

Division 4, MCR, NMRA, General Meeting Minutes, April 11, 2025,
North Olmsted Cabin

Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened meeting at precisely 7:00 pm. He welcomed everyone to our 3rd meeting at the cabin. Then he asked for new members and visitors to stand and introduce themselves. Tom Fedinets from Amherst who models HO is a new member. Jacob Dickson, a visitor from Strongsville also stood up. Ron welcomed them to our meeting.

A motion was made by Dino Peris to accept the minutes of the previous meeting. Brian Haas seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion and the minutes of the previous meeting will be accepted.

Treasurer, Greg Noeth gave a report on the balances of all our accounts.

There is a bunch of free stuff on the back table. Please help yourself. Anything left over tonight will be thrown away.

Old Business:

The following items are being brought up for consideration to be voted on at May's meeting.

- Moving pizza party to February to avoid timing with Lent.
- Moving Auction to March of every other year to compensate for Pizza Party move.
- Moving Appreciation Dinner to November for National Model Railroad month. A suggestion from the floor to consider January also. The module group is slower at that time and then everyone can attend.
- June Meeting- do we want to meet Friday and have picnic on Saturday? Do both Meeting (a brief one), and picnic on the Saturday?

Changes made to the Division 4 By Laws - Ron Morgan - Ron went over correction made to the By Laws. Members will be able to see them on the Division website.

New Business:

Division 4 Audit - Ron Morgan - Audit will be conducted in May with results presented at June Meeting. Gary Sole has agreed to chair the audit with assistance from Bill Cramer. Location is to be determined.

One Day Outing for Division - Ron Morgan - A trip to the Trolley Museum in Washington, PA is being looked into. It would be a bus ride there, lunch (on our own), tour the museum, dinner (on our own), and bus ride back to home. Ron asked for a show of hands if interested. Lots of hands went up.

Working on Any Cool Projects - Ron Morgan - None tonight.

Committee Reports:

Flat Wheel Deadline - Don Oleksa - get articles to Don by April 26th for the May Flat Wheel.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - Tonight's Clinic is Jerry on Galesburg, IL. A look back at scale sound system. Also, if anyone is interested Division 2 is doing a Jamboree on May 3rd. If anyone wants to go, so does Jerry.

Company Store - Scott Benson - Nothing tonight

Raffle - Adam Woodie - Back after a little break. Got items over here, come by, buy some tickets. Raffle will be held 10 minutes after the close of the meeting.

Module Group - Adam Woodie - Things are slow right now, but really start to roll in the summer.

T-Track - Ramhog Shearer - N-Scale is being encouraged by the NMRA to be part of the Divisions. Ram has enough to display for the whole Division and is willing to take on the lead role of handling the N-Scale displays.

Layouts and tours - John Witt, MMR - Spring Tours are coming up. If you are interested in displaying your layout please let John know.

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - nothing

Great Berea Train Show - Chris Shick - David James, Chuck, and I ran off the new applications (updated by Craig Butler), addressed, stuffed, stamped the envelopes, and got them in the mail. As of tonight, we already have 2 responses. Non-profits will go out as soon as the updates are made to their applications. My thanks to Chuck for making a data base which is going to make check in and keeping track of vendors easier.

Contest - Joe Filipiak - Last month's contest was Steam engine used to pull named passenger train. Winners from last month are:

Model: Streamlined Steam Engine

1st - Joe Kurilec, MMR

2nd - Dave Lawler

3rd - George Gelehrter

Model: Non-Streamlined Steam Engine

1st - Joe Kurilec, MMR

2nd - Joe Filipiak

3rd - Dino Peris

Diorama:

1st - John Hughes

2nd - David Williams

3rd - Joe Filipiak

Next Month is the final Contest of this Season: Toilet paper roll(s) used to build something in Railroad Theme.

Next Season's Contest will be announced at May's Meeting. Here's a teaser... one month will be Gondolas.

Comments/ Concerns - Ron Morgan -

- Remember free stuff on back table.
- Sign up for picnic on front table.
- Welcome back to Art Bumpus, Tom McInerney, and Mike Oster. Great to see you all!
- Ron will have the rest of Jim Stevenson's books at next meeting.

Brian Haas made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Dino Peris seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion and meeting closed at 7:44 pm. There were 69 members in attendance

Respectfully Submitted,

Chris Shick

Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA