

Division 4, MCR, NMRA, Business Meeting, June 12, 2026, North Olmsted Cabin

Superintendent, Ron Morgan opened the meeting at 7:00 pm. He asked for any new members or visitors to please stand. There was none. 61 members present.

Approval of the Minutes - Dino Peris made a motion to accept the minutes of the last meeting. Craig Butler seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion and the minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's Report - Greg Noeth - Greg started off by thanking Ron for his job as Superintendent for the last 4 years. He then gave the balance of all the accounts.

Old Business:

Dayton Regional Convention Report - Ron Morgan - Ron asked for a show of hands of those who attended. A few hands went up. Ron went on to tell of all the things they had available to do. Then he let everyone know that it is really getting expensive to host convention.

National Convention Chattanooga, TN - Ron Morgan - modules are not going. Convention is July 27th to August 2nd. It should be a good time.

Cincinnati Regional Convention - Ron Morgan - currently it is only paper filled out registration. It will probably be this way until the first of the year. It will be held early June of 2027. There should be close to 80 layouts to tour.

New Business:

Potential East Broad Top Trip - Bert Wisbar - The bus will leave Thursday, October 15th at a time and place to be determined. Friday, October 16th tour the East Broad Top Facilities in places that are not generally open to the public. Cost is \$121.00 per person. This includes lunch. Hotel should run \$119.00 a night for 2 nights. Saturday, October 17th will be a run over to Altoona and the home. Sign up on the front table.

Potential Washington, PA Trolley Museum Trip - Bert Wisbar - We will meet up (place to be determined) on Saturday, July 18th. Car pool to Washington, PA. \$20.00 per person, meals on your own. Sign up on the front table.

Board of Directors Review - The first meeting of the new Board of Directors was this past Tuesday night. We need everyone to make sure that the NMRA has your correct information. Phone numbers and email addresses.

We have 2 new vendors for the Great Berea Train Show.

Committees:

Flat Wheel - Don Oleksa - Articles and all submissions due to Don by August 26th.

Membership - Craig Butler - we are 167 members strong. Please make sure all your information is correct with the NMRA.

Clinics - Jerry Kruger - Tonight is Bram Bailey, "Study of Transit for Shaker Heights". October will be open projector night. Giving everyone to share their pictures and movies of "Big Boy" journey.

Company Store - Scott Benson - Nothing new this month.

Raffle - Adam Woodie - There are some cars and other stuff over here. Come get your tickets. Raffle will take place 10 minutes after the meeting closes.

HO Module Group - Adam Woodie - Set up for Cuyahoga County Fair is August 8th. The Fair starts August 11th and runs through the 16th. We will be set up and running at Great Northern Mall September 19th and 20th.

N-Scale Module Group - Ramhog Shearer - Dayton wasn't really well attended. N-Scale T-Track is fun. Come over to the Warehouse and find out.

Layout Tours - John Witt, MMR - No report

AP Awards - John Hemsath, MMR - No awards to present tonight.

Great Berea Train Show - David James - Your help is needed in many areas of the show. Security, setting up, selling tickets, assisting with wristbands. We cannot have a successful show without your help. Sign up sheets are on the back table.

Contests - Joe Filipiak - Last Month's winners for Rail Car Loading/Unloading Facility were as follows:

Models - 1st - Joe Kurilec, MMR
 2nd - Craig Butler
 3rd - Don Glass

Diorama - 1st - Joe Filipiak

September's Challenge will be Everything Alco, Steam or Diesel. Joe has decided to call it a Challenge instead of Contest.

2025-2026 Winners

Models - 1st - Joe Kurilec, MMR
 2nd - Craig Butler
 3rd - Jim Grell

Dioramas - 1st John Puch
 2nd - Dave Lawler

All winners received plaques and checks for their accomplishments.

Changing Of The Guard - Ron called Bert up front and handed off his Superintendent pin. Bert then called Gary Sole up and handed him the Assistant Superintendent pin. Ron gave a Farewell speech about his journey through the NMRA.

New Superintendent, Bert Wisbar presented Ron Morgan with a plaque for all of his strong support of the NMR. The plaque is from the region.

Comments/Concerns - Chris Shick - I will be placing orders for our "special" Great Berea Train Show shirts at the end of this month. The cost is \$27.00 and if you'd like to order one see me.
Ramhog Shearer - Might be a good idea to team up a old member with a new member. This way they have someone to reach out to with questions.
Bert Wisbar - Made a suggestion to make people feel welcome.

John Hemsath, MMR made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Bram Bailey seconded the motion. The Division carried the motion and the meeting was adjourned at 7:50 pm.

This meeting has reached its final destination,
Chris Shick
Secretary, Division 4, MCR, NMRA