Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

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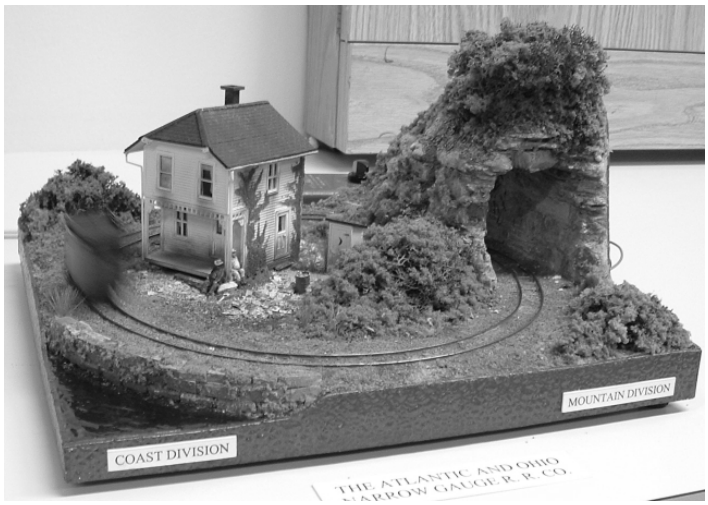

2012 Elections

Before we can have an election we need candidates. The 3 positions to be filled are: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk. The incumbents are all eligible for reelection but we would like to have more candidates. David Holl is chairman of the Nominating Committee and can be contacted at leaningtrees@hotmail.com. We also need an election teller to receive and count the ballots.

Model Railroad TRAINing Day
or What to do with the trains after the Christmas tree is gone.

On Saturday 3 March 2012 Division 3 will be hosting a day of model railroading. The FREE day will feature the Dalmatian Switching District and How-To demonstrations. Operation Lifesaver has already agreed to attend. We need demonstrators for all aspects of model railroading from layout design through construction to operations. If you gave a demonstration at the November show we would like to have you at the March event.

We would like to have a coordinator to contact demonstrators and help with ideas for advertising. The venue will be the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights. The church will take care of food service. If you would be willing to help in any capacity please contact J. Hedge or Wil Davis.

There will be no vendors or selling permitted.

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

Super's Notes for January 2012

Meeting Notes

Attendance at the December meeting was lower than our normal average, but I guess folks were busy getting ready for Christmas. We voted to approve the latest special car project which is a single sheathed box car with steel ends and doors lettered for the V&O. Allen has graciously consented to develop the art work for us and let us use the V&O name again. This is a steam era car that has been rebuilt and should span the period from the late 30s to the 60's or later so it should have wide appeal. This is the first time for a V&O special car of this type.

There was another good turnout for the contest with about eight or nine entries with at least one in every category and over half were scratch built. Once again we had an N-scale entry. I am pleased to see the participation by our N-scale modelers, but surely we have more than one N scale modeler in the division.

Rick Lach has received the new Division coffee mugs and they are available for $5.50. There is a limited supply so be sure and get yours before they are all gone. He is also taking orders for shirts, both the short sleeve golf shirts as well as sweat shirts which are more appropriate for the season.

Show and tell started out with a good response when we started it awhile back. We had some really useful tips shared with the membership. However, it's been a little thin the last couple of months. I have moved it up in the agenda so people can take a closer look and ask the presenter questions during the break. Let's share those tips, techniques, neat finds, new tool, or whatever you have.

Model TRAINing Day

As you may already know the division is sponsoring a Model Railroad TRAINing Day on March 3. That's only a couple of months away and we need folks to present basic topics on modeling that beginners can relate to. In addition to people who can do presentations we need folks who can help out with administrative functions and assist those who are doing presentations. If you are interested in helping out contact J. Hedge or myself. This is a great opportunity to get involved in the division and to introduce new people to the joys of model railroading. Many years ago I used to do 30 to 45 minute seminars on a variety of basic model railroading subjects and usually drew a small crowd who were eager to learn the basics.

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New Company Storekeeper

After many years as Company Storekeeper, Brian Petroziello has decided to retire. The new Storekeeper is Paul Jenkins. A new position description is being written and will be published soon. If you have any suggestions for items to be stocked please contact Paul. We only have several thousand Car Cards in stock so get yours now.

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 ...

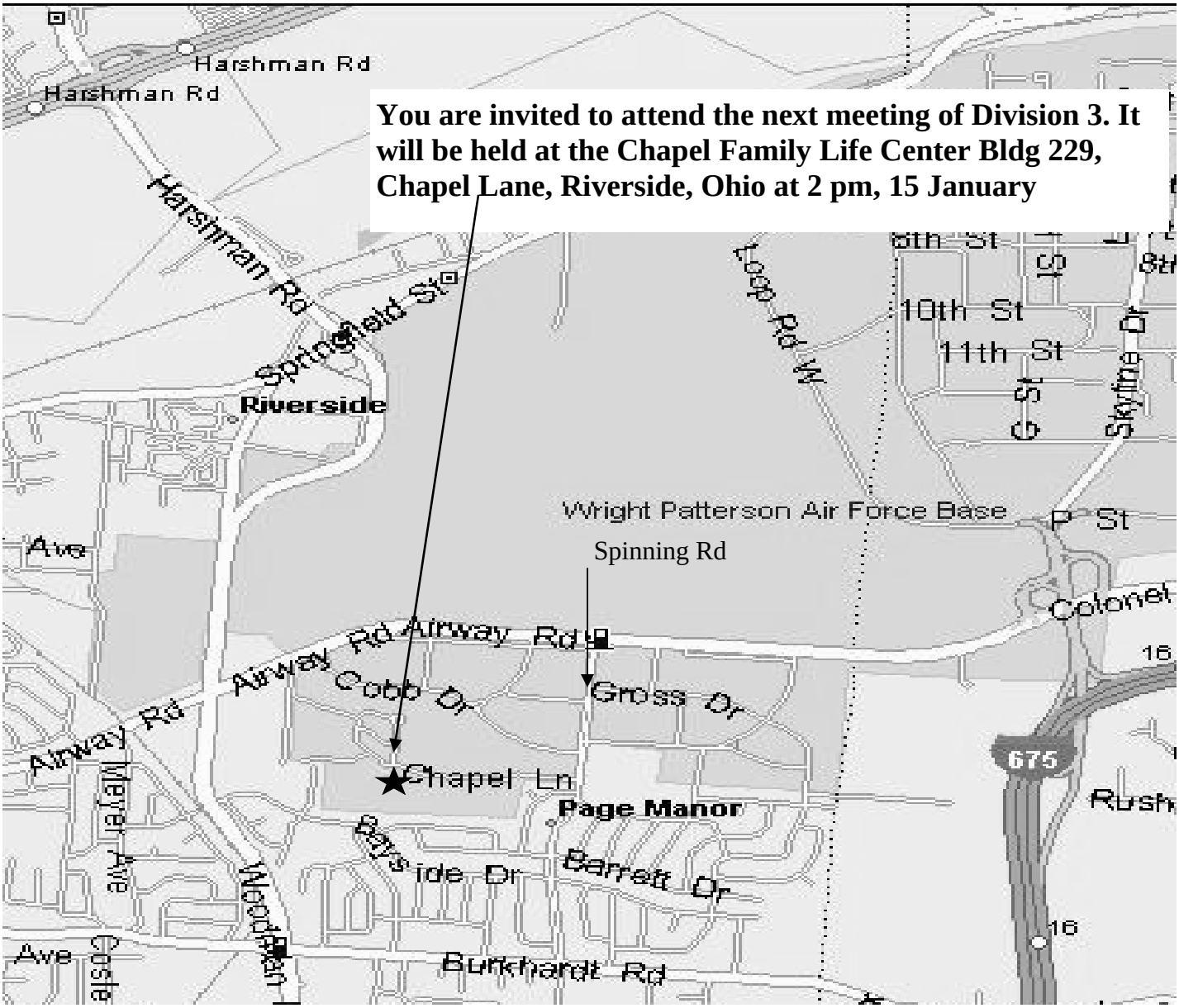
January - Open Loads

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

December - Structures				
	Kit	Kit Bashed	Scratchbuilt	Photo
First	Andy Slyh	Ric Zimmerman	Terry McTaggart	Ric Zimmerman
Second		Andy Slyh	Bob Fink	Ric Zimmerman
Third		Mark Stiver	Jack Honeycutt	Ric Zimmermn

First Place: Kit

First Place: Kitbashed Photos by Ric Zimmerman



First Place: Scratchbuilt

First Place: Photo

National Info

- This year **registration for Grand Rails 2012 will be handled in a new way.** Instead of the large registration package inserted into *NMRA Magazine,* the full package can be downloaded from www.gr2012.org. Those who prefer a printed piece can send their request, along with their name and address to: GR 2012 Registrar, 4165 Costa NE, Grand Rapids, MI 49525. There will also be a registration form and ad appearing in an upcoming issue of *NMRA Magazine.*
- Speaking of the convention, even though **Grand Rails 2012 has over 200 clinic slots filled, they're still looking for more**. If one of your members is interested in presenting, go to www.gr2012.org and click on the clinic application page. In addition, there's still some space left for modular layouts at the National Train Show. If some of your members would like to participate, have them visit the convention's website and click on the "Contact us" link and tell the Convention Committee what you'd like to bring.
- **Cruise Convention news**: Some of our members think the NMRA "invented" the idea of a cruise convention. The fact is, we're just catching up! Hobby and professional groups have been doing it for quite a while, so if your members are interested in seeing the great time others are having, check out these links:
    - Adobe Photoshop Cruise: http://www.insightcruises.com/top_b/pf05_top.html
    - Harley Davidson Cruise: https://www.highseasrally.com/
    - American Medical Association Cruise: http://www.continuingeducation.net/pastprograms.php
    - Scrapbooking Cruise: http://www.cruiseandcrop.com/SB_Cruise.htm
    - Genealogy Cruise: http://www.whollygenes.com/Merchant2/merchant.mvc?screen=CRUISE
- **NMRA elections are coming up soon**. The official ballot was prepared by the National Nominating Committee according to the procedures laid out in the Regulations and the Executive Handbook (available at www.nmra.org). It will appear as an insert in the center of the February issue of *NMRA Magazine*, which will be mailed to all voting members. Ballots must be returned to NMRA headquarters, "Attention Ballot Committee," and must be postmarked by April 10, 2012 and received by April 15, 2012. Here are the job titles and candidates as they appear on the ballot. The names with asterisks were nominated by petition; all others were nominated by the Nominating Committee:

- President:
  Charles W. Getz, IV, HLM
- Vice President - Administration:
  Howard Goodwin
  Clark Kooning, MMR
  Dave Thornton
- Vice President - Special Projects:
  Bill Kaufman
  James "Lump" Lupfer
- At-Large North American Director
  Mike Brestel
  Miles Hale, MMR
- Eastern District Director
  John Roberts, MMR, HLM
- Pacific District Director
  Mike Bartlett
  Kelly Loyd
  Rob Peterson

Dalmatian Switching District

Chairman Jack Honeycutt has started to schedule appearances for the "Dog". We will need Dog Roadies to do setup, operation and teardown.

Date	Show	Location	Setup
25-26 February	The Great Train Expo	Hara Arena, Dayton, OH	24 February
3 March	Model Railroad Training Day	Huber Heights, OH	2 March
17-18 March	The Great Train Expo	Ohio Expo Center, Columbus, OH	16 March
16 June	Bradford Railroad Day	Bradford, OH	15 June
23-24 June	Carillon Park Rail Festival	Carillon Park, Dayton, OH	

Our participation in the first 2 events has been confirmed. Setup will be on Friday 24 February at Hara and Friday 2 March in Huber Heights. The work is not very hard, you get into the show free and you get to spend a weekend operating trains. What more could you want. If you cannot attend the entire show, split shifts are possible.
Starting in January the Dog will be undergoing a facelift and expansion. Location and schedule are still being worked out. If you would like to sharpen your skills or learn some new ones come out and help. The Dog is a Division 3 asset and requires the support of the membership.
For more information contact Jack Honeycutt.

2013 Convention Layout Tours

David Holl is chair of open layouts for the convention. He is looking for folks to open their layouts for the convention. He is looking for layouts in all stages of completion as convention participants are eager to learn new construction methods which are not obvious after the layout is completed. David can be contacted by e-mail at leaningtrees@hotmail.com.

February Auction

Its that time of year again. Clean out your basement, sell some stuff, buy some stuff and have a good time. The annual Division Auction will take place on Sunday 19 February. If you would like to have any items listed in the February *Call Board*, please get a list to the editor by 20 January.