cars brought before the board was to purchase them to be displayed in the other case at events. John Janda made a motion for the purchase to take place. David Williams seconded, Board approved the purchase.

Training Day – Ron Morgan – Most of the board liked the idea of having Training Day included into The Great Berea Train Show. Ideas that came up are to have a list of the scheduled demonstrations on the website along with them placed at The Great Berea Train Show where everyone can see them. Chris Shick made the motion to include Training Day along with The Great Berea Train Show. Greg Noeth seconded the motion, instead of the "Make and Take It" change the name to "Hands on Training" and Gary Schaefer would still be in charge of Training Day part. Ron asked for each board members approval. and the motion passed.

Ron then went over some rules to remember:

- Always display the Division 4 Banner at our various events.
- Don't buy something unless the BOD approves the purchase before hand. Otherwise, it is against the by-laws and it may end up yours.

Since no other business was brought forth, John Janda made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Gary Schaefer seconded the motion, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 11:34 pm.

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



Chris Shick

MEETING MINUTES

Division 4, MCR, MMRA Monthly Minutes January 13, 2023. Westlake Recreation Center and Zoom

Meeting began at 6:30 pm, with a warm welcome and Happy New Year from our Superintendent Ron Morgan. He also welcomed visitors and new members.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Greg Noeth gave the Treasurer's Report.

Old Business: 2024 Regional Convention – Jerry Kruger – things are moving along. Volunteers are definitely needed. On Tuesday, January 24th, Jerry will be holding a hybrid meeting. He will ask Ben Lanza send out the information for the Zoom half.

Dennis Novak Award Recipients – Ron Morgan – The 4 recipients of the Dennis Novak Award for 2022 were Lee Sheffield, Gary Schafer, Steve Kaplan, and Greg Noeth. Congratulations gentlemen!

Division 4 By-Laws Review – Ron Morgan – still being reviewed.

New Business: Recap of Board of Directors Meeting – Ron Morgan – we closed up 2022 and opened 2023. It was decided to combine The Great Berea Train Show along with Training Day this year. A schedule will be on the web page of presenters with what they are presenting along with the times. They will also be posted at the show.

Auction – Ron Morgan/Lee Sheffield – Auctioneers will be Gary Sole, Lee Sheffield, and Frank Bongiovanni. The 10% commission will be waived. Meeting will begin promptly at 6:00 pm. Every item you bring to the auction must be ticketed. Tickets can be printed off the Division website. Please limit the number of items you bring.

Back Ups- Ron Morgan – Looking for back up for web master. Ben Lanza is currently working on getting instructions written up for what he does to help explain all he does.

Committee Reports: The Flatwheel – Chuck Shick – The deadline is January 26th. If you want to send in your articles earlier, that is okay also.

Membership – Bill – Bill Dluback – We welcomed new members, visitors, and guests: Doug Bowmen, Aaron Dupont Past Superintendent, Dave Marvinney Past Superintendent, and Frank Fatsie. Sign up sheet for Railfest Membership table is in the back. Please sign up to volunteer to work on March 18th and 19th.

Clinics – Jerry Kruger – tonight is Michelle Kempna from Greenly, CO. She is in charge of the Model Railroading Museum there. There is no Clinic in February it's the Auction. March is Membership Appreciation night. Still need Clinics for April, May, and June.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – Had a great night at the Awards Banquet. There is plenty of stuff. Next meeting with Raffle is April.

Module Group – Adam Woodie – Adam let us know about the flood at Black River Landing. He thanked everyone who was able to help. The Zoo asked us to extend out time, but we couldn't due to our insurance ran out on January 1st. Annual Module Planning Meeting is Thursday, January 19th at David James' bus depot. Please bring a chair.

Contest – Joe Filipiak – No contest next month due to the Auction. March's Contest is a Yard Office. Last month's winners are:

Model: 1st – Tom Mc Inerng
 2nd – Jim Grell
 3rd – Dave Lawler

Diorama: 1st – Joe Filipiak
 2nd – Peter Lundstrom
 3rd – John Hughes

Congratulations to David Lawler for winning The Richard Mayich Award for Precision Modeling.

We had a brief Zoom presentation for the Rail to Pittsburgh Convention. It will be in Mars, Pa, May 4th to the 7th of this year.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn the meeting. The majority of the members passed the motion and meeting was adjourned at 7:18.

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



Chris Shick

NORTH COAST OHIO

DIV-4 Leadership

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Thanks John Witt



JOHN WITT

MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Things have been rather quiet during the month of January for the module group. However, that does not mean the module group has been sitting idly by. We held our annual planning meeting on Thursday, January 19th. As always, the number one topic is setting the module layout display schedule for the calendar year. Several events were discussed such as Railfest, Cuyhaoga County Fair, Cleveland Oktoberfest, Great Berea Train Show, Trees and Trains, and, of course, the Wild Winter Lights at the Cleveland Metropark Zoo. The module group is looking for other events to showcase the layout, preferably located in Erie County, Huron County, Lorain County, and/or Medina County. Ideally, the event would be some type of festival where the module layout would be a small part of much larger event. Please email me your suggestions to the email address listed below.

As always, anyone interested in joining the Module Group, please contact me at 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.

A new program we would like to implement this year is a mentorship program. The objective of the program is pair up a new member with a seasoned member to introduce them to the rest of the module layout team, explain the rules of the layout, etc.

Until next time!



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

COMPANY STORE

Restocking the Company Store is in progress! Since February is the auction, the store will not be open. So see you in March!

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 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 contest for January was a self-powered rail vehicle that could carry passengers. Although there were not a great number of entries, what was entered ran the full range from old-time track speeders to Brill cars to a modern high-rail truck. Thanks to all who participated in the contest. First place in the model category was John Hemsath's entry of a vehicle from days gone by. Second place went to a model from Joe Kurilec. A model from the Don Glass rail museum came in third place. Congratulations to you three gentlemen. The diorama section of the contest found "Mr. Cherrios", Dave Lawler's entry with a CN Brill car taking first place. Joe Filipiak's hi-rail truck diorama came in second place.

The next model contest is in March. February is the auction, so no contest. The March contest is a railroad yard office. Yard offices were where the train crews got their work orders for the day. The size of the yard many times dictated the size of the building. Some short line roads used an old coach which was set off its wheels and onto the ground while busier yards with several crews needed a larger building. A little research on yard offices will hopefully motivate you to put together one for your favorite road and enter it into the February contest.



Joe Filipiak

CLINIC CORNER

FEBRUARY

February is Auction Month so there is no clinic.

MARCH

March is Member Appreciation Night. As is tradition, I will have some railroad related movies 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. I'm hoping to get some people I met at the Indy Regional and St. Louis National to do presentations remotely.

2024 Mid-Central Regional Convention

Planning continues for the 2024 Mid-Central Regional Convention. The dates are May 16th – May 19th, 2024. We have selected the Crown Plaza hotel in Middleburg Hts. as the location for the Convention. They have a nice mix of meeting rooms and ballroom space for hosting the convention. The location on Engle Rd and Bagley Rd right off I-71 will make it easy for everyone to get to from throughout the Region.

We are still looking for members to join the committee and help plan the Convention. If you are interested in helping plan the Convention please send me an email. Our next committee meeting will be either in late March or early April so we will be ready to register people at the Pittsburgh Regional Convention.

RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The January meeting has come gone and with it another monthly raffle. It was a rather accelerated drawing due to the tight schedule with the presenter. However, everything went well, as usual. The next raffle will not take place until the regularly scheduled meeting in April. Next month is the bi-annual auction and March is membership appreciation night.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

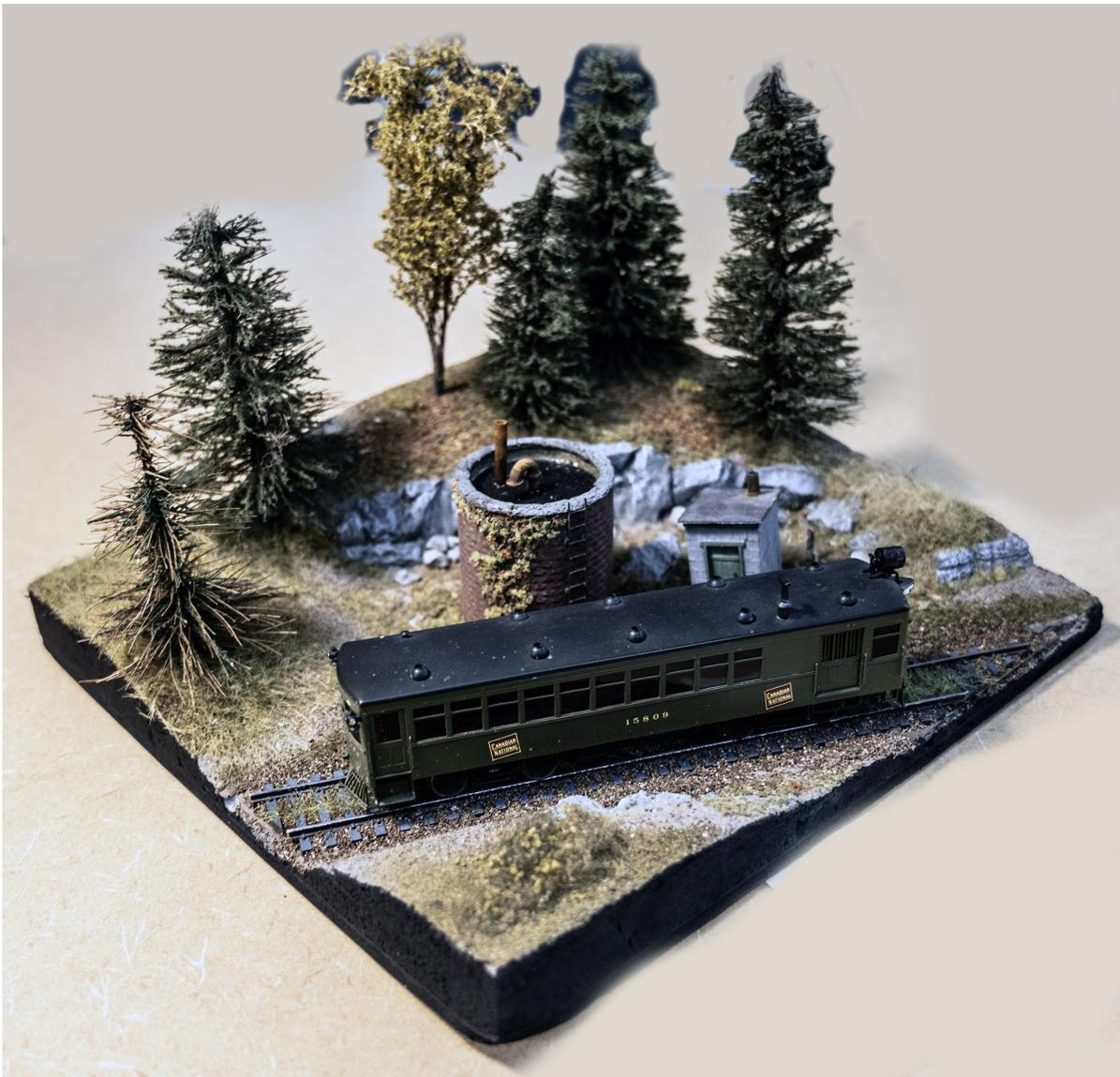


Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

JANUARY MEETING PICTURES

Dave Williams











WHAT'S GOING ON

2023 - Feb. 5	<p>Medina Train and Toy Show Medina Fairgrounds, Medina, Ohio 44256 9 am to 3 pm Adm. \$6.00 Phone: 330-948-4400</p> <p>Info & Map Flyer</p>
2023 - Feb. 12	<p>Mansfield Train Show Fairhaven Hall, Richland County Fairgrounds 750 N. Home Rd., Mansfield, Ohio 44906 10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$7.00 Phone: 419-606-7934</p> <p>Map Flyer</p>
2023 - Feb. 18	<p>Canfield Train and Toy Show Canfield Fairgrounds, 7265 Columbiana, Canfield, Ohio 44406 Being held in new Event Center 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$7.00 Phone: 330-651-1042</p>
2023 - Feb. 25	<p>Iron and Steel Train Show and Expo Winter Blizzard In memory of Anna Mamone National McKinley Memorial Museum 40 North Main St. (RT 46) Niles, Ohio 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$5.00 Contact Dennis Mamone 330-503-5510 consultdennis@hotmail.com</p>
2023 - March 4	<p>Independence Train Show - KD Trains LLC The Independence High School Fieldhouse 6001 Archwood Rd. Independence, Oh 44131 10 am - 3 pm Adm. \$7.00 Phone: 216-642-0692 Email: kdtrains@att.net</p> <p>MAP Flyer</p>

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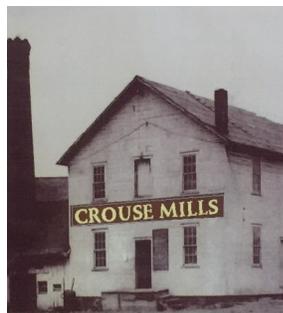
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With more than 200 members from Cuyahoga, Erie, Huron, Lorain and Medina counties in the state of Ohio.

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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