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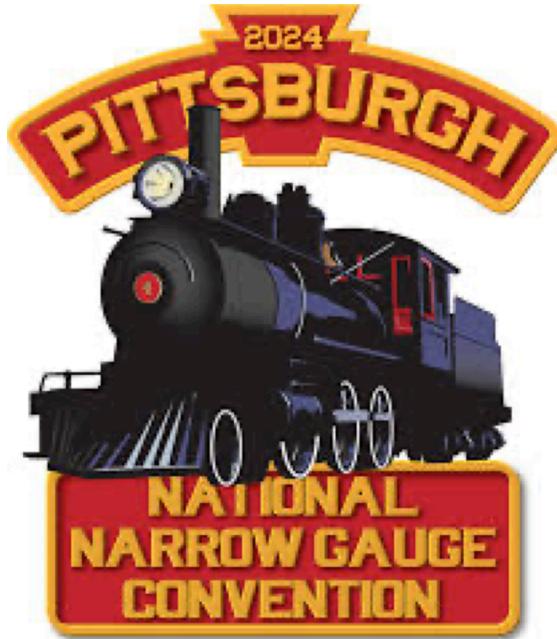
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**44th National Narrow  
Gauge Convention  
September 11-14, 2024  
Pittsburgh, PA**

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A Special thank you to Dave Williams for providing the photos from our monthly division meetings and activities.

From the Editor: I am pleased to serve Division 4 of the Mid Central Region of the NMRA as Editor of the Flatwheel. My hope is to continue to provide an engaging, entertaining, and educational publication that is a value to our members. I would like to expand what is included each month. I would like to include a Model Builders article, where a member provides a summary of a recent model building project. Another article I would like to add is quarterly layout tour. I would love to hear ideas from you all for additional newsletter offerings.

Looking Forward to Serving, Scott Eastburn

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 electronically published on the Monday prior to the monthly meeting. Submissions are due no later than the 26th of the prior month, for example, February 26th for the March Flatwheel.



The North Coast Division holds 10 meetings a year (none in July and August). Meetings are on the 2nd Friday of each month. Eight of our meetings are held at the Westlake City Recreation Center, 28955 Hilliard Blvd. Westlake, OH 44145. A social half hour starts at 6:00p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 6:30. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Two of our meetings are offsite. One is our annual picnic in June and the other is our Membership Appreciation Dinner in December. Visitors are always welcome.

## FROM THE SUPER Greetings from the Cab

Greetings from the cab.

First, I want to thank our outgoing Assistant Superintendent Dave Williams for his service to the division. I appreciate all of his advice and his support for the last two years.

Second, I want to congratulate Dave for receiving the Mid Central Regions (MCR) 2024 Directors Award for service to the MCR. Awesome job Dave.

Third, is a big THANK YOU to our convention chairman Jerry Krueger and committee for a job well done. The convention went very well with very few issues. The clinics were well attended along with many positive reviews by those attending. The op-sessions were also well attended with operators having positive experiences. The open houses throughout the convention were also well attended along with positive feedback to the owners. Overall, I feel we had a really good convention, thank you Jerry for your effort.

The annual membership picnic and business meeting is set for **June 8<sup>th</sup> 2024, from 11am – 4pm** at the Northern Ohio Live Steamers in Lester Ohio. Good food, good fellowship and fun train rides. Mark the date on your calendar. **Remember, this will be a regular business meeting as well as a picnic. Remember, the picnic is for members and their family's **only** due to insurance issues.**

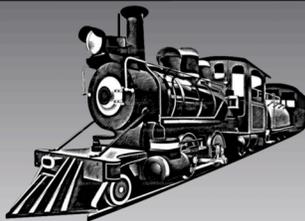
**A brief Business meeting will start at 11:30 followed by the picnic.**

I will be planning a BOD Meeting in August to prepare for the Fall and next year's events. Please look for the e-mail in July or early August.

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

Until the next time,

Ron



## CONTESTS & ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM

The model contests for the 2023-2024 season have come to a close with the May contest. The May contest was probably the most interesting as well as the most challenging. The "bag of parts" contest had eighteen bags handed out but because of time and challenge, just four entries made it to the contest table. Thanks to everyone who tried and a special thank you to the modelers who brought their projects in. All the entries were in the model category. First place went to Tim Bonness. The tally of the votes cast found Dave Marvinney's project in second place with third place being awarded to Frank Bongevani. This past contest season saw twenty-three of our members enter at least one of the contests. Many of these members entered more than once. When you enter an item in the contest, you receive one point. If your entry places third in the voting, you receive two points. Second place, three points and first place is awarded four points. Models and dioramas are counted separately. All the points are counted up at the end of the contest season with awards and prizes given to the winners at the June meeting. You can count on it.

The 2024 -2025 contest season's subject matter has been set. The September contest is a carload of railroad industry scrap. The October contest is an abandoned trackside building. November's contest is snow removal equipment. January will be a repurposed passenger car. There is no February contest due to auction night. The March contest is a steam engine used to pull a "named" passenger train. The contest in April is an open sided or roof off view of the interior of a building. The last contest of the season will be the May contest which is to build a project from a toilet paper cardboard tube.

I have enjoyed organizing the contests at the meetings and I am looking forward to doing the same for next season. I hope you have found the contests fun and a little challenging this past season. By participating in the contests, your creative thinking will come into play, it may inspire you to do some research, and your modeling ability may well be homed to a new level. So, my friends, don't just sit there like a switch stand, get on track and get rolling!

# 2024-25 CONTESTS

SEPT - Car load of railroad industry scrap

OCT - Abandoned trackside building

NOV - Snow removal equipment

JAN - Repurposed passenger car

MAR - Steam engine used to pull named passenger train

APR - Open sided or roof off view of interior of building

MAY - Project built from toilet paper cardboard tube

## HOW DO I GET STARTED IN THE NMRA ACHIEVEMENT PROGRAM?



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# THINK MODULAR

## Module Update

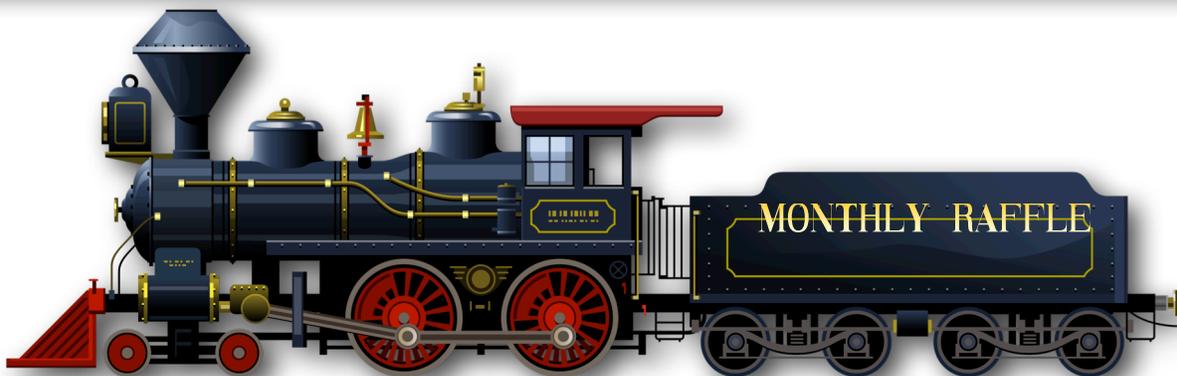
Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Still all quiet on the modular railroad front. But don't get too comfortable, for the Cuyahoga County Fair will soon be upon us the first full week of August!

As always, anyone interested in joining the module group, please contact me at [woo3482@hotmail.com](mailto:woo3482@hotmail.com).

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



## Monthly Raffle

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

As you are aware, June will be the combined annual membership picnic and monthly business meeting. With that said, I plan to have a raffle at this event as well. It will be a scaled back version of the raffle that is part of the annual Awards Banquet. Ticket sales will begin at 11:00am. Winners will be drawn after the conclusion of the regularly scheduled business meeting. As always there will be something for everyone! Be sure to purchase your tickets preferably before the start of the business meeting.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



# DIVISION MEETING MINUTES



Division 4, MCR, NMRA, General Meeting Minutes, May 10, 2024

Meeting opened at 6:31 pm, with a warm welcome from Superintendent Ron Morgan. We are 6 days from the opening of our Convention. Everything is going great. We had 81 in attendance tonight.

Ron asked for any new members or visitors to introduce themselves. There were none present tonight.

Brian Haas made a motion to approve the minutes of the previous meeting. Dino Peris seconded the motion. The membership passed the motion and the minutes of the previous meeting were approved.

Treasurer Greg Noeth gave a report on all of the account balances. Our first payment will be going out to the Fairgrounds soon.

## Old Business:

2024 Regional Convention - Jerry Kruger - Set up starts at 10:00 am on Thursday, May 16th.

Registration begins at noon and Clinics will start at 1:00 pm. 170 signed up to attend, 80 for the banquet, and rooms are good on. Volunteers are needed, please sign up and show up to help.

Everything is moving along well. Bag stuffing party, 1:00pm, Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> at Ron Morgan's home.

Convention Workers sign up sheets - Ron Morgan - Just 4 spots left to fill. Assistant Superintendent elect, Bert Wisbar has your schedule for your volunteer sign up times. Also see Bert to sign up for next month's business meeting/family picnic. It will be on June 8<sup>th</sup> at NEOLS. Business meeting is to begin at 1:00 pm. A reminder that this event is only open for members and their immediate family members.

## New Business:

Sign up sheets for The Great Berea Train Show - Ron Morgan - getting an early start on this. The sheets are on the back tables. We will only have September to sign up once we are back in the fall.

Show and Tell - Craig Butler brought in a blue print to share. If interested in viewing it is on one of the side tables. Please stop over and take a look. Bram Bailey has a free re-railer available, first come, first serve.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Scott Eastburn - May 26th

Membership - Craig Butler - if you need a badge see Craig or fill in the sheet by the badges.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - tonight's presenter is Don Oleksa on 3-D printing. Looking for Clinics for the fall and mini Clinics for The Great Berea Train Show.

Company Store - Scott Benson - Scott has a new batch of Division 4 hats, stop on by. If you need a Division 4 shirt, that can be ordered through Scott. B & O cars are available. Scott is hoping to re-stock over the summer.

Module Group - Adam Woodie - Things are pretty quiet right now, but will pick up in August with the Cuyahoga County Fair.

Raffle - Adam Woodie - great goodies tonight, books, cars, trees, etc... Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - think about doing a fall layout tour.

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - John explained how to earn The Golden Spike Award. He then presented Craig Buter with his Golden Spike Award.

Contest - Joe Filipiak - there was about a dozen entries on last moth's last car on a passenger train contest. the winners are as follows:

Module: 1<sup>st</sup> - Jim Grell

2<sup>nd</sup> - Dave Lawler

Diorama: 1<sup>st</sup> - John Puch 2<sup>nd</sup> - Joe Filipiak

Awards for the year will be given out at the June meeting after tabulations are completed.

Tonight's contest was a bag of parts. There are only 4 entries over there. Joe read off next years contest and they are as follows:

September - Car load of railroad industry scrap

October - Abandoned trackside building

November - Snow removal equipment

December - No Contest

January - Repurposed passenger car

February - No Contest - Auction

March - Steam engine used to pull named passenger train April - Open sided or roof off view of interior of building

May - Project built from toilet paper cardboard tube.

Comments/Concerns - Ron Morgan - There is a need for volunteers for the Convention. Please sign up to volunteer.

A motion was made by Craig Butler to adjourn the meeting. Bruce Bowie seconded the motion. The membership carried the motion and meeting adjourned at 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Shick

Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA



## Division 6 - MCR The Buckeye Division National Model Railroad Association

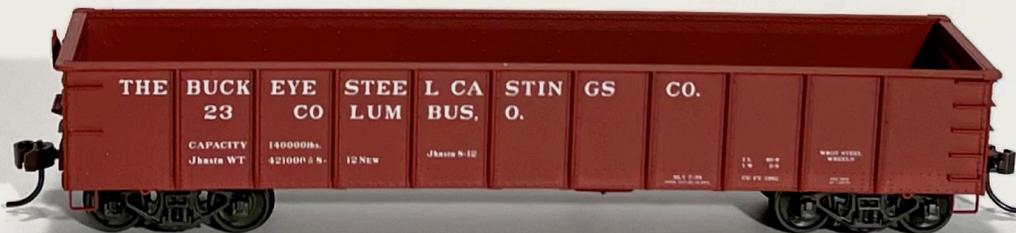
Division 6 of the NMRA Mid-Central Region is currently offering a 41' gondola lettered for Buckeye Steel Castings.

Buckeye Steel was a large steel foundry located in Columbus, Ohio. They produced castings of numerous railroad components, including trucks, couplers and, the famous "Buckeye Truck." These gondolas moved scrap as well as finished products. Interchange partners included C&O and NYC, both railroads having trackage leading into the plant complex.

These car kits are from Accurail's 3700-series of steel gondolas with road number 23. Decals for six other road numbers are available for those ordering more than one car.

Pricing is \$27 per car. Shipping (via USPS Priority) is \$10 for one car and \$17 for two to three cars. Ohio residents, please add 7.5% sales tax on the total price of the kits and the shipping/handling fee. Customers outside the USA, please contact us for shipping arrangements and charges.

For more details or to contact us, visit our Division's Store at <https://div6-mcr-nmra.org/StorePage.html>



**TRAIN QUIP**

I once asked a conductor how many times a train he was on had gotten derailed. He told me it was hard to keep track.

- Unknown



# KINGPIN EDITOR NEEDED

The Mid Central Region is in need of a new Kingpin Editor. The Kingpin is the newsletter of the Mid Central Region and is published three times per year. The new editor will inherit the task from Dave Williams and He is willing to assist his successor get started.

Division members if you are pursuing Master Model Railroader this role provides an opportunity to earn AP points. available!

The procedures/protocols are well established so someone with any prior computer and publishing experience can easily and quickly step in.

If any members are interested see Ron Morgan and he will facilitate contact with Dave.

## LAUGH TRACKS



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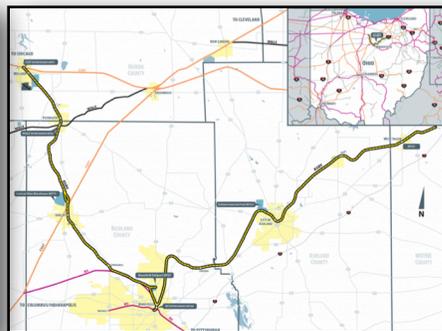
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# OHIO SHORTLINE SPOTLIGHT

## Ashland Railway

## *ASHLAND* *RAILWAY*

Ashland Railway began operations in 1986 and operates in Richland, Ashland, Huron, and Wayne counties. We are a 56-mile short line railroad serving North Central Ohio in a region known as "Mid-Ohio." Located between Cleveland, Columbus, and Akron/Canton along the I-71 corridor, we provide essential rail service to the communities of Ashland, Mansfield, Willard, Shelby, Plymouth, and West Salem. Ashland Railway interchanges with Class 1 railroads Norfolk Southern and CSX Transportation as well as regional short line Wheeling & Lake Erie Railway. Coupled with our affiliated companies, Skye Trucking and Mansfield Railport, we offer customers a complete logistics package.



- Mid-Ohio's Connection to the North American Rail Network
- Interchanges with NS, CSXT, and WE offer customers multiple routing options and competitive pricing
- Flexible, reliable, and consistent service promotes customer business growth and satisfaction
- Rail served properties available
- Railcar storage available