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In the Path of the Southern. Led by Altoona and Atlanta, two of the Landmark Series units, the OCS runs down 6th Street just like Southern Railway units did for many years before the merger.

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by May26th

Thank You

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Activities & Celebrations

May

- May 8th, 2026. NMRA Division 4 Meeting at the North Olmsted Cabin 7PM

Future Events:

There are regional and national conventions coming up. Don't miss the opportunity to connect with modelers from other divisions and visit some amazing home railroads along with great and informative clinics.

Mid Central Region Conventions



Mid Central Region

Convention Title: **Whistle Stop Dayton 2026**
Location: **Marriot Hotel at the University of Dayton
1440 S. Patterson Blvd.
Dayton, OH 45409**
Dates: **June 4 (Thursday) through June 7 (Sunday), 2026**

Calendar of Events

Upcoming Activities & Celebrations



National Model Railroad Association

Convention Title: **Scenic City Express**

Location: **Chattanooga Marriott Downtown
Two Carter Street
Chattanooga, TN 37402**

Dates: **July 27 (Monday) through August 2
(Sunday), 2026,**

[Visit Convention Website](#)



DIVISION 4

THE NORTH COAST DIVISION

OUR NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE **FRIDAY, MAY 8th, 2026**

6:30pm Set Up/Social Time - Meeting starts at 7:00pm

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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**

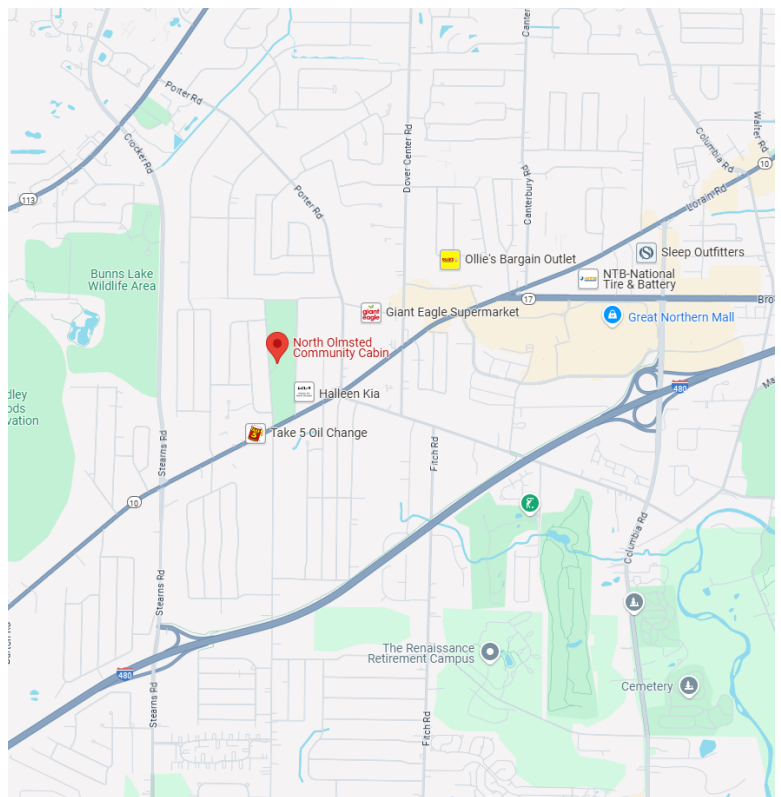
month. A set up/social half hour starts at 6:30 p.m. followed by a short business meeting at 7:00. After a short break, a railroad themed raffle and clinic complete the typical agenda. Starting January, 2025, the meetings are held at the **North Olmsted Community Cabin**, 28114 Lorain Rd, North Olmsted, OH 44070 . 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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GREETINGS FROM THE CAB

Greetings from the cab.

This month's article will be rather short.

T-2 and counting until the Dayton Regional Convention. Please consider to registered for the convention. Early bird registration has ended, so it is full price now. I am looking forward to a good time in Dayton. The registration and hotel reservations are lagging. Please help out by signing up.

You can now sign up for the MCR Regional Convention in Cincinnati that will be held in 2027. I sent mine in last week. The paper registration form can be found on the convention web site.

Congratulations to the incoming offices and directors for service starting in September of 2026. I hope Bert enjoys his time as Superintendent as much as I did.

Just a reminder that Division 4 layout tours are just around the corner. Please plan on visiting those that are open.

April was a rough month the Division 4 Family with the loss of three members and a member's son. Our prayers go out to the families.

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

That's all I have for this month.

Ron



Ron Morgan

Meeting Minutes

Division 4, MCR, NMRA Business Meeting Minutes

April 10, 2026, North Olmsted Cabin

Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 6:58 pm with a T minus 2 comment. There were 54 in attendance. He asked for visitors or new members to stand. Joe Shaffer stood and introduced himself as a visitor for the night. Joe models O-Gauge.

John Hemsath, MMR made a motion to accept last month's minutes. Craig Butler seconded the motion and the Division passed the motion to accept last month's minutes.

Assistant Superintendent, Bert Wisbar gave the Treasurer's Report in Greg's absence.

Old Business:

Dayton Regional Convention - Ron Morgan - is coming up in June, please consider registering to attend,

National Convention, Chattanooga, TN - Ron Morgan - is at the end of July and some are registered to attend. Our HO- Scale layout will be there.

Election of Officers - Mark Pekelnicky - There is one person per office:

Superintendent - Bert Wisbar

Assistant Superintendent - Gary Sole

Secretary - Chris Shick

Treasurer - Greg Noeth

Directors - Gary Schaefer, Fred Wagner, Brian Haas, Jeff Lauren, John Janda

Since there is no one else running, Mark Pekelnicky made a motion to accept this slate of officers for the next 2 years. Bruce Bowie seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion for this slate of officers to serve for the next 2 years.

Membership Operation Report - Mark Pekelnicky - The First Membership Operation was a success. There were 7 layouts that were used, and 25 members went and ran operations. Keep March of 2027 open as we are looking to make this an annual event. Mark thanked all who hosted and participated.

Training Event Schedule - Jerry Kruger - April's was cancelled. Looking forward to starting things back up in the fall. Division 2's one day event in Pittsburgh. Jerry is going if interested maybe a carpool can be arranged. Let Jerry know.

Meeting Minutes

Working on Any New Projects - Bruce Bowie is working really hard on his layout. They are hand-making turnouts.

New Business:

Cincinnati Convention 2027 Regional Convention - Ron Morgan - This is going to be like a mini Nation Convention. You can sign up in paper form now. On line sign-ups should start in June.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Don Oleksa - Any article you would like to submit, please have it turned in by April 26th.

Membership - Craig Butler - Railfest went very well, a big thank you to everyone who manned the table or ran trains. Division 5 and 12 maybe joining us in October at Berea. Bert Wisbar - will be filling out the NMRA membership survey. Joe Shaffer (Visitor) - As a visitor, he complimented the friendliness of the Division and how welcome he felt. Ramhog Shearer - A lot of people are afraid to spend the money to join. Joe Mehalic - mentioned O-Scalers think NMRA groups only do HO Scale.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - Jerry is presenting tonight on Care and Maintenance of Diecast Locomotives. Next month is J T Burke an Audio Engineer from Scale Sound Systems. Possibly Bram Bailey in June. Looking for volunteers for the fall.

Company Store - Scott Benson - a few new items left, come on over and take a look.

Raffle - Lee Sheffield - Good prizes tonight, come get your tickets. Drawing start 10 minutes after the close of meeting.

HO Scale Module Group - Jeff Lauren - National Train Show is up next. Work party is July 18th at the home of Scott and Pam Benson.

N Scale Module Group - Ramhog Shearer - nothing to report

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - no report

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - John presented Ben Lanza with an award for his comb passenger car.

Meeting Minutes

GBTS - Chris Shick - Vendor applications have been sent out. If you know of someone who may need tables, information is out on the GBTS website. I then showed a shirt I had made. If you want one let me know, cost will depend on how many are ordered.

Contest - Joe Filipiak - Last Month's Winners of Second-Generation Diesel Locomotive are as follows:

Model	1st	Larry Kowicki
	2nd	David Marvinney
	3rd	Jeff Lauren

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

Next month's contest is Railcar Loading, Unloading Facility. This is the last Contest of the season. Next Seasons contest will be revealed in June on Awards Night.

Joe is working at the Old School House in Grafton. They are making a special room for trains. Joe is looking for a donation of anyone who may know of someone getting rid of a whole layout and be willing to donate it. Let Joe know, it will be used to reach others about the joys of model railroading.

Comments/Concerns - Joe Mehalic is helping with the organizing and selling of Tom Athearn's stock. There is a lot of O-Scale stuff. If you are interested let Joe know. Currently he is working on setting up an Open House, more information to follow at a later date.

Rick Toll - let us know Allan Mixer passed away last week.

Bert Wisbar - told us that The Olmsted Falls Museum will be having its annual Spring Open House the weekends of April 25th & 26th, and May 2nd & 3rd. Also keep an eye out for information about upcoming 150th Anniversary Celebration.

Joe Kurilec, MMR - made mention that Frank Bongiovanni is looking for volunteers to present at a New York Central mini clinic. It will be held at the Historical Society in September. The 765 will be running at the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad in June. The Big Boy will be coming through our area in Late June, early July.

Dino Peris made a motion to adjourn the meeting. John Puch seconded the motion, the Division carried the notion and meeting adjourned at 7:46 pm.

Final Destination was reached,
Chris Shick
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA



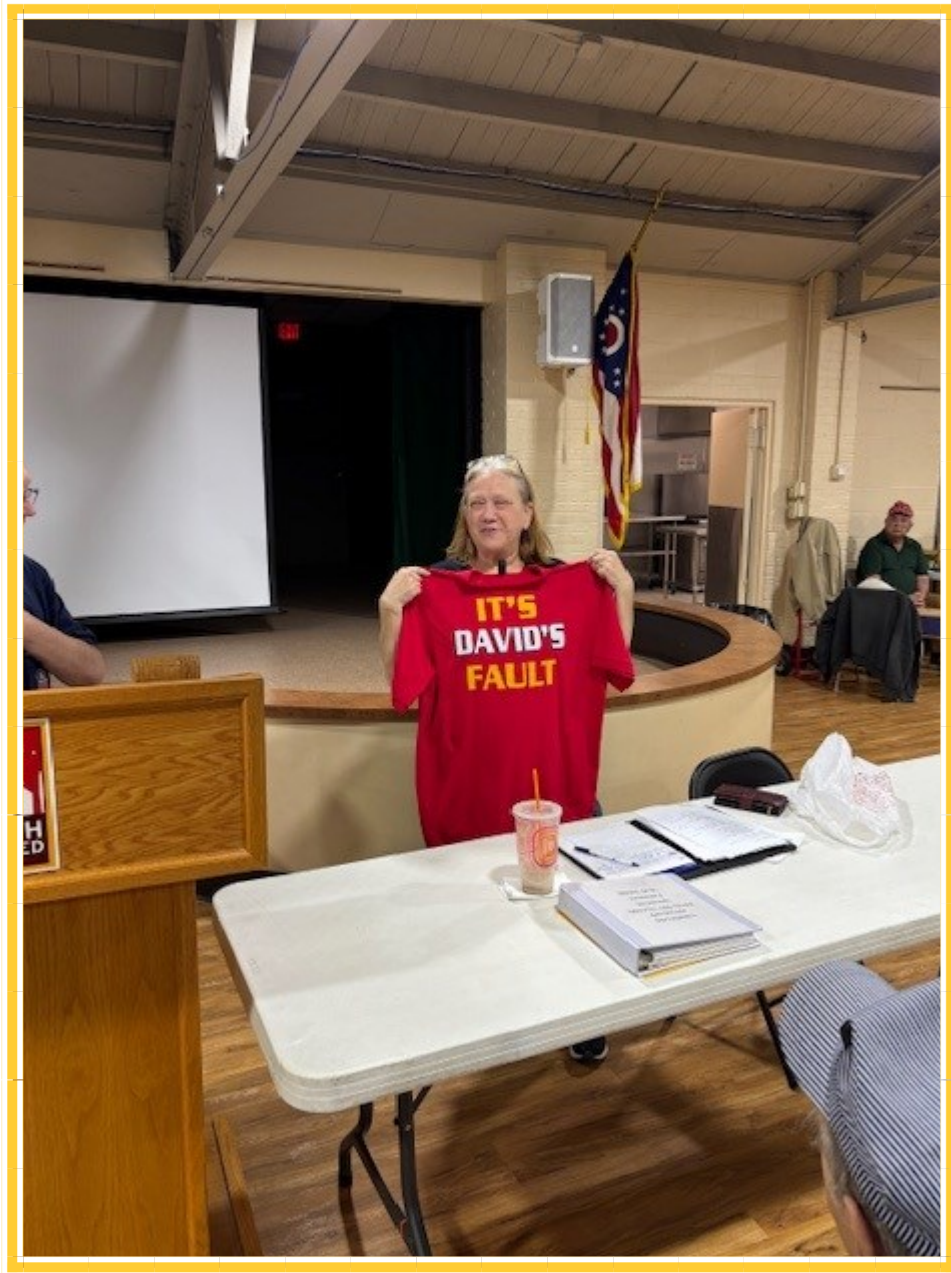
Chris Shick

APRIL MEETING PICTURES



John presented Ben Lanza with an award for his combination passenger car.

APRIL MEETING PICTURES



Chris Shick models the new GBTS T-Shirt

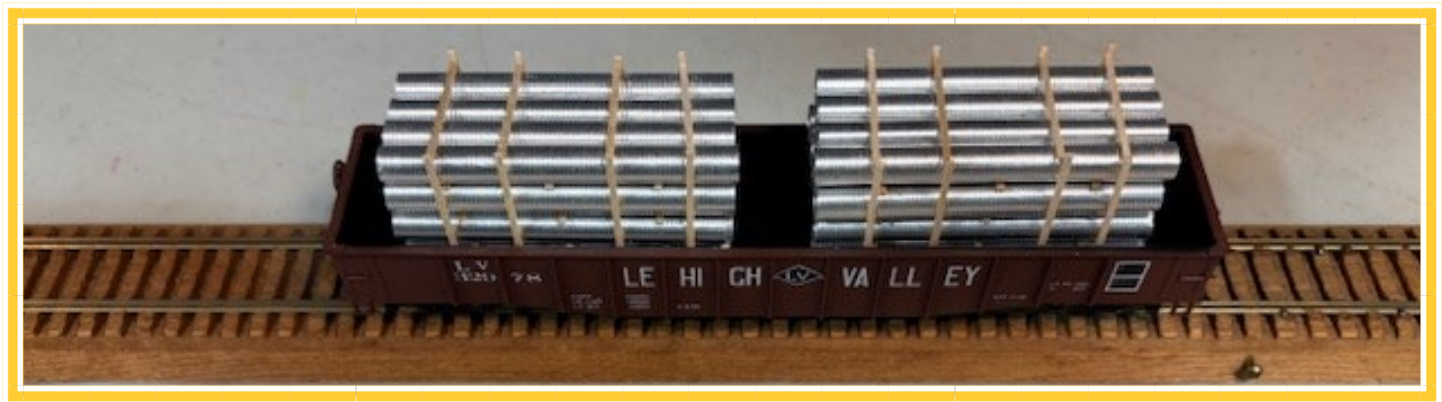
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Joe Filipiak



Craig Butler

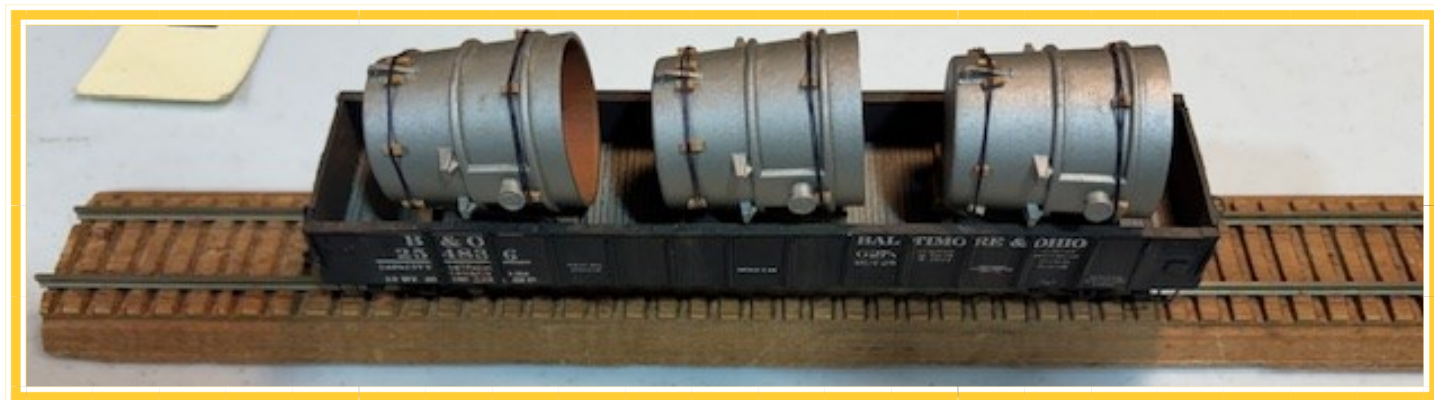


Craig Butler

MARCH MEETING PICTURES



Jeff Lauren



Jim Grell



Joe Kurilec, MMR

MARCH MEETING PICTURES



Dave Davis



John Hemsath

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John Puch



Dave Lawler

NORTH COAST OHIO

DIV-4 Leadership

ELECTED OFFICERS

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

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Director Quad Co. - **Fred Wagner** (419)-908-8251, boonedog0219@gmail.com

Director at Large - **Brian Haas**, brianhaas86@gmail.com

Director at Large - **Jeff Lauren** (216)-798-1896, jflrn@sbcglobal.net

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

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N Scale T-Track - **Ramhog Shearer**, Ramhog5@aol.com

MODULE GROUP

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

April has been a quiet month for the modular group. May and June will be similar as well. Things will start to pick up again at the end of July with the National Train Show which is scheduled for August 1st and August 2nd in Chattanooga, TN. This would be a great time to work on those modules and get them ready for the national stage!

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

Company Store

See you at the March meeting. I have a handful of finds from the Amherst Model Railroad Show that you might be interested in!

We still have the Division 7 Accurail N&W 2-bay covered hopper (3 available, different #'s). \$20 each.



Reminders:

The Company Store also manages:

- Shirt and hat sales – let me know if you want to order a Division 4 shirt.
- FastTracks jig loans – always helpful if I know before the meeting if you'd like to check one out. We have (all Code 83) #4, #6 and #8 turnouts, cross-over/double cross-over, and gantlet jigs.
- DVD library – lots of nice DVDs on modelling techniques available to borrow at each meeting



Scott Benson

CONTEST TABLE

The 2025 - 2026 contest season will end with the May contest. The membership participation in this season's contests has been outstanding. There have been entries from thirty members in the various contests. Many of these members have entered for the first time. The various subject matters for the contests are designed with the idea in mind that it will motivate you due to your own interest in the subject area for the contest. Some members enter every month and a big thank you goes out to all of you for meeting the different challenges. There are those of you who have entered only once or twice because a particular subject caught your interest. Thank you as well. One of the main goals of the monthly model contests is to provide you with a chance to explore the history behind the subject and an avenue to create an entry that meets the current contest challenge. What can be better than to learn something new and have fun doing it.

The May contest is a rail car loading or unloading facility. This can be as simple as a pipe with a valve and a hose to unload a tank car to a huge lakeside coal dumper or something in between. There can be a fine line between model and diorama entry. If it is just the facility itself, it's in the model area, but if you add a track and a railcar with it, it becomes a diorama.

The April contest in the model area found Jeff Lauren's steel plant loads of "hot" metal taking first place. Second place went to Craig Butler's scratch built in plant specialty railcar and third place went to John Hemsath's entry which required him to go back home and get it to enter it. Way to go John. The diorama first place went to John Puch and his scene from the steel plant. Second place in dioramas went to Dave Lawler who always has something of interest to offer to us. Thanks to all who entered in the contest and to all of you who voted. I hope you had as much fun with this contest as I did.



Joe Filipiak

CLINICS

MAY

May's clinic will be on DCC sound decoder installation and setup. We're pleased to have JT Burke as May's presenter. JT will also go over settings to get the best sound out of you sound equipped locomotive. JT is owner of Scale Sound Systems Scale Sound Systems HO Speakers and Lighting. JT is a professional audio engineer and has combined his audio knowledge and love of trains to design and produce speaker enclosures to fit specific manufacturers locomotives. Scale Sound sells everything needed for a complete DCC sound installation.

JUNE

June's clinic is undecided at this time. Look for details in June Flatwheel

FUTURE CLINICS

I'm always looking for Clinics. I'm currently looking for clinics to schedule for the 2026 and beyond. If you have a topic you'd like to present a clinic 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.

Jerry Krueger



RAFFLE

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

April had another great monthly raffle and may will be no different! As usual, the raffle draw will be held at the conclusion of the monthly business meeting.

Until next time!

Adam "Hot Box" Woodie



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N-Scale Module Group

Greetings Fellow Model Railroaders!

Interested in the N-Scale Module Group? Please reach out to me using my contact information below.

PO BOX 46848
BEDFORD HTS.OH.44146
216-225-6133
Email: Ramhog5@aol.com

Ramhog Shearer

N Scale T-Trak layout



NMRA Division 4 Elections Election Results

In the April Division meeting, members elected the following officers and directors for the 2026–2028 term. We appreciate everyone who stepped up to serve!

Position	Elected Member
Superintendent	Bert Wisbar
Assistant Superintendent	Gary Sole
Secretary	Chris Shick
Treasurer	Greg Noeth
Director, East	John Janda
Director, West	Gary Shaefer
Director, Quad Counties	Fred Wagner
Director-at-Large	Brian Haas
Director-at-Large	Jeff Lauren

Congratulations to our newly elected leaders!

Spring Layout Tours

Spring Division 4 layout tours. All Aboard Don't miss the train !!

Schedule – **May 16th – Between 12:30 and 4:30** - 4 interesting layouts.

Ramhog Shearer will be showing his two new N scale layouts. He will also have the N Scale T-Track 2.0 versions for those interested in exploring the modular side of today's N Scale.

Joe Kurilec's Erie Plate RR has a new track extension and lots of Craftsman quality structures and cars.. You will marvel at the detail Joe packs into each scene, and you may see some details which Joe has featured in Model Railroader.

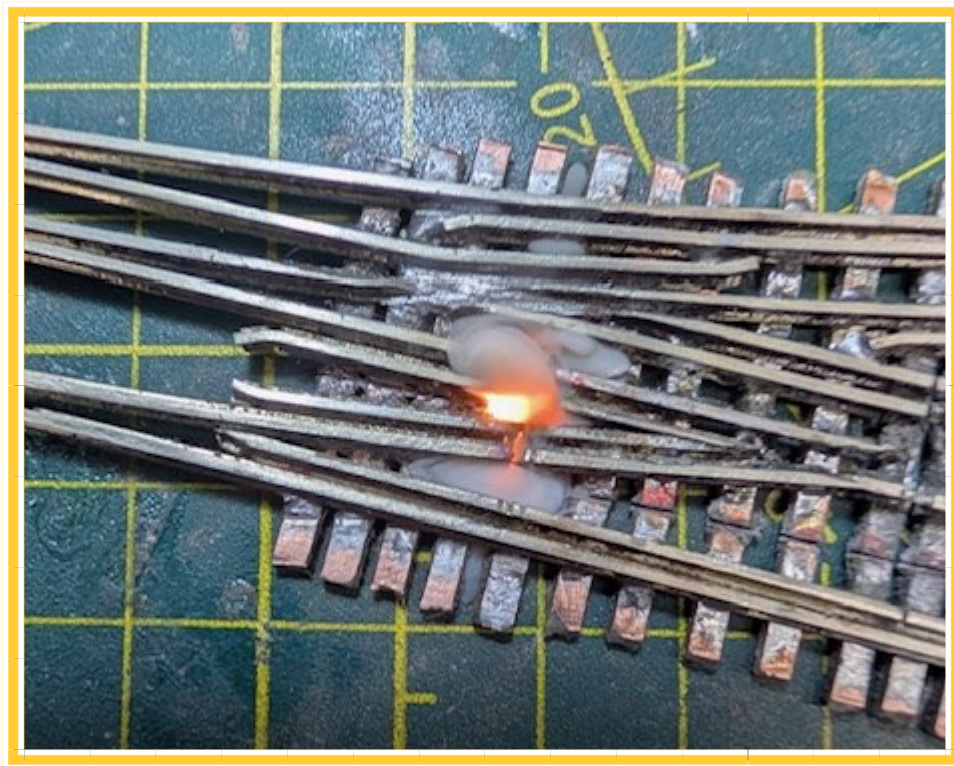
Mark Pekelnicky's Brand new Conrail Adrian Secondary line- He tore out his entire old layout and rebuilt his multi room multi deck layout emphasizing Operations. Scene is set in the summer of 1995 and features an extensive signaling system.

Dave Lawler will be showing his continued expansion of the Ontario Northern Railway. He continues to build new scenes with Craftsman Quality structures and details. Each building has a construction story he can share. Many buildings find their way to the Division 4 contests, then return to the layout. He also has highly detailed cars and trucks

Happy Railfanning - John Witt

Model Railroad Safety Tip

The EBT v3.2 crew has recently been building a bunch of HOn3 dual gauge turnouts. They require cutting the top copper cladding on the PCB ties to electrically isolate the two sides and the frogs. I use my portable Digitrax DCC system to test for the cuts to verify they have done their job. If not, the 5 amp electronic breaker "should" trip and you recheck your work. All was fine for several days until Wednesday. When I applied power I spotted a glow at one location. I pulled the power so I could get my phone camera ready. I again applied power. In the short time it took to get both hands on my phone and take the photo the short set the fiberglass of the PCB tie on fire! If this had occurred with flammable material close by... oops.



Moral of the story:

ALWAYS, ALWAYS HAVE A FIRE EXTINGUISHER IN YOUR TRAIN ROOM!!!

Bruce Bowie
buybruce@gmail.com

A PROTOTYPE FOR EVERYTHING!

While driving on 237 north, across from the airport, I saw John Hemsath's prototype Bay Lines car! Congrats John, for making the big time!



by Joe Kurilec, MMR®

NEED PAINT?

While looking for some items for a Berea Historical Societies display, I stopped in to Warzone Matrix located at 4704 Rocky River Drive. Several years ago I did many Flatwheel articles on hobby shops located in our area. Warzone Matrix was one of them. Entering the store, I was very surprised to find an unbelievable selection of paint colors and brands.

While there are the normal colors that modelers use, there are brands that I never heard of! These are for the gaming people but can be used in model railroading. Need something? Stop in a look at the selection they have along with many other “gaming items” that can easily applied to model railroading needs.

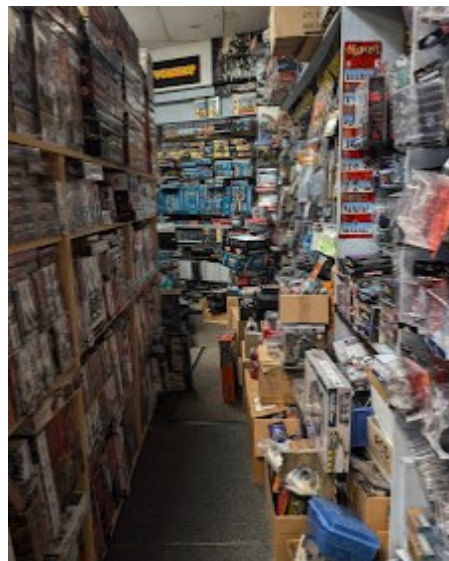
Address: 4704 Rocky River Dr, Cleveland, OH 44135

Phone: (216) 433-1316

Hours: Tuesday	11:30 AM–6:30 PM
Wednesday	11:30 AM–6:30 PM
Thursday	11:30 AM–6:30 PM
Friday	11:30 AM–6:30 PM
Saturday	11:30 AM–6:30 PM
Sunday	11:30 AM–6:30 PM
Monday	11:30 AM–6:30 PM



Warzone Matrix is easy to find. Left center is looking towards Cleveland Hopkins Airport.



Left, just one of the many paint displays at Warzone Matrix. Right, Warzone Matrix has a ton of in stock items. You will be surprised at the number of items you’ll find for your layout.

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11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Saturday, May 2 2026 Sunday, May 3
11 a.m. to 4 p.m.

**DONATION: \$5 for adults, 16 and under
are free. Donations support the and
maintain museum.**

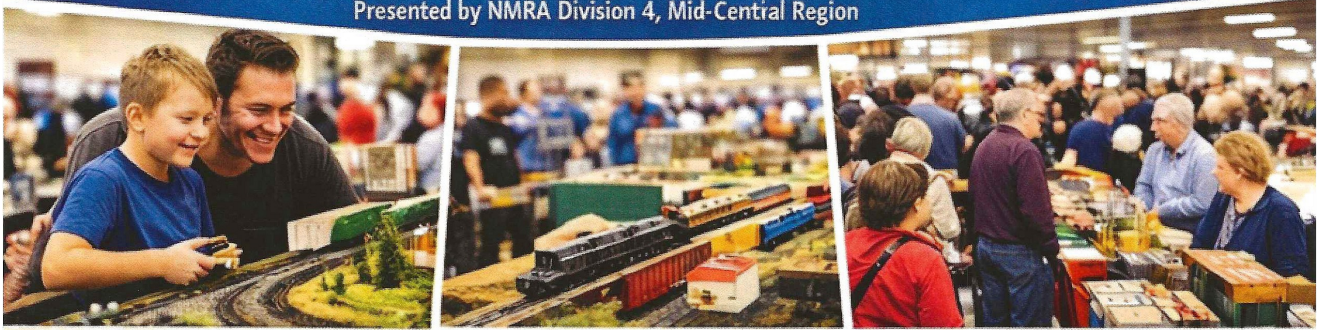
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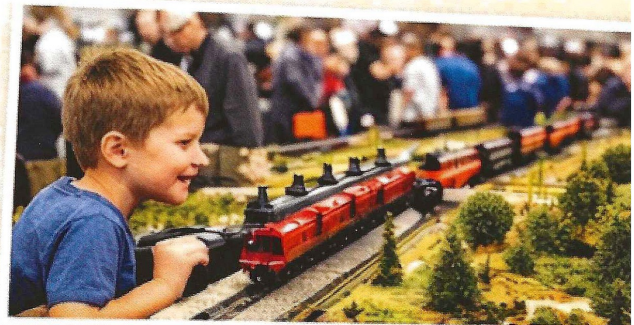
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WHAT'S NEW

Atlas Master Alco RS1 diesel locomotive

Price: Direct-current model, \$209.95; with DCC and sound, \$329.95

Manufacturer: Atlas Model Railroad Co., 378 Florence Ave., Hillside, NJ 07205; 908-687-0880; shop.atlasrr.com



Alco RS1 features include:

- Die-cast metal chassis
- Plastic handrails
- Separately applied wire grab irons, uncoupling levers, train line hoses, and lift rings
- Metal couplers
- Die-cast metal mainframe
- Five-pole skewed armature motor with dual flywheels

Release date: Fourth quarter 2026

Road names: New paint schemes — Arkansas & Missouri; Black River & Western; Long Island Rail Road; Maryland & Delaware; and Spokane, Portland & Seattle. New road numbers — Central Railroad of New Jersey; New York, New Haven & Hartford; and Vermont Ry. Limited Edition Collectors' Series models — Genesee & Wyoming (American Revolution Bicentennial scheme) and Livonia, Avon & Lakeville. One to two numbers per scheme.

WHAT'S NEW?

ScaleTrains Rivet Counter Electro-Motive Division SD40-2 diesel locomotive

Price: Direct-current model, \$219.99; with DCC and sound, \$329.99

Manufacturer: ScaleTrains, 4901 Old Tasso Rd. NE, Cleveland, TN 37312; 844-987-2467; [scaletrains.com](https://www.scaletrains.com)



Electro-Motive Division SD40-2 features include:

- Road-number-specific details
 - Three-hose m.u. hose clusters with silver glad hands
 - Detailed cab interior with separate floor, rear wall, seats, and standard AAR control stand
 - Sliding cab side windows
 - Corrugated radiator intake grilles
- Release date:** August 2026

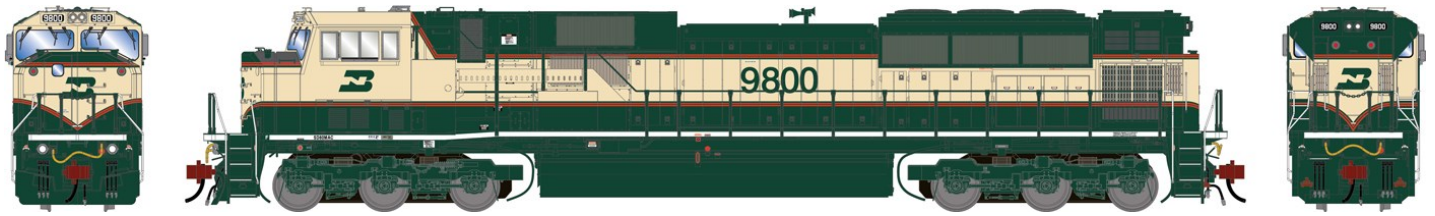
Road names: BNSF Ry. (Heritage I); Burlington Northern; Family Lines; Missouri Pacific; Reading, Blue Mountain & Northern (America 250); St. Louis-San Francisco (Frisco); Soo Line (parallelogram); Union Pacific (United Way and Pulling for Safety); and Wheeling & Lake Erie (America 250).

WHAT'S NEW

Athearn Genesis Electro-Motive Division SD80MAC diesel locomotive

Price: Direct-current model, \$289.99; with SoundTraxx Tsunami2 sound decoder, \$389.99

Manufacturer: Athearn Trains, 2904 Research Rd., Champaign, IL 61822; 800-338-4639; athearn.com



Electro-Motive Division SD80MAC features include:

- Detailed fuel tank with fillers, gauges, and breather pipes
- Detailed cab interior
- See-through cab windows
- Wire grab irons
- Etched-metal, see-through walkway steps
- Celcon handrails and stanchions
- Body-mounted McHenry scale knuckle couplers
- Die-cast metal frame

Release date: May 2027

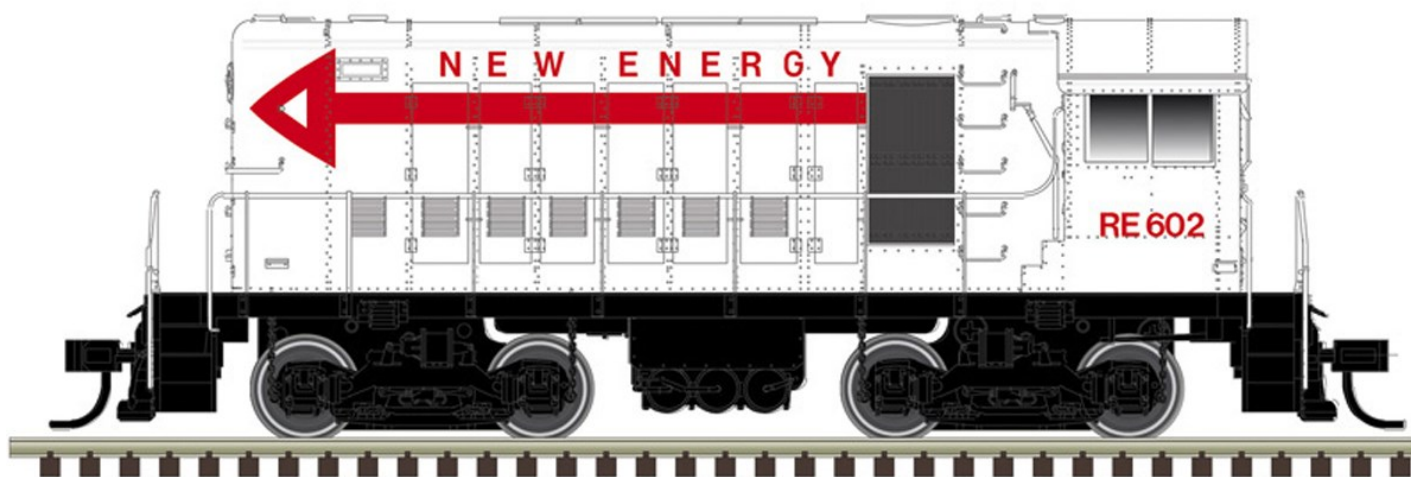
Road names: Burlington Northern, Chessie System with Chesapeake & Ohio reporting marks, CSX, Great Northern, Norfolk Southern, Springfield Terminal, and Wisconsin Central.

WHAT'S NEW

Atlas Alco HH660 diesel locomotive

Price: Direct-current model with factory-installed speaker, \$199.95; with ESU LokSound sound decoder, \$319.95

Manufacturer: Atlas Model Railroad Co., 378 Florence Ave., Hillside, NJ 07205; 908-687-0880; shop.atlasrr.com



Alco HH660 features include:

- Metal grab irons and lift rings
- Fine scale handrails, stanchions, uncoupling levers, and piping
- Early Blunt trucks with separate brake cylinders, molded coil spring detail (optional), and metal truck chains
- Five-pole skewed armature motor with dual flywheels

Release date: Fourth quarter 2026

Road names: New paint schemes — New Energy (Relco), Buffalo Creek, Delaware Lackawanna, Green Bay & Western, Port of Longview, Portland Terminal Co., and Walla Walla Valley. Limited Edition Collectors' Series model — American Cast Iron Pipe Co. Back by popular demand — Boston & Albany.

WHAT'S NEW

Rapido Trains Electro-Motive Division SW9

Price: With ESU LokSound decoder and MoPower capacitor — single unit, \$349.95; Soo Line two-unit set, \$699.90

Manufacturer: Rapido Trains Inc., 382 High St., Buffalo, NY 14204; 905-474-3314; rapidotrains.com



Electro-Motive Division SW9 features include:

- Detailed cab interior
- Die-cast metal gear boxes for added weight
- Heavy, die-cast metal frame
- Light-emitting-diode lighting
- Prototype-specific details
- Rapido semi-scale metal couplers

Release date: Available now

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<p>2026 Apr. 28</p>	<p>Paranormal Investigation of the Painesville Railroad Museum President Lincoln Ghost Train Painesville Railroad Museum, Painesville Depot 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 9 pm to Midnight Flyer Adm. \$30.00 MAP WEB Page</p>
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<p>2026 May 9</p>	<p>Cuyahoga Valley Model Train Show Cuyahoga Valley S Gauge Association Emidio & Sons Expo Center, 48 East Bath Road, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio 44223 10 am to 3 pm Adm.: \$6.00 <i>this is on National Train Day!</i> Map Flyer Req. Form Webpage</p>
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<p>2026 May 15-16</p>	<p>Great Lakes Large Scale Train Expo Metroplex Expo Center 1620 Motor Inn Dr, Girard, OH 44420 10 am to 4 pm Adm. \$10.00 one day pass \$15.00 two day pass Map Flyer WEB Page</p>
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<p>2026 May 23</p>	<p>Model Train Day & Flea Market Painesville Railroad Museum (aka NYC Painesville Depot) 475 Railroad Street, Painesville, Ohio 44077 10:00 am to 3:00 pm Adm. \$5.00 / \$12.00 Phone: 216-470-5780 <i>Donations Accepted and Appreciated</i> MAP Flyer WEB Page</p>
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WHAT'S GOING ON

<p>2026 May 29-30</p>	<p>Militaria Collectors Show at Lakeland (Dean Becker) Lakeland Community College, Kirtland, Ohio 44094 Fri. 4 pm to 8 pm, Sat. 9 am to 2 pm Adm. \$5.00 email: lakelandmilitariashow@gmial.com Phone: 440-525-7529</p> <p>Info and Map Flyer</p>
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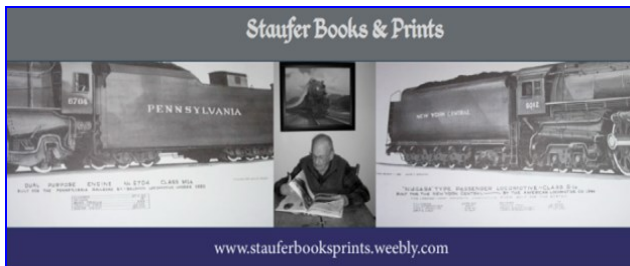
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A Caboose ... With a FRED?

On the tail-end of a local parked in Akron CO, on the BNSF Railway's Akron Sub, is Burlington Northern caboose 1023. This car was built by ICC in March 1972.

(Akron, Colorado – September 13, 2012)