



THE FLATWHEEL

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The NS 206, with some nice foreign power, crosses West River Road as it approaches the NKP river Bridge in Vermilion Ohio. Picture: March 5, 2022

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Please send any articles for the October Flatwheel to

chuck.shick@hotmail.com

by September 26th.

Thank you.

DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6, 2024

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 usually 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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GREETINGS FROM THE CAB

Summer is almost behind us and it is time to get serious about model railroading.

Since our last meeting in June we had a very good convention, went to the Medina County Fair to judge the 4H groups modules, spent a week operating trains on the Division 4 modular layout at the Cuyahoga County Fair, and again operating trains at the October Fest at the fairgrounds. Over all a pretty busy summer.

Let's start with the convention. Again, I want to thank Jerry Krueger and his committee for doing a very good job. Over all there were 192 registered for the event along with some very good clinics and some great layouts on display. The yard sale went very well and most of the seller's made money. A complete convention report will be given at the September meeting. Just a reminder, there are 17 convention box cars and 3 covered hoppers left for sale. Scott Benson will have then for sale at the meetings at the company store.

The June Meeting Picnic again was a good time. Good weather, good food and great train rides. Since the rec center closes early starting in June, this will be a regular event. I want to thank Larry Kuczynski and family again for their effort.

The Medina County 4H group modules were on display at Medina County Fair. Several members took the time to visit and select their favorite one. The 4H milk shake stand next door is always nice to visit.

Again, the Division 4 modules were invited to participate again this year at the Cuyahoga County Fair. The modules were enjoyed by the fair attendees. Tuesday late afternoon was rather exciting as the storm front came through and closed the fair early. Fortunately, there was no major damage and the fair opened on time the next day.

The next event before the September meeting will be the October Fest. Staffing is in place and set-up will be Aug. 29 at 5pm. Brats, crème puffs and beer what else can you ask for.

There will be two changes in leadership starting with the September meeting. Bert Wisbar will be replacing Dave Williams as assistant superintendent and Don Olesk is replacing Scott Eastburn as Flat Wheel editor. Dave termed out and Scott did a very good job but his plate was just too full to continue. Scott will continue to work on his layout and the NMRA Master's Program. I am looking forward to seeing the progress on his layout.

GREETINS FROM THE CAB

The next big event for the division will be the Great Berea Train Show. Table sales are good and we should have another good show. This year the division will be using Signup Genus for volunteers. Jerry Krueger will have his laptop at the meeting to signup to help. There are several areas of concern that need more members to staff. The ticket office, front gate and back gate to mention a few. Remember this is our money maker. The division need your help. There was a BOD meeting in August and several items of interest came out of this meeting. First a review of the Division 4 Bylaws will take place to correct several issues. Second is the possibility to look for a new venue for our meetings. The later will be up to the membership. The Concern is our September date was taken from us, our October date was taken from us for this year and the rec center now closes early in June. The September meeting will be September the 6th and the October meeting will be on the 18th John Witt is preparing a Fall layout tour schedule. If you are interested in showing your layout, please contact John. Well, the train is pulling into the yard and it is time to end another run.



Ron Morgan



It is with great sadness that we report that Darl E. Kretsinger passed away on June 1, 2024. Darl always sat in the front row at meetings and attended as often as his health permitted. He had a three hour round trip drive from Tiffin. He was a Vietnam combat veteran. We will miss seeing him at our meetings.

MEETING MINUTES

Division 4, MCR, NMRA, General Meeting minutes, June 8, 2024 at NEOLS

Superintendent Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 11:34 am. We had 26 members in attendance.

There were no new members, but many visitors.

Minutes of the previous meeting were approved by the membership.

Ron Morgan gave the Treasurer's Report for the balance of all accounts.

Old Business:

Convention 2024 - Jerry Kruger - Done (almost) - just a few odds and ends to wrap up. Final attendance count 192, 92 attended the banquet. It went well. There are about a dozen of each car leftover. They will be available through the Company Store. They are available as first come, first serve. There are also a few shirts leftover. Ask for sizes and colors available.

New Business:

Sign up sheets for the Great Berea Train Show - Ron Morgan - Operation Life Saver note pads and pens are available inside. Please help yourself. Sign up sheets are on the side table. Still a few spots left to fill up.

Show and Tell - Ron Morgan - Congratulations to David Williams on his award.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel - Ron Morgan - Scoot maybe resigning, he will let Ron know by August 1st. As for now August 26th is the deadline.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - none today. We are riding trains! Looking for volunteers for the fall and The Great Berea Train Show.

Company Store - Scott Benson - Convention cars \$28.00 each, they are here today.

Raffle - Adam Woodie - set up today under the blue tarp. Stop on by, drawing will be held at 1:00.

Module - Adam Woodie - should be hearing from the Fair group soon. Schedule will go out as soon as we are signed up. Fair is week of August 5th. Work party is June 22nd.

Layout Tours - Ron Morgan - John has picked two weekends in October. Please think about opening your homes for a tour.

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - For 1st place of Best in Display, from the convention goes to Craig Butler.

MEETING MINUTES

Contests - Joe Filipiak - For the May Contests:

Model- 1st - Tim Bonness

2nd - Dave Marvinney

3rd - Frank Bongiovanni

Season Winners:

Model 1st - Joe Kurilec -

2nd - Jim Grell

3rd - Craig Butler

Diorama 1st - John Puch

2nd - Dave Lawler

3rd - Craig Butler

Congratulations to all the winners. Each one received a plaque and a gift certificate of different denominations, depending on what place they were in. Next Years Contests are listed on the Website.

Comments/Concerns - Ron Morgan - Longtime friend of Division 4 Darl Kretsinger passed away. Information for visitation will go out soon.

The Division made a donation of \$300.00 to the Medina 4-H Group. A check of \$350.00 was given to NEOLS for the use of the facility today.

Dino Peris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Larry Kowicki seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion, meeting adjourned at 11:59 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Shick

Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick

BOD MINUTES

Division 4, MCR, NMRA, Board of Directors Meeting, August 17, 2024, CVWS Depot

Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 9:02 am. There were 19 in attendance. Ron read a Thank You note from the Medina 4-H Club for our recent donation.

Secretary's Minutes for the last BOD Meeting are on the Division website for you to read.

Treasurer's Report - Greg Noeth - Greg gave the balance for all of the accounts.

Convention Report - Jerry Krugler - Convention went well. 192 registered and 10 joined on site. We had 56 clinics, 50 odd operations sessions. Had mostly positive comments. Only left over merchandise is 1 polo shirt and about a half a dozen of each of the cars. Everyone had a good time.

New Flat Wheel Editor - Ron Morgan - Scott Eastburn has decided to step down as Editor. Thank you for your service. Don Oleksa has volunteered to step up. Chuck Shick will do September's Flat Wheel and help Don ease into being Editor. Be sure to get articles to Chuck by August 26th at chuck.shick@hotmail.com

Great Berea Train Show - David James - As of now we have 73 vendor reservations. David will be calling those we haven't heard from yet. Last show for Kim's Trains will be at Monroeville. Things are moving along. Crunch time for moving tables around. David read off a list of dealer appreciation winners. Budget for advertising in the 2023 show was \$2,500.00. Talked to Mimi advertising. We can get 166,000 flyers to hit 9 different zones surrounding Cleveland for \$3,500.00. After much discussion, David James made a motion to advertise in Mimi for the amount of \$3,600.00. Chris Shick Seconded the motion. Motion was approved by the Board Members present.

David asked for those living in Cuyahoga County to join the Fair Committee to help keep current members on the board.. Our contract is the same as last year.

This year the vendors will get news letters for next year not contracts incase we need to raise our prices.

Newly designed shirts are being ordered.

No cars are being done, they are getting too expensive.

BOD MINUTES

Jerry will be arranging 3 to 4 Clinics per day.

Membership Table - Craig Butler would like to use the background framing. He would like to be closer to the Clinics and possibly have a table in another building in a prominent spot.

Modular Group - Adam Woodie - Just finished up at the fair, where we had great space and it went well. We will be setting up soon for Okoberfest, then the Zoo , and Trees and Trains. Annual Meeting after the first of the year. A few more things maybe on the calendar for next year.

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - Layout Tours will be Saturday, October 19th and Sunday, October 27th. There are 2 participants for each day. If anyone is interested, please let John know.

Awards Banquet - David Williams - It will be at Parker's in Avon Lake, on Friday, December 6th. Things are moving along nicely.

Audit of Division 4 Books - Greg Noeth - Greg will set up a time to meet with Gary Sole to get them done.

Division 4 By Laws - Ron Morgan - 2 changes need to be made:

Secretary is no longer a limited term.

The sending out of election ballots is done by the election chairperson.

These changes will be made and new bylaws will be typed up.

Division 6 is doing the 2025 Convention; they would like to know when they can present to our Division. Jerry Kruger will make contact to set up for a clinic one evening.

September Meeting will be on the first Friday. That is September 6th. October Meeting is now on the third Friday of the month which is October 18th. Please make note of these changes.

BOD MINUTES

We need a volunteer committee to look into a potential new meeting location. The Rec Center has shortened our time, and keep rescheduling our dates around. A few places that were mentioned to look into are:

Grace Church - Middleburg Hts.

St. Mary's Church - Berea

American Legion Post - Berea

Auction will be in February and Pizza Night will be in March.

David James made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Janda seconded the motion. The Board carried the motion, meeting adjourned at 10:18 am.

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Shick

Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick

NORTH COAST OHIO

DIV-4 Leadership

ELECTED OFFICERS

Superintendent - **Ron Morgan**, ronalco844@gmail.com

Assistant Superintendent - **Bert Wisbar**, bert.wisbar@gmail.com

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APPOINTED POSITIONS

Great Berea Train Show - **David James**, c(440)-785-9907

Achievement - **John Hemsath MMR®**, hemsathj@gmail.com

Layout Tours - **John Witt MMR®**, wittjab@ameritech.net

Contests - **Joe Filipiak**, griftonart@gmail.com

Historian/Archivist - **Frank Bongiovanni**

Raffle - **Adam Woodie**, woo3482@hotmail.com

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Clinics - **Jerry Krueger**, jakrueg@neo.rr.com

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Modules - **Adam Woodie**, woo3482@hotmail.com

N.O.A.R.S. Representative - **Bill Kovacs**

Webmaster - **Chuck Shick**, chuck.shick@hotmail.com

Refreshments - **Don Glass**

MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

It is going to be another busy Summer and Fall for the Module Group. We were once again set up at the Cuyahoga County Fair with a rather large layout. Aside from tornado producing storm that passed through on Tuesday, August 6th which shut down the fair, everything else went fantastic!

Next up will be the Cleveland Oktoberfest! This event will run beginning Friday, August 30th through Monday, September 2nd. There is also a bonus weekend of Friday, September 6th and Saturday, September 7th.

Things will quiet down for a few weeks until the Great Berea Train Show which is scheduled for Saturday, October 5th and Sunday, October 6th. Be sure to come on out and see us at any of the upcoming events. As always, anyone interested in joining the module group, please contact me at woo3482@hotmail.com.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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COMPANY STORE

Convention Cars are available!!

We have the Division 4 convention cars for sale for \$28 each; the Accurail ACF 3-bay covered hopper (3 available) and Accurail 40' boxcar (17 available). These are lettered for the Cleveland, Sandusky and Southern Railroad (the modular layout railroad).



Also available at \$25 each:

The Division 7 Accurail N&W 2-bay covered hopper (3 available, different #'s)



The Division 6 Accurail 41' Steel Gondola lettered for The Buckeye Steel Castings Co (3 available)



I'll have these at the September Division meeting. If you do not plan to attend and want me to hold some for you, please let me know!



Scott Benson

CONTEST TABLE

The last weeks of summer have a few things happening that make me smile. The grass grows much slower meaning that I don't have to cut it twice a week anymore. The other thing that happens is the start up of our division meetings and a new season of contests. Please note that our first meeting this season will be the first Friday of September. That's September 6th.

Last season's points from all the contests were added up and the winners of both the model and diorama contests have been chosen. Joe Kurilec won first place in the model contests. Second place in models went to Jim Grell and third place in models was awarded to Craig Butler. First place in the diorama contests went to John Puch. Dave Lawler received second place and Craig Butler took third place in the diorama contests. First place winners received a \$150. gift certificate to Walthers. Second place winners received a \$100. certificate and third place winners received a \$75. gift certificate to Walthers. I want to point out that, to the best of my knowledge, Craig is the first division member to place in the top three in both categories of the contests in a single season. Congratulations, Craig! The new season offers new modelling subject matter and new challenges. Some of the contests are pretty straight forward while some will make you think and work a little harder. So, just don't stand there like a water plug, get on the contest car and have some fun.

The 2024-2025 contest season's subject matter is as follows. The September contest is a car load of railroad industry scrap. The October contest is an abandoned trackside building. November's contest is railroad 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. The subject matter is to build a project using one or more cardboard tubes from toilet paper rolls.



Joe Filipiak

CLINICS

September's clinic will be on building a City Classics building kit by Jerry Krueger. City Classics was owned by the late Jim Sacco from MCR Division 2. While his kits generally consist of four walls and roof, they have great detail cast into them. The clinic will go through prepping and assembly of a kit including tips and techniques on painting the brick and other details. The clinic will show examples of adding detailing the exteriors and interiors to make these simple buildings stand out. The same techniques can be used on other manufacturers' kits such as Design Preservation Models, Smalltown USA and others.

FUTURE CLINICS

I'm always looking for Clinics. I'm currently looking for clinics to schedule for the 2024-2025 meeting year . Keep in mind in December the Awards Banquet takes the place of the regular meeting so there is no clinic. February 2025 and March 2025 will have no clinic presentation since the bi-annual auction is one month and member appreciation/pizza night is the other month.

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.

GREAT BEREIA TRAIN SHOW

MINI CLINICS

Once again, we will be presenting a series of mini clinics during the Great Berea Train Show on October 5 & October 6. This is Division 4's opportunity to share our knowledge of model railroading with the general public at the Show. Mini clinics should be around 20-30 minutes in length. Topics should be on model railroading basic to intermediate subjects. Demonstration or hands-on presentations are best to capture interest. Possible topics would be rolling stock performance or maintenance, scenery techniques, basic DCC, track laying and others. If you are interested in give a mini clinic during GBTS please email me.

This is the Division's opportunity to show off the benefits of becoming a member.

Jerry Krueger

RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

It's been a couple of months but the Monthly Raffle will return the regularly scheduled business meeting in September. As always there will something for everyone! Be sure to purchase your tickets preferably before the start of the business meeting.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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JOE KURILEC

The Berea Historical Society has some tempered plate glass shelves that are GREAT for work bench modeling. Very smooth work surface.
Easy to clean or remove glue or paints.

THEY ARE FREE!

Maybe 10 or more pieces.

Rectangular shaped. Sizes:

Length: 38", 30" or less.

Width: aprox 12".

1/4" thick.

Contact me at:

jkurilec@earthlink.net



MID CENTRAL REGION

The Mid Central Region Elections Nominating Committee has identified the following slate of candidates for the 2025 elections:

President: Jerry Doyle

Vice President: Frank Trocchia

Treasurer: Barbara Soward

Secretary: Bruce DeMaeyer

Per MCR regulations Article X, Section 3, members of the region can make nominations for Mid Central Region offices by presenting a petition to the Region Nominating Committee Manager, signed by fifteen (15) members of the Mid Central Region. Petitions must be received by September 20th, 2024.

Contact the Region Nominating Committee Manager at the following address with any questions, or to arrange delivery of petitions.

bshreve8103@gmail.com

Regards,

MCR Elections Nominating Committee

Bob Shreve, Chairman

Jim DiPaola

Bob Belt

PICNIC PICTURES



Craig Butler received an award for “Display: Best of Show” from the 2024 MCR Convention contest for his engine house.



Same shirts.











WHAT'S GOING ON

2024 - Sept. 21



Amateur Radio Ham Radio Day / Model Train Flea Market

Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot)

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10:00 am to 3:00 pm

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2024 - Sept. 21

Train Collectors Association - Halloween Train Meet

UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130

10 am to 3 pm

Adm. \$6.00

Phone: John Twarog at : 330-273-6404

[Info & MAP](#)[Flyer](#)

2024 - Sept. 28

Fostoria Rail Festival

Fostoria Junior/ Senior High School

Fostoria, Ohio

10:00 am to 4 pm

Adm. \$5.00

Phone: 419-435-1781

[Flyer](#)

2024 - Oct 5 - 6

The Great Berea Train Show

Model Train Show NMRA Div 4

Cuyahoga County Fairgrounds

19201 E. Bagley Road, Middleburg Heights, Ohio 44130

Sat 10 am - 4 pm, Sun 10 am - 4 pm Adm. \$10.00

Phone: 440-785-9907

[Info & Map](#)[VIDEO](#)[Flyer](#)[Web Site](#)

Dealer Application

2024 - Oct 13

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

2024 - Oct TBA

Model Railroad Demonstrations & Displays

NMRA MCR Div. 5

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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.



Detroit, Toledo & Ironton RR caboose 101 brings up the rear of a westbound empty hopper train at Ashland Ohio. Aug 1985