

# Call Board

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## This Month's Program ...

### Small Towns and Railroads

**Bob Fink, MMR** will reprise his clinic from the 2011 MCR Convention. "The Railroads grew up to serve the towns and many small towns came about because of the railroads. We'll look at the historical links between the two and see the elements that linked the small town to the railroad. The emphasis is on how you can fit towns into an operating scheme for the design of a realistic model railroad."

The meeting will be held at the Chapel 3 Family Life Center on Sunday, September 18, 2011 at 2 PM. Contest will be Make It Cheap (\$1 - \$3 - \$5).



### Division 3 Website: [www.modelraildayton.com](http://www.modelraildayton.com)

The SWOOPS weekend (September 30-October 2) will be an opportunity to operate some of the finest model railroads in the Cincinnati, Dayton, and Springfield Ohio area. The event is in conjunction with the Cincinnati Division 7 of the NMRA's Mid-Central Region and OpSIG. Organizers are Division 7 members, while layout owners are both Division 7 members and Division 3 members.

SWOOPS 2011 has a wonderful collections of layouts. There are large and small layouts in a variety of scales, gauges and operating schemes. The scales include O, HO and N, and there are standard and narrow gauge, main line and short line and industrial pikes. Many of these layouts have achieved a high level of completion, and excellent craftsmanship is on display. Operating schemes include CTC, Timetable and Train Order, Track Warrants, with car movement schemes including car cards, JMRI switch lists and others. If you haven't previously been to an operations weekend, this is an excellent way to start -- anyone should be able to find a layout worth operating!

Please check out our web site at <http://swoops2011.wordpress.com/> .. We are looking forward to seeing you at SWOOPS 2013.

# Super's Notes for September 2011

## **Annual Bus Tour**

Once again Mike put together a tour of six layouts in all states of completion, but all had features that we could gain ideas from. These ranged from use of pickup truck cap tape for roadbed, low wattage compact florescent lights for valance lighting; to blue foam used for the sub base which is easily carved to allow for terrain features. Although thick pieces have enough strength it can be noisy by itself so it needs to be supported by a modest layer of plywood. One common thread among three or four of them was some really fantastic backdrops. These were all painted by John Listerman. They were nearly photographic in quality and exhibited excellent depth that carried the scenery into the backdrop. One other back drop painted by Dan Hadley was undertaken before he started the bench work. Dan had no formal painting experience, but certainly has a good eye. He worked from photos he had taken of the area he was modeling and the task took nine months.

I talked to Mike on the bus and he promises to have another outstanding tour in the works for next year. I won't go into any details at the present, but I can assure it's another one you won't want to miss.

I carried on Bob's tradition of a quiz on some aspect of prototype railroads. John Smith took first place with eight out of ten correct answers and Gordon Carlson and Nick Folger tied for second with seven correct answers. Congratulations to the winners and you may collect your prizes at the September meeting.

## **Dalmatian**

We had the Dalmatian Switching District up and operating at the July meeting. J. Hedge talked about the history and philosophy of the layout and many of us got to operate trains over the portion that is operable. We had a lot of interest and some people expressed a desire to work with the layout. The Dalmatian Switching District has a lot of potential and I would like to see the division acquire and operate it. However, we still need someone who is willing to take the lead in managing this asset. Please contact me or J Hedge if you are interested as we will have to make a decision soon.

## **2013 Convention**

The convention committee has couple of meetings so far and things will really start to pick up in the coming months. 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.

Wil Davis

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## **Audio/Visual Volunteers Needed -**

We need several volunteers to be able to take photos at the various division events. Folks will called on an "As Needed" basis depending on availability and particular skill. Requirements for still photos is a digital camera; for video the skills and equipment required to take digital videos. Interested people should contact Eric "Ric" Zimmerman (ezrails@att.net) with their name, e-mail address and phone number.

Ric Zimmerman

## 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 ...

#### **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
- July - Non-Revenue Cars
- August - No Contest

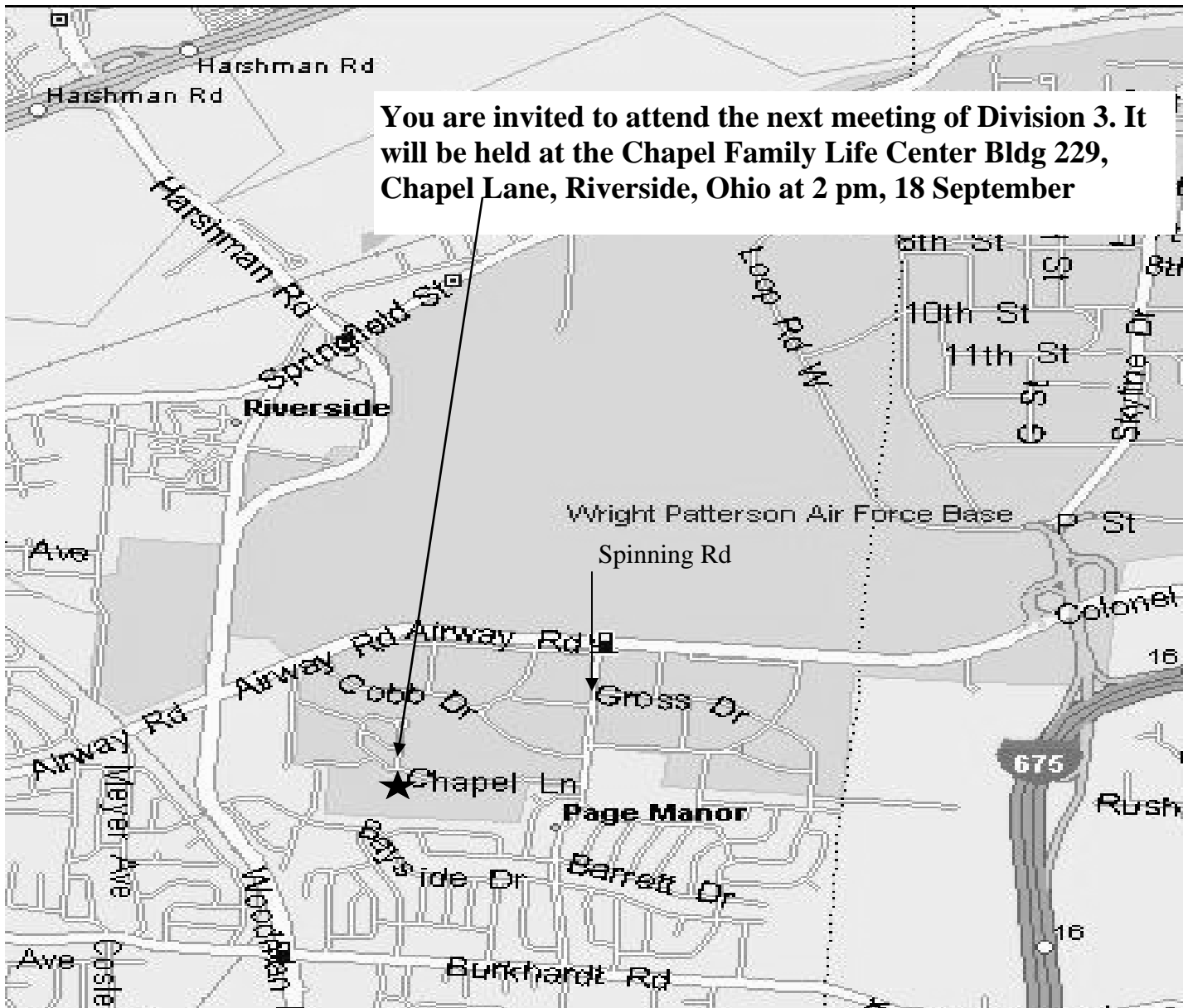
July Non Revenue				
	Kit	Kit Bashed	Scratchbuilt	Photo
First	Gordon Carlson	Ric Zimmerman	Bob Fink	John Nowicki
Second		Wil Davis		Ric Zimmerman Wil Davis
Third		Larry Miller		Ric Zimmerman John Nowicki

Hello Model Railroaders,

I am the Layout Tour Chairperson for this year’s Division 3, Mid-Central Region, NMRA Train Show under the leadership of Nick Folger, the Train Show Chairman. The 2011 Train Show is November 5-6, 2011, and it will be here before you know it. One of our traditions is to offer the public the opportunity to tour layouts of area model railroaders during the week after the train show, November 7-13, (Monday – Sunday).

I am looking for volunteers to feature their layout in the 2011 Layout Tours. Let me know if you are willing to participate and I will collect the information on dates, times, locations, directions, etc. for the brochure that will be available at the train show. Even if you are not able to participate this year please let me know so I don’t keep trying to contact you. I can be reached evenings and weekends on my home phone (937-429-4265) or anytime by email (tmrocza@woh.rr.com). We will need to finalize information for our 2011 Lay-out Tours Guide by the mid-September – sooner is better.

Thanks for your consideration and hope to see you at the Train Show,  
Tom Mrocza



**2011 Annual Division 3 Layout Tour by Bus 8/20/11**

**Stop# 1 Ed Bligh, Pennsylvania RR**

**Stop # 2 Dan Hadley, Sierra Northers RR - Modern Day logging**

**Stop # 3 Gerry Albers, Virginian RR, and V&O connection**

**Stop # 4 Lunch Pickup, McAllisters Deli**

**Stop # 5 Jim Hodde , C & O RR**

**Stop# 6 O Gauge Club B&O RR, Harmony Hall**

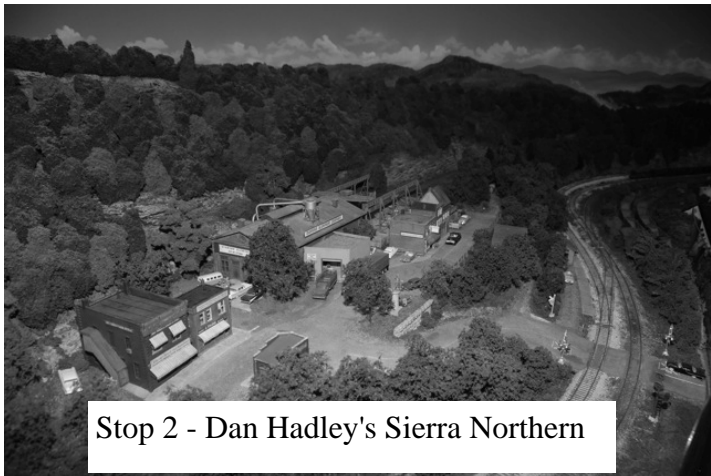
**Stop # 7 Perry Simpson, L &N RR**



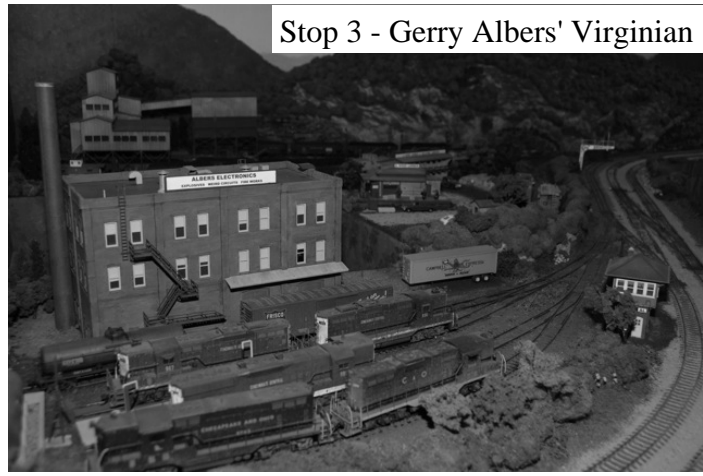
2011 Bus tour group



Stop 1 - Ed Bligh's PRR

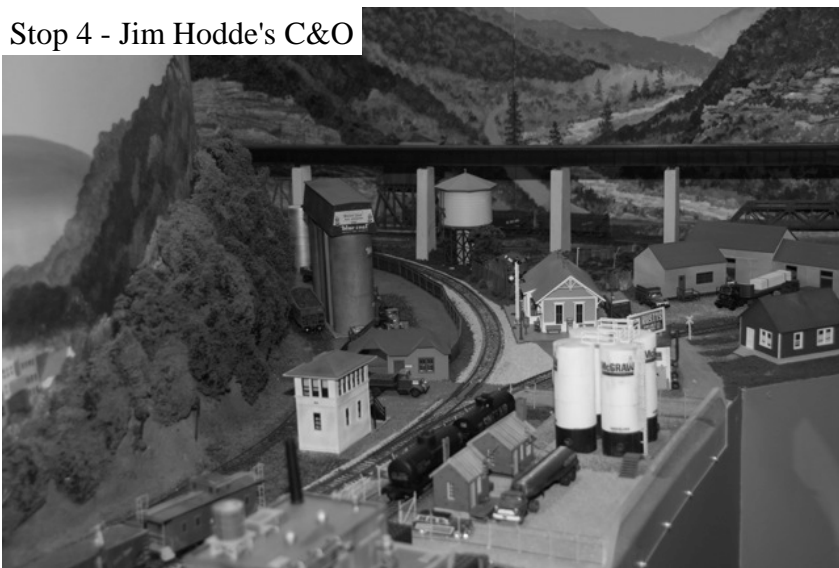


Stop 2 - Dan Hadley's Sierra Northern

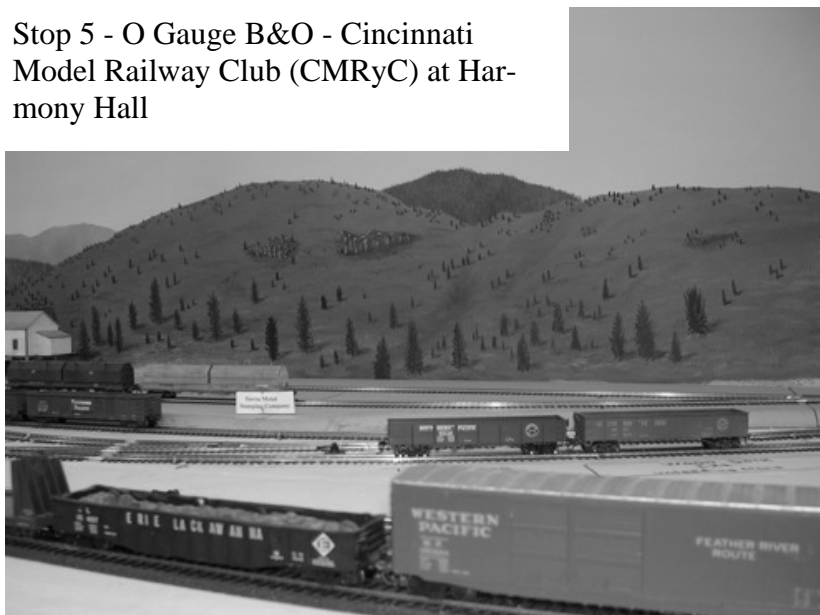


Stop 3 - Gerry Albers' Virginian

Stop 4 - Jim Hodde's C&O



Stop 5 - O Gauge B&O - Cincinnati Model Railway Club (CMRyC) at Harmony Hall



Stop 6 - Perry Simpson's L&N RR

