

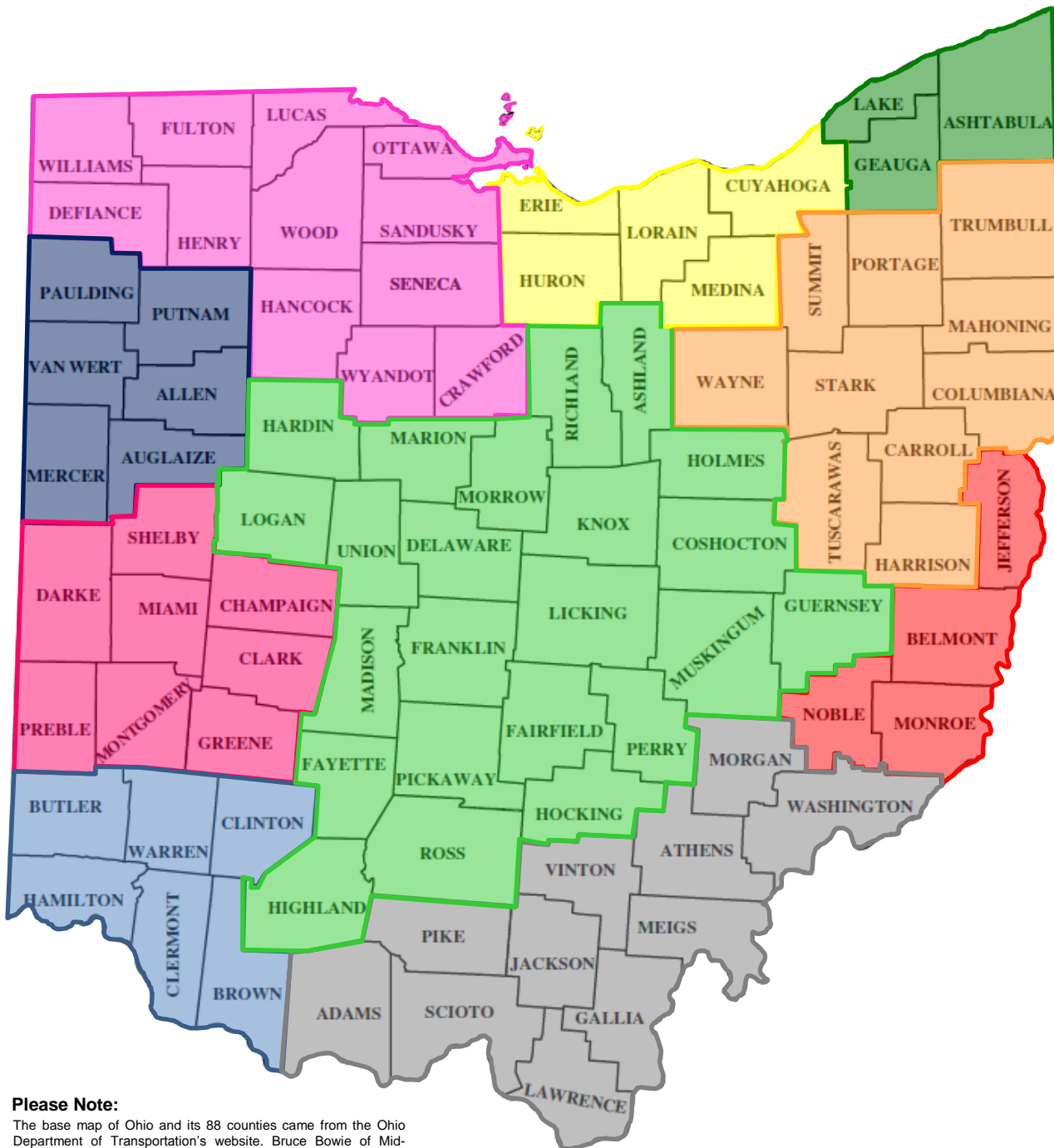
National Model Railroad Association (NMRA)

Mid-Central Region Divisions

- 1 – Akron, Canton & Youngstown
- 2 – Keystone
- 3 – Miami Valley
- 4 – North Coast
- 5 – Western Reserve
- 6 – Buckeye
- 7 – Cincinnati
- 8 - Coal

North-Central Region Divisions

- 1 – Toledo
- 3 – Northeast Hoosier



ZIP Codes Determine Division Assignments

Members are assigned to divisions based upon their U.S. Mail address's ZIP code. Consider the following:

1. Bellevue, Ohio 44811 straddles four counties (Sandusky, Seneca, Erie, & Huron). The NMRA assigns everyone with that ZIP code to Mid-Central Region's Division-4.
2. In border areas, the easiest way to determine a division assignment is to call NMRA National at 423-892-2846 --- 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays).
3. Although a member can't change his/her division assignment, the member may participate in the activities of another division --- including holding some leadership positions.

Please Note:
The base map of Ohio and its 88 counties came from the Ohio Department of Transportation's website. Bruce Bowie of Mid-Central Region Div-4 enhanced the map with division borders and coloring. Denny Whitaker of Div-4, analyzed various NMRA websites to determine division assignments. The explanations are his understanding of how the NMRA operates. 5/15/2011

Day Out with Thomas on the Cuyahoga Valley Scenic Railroad

Sat 5/21, Sun 5/22, Fri 5/27, Sat 5/28, and Sun 5/29 --- 8:45 a.m. – 5 p.m.

NMRA Membership Data

When a prospective member asks which NMRA division he/she will belong to, consider the following:

1. Simply state, "You will be receiving a Welcome Letter that will tell you about your assigned division and when/where the meetings are being held."
2. If the prospective member wants specifics, the color-coded map will guide you to the proper division for 99+% of the prospective members.
3. Bob Ashley will be bringing Div-1's highly detailed Ohio maps that he said will help in some county border areas.
4. If you didn't know, NMRA National assigns members to divisions based upon their ZIP code. If the member is living in a county that is served by a post office located in an adjoining county, the member gets assigned to the adjoining county.
5. Although a member can't change his/her division assignment, the member may participate in the activities of another division --- including holding some leadership positions.

If a recruiter feels that the prospective member won't join the NMRA without knowing his/her specific division assignment, ask the prospect to do the following:

1. **By Telephone:** Call NMRA National at 423-892-2846 --- 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday through Friday (excluding holidays). Ask the representative to lookup the caller's ZIP Code to state the region and division responsible for that ZIP. The rep should then be able to help the caller to reach an officer at the applicable division.
2. **By Internet:** Go to the NMRA's website <http://www.nmra.org/>. In the left column, scroll down to "Region & Divisions." Click on that hyperlink. An interactive map page will open. Click on the map to get in the proper Region. On that page, "Divisions" links will appear. Inspect the division locations --- drilling into the division(s) of interest. All divisions list their officers and their contact information.

Meeting locations Info for the NMRA's Northeastern Ohio Divisions:

- **Div-1 Akron, Canton, & Youngstown:** Holds monthly meetings (September thru June) at various locations through 10 county division. The schedule is posted on their website. It gives information about their activities. Meetings are on Sundays beginning at 2 p.m. unless noted otherwise.
Website: <http://div1-mcr-nmra.org/>.
- **Div-4 North Coast:** holds 10 meetings a year (none in July and August). Eight of the meetings are on the 2nd Friday of the month beginning at 7:45 p.m. at The Church of The Redeemer, 23500 Center Ridge Road, Westlake, OH 44145.
 - The June meeting will be a picnic with train rides on Saturday, June 11, 2011 at the Northeast Ohio Live Steamers, 3654 Lester Rd, Medina OH 44256-7738 (5-miles northwest of downtown Medina).
 - The December meeting will include our Awards Banquet. It is being held on Friday, December 9, 2011 at Michaud's Towne n' Country, 16808 Pearl Road, Strongsville, OH 44136.Website: <http://www.div4.org/>.
- **Div-5 Western Reserve:** Meetings are on the first Friday of most every month at 7:30 pm. The majority of their meetings are held at the Hambden Township Hall, 13887 GAR Highway (Rt. 6), Chardon, Ohio. This facility is handicapped accessible facility. They occasionally have a meeting at some other special location. It is best to check their Events page to see where the next meeting will be held.
Website: <http://www.mcr5.org/NMRA/index.html>.