



THE FLATWHEEL

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Four units lead Z151 Marquette Rail Northbound in Grant Michigan in late Fall with some nice color in the area.

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Please send any articles for the December Flatwheel to:

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by November 26th

Thank You

DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8, 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 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.

The Flatwheel is typically electronically published no later than the Monday preceding the monthly meeting. **Submissions are due no later than the 26th of the prior month**, for example, August 26th for the September *Flatwheel*.

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28955 Hilliard Blvd
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GREETINGS FROM THE CAB

Greetings from the cab.

The Great Berea Train Show is behind us and was a very nice show. Big thanks to David James and his committee. The attendance was a little more than last year and so was the revenue. A few bills are outstanding so it will be a few more weeks before the final figures can be shared with the membership. Also, a big thank you to all the members who volunteered to make this show possible.

I want to thank Bert for stepping in for me at the October meeting. Gayle and I were finally able to get away for several weeks. Good job Bert! Check out the attached pictures.

Next week I will be working on establishing a new contract with the City of North Olmsted on using the community cabin for our meetings starting in January. The contract should be in place within the next few weeks.

Don Oleksa did a nice job putting together last month's Flatwheel. Well, done Don.

Signup has started for the Members Appreciation Dinner on December the 6th. If you have not signed up please do so at the next meeting or talk to David Williams or Bert Wisbar. Also, if you are attending, please plan to bring a dozen Christmas cookies for dessert.

Layout tours attendance was less than expected. We need to work on that issue.

Revisions to the division by-laws will be under review and the corrections should be available for approval by the membership by the first of the year.

Just a reminder from the division treasurer, Greg needs a receipt in order to be reimbursed. This is just a good business practice.

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

That's all I have for this month.

Ron



Ron Morgan

GREETINGS FROM THE CAB



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MEETING MINUTES

NMRA MCR Division 04 Meeting Minutes for Friday October 18, 2024 Westlake Recreation Center, Westlake, OH

Meeting opened at 6:31 pm by Assistant Superintendent, Burt Wisbar with a warm welcome for all.

Ed Enyedy is our only visitor this evening.

A motion was made by Brian Haas to approve the minutes of the last meeting. Chuck Shick seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion and minutes were approved.

Bert Wisbar read off the total amount of all our accounts as sent in by Greg Noeth.

Old Business:

Great Berea Train Show Report - Tim Sheffield - just said it was a great show with great weather.

New Business:

New Meeting Location - Joe Filipiak - Joe gave a brief description of problems with current meeting place. Ex. changing dates, shortening hours...Not what we originally signed up for. He then spoke about the cabin in North Olmsted on Lorain. Gave the good and bads about meeting there. John Huge made a motion to sign the contract for the North Olmsted cabin to start meeting there in January. Chuck Shick seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion for the change of venue.

Bert introduced Don Oleksa as the new Flatwheel editor.

Drawing for the \$50.00 gift certificate from the judging at the Media County Fair 4-H group Modules will be held in February.

Sign up for December Member Appreciation Dinner - David Williams - It is on Friday, December 6th at Parker's in Avon Lake. Sign up is up here on the front table.

Show and Tell - nothing

Working on any cool projects - nothing

Just an FYI - Bert Wisbar - The Division 4 Summer Picnic will be on June 14, 2025. It will be held at the NEOLS. Larry Kuczynski and his family will do all the cooking.

MEETING MINUTES

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Don Oleksa - due by October 26th.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - Ed Eneidy was thanked for coming to present tonight on 3-D printing. Spain James is November's presenter on Cleveland's Cable Car System. December is Awards Banquet, January is open, February is auction, March is Pizza night, Jerry will have movies to watch that evening. If you are interested in presenting a clinic, let Jerry know via email.

Company Store - Scott Benson - Store is open, come over and shop.

Raffle - Lee Sheffield - Raffle as usual will begin 15 minutes after meeting close.

Module Group - Lee Sheffield - Wild Winter Lights is starting early in November. Set up at the zoo is either the 9th or 10th of November. People start coming in on the 11th. Be sure to sign up to run trains. Trees and Trains set up should be the weekend before Thanksgiving. Opening night is the Saturday after Thanksgiving. Module group meeting will probably be held sometime in January to plan for next year.

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - Tours are October 19th and October 27th from 1 to 4 pm both days. Names and addresses are up on the front table.

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - Congratulations to Mark Pekelnicky on scratch building two beautiful gondola cars.

Contest - Joe Filipiak - The winners of last months contest of a Car Load of Railroad Industry Scrap are as follows:

Model	1st	Joe Kurilec, MMR
	2nd	Jim Grell
	3rd	George Gelehrter

Diorama	1st	John Puch
	2nd	Dave Williams
	3rd	Joe Filipiak

Next Month's Contest is Snow Removal Equipment.

MEETING MINUTES

Comments/Concerns:

Bert Wisbar - Bert thanked everyone for their hard work at The Great Berea Train Show. He mentioned the group from the Olmsted Depot helped us out a lot, especially on Thursday night for set up. Also Olmsted Depot will be holding their annual Christmas Open House the first two weekends in December.

Gary Sole made a motion to adjourn the meeting Chuck Shick seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion and meeting adjourned 7:00 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Shick
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA



Chris Shick

October Meeting Pictures



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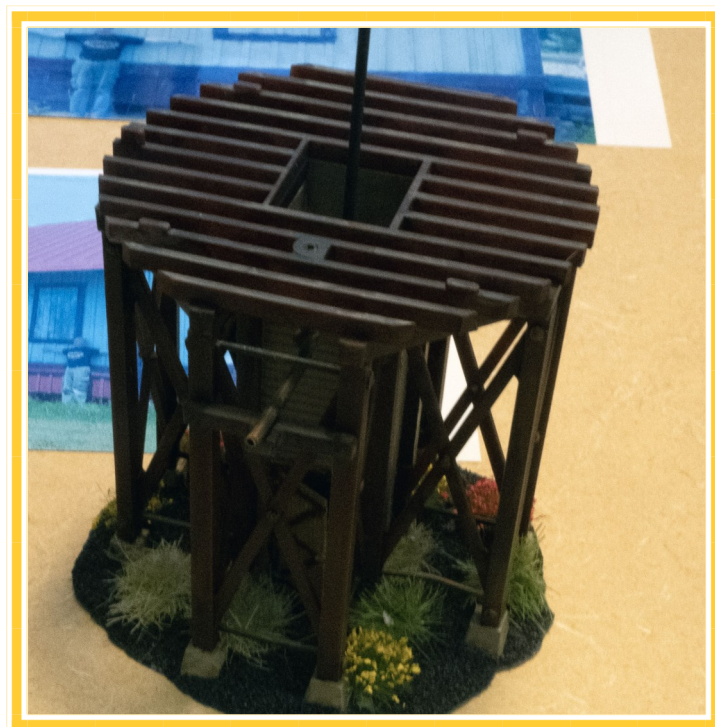


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October Meeting Pictures



Contest 1



Contest 2

October Meeting Pictures



Contest 3



Contest 4

October Meeting Pictures



Contest 5



Contest A

October Meeting Pictures



Contest B



Contest C

October Meeting Pictures



Contest D

NORTH COAST OHIO

DIV-4 Leadership

ELECTED OFFICERS

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

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APPOINTED POSITIONS

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

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MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

The holiday season is fast approaching! We are currently wrapping up the paper and layout design for the upcoming display at Cleveland Metroparks Zoo. This will be our 6th consecutive year participating in this event. Curtain goes up on Thursday, November 14th.

Also coming up is Trees and Trains at the Black River Landing in downtown Lorain. This event begins on Saturday, November 30th.

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

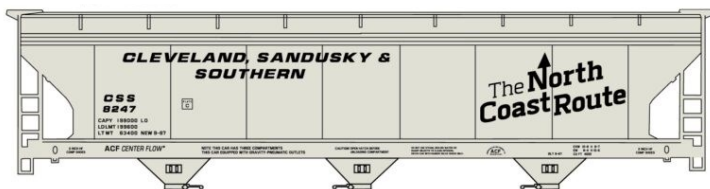


Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

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 October 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 October Model Contest saw some really interesting entries. The subject for the contest was an abandoned trackside structure. Many of the entries were railroad structures from an earlier era that time and progress made their use no longer needed. The model portion of the contest had a rare event where two entries tied for first place. The two first place winners were Joe Kurilec and Dave Lawler. Second place winner was Jim Grell and third place went to George Gelehrter. Congratulations to all four winners. The diorama entries were equally as strong with Dave Williams winning first place with his abandoned depot. John Puch took second place with Joe Filipiak placing third. Thank you to all who participated and voted for their favorite entries.

The seasons are changing and the weather will soon have snow flakes in it. What better time to have the November Contest subject matter be railroad snow removal equipment. Snow handling equipment ranges from brooms and shovels to rotary plows to a jet engine mounted on a M of W vehicle. Hopper car loads of snow moving south from Buffalo are rail equipment in the annual battle of winter. There will be no contest in December due to the Awards Banquet. The January Contest is a repurposed passenger car. It can be anything from a trucks off yard office or a diner in town to a president's car or even private varnish.

Thanks for reading the Contest News article and before you think that I'm just giving you a snow job, I will sign off so I can go up grease up my snow blower.



Joe Filipiak

CLINICS

NOVEMBER

November's clinic will be by Spain James on Cleveland's cable cars. For a decade at the end of the nineteenth century, Cleveland, like many other cities, followed in San Francisco's footsteps and had a cable car system. Traces remain in quite a few cities. In Cleveland, you can see traces of the trolleys in quite a few places, but the only known remnant in Cleveland is peripheral. This ivy covered building once ate cable car steam but didn't power them.



Puzzled? Good. The answers will come in November.

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 .



RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Even though I was unable to attend the October meeting, does not mean the monthly raffle was cancelled. Oh no. The show must go on! A big thank you to Lee Sheffield for running the raffle in my absence. Next month, I should return with another great monthly raffle. There is always something for everyone!! Be sure to purchase your tickets preferably before the start of the business meeting.

Mark your calendars for the annual Holiday Party / Awards Banquet which is held in the month of December! This event typically includes a great meal, cash bar, good company, and of course the end of the year raffle! For those that have never attended this event, you are missing out! The raffle includes several multi-car sets, gift baskets, art work and, of course, the mystery prizes.

Until next time!

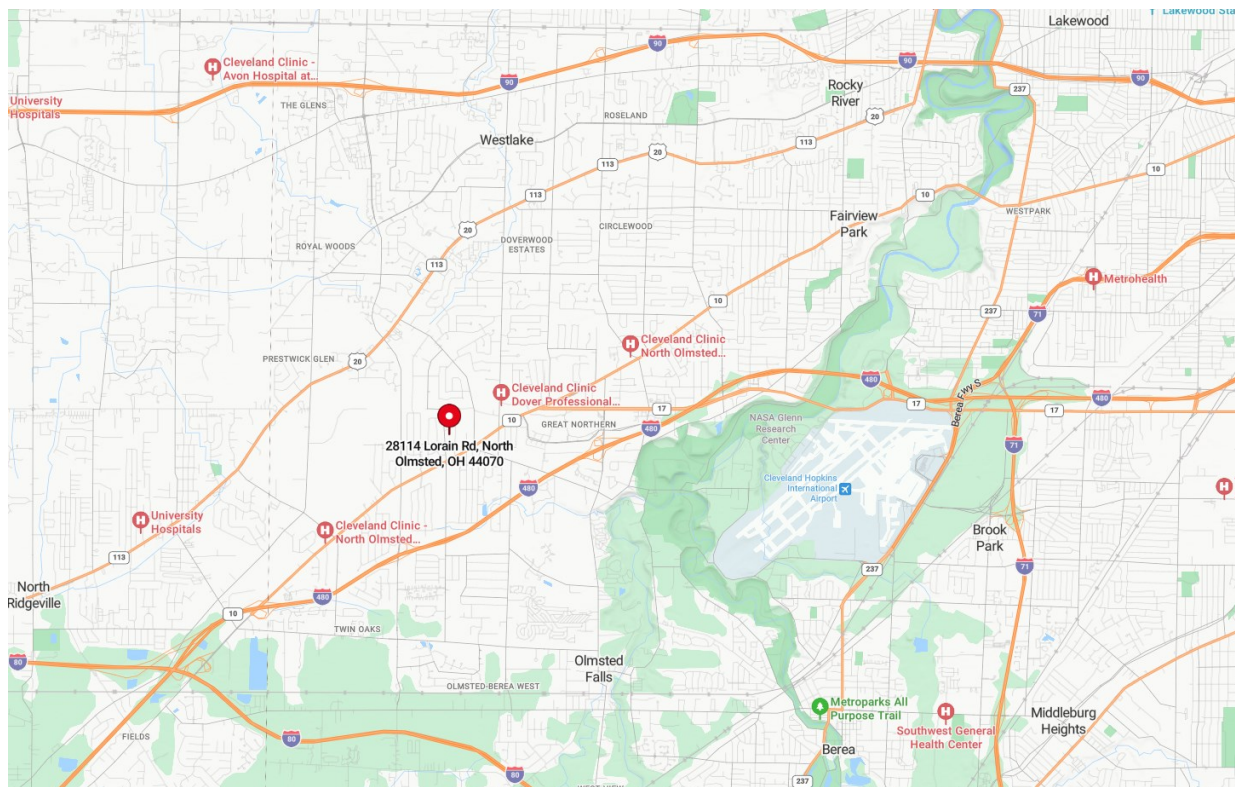
Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



Adam "Hot Box" Woodie

New Meeting Location in 2025

The November meeting will be our last meeting at the Westlake Rec Center. We are moving to the North Olmsted Senior Center called the Cabin. The address is 28114 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, OH 44070. The contract has been signed and first meeting at the new location will be Friday, January 10th, 2025.

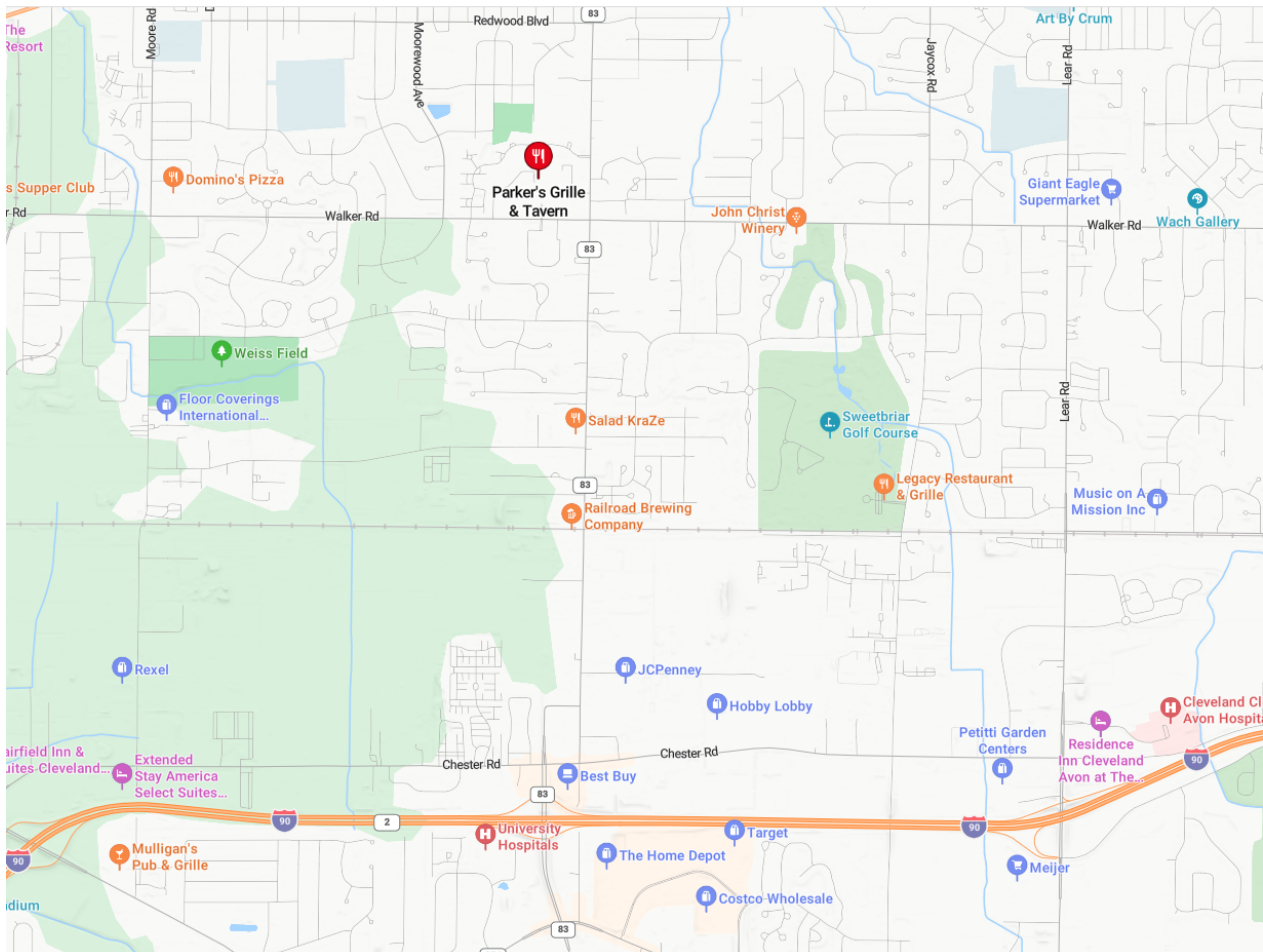


Members Appreciation Dinner

It's that time again for the Members Appreciation Dinner. The dinner will be held again at Parker's Grille & Tavern in Avon Lake on Friday, December 6th. If you have not signed up please do so at the next meeting or talk to David Williams or Bert Wisbar.



Parker's Grille & Tavern
32858 Walker Rd,
Avon Lake, OH 44012



Erie Mad River Model Railroad Club Open House

The Erie Mad River Model Railroad Club located at 1309 N. Depot Street, Sandusky, Ohio, is having their annual open houses on the following dates:

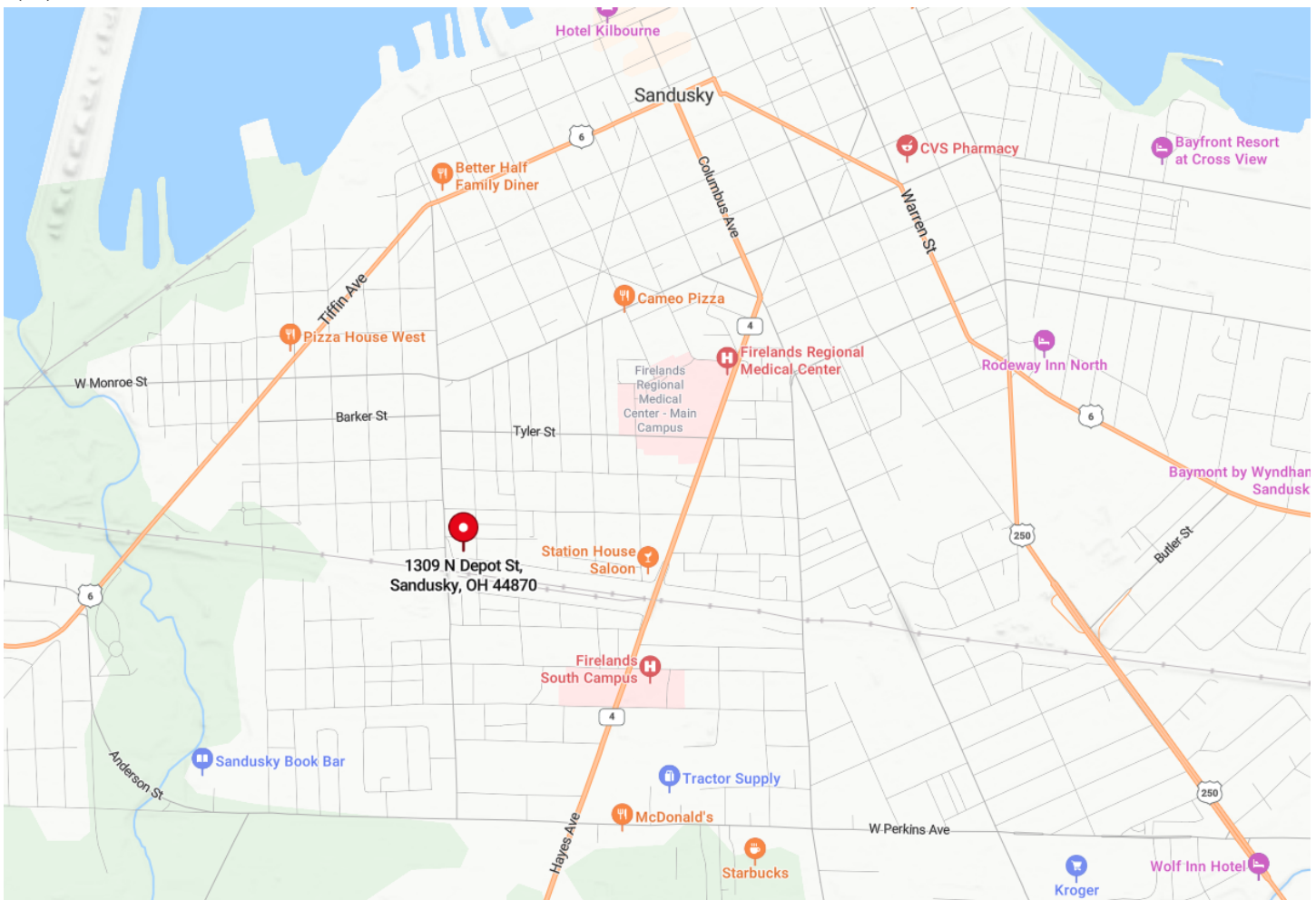
December 7, 2024, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm, and will feature Steam Locomotives.

December 14, 2024, from 12:00 to 4:00 pm, and will feature Diesel Locomotives.

The layout has approximately 95% scenery completed; in some areas, we are redoing the scenery for a better effect.

For more information, please contact:

Robert W. Butler
Secretary
(C) 419-271-8885
(H) 419-625-9356



Alleghany Western Division 12

MCR Layout Tours

Alleghany Western Division 12 MCR will be hosting a model railroad tour Saturday, November 2nd. Most layouts will be open from 10AM until 4PM. The tour is open to NMRA members and their guests.

Model railroads:

Alleghany Western Model Railroad Tours
Saturday November 2nd 2024



Railroad Name	Layout number	Owner	Scale	Address	Description	Era	Mainline length feet	% of Mainline completed	% Scenery completion	Control system	Time	Layout location	ADA compliant		PETS
Pennsylvania and Maryland	1	Dick Bradley	HO	19 Hinkle Street, Warren, PA 16365	Freelance/Proto Following the Maryland & Pennsylvania in Red Lion, Pa.	1955, April 19, 12:15 pm	45	100%	99%	NCE	10AM to 4PM	Basement	NO		NO
The Bennett Railroad	2	Rob Bennett	HO	6694 Otten Court, Fairview, PA 16415	Continuous look with a main division yard and staging for point-to-point operations	Era: Mid-1950s	?	100%	100%	CVP	10AM to 4PM	Basement	NO		2 cats
Bessemer & Lake Erie	3	Ray Brown	HO	7002 Lexington Rd, Girard, PA 16417	Multi-Deck Transition era B&LE, Conneaut to N. Bessemer	Transition - 1952	600	100%	0%	Digitrax	10AM to 4PM	Basement	NO		2 cats
Susquehanna & New York Railroad	4	Mike Hauk	HO	700 Lord Road, Fairview, PA 16415	Shortline set in north-central Pennsylvania circa 1939.	Late 1930's	100	100%	40%	CVP	10AM to 4PM	Basement	NO		2 wheaten terriers
PRR Chautauqua Branch	5	Brad White	HO	10675 South Edgewood Dr. Lake City PA 16423	PRR Chautauqua Branch from Oil City, PA to Buffalo, NY	1955	600	30%	0%	Digitrax	10AM to 4PM	Basement	NO		4 cats
Bessemer & Lake Erie	6	Ed Cronin	HO	845 Michelle Drive Meadville, PA 16335	B&LE North Bessemer, PA to Albion, PA	1955-1965	265	99%	50%	CVP	10AM to 11:45AM	Out building	YES	Rest room not ADA Compliant	NO
Quartz Lake & Galena	7	Doug Sandmeyer	O	240 Locust St. Lakewood, NY 14750	On3 and On30 Two switching layouts modeling South Western Colorado mining district.	1940's	On30 Roughly 48 feet of code 83 On3 50 feet code of 100 hand laid track	On30- 100% On3- 30%	On30- 30%, On3- 2%	NCE	10AM to 4PM	Basement	NO		1 Cat
Erie Business Car Society	8	Chris Costello	prototype	Car is located at the corner of East Satin st. and East Sycamore st. Jefferson, OH	Car is current under going restoration	Built in 1929 for the Erie, served EL from 1960 to 1971	NA	NA	NA	NA	10AM to 4PM	Outside	NO		None

For more information, please contact:

Bradley White
Div. 12 MCR
Assistant Superintendent
<http://www.div12mcr.org/>

WHAT'S GOING ON

2024 Nov 2 & 3	2 Rail O-Scale Train Meet UAW Hall 5615 Chevrolet Blvd., Parma, Ohio 44130 Sat. 11 am - 4 pm Sun. 9 am - 1pm Adm. \$10.00 Flyer For Table Registration form Click HERE For all table information, contact Skyler Shippy (skylersh767@gmail.com)
2024 Nov. 2-3 / 9-10 Dec. 7-8 / 14-1	Model Train Open House - Youngstown Model Railroad Assn. Corner of Raccoon Rd. & Four-Mile Run Rd. Austintown, Oh Noon - 6:00 pm Adm. \$5.00 Donation Flyer
2024 Nov. 3	Erie Model Train Show Rainbow Gardens - Waldameer Park, PA 10 am to 4 pm Adm. \$5.00 Phone: 724-992-2035 Info & Map Flyer
2024 Nov. 3	Akron Train & Toy Show Emidio's & Sons Expo Center 48 East Bath Road at State Road Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223 9:00 am - 3 pm Adm. \$5.00 Phone: 330-724-5253 Map Flyer
2024 Nov. 23	Iron and Steel Thanksgiving Train Show St. Mary's Assumption Social Center 356 S. Belle Vista Ave., Youngstown, Ohio 44509 10:00 am - 3:00 pm Adm. \$7.00 Phone: 330-503-5510 Map Flyer

WHAT'S GOING ON

2024 Nov 30	Hand Made Market - Art and Craft Show Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot) 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 9:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. FREE Phone 440-655-4455 MAP Flyer Dealer Application WEB Page
2024 Nov 30	Train Collectors Association - Thanksgiving Train Show 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 Dec TBA	Cuyahoga Valley Terminal Model Railroad Club Open House Northampton Road & W. Bath Road (behind Northampton Town Hall) 10:00 am to 4:00 pm Adm. \$5.00 Map Flyer
2024 Dec TBA	Marion Union Station Association Marion County Fairgrounds Coliseum 220 E. Fairgrounds St., Marion, OH 43302 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$5.00/person Map Flyer
2024 Dec 7	Buckeye Model Trains Show Ohio Expo Enter - Lausche Building Columbus, Ohio 9 am to 4 pm Adm. Flyer

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ABOUT US

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.



Caboose C3808 is turning a rusty brown just like the leaves this fall afternoon outside the roundhouse at the B&O Railroad Museum.