

Division 4, MCR, NMRA Business Meeting, October 10, 2025, North Olmsted Cabin

Meeting was opened at 7:01pm by Superintendent Ron Morgan with a warm welcome back. He also thanked everyone for their prayers and concern for his family.

No new members or visitors tonight. 54 members were in attendance.

David James made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. John Hughes seconded the motion. The Division agreed, passed the motion and the minutes were accepted.

Treasure - Greg Noeth gave a report on the balance of all accounts given.

OLD BUSINESS:

Division Bus Trip - Ron Morgan – A trip to the Pennsylvania Trolley Museum has been moved to sometime in the spring. Details to come later.

National Convention - Ron Morgan – It will be held in Chattanooga, TN, July 27 to August 2nd. Register early, Div4.org website has a link directly to the Convention Registration page.

NEW BUSINESS:

Achievement Program - Jerry Krueger and John Hemsath, MMR had set up a clinic at last meeting and then a working day on a Saturday in about a month at a local library. September's project will be at Strongsville library on October 25th. Time is 9:30 – 4:00. Please be sure to make reservation with Jerry via his email (jakrueg@neo.rr.com).

Elections - Ron Morgan – We are looking for a Nominating Committee Chairperson. If you are interested in doing the job, please let Ron know.

Working on Cool Projects – Craig Butler - Craig has finished a horse car that Bill Cramer started. It will be donated to Olmsted Falls in memory of Bill.

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

Flatwheel Deadline - Don Oleksa – Deadline is October 26 for next Issue. If you have anything you think would be interesting to print then submit it to Don by October 26th.

Clinics – Tonight's clinic is Layout Command Control by Brian Barnt, HLM.

Raffle - Jeff Lauren – Raffle is going on tonight. Come on over and get your tickets.

HO Module Group – Trees and Trains is not going to happen this year due to construction going on at the Landing this year. The Zoo is currently being worked on.

N-Scale Module Group -Ramhog – was displayed at the Great Berea Train Show. Ram and his crew had a good time.

Layout Tours - Ron Morgan – Division 4's layout tour is Nov. 2, 12:30 – 5pm. Bruce Bowie's layout is completely Handicap Accessible. Division 12 has extended an invitation for us to join their layout tours – Sunday October 26th. Slips with addresses are on the front table for both Layout Tours.

AP Awards- John Hemsath, MMR – John once again said that his layout is available for OP sessions for beginners who are interested. John then had Joe Kurilec, MMR#79, Bruce Brintnall, MMR#183, join John, MMR#603 to present our newest MMR with his award and certificate earned. Tom McNerey, MMR#804 received his MMR presented to him by our other MMRs. Congratulations Tom! Tom thanked Ron Morgan for pushing him, and John Hemsath, MMR for helping with the paperwork.

Contest, Joe Filipiak – September's Gondola winners are as follows:

Model	1 st – Dave Williams
	2 nd – Craig Butler
	3 rd – Joe Kurilec, MMR
Diorama	1 st – John Puch
	2 nd Joe Filipiak

Next month's contest is Combine Car (Passenger/Freight)

Great Berea Train Show - David James – David gave us an early report on the show. He spoke on his slide presentation. Once again we did not draw in a huge crowd. Really need to find a way to get attendance up. Weather was a huge factor in attendance. This is only an estimate of profit since not all expenses are in yet.

David made a motion to donate \$800.00 to the Olmsted Falls Depot and Model Railroad Museum as a thank you for all their help with the show and for filling in where needed. Chris Shick seconded the motion. The Division passed the motion and a check will be sent.

Comments/concerns - Ron Morgan – In the June's NMRA magazine, there was an article "What Makes a Good Division?" Asked how many read it? Some raised their hands. Ron took the quiz and feels our Division needs work.

Hands on learning (working on with our new AP/Clinic program), Maintaining membership, Annual Services. Take the quiz and let Ron know how you feel.

Gary Sole let us know "Mike Klein says Hi!" He is doing OK. Gary also brought in books from Chuck Klein's collection. Chuck's daughter said to make a donation to the estate or Division for the books.

Mike Oster let us know that John Janda will be leaving the rehab center tomorrow and going home.

Gray Sole made a motion to Adjourn the meeting. Brian Haas seconded the motion. Division agreed and meeting closed at 7:41pm

This meeting has reached its final destination.

Chris Shick

Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA.