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CSX train M635 passes through the five consecutive tunnels on the Cleveland Short Line in East Cleveland, Ohio as it works its way westbound through town. March 04, 2023

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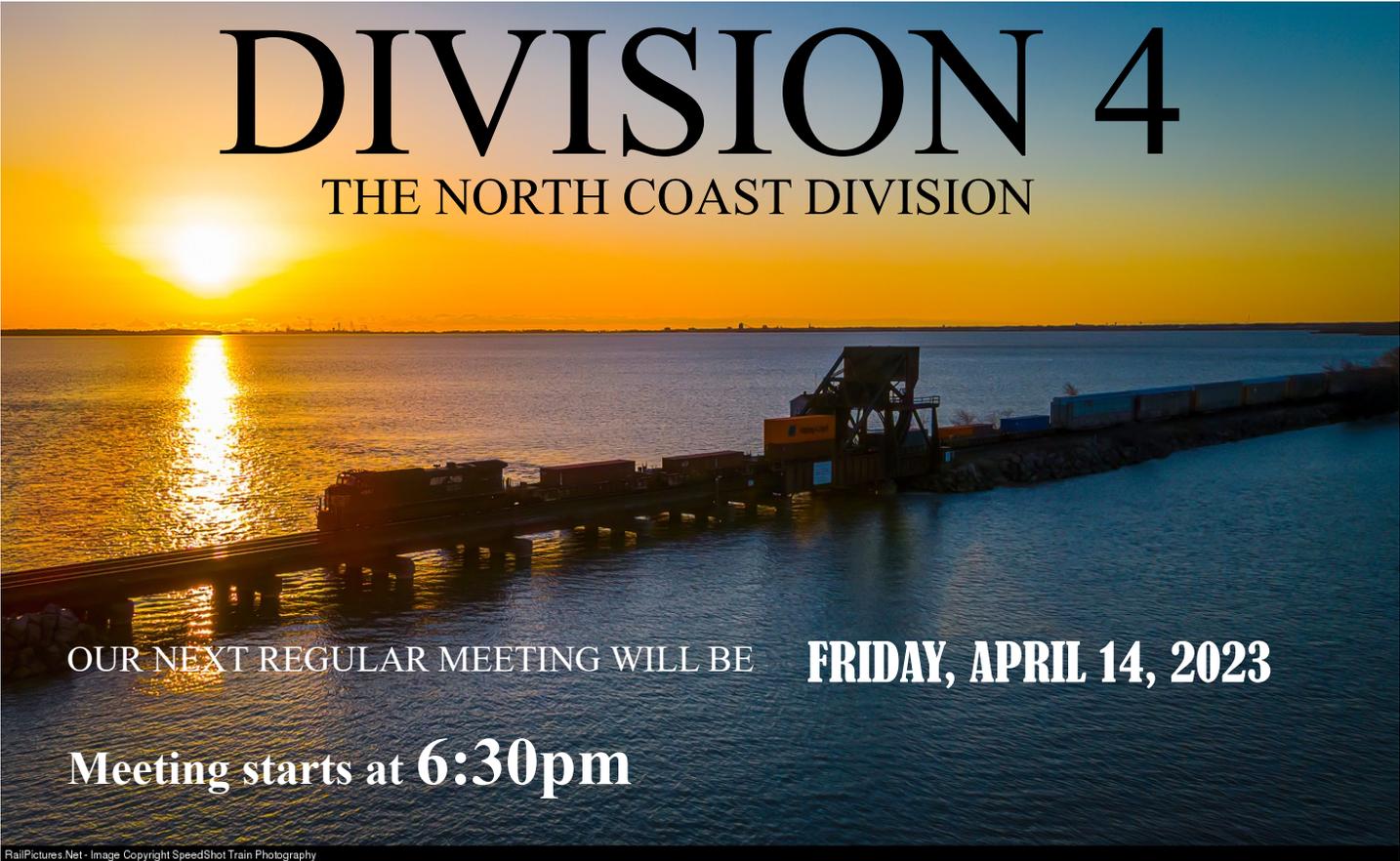
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# DIVISION 4

## THE NORTH COAST DIVISION



OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE **FRIDAY, APRIL 14, 2023**

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 the Cab.

The March membership appreciation pizza party was very enjoyable. Hope everyone that attended had a good time.

The April meeting will be back to a normal business meeting agenda. If you haven't signed up for the new NMRA Interchange, you might want to consider doing so. I believe it can be useful to the group as a whole. More places to advertise the Great Berea Train Show.

The MCR is still looking for a MCR Contest Chairman. Also, the division will need a new editor for the Flatwheel since Chuck is replacing Ben at the end of this term. Anyone interested, please see me.

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 along with several other members from the division and are looking forward to attending. The event is really starting to come together. I signed up for an operation session on Thursday evening and a river tour on Friday. The number of clinics has expanded and offer some interesting topics. A number of interesting layouts will be open on Sunday.

Speaking of conventions: Jerry Krueger is moving forward with plans for the 2024 MCR Convention. A committee is being formed and there are several key spots still open. More information on the convention and help requirements will be forth coming. See Jerry if you would be interested in helping. We will be ready to start signing up registrations in Pittsburgh.

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

Ron



Ron Morgan

# MARCH MEETING MINUTES

## **Division 4, MCR, NMRA, General Meeting Minutes, March 10, 2023**

Superintendent Ron Morgan called the meeting to order at 6:27 pm. There were 64 members present.

The minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

A Treasurer's Report was given by Greg Noeth. He also told us how we did on the Auction.

Old Business: 2024 Regional Convention – Jerry Kruger – A deposit was made to the Crowne Plaza Hotel. The Convention will be called the North Coast Limited, it will run from May 16<sup>th</sup> to May 19<sup>th</sup>, 2024. We will start taking sign ups at Pittsburgh. Rooms will be \$109.00 a night. Shirts and cars will be made up for sale.

Pittsburgh Convention 2023 – Ron Morgan – asked by a show of hands who were planning on going,, a few hands went up. He then proceeded to talk about what to expect while there. Last day to sign up at discounted price is April 12<sup>th</sup>.

Auction – Ron Morgan – Thanks to all who helped in any capacity – it was a great time.

Division 4 By Laws – Ron Morgan – They are still being looked at.

New Business – T-Track Interest – Ron Morgan – T-Track is trying to get a module group going. If interested please see Ramhog Shearer.

Job Descriptions – Ron Morgan/Chuck Shick – Chuck will send out an email to all officers and committee chairs to describe their jobs and responsibilities.

Back Ups – Ron Morgan – Ben Lanza is handing over (and training) Chuck Shick to become the new Web Master in June.

Division 4 Picnic – Ron Morgan – Picnic will be June 24<sup>th</sup> at NEOLS, noon to 4 pm.

Show and Tell – None

Working On Any Cool Projects – Ron Morgan – John Hemsath, MMR and Tom Mc Inereny both shared some wonderful projects they are currently working on.

Committee Reports – Flat Wheel Deadline – Chuck Shick – Deadline is the 26<sup>th</sup> of March.

Membership – Ron Morgan – Bill and wife are having health issues. Keep them in your thoughts.

Clinics – Jerry Kruger – there isn't one tonight. We are good until June. Looking for clinics for next September and on.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – there is no raffle tonight, it will resume next month.

Module Group – Adam Woodie – Library went well. After Railfest things will slow down until Cuyahoga County Fair.

Store – Scott Benson – Lots of stuff, you can still order shirts and hats.

Layout Tours – Ron Morgan – let John Witt, MMR know if you are interested in being open for the spring tour.

Contests – Joe Filipiak – January 2023 was a Self-propelled Vehicle for rail, that could carry a passenger.

Model - 1<sup>st</sup> place – John Hemsath, MMR  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Joe Kruilec, MMR  
3<sup>rd</sup> place – Don Glass

Diorama: 1<sup>st</sup> place – Dave Lawler  
2<sup>nd</sup> place – Joe Filipiak

April's Contest will be an Open Hopper Car With A Load Other Than Coal

AP Awards – John Hemsath, MMR – Congratulation to Scott Eastburn on earning his Gold Spike Award.

Comments/Concerns – Ron Morgan - Trustees Meeting will be going on tonight at a table in the front of the room. Please bring your concerns to them.

Ramhog Shearer mentioned we are still using Ormand's Toys and Trains old address.

March 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> Modeler's weekend in PA.

Meeting Adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Shick  
Secretary Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick

# NORTH COAST OHIO

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# MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Things have been rather busy for the module group during the month of March. First up was the Avon Lake Library on Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>. The library staff did a fantastic job promoting the event which produced a great attendance crowd. A couple of members were working on some modeling projects during the event on Saturday. We would like to expand this part of the event next year. There is plenty of space, tables, chairs, etc. for our use.

Our second event for display was Railfest which is hosted by Division 5 of the Mid-Central Region. As years past, the module group had a layout in the smaller gym in our usual spot. Saturday saw a good crowd. Sunday was slow to start due to the weather. It had snowed overnight on the east side. There was good six inches of snow on the ground at the college when we arrived. Needless to say, the day started off slow with only 15 people waiting at the gate for the 10:00am open. However, things picked at lunch time rolled around. A big thanks to everyone who made these events a huge success.

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



Module Layout at the Avon Lake Library Saturday, March 4<sup>th</sup> and Sunday, March 5<sup>th</sup>.

# COMPANY STORE

No Company Store at the April meeting – see you in May!! If you have an urgent shirt or Fast Tracks jig need, contact me directly.

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

The March Model Contest was a yard office which could be of any size. The challenge was met with yard offices that varied in size from that of a converted outhouse to a multi-purpose, two story building. As one person wrote on their ballot, "All the entries were worthy of first place". I agree, but after the ballots were counted, our first-place winner in the model category was Joe Kurilec. Jim Grell, with his lit entry, took second place and the model from Don Glass came in third place. The dioramas had some great entries with first place going to a new participant, Craig Butler, who built a Reading Railroad two story yard office, with a weight scale office complete with controls, on the side of the structure. Second place went to Art Bumpus with his fine model and third place was awarded to "Mr. Cherrios" Dave Lawler.

I would be willing to guess that most of you that are reading this consider yourselves model railroaders. I would further believe that in your collection of railroad stuff, there is at least one open hopper car. Some of you I know have over a hundred. So, take one of those open hopper cars and load it with something other than coal. Next thing to do is pack that car up and bring it to the April Model Contest. Please reframe from adding authentic aroma if you are modelling a garbage load. I am looking forward to seeing you and your hopper at the contest table in a few weeks. So, hop to it!



Joe Filipiak

# CLINIC CORNER

## APRIL

April's clinic will be a follow up to John Hemsath's clinic last October. The April clinic will be about superdetailing kits and RTR locomotives and cars. Adding detail to your existing, older fleet of locomotives and rolling is easy to do. It makes for a good one or two evening project.

## MAY

Brent Repenning will present May's clinic. Brent will demonstrate using DCC++ and open source programs as an alternative to commercial DCC systems and how to use it for signaling and turnout control. Brent has a small display to demonstrate how it all works.

## FUTURE CLINICS

May and June clinic slots are filled up. Topics and presenters will be announced in future issues of the Flatwheel. 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.

## **The North Coast Limited 2024 Mid-Central Regional Convention**

Planning continues for the 2024 Mid-Central Regional Convention. The dates are May 16<sup>th</sup> – May 19<sup>th</sup>, 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.

Committee members are working hard to get us ready to register attendees at the 2023 MCR Regional Convention. We hope to have sample of convention shirts and convention car(s) to show people the Convention.

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. We will have at least one, maybe two, Committee meetings before the Pittsburgh Regional to make sure everything is ready for registering people for 2024.

# RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The monthly raffle has been on pause during the months of February and March due to the bi-annual auction and membership appreciation night. However, the monthly raffle will return at the April meeting. Ticket sales begin at 6:00pm. As always, the raffle will take place shortly after the official business meeting concludes.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

# LAYOUT TOURS

LAYOUTS NEEDED.. Please consider showing your layout during  
the Spring Layout tours..

We are considering Mid-May as possible layout tour dates..

So lets talk at the April meeting - Thanks John Witt



**JOHN WITT**

# NICE DISPLAY IN COPLEY, OHIO

by Joe Kurilec, MMR ®

On a trip back from Akron, Ohio, I went thru Copley, Ohio which is northwest of Akron. Heading towards the Inner state highway I came across a very nice restored Copley station and a Akron Canton Youngstown caboose. It is a small display and was a nice surprise to find. I am not sure where it was originally located, maybe near the tracks behind this image.



The station was restored with surrounding smaller buildings. While not protected from the elements, the display is a great shape. To the left of the station seems to be an outhouse and maybe a handcar shed.



The caboose is also well maintained. I'm thinking it has been repainted a short time ago.

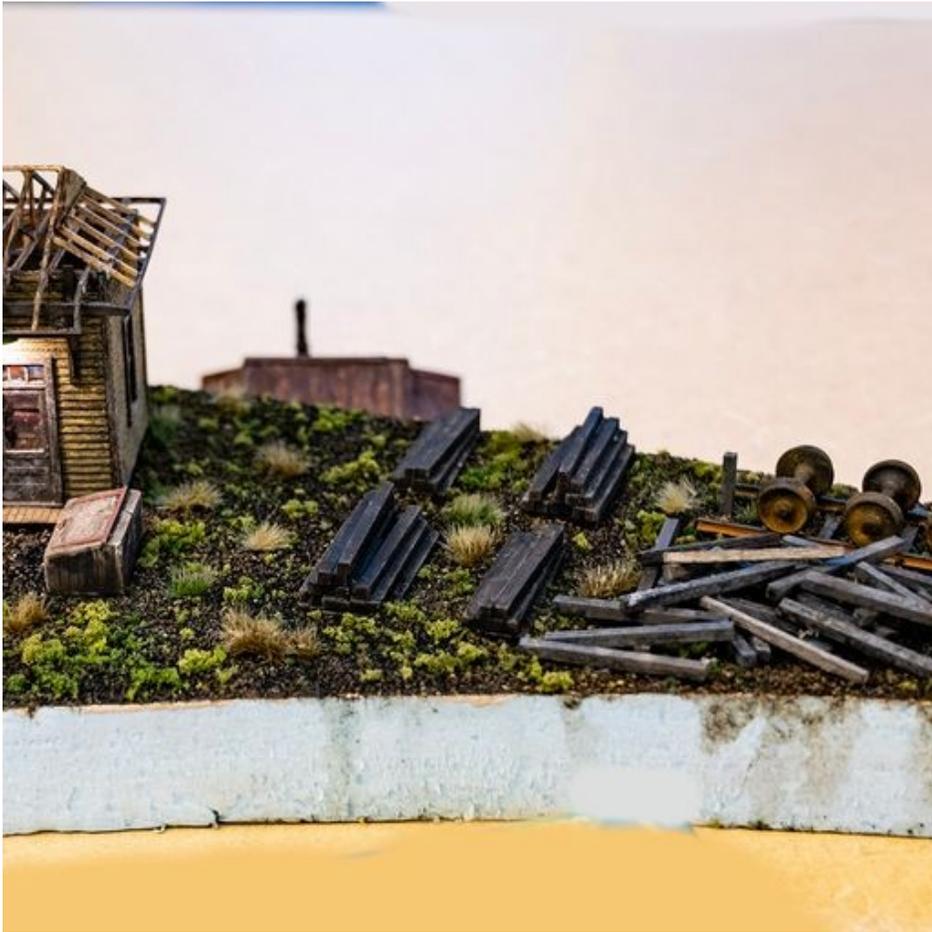


Joe Kurilec, MMR

# MARCH MEETING PICTURES

Dave Williams











2023 - April 29	<p><b>Cuyahoga Valley Terminal Model Railroad Club Open House</b>  Northampton Road &amp; W. Bath Road  (behind Northampton Town Hall)  10:00 am to 4:00 pm     Adm. \$5.00  <a href="#">Map</a>                      <a href="#">Flyer</a></p>
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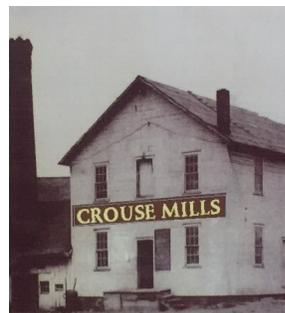
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The North Coast Division meetings are normally held on the second Friday of the month, to hear guest speakers, share skills, have railroad related clinics, and to share common problems and successes. Many of us get together informally in round-robin sessions to operate and work on each other's layouts, or just talk railroads and modeling.



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