Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

Dalmatian Switching District

Past, Present and Future

The July meeting will feature the Dalmatian Switching District. Created by the late David Decker and appearing at many train shows and NMRA conventions, the Dalmatian is a truly unique world. J. Hedge will take us through the layout's history and present status. This will also be a tribute and memorial to David. The layout will be setup and hopefully operational before and after the meeting for operations and train watching. A work crew will be needed on Saturday July 16 for setup starting at 3pm, and on Sunday July 17 for tear down.

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Super's Notes for July 2011

Program Notes
Allen shared some of the little tips and techniques that he has learned over the years. I think everyone must have learned a new tip or technique at the meeting.. One I liked was using bamboo skewers stuck in a board to hold truck side frames while painting them. I went home, grabbed a handful of skewers and headed to the workshop to look for a board I could use to mount them. Fortunately, I took along a side frame to check for spacing. That's when I discovered that my skewers are too skinny. So now I have to look for some "fat" skewers. Anyway his method is a lot more efficient that the way I have been doing it.

The turnout for the June contest was great. We had seven entries in the steam engine category and at least nine photos. There were examples of some really nice modeling and some neat photos.

There were a variety of items for show and tell, so keep bringing in anything you would like to share with the rest of us.

Annual Bus Tour
Our program chair, Mike Mereness, has set up another August bus tour. We traditionally don't have a meeting in August, but take to the road to tour layouts in the nearby divisions. Last year we were in Columbus visiting Division 6 layouts. This year we are returning to the Cincinnati area to visit some division 7 layouts. It's been about three years since we last visited Division 7 and if past experience holds true this will be another great tour. The tour is scheduled for August 20th and we will be leaving early in the morning from a place to be designated. The cost is $25 and includes the bus, a lunch and all the water you can drink on the bus. Space is limited so don't hesitate if you want to participate. About half of the seats were filled at the June meeting so get your money in by the July meeting and as far as I can remember all have been sellouts.. If you won't be at the meeting you can send your check to me. My address is in the directory at the back of the Call Board.

July Meeting
The July meeting will feature something we haven't done before (as far as I know). We will have the Dalmatian Switching District up and operating. J. Hedge will talk about the history of the layout and demonstrate its use. We need some more volunteers to help with the remaining construction, maintenance and operation. This promises to be a terrific and unique division asset if we can find the necessary support. Come out and give it a spin. The promised clinic by Bob Fink has been rescheduled for September.

2013 Convention
The convention committee has it's kick off meeting a couple of weeks ago and Ray is still looking for volunteers to help out with a few key positions. Give Ray a call if you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help out.

Open House
Mike has arranged for an open house after the July meeting. This is a two for one opportunity. Denny LaMusga will have both the Garden Northern G-gauge layout open as well as the Great Northern, Dakota Lowlands Division in N scale for your viewing pleasure. He also has a few other neat non rail toys you may find interesting. You won't want to miss this one.

Contests

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".

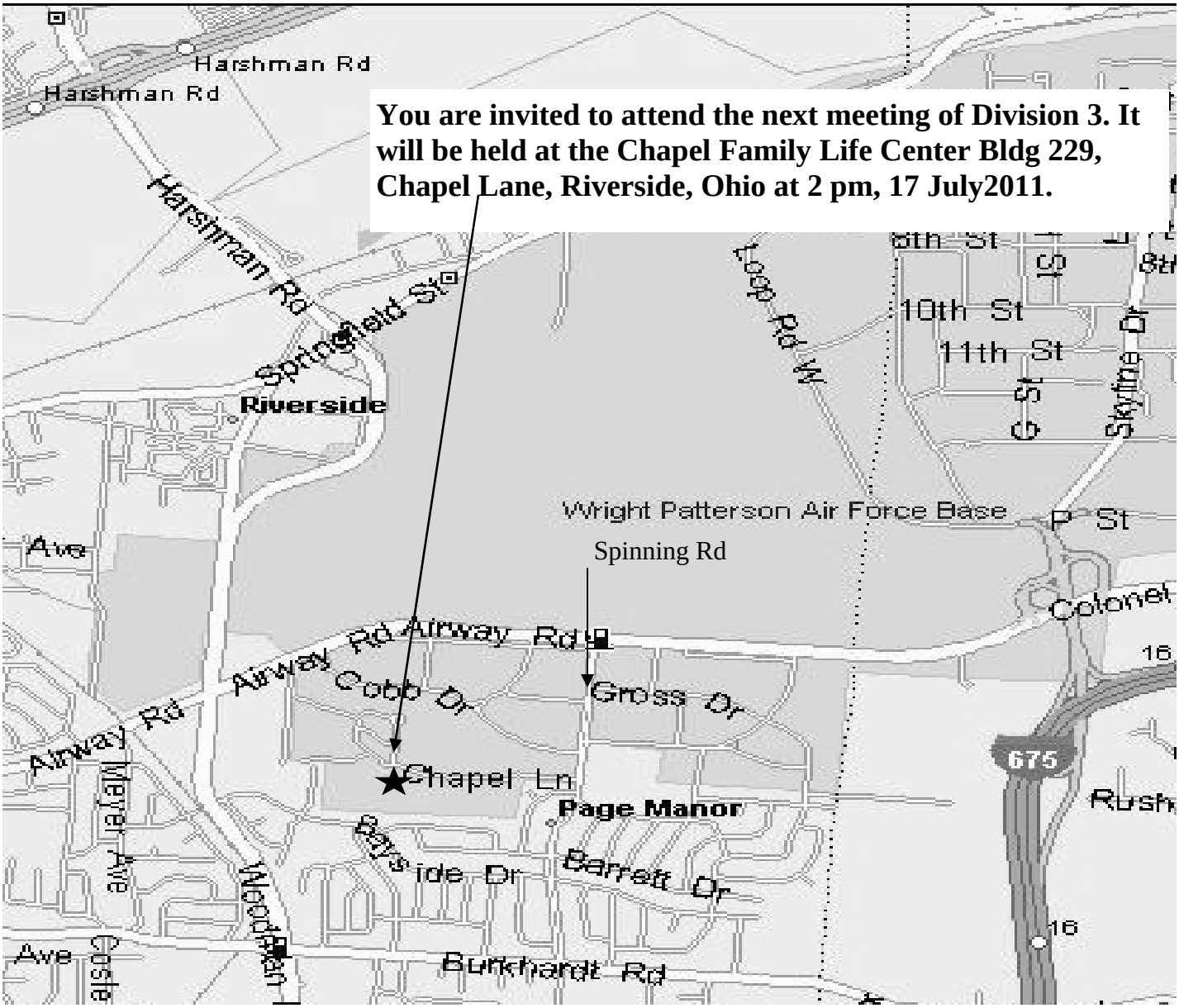
The coming contest schedule ...

July - Non-Revenue Cars
August - No Contest
September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)
October - Caboose
November - Weathering
- December - Structure
- January - Open Loads
- February - No Contest
- March - Freight Cars
- April - Passenger Cars
- May - Diesel Locomotives

June - Steam Locomotives

June Steam Locomotives				
	Kit	Kit Bashed	Scratchbuilt	Photo
First	John Santel	Bob Fink		Ric Zimmerman
Second	Ric Zimmerman	Terry McTaggart		Ric Zimmerman John Nowicki
Third				John Nowicki J. Hedge

2010 - 2011 Standings					
	KIT	KIT BASHED	SCRATCH BUILT	PHOTO	OVERALL
First	Jim Foster Norm Courtney Ron Schmidt Rick Lach John Santel	Ric Zimmerman	Bob Fink	John Nowicki	Bob Fink
Second		Terry McTaggart Bob Fink	Jim Foster Wil Davis	Nate Adams Ric Zimmerman	Wil Davis
Third		Wil Davis Brent Johnson		J. Hedge	Jim Foster Ric Zimmerman



Contest Entry Information Form

The June contest introduced the new Contest Information Form. This form is intended to provide more information about the contest entries. The form is entirely optional. A copy is included in this issue so that you can fill it out before the meeting. If you have more than 1 entry or do not want to fill it out ahead of time, forms will be available at the meeting. Any comments or suggestions can be given to Superintendent Wil Davis or contest Chairman Tom Sorauf.

Thanks to Dalmatian Loading Crew

On June 4, Wil Davis, Nick Folger, Rick Lach, Tom Mroczka and Peter Guise loaded the Dalmatian Switching District into its trailer for the trip from EnterTrainment Junction. After the work was done the crew retired to the nearby Arby's for discussions on the future of the "Dog." The layout has been offered to Division 3 if it can come up with a plan on its' use. More information can be had at the July meeting or by contacting J. Hedge or Wil Davis.

Setup crew required on Saturday 16 July at 3pm. All Welcome

NMRA MIDCENTRAL DIVISION 3 CONTESTS

Please Print **Information Sheet for Models** ID:_____

For each category of the Contest below, please provide information about your modeling efforts as it relates to that category and you model. This is an opportunity to explain and expand on your model. Tell us what you have done.

CATEGORY TYPE: ***Please check one.***

O Scratch-Built O Kit-Bashed O Craftsman Kit O Standard Kit

CONSTRUCTION: ***Please check all that apply.***

O Wood O Plastic O Combination of different materials

O Drew own plans O Used plans O Cut & fit materials O Made molds

Please list any additional information that you would like us to know about constructing this model.

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Please check all that apply.

O Added extra details O Made own details O Over three extra details added

O Changed trucks/wheels O Changed couplers

Please list any additional information that we should know about what you did to detail this model.

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FINISH AND LETTERING: ***Please check all that apply.***

O Weathered O Non-weathered O Spray painted O Brush painted

O Put on decals O Photo reduction O Photo etching

Please list any additional information that we should know about what you did to enhance the finish and lettering of this model.

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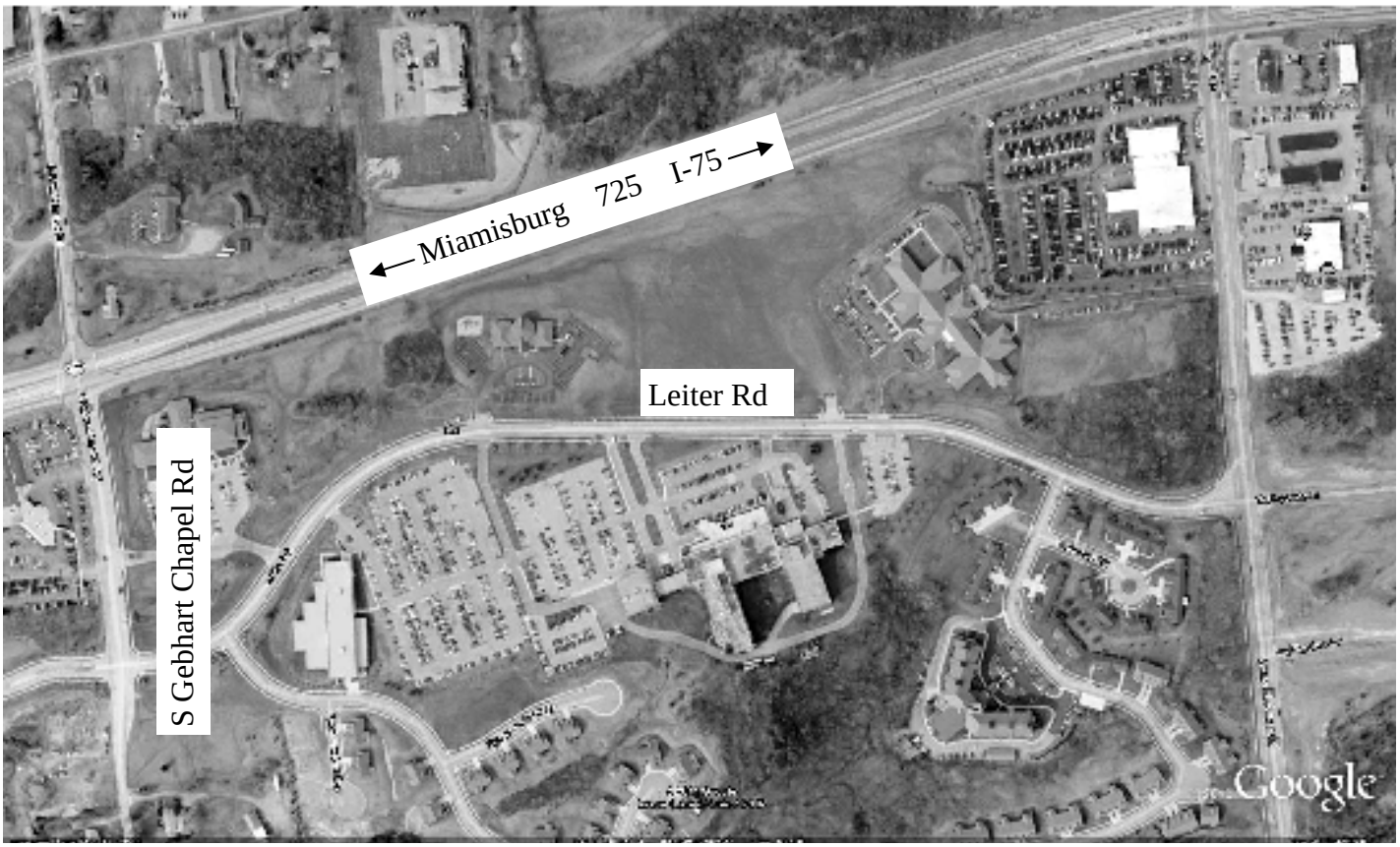
Bus tour tickets will be available at the July meeting. The Bus will load at the west end of the Sycamore Hospital parking lot in Miamisburg. Loading will start at 7:30 am with a scheduled departure of 8:00 am.