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## This Month's Program ...

Many of you remember Don Santel. Don was a founding member of Division 3 and was widely known for his Ohio, Michigan and South Shore HO layout. Don passed away more years ago than I can remember. His sons Dick and John kept the railroad operating for awhile after Don passed away. It seems that in addition to being an accomplished modeler, Don was also an active rail fan and photographer.

Gary Rolih, of Cincinnati, has made digital scans of Don's local medium-format photography. His pictures are from the 1950's with late steam and early diesel. In addition to the Dayton area, also included are Tate's Point, Cold Springs, Marion, Washington Court House, Midland City, Portsmouth, and Winton Place. Gary did a presentation featuring these photo scans at the May Dayton Railway Historical Society meeting. Our diligent program chairperson, Mike Mereness, has been able to secure Gary for our June meeting. This will be one program that you don't want to miss.



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# Superintendent's Column for July 2010

## The Ah Ha! Moment

I am sure most of you at one time or another has had what seemed like a really good idea and it left you wondering why you didn't think of it sooner. I had one such moment a couple of weeks ago. Mine involved super glue. I used to routinely purchase a one ounce container of super glue, but often it hardened before it was used up. It lasts a good long time, but still I hate to waste it. A couple of years ago I was getting ready to move and knew I wouldn't have time for much modeling so when I bought super glue I purchased one of those small fractional ounce (2g) tubes pictured below.



These worked fine and I am still using them. The problem is they don't stand by themselves and once you use a drop they sometimes dribble on the workbench if you just lay it down. I have tried propping the tube up against something, but often knocked it over. The other night I was working on a project and was about to

prop the super glue tube up against something when I spotted a film can (remember those) sitting on the workbench. This is one that I had filled with lead shot to serve as a weight a while back. I grabbed the can, removed the top and stuck the super glue tube in it. It proved to be the perfect holder as you can see in the photo.

If you don't have any lead shot you can probably substitute small gravel or something similar. I find shot handy for weighting cars and holding things down. A few months ago I needed to hold a roof down on a structure while the glue set and everything I tried kept sliding off and it was impossible to clamp due to the angle. In another Ah Ha! moment I partially filled some small plastic zip loc bags with shot and used them to hold the roof down. They were flexible enough that they conformed to the shape of the roof and did not slide off like everything else I had tried. I have since used these for other tasks where I needed a non rigid weight. Sometimes it's the little things that make our modeling tasks easier.



## Don't Miss the Bus

It's time to make plans for our annual bus pilgrimage to view layouts in a nearby city. We have been to Cincinnati, Indianapolis, and Columbus (that's as far back as I can remember) and this year we are returning to Columbus. Mike Mereness is busy lining up more great railroads for us to visit on the west side of Columbus.

The cost is the same as last year, \$25.00. Seats must be purchased in advance and the cost includes a box lunch. There will also be bottled water available on the bus. The division subsidizes this activity in order to minimize the cost. The date is August 21 and we will meet the bus at the Xenia Senior Citizens Center, 130 East Church Street, Xenia, OH, the same as last year. Plan to be there by 7:30 am and the bus will depart promptly at 8:00. Rick Lach will be collecting money at the July meeting or send your check to Div 3 Tour, 3827 Winding Oak Circle, Dayton, OH 45424. We sold a number of seats at the June meeting so don't miss out.

# Sharpening Your SKILLS

## AP Program News...

The whole concept of the Achievement Program is based on improving your skills and getting recognition for it. Let's look at the certificate for **ASSOCIATION VOLUNTEER** as there are a number of Division 3 folks who probably qualify for it right now.

You need to accumulate 60 certified Time Units (TU). These are picked up at various rates per each month of your service depending on whether you served at the national, regional or division level. Such things as committee chairs, contest judging, having your layout open for NMRA functions or working with a modular group at an NMRA trainshow. Also folks who act as counselors at the Boy Scout merit badge part of the November Trainshow would accumulate points per scout and retroactive to past years! If you think you might qualify let us know and we can get you started with the full details and paperwork.

## Our **REGULAR** monthly contest setup ...

We have three categories each month. You can enter Scratchbuilt, KitBashed, or just plain Kit built. This allows anyone to enter anything they are proud of and at any skill level. Judging is by popular vote but if you wish to have your model judged by NMRA rules for the Achievement Program, we will make arrangements for you "on the spot".

### The coming contest schedule ...

#### July - Non-Revenue Cars

- August - NO CONTEST ( trip)
- September - Make IT Cheap (1-3-5 Dollar )
- October - Caboose
- November - Weathering
- December - Structure

May 2010 - Diesel Locomotives				
	Kit	Kit Bashed	Scratch Built	PHOTO
First	Brian Petroziello (2 Entry Tie)	Brent Johnson	Bob Fink	Norm Courtney
Second		Brian Petroziello		Nate Adams
Third		Jim Montgomery (2 Entry Tie)		Nate Adams Norm Courtney

### June 2010 Results - Steam Locomotives

Bob Fink placed 1st in scratch built steam locomotive (301 )

Will Davis placed 1st in kit bashed steam locomotive (201 )

Dave Decker placed 1;2;3 in Photos



## **Found on the Web**

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Instead of a theme this month, I'm going to present a potpourri of sites that I have come across in my web wanderings or have been suggested to me by other Division 3 members.

First on the list is a site called "Building Your Model Railroad – A Comprehensive Guide" authored by Greg Warth, an MD in the Norfolk VA area. Greg has been modeling for about 20 years and has assembled his experience into a thorough, step-by-step guide to planning and building a layout. I recommend a look at the site to anyone in the construction or planning stages, no matter what your experience level. It can be found at <http://www.building-your-model-railroad.com/index.html> .

Dick Kehl sent me a link to an old Army WW II training film called "Army Railroad". It's an interesting look at the past, and a bit of nostalgia to those of us who are old enough to remember these old military films. Find it at [http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=e9a\\_1241081839](http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=e9a_1241081839) . Sorry guys, no VD advice in this one.



Do you model or have an interest in passenger cars and trains? Check out the huge photo index of prototype passenger equipment at <http://trainweb.org/passengercars/>  
There are photos of and information about well over a century of passenger trains. The author also provides links to a lot of other similar sites.

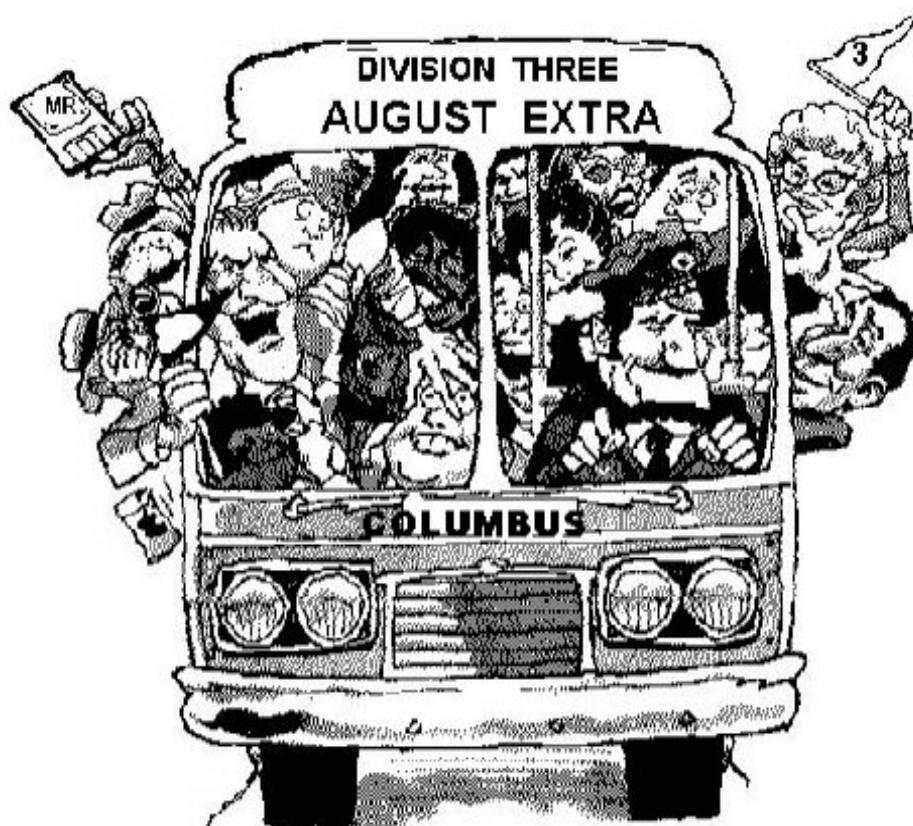
Finally, a link to a slideshow of some of the most amazing modeling I have ever seen. There's not a train in sight, but what this fellow does with vehicles and structures is mind-boggling. Visit <http://www.flickr.com/photos/24796741@N05/sets/72157604247242338/show/with/2346008881/> and be prepared to be blown out of your chair by the artistry of Michael Paul Smith!



See you on the web!

Norm Courtney  
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## 21 August 2010 Layout Tour to West side of Columbus, Ohio



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