

## Division 4, MCR, NMRA Monthly Minutes Friday May 12, 2023

Superintendent Ron Morgan opened the meeting with a warm welcome at 6:31 pm.

A motion was made and seconded to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Motion was carried by the membership.

Treasurer's Report was given by Greg Noeth of all account balances.

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Pittsburg Convention – Ron Morgan – Division 4 had a good representation. At Membership meeting it was discussed to possibly do away with Contests at Regional Conventions. This will be discussed more at a later time. Lots of Divisions are doing T-Tracks.

John Hemsath, MMR – There were 18 judges for the contest, 9 of which are MMR's. 30 models were judged with 15 merit awards given out. Jim Grell entered 2 cars and earned merit awards for both. Jerry Kruger received 1st place in the structures division. John is looking for judges for next years contest (if there is one).

Bert Wisbar – talked about the Kerry Blast Furnace Tour, Three Rivers Boat Ride, and a few of the other extra activities that were available.

2024 Convention – Jerry Kruger – There was a table set up in Pittsburg. Some interest was shown, a few have already registered with the up and running on line process. On Wednesday, May 24th there will be a Zoom meeting. An email will go out for those already on the committee. If you are interested in being a part of the meeting, let Jerry know in person or via email. Registration site is open, and it will send out updates to those registered as they happen. Modeling with Masters have asked to be part of our convention. Layout Tours will be coordinated by John Witt, MMR and Scott Benson, let them know if you'd like our layout on the tour for the convention.

Job Descriptions – Ron Morgan/Chuck Shick – The list is being updated as the descriptions come in. Chuck will send a copy of those done to Ron.

T-Track – Ron Morgan – A lot of Divisions are moving forward with T-Track in many scales.

We will set up a display at The Great Berea Train Show

Division 4 By Laws – Ron Morgan – plan to get together sometime after June to work on

them.

We have a new Regional Contest Chairperson. Congratulations to Susan Werner, MMR from Division 2.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Show and Tell – George Gelehrter – took a course with Modeling with the Maters and highly recommends it. You learn a lot from guys with experience.

Bram Bailey – showed pictures of his layouts progress. He thanked his crew for all of their help.

**COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

Flat Wheel Deadline – Chuck Shick – May 26th. Scott Eastburn will be the new editor starting in September.

Membership – Ron Morgan – Bill's wife is not doing well and he is pretty much housebound with her at this time. We could use some help with membership at this time.

Clinics – Jerry Kruger – Brent Repenning is tonight's clinic. Bram Bailey will be June's.

Looking for volunteers for the fall meetings.

Company Store – Scott Benson – has lots of stuff.

Raffle – Adam Woodie – Get your tickets. Raffle will start 10 minutes after meeting ends.

Module Group – Adam Woodie – things are quiet right now. Cuyahoga County Fair in August will ramp things up. Thinking of possibly doing a night of working on car tuning.

Layout Tours – John Witt, MMR – nothing

Contests – Joe Filipiak – Last month's contest winners for the Open Hopper Load Other Than

Coal: with 85% of membership present voting:

Model: 1st – Joe Kurilec

2nd – Don Glass

3rd – Scott Eastburn

Diorama – 1st – Dave Lawler

2nd – Joe Filipiak

Next month awards will be given out to the top point holders.

Eddie Quinone's mom is selling off some of his stuff that she didn't donate to the 4H Group.

Sale will be Saturday, May 20th, 9House is on Denise off of Jaycox in North Ridgeville. Joe

Filipiak has information.

AP Awards – John Hemsath, MMR – Scott Eastburn completed his work for his Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical.

COMMENTS or CONCERNS:

Ron Morgan – Welcome to Eric Gatchell a visitor this evening.

Sign up for the picnic is on the back table.

Mike Klein (Chuck's brother) had open heart surgery two weeks ago.

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting. Motion was seconded and carried by the membership. Meeting ended at 7:15 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Chris Shick

Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NM