

Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

It's time for our **Annual Auction**. Time to root out all the stuff that's been holding up the layout and haul it to the February meeting so you can turn it into cash! Of course, it would be nice to use that cash to buy more stuff. Here's your chance to do both in the same place. So, gather up your goodies, hit the ATM and get here early. The needed forms are downloadable from the website and are also in this issue. It works best if you have your forms ready when you arrive. Bidding starts at 2 pm and continues until at least 4, if items are available. Bob Fink will be acting as auctioneer. Remember only NMRA members may participate

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... GONE



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 leaning-trees@hotmail.com.

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 February 2012

Meeting Notes

Attendance was back to normal at the January meeting and we were treated to another fascinating program by Jim Foster on small portable layouts. Jim's narrow gauge modules range from 10 x 10 inches, that's right 10 square inches, up to a 24 inch X 48 inch module. Jim builds many of the miniature railroads from odds and ends that he has on hand. The whole point is that it doesn't take a lot of space or material to build something interesting. Although Jim's feature narrow gauge there is no reason you couldn't something similar in standard gauge if that is your interest. You may not be able to do it in a 10 inch square, but you could do something with a small switcher in 18 to 20 inches without a whole lot of trouble. My point is, get out of your "armchair" and build something. If you do build something, bring it to a future meeting for "show and tell."

I am really pleased with the increased participation in our contests and every month we have first class N scale entries which are competitive with the HO scale entries. I did not get a count of this month's entries, but Jack Honeycutt brought enough N scale open loads to hold a contest with them. If you want to see pictures of the entries check out our web site or Face Book page. Thanks to Pat Taylor who stepped up and took photos while Ric Zimmerman under the weather.

Model Railroad TRAINING Day

Our first ever free to the public training in basic model railroading techniques is only about six weeks away and we still need folks to basic demonstrations and just talk to people who want to learn "what to do with the trains when the tree comes down." You don't have to be an expert on a topic, but if you have done something successfully or even if you have learned what not to do you experience can be invaluable to the beginner. Call J. and tell him you want to help out. You won't regret it.

February Meeting

It's time for our annual auction. This has been a popular feature of our division for many years. I have been a member for nearly 40 years and I don't remember when the February meeting hasn't featured the auction. For years Don Bedrowski was the auctioneer and in recent years Bob Fink has wielded the theoretical gavel as treasures and trash have traded hands. So don't be hesitant to clean out your store of things you never got around to and bring them to the meeting. Bring your money as there are sure to be some great deals.

There is an auction form in this issue of the Call Board or you can download it from the web site. It will greatly speed up things if you fill out the form in advance. We need the form so that you can get your money!

Help Needed

If you or anyone you know is experienced with Power Point and has the ability to edit video to assist with developing professional quality promotional material for the 2013 Mid Central Region Convention, please call or e-mail Pat Taylor, Chairperson of the Advertising Committee.
pat@pattaylorphoto.com
(937) 533-0897

2013 Convention Layout Tours

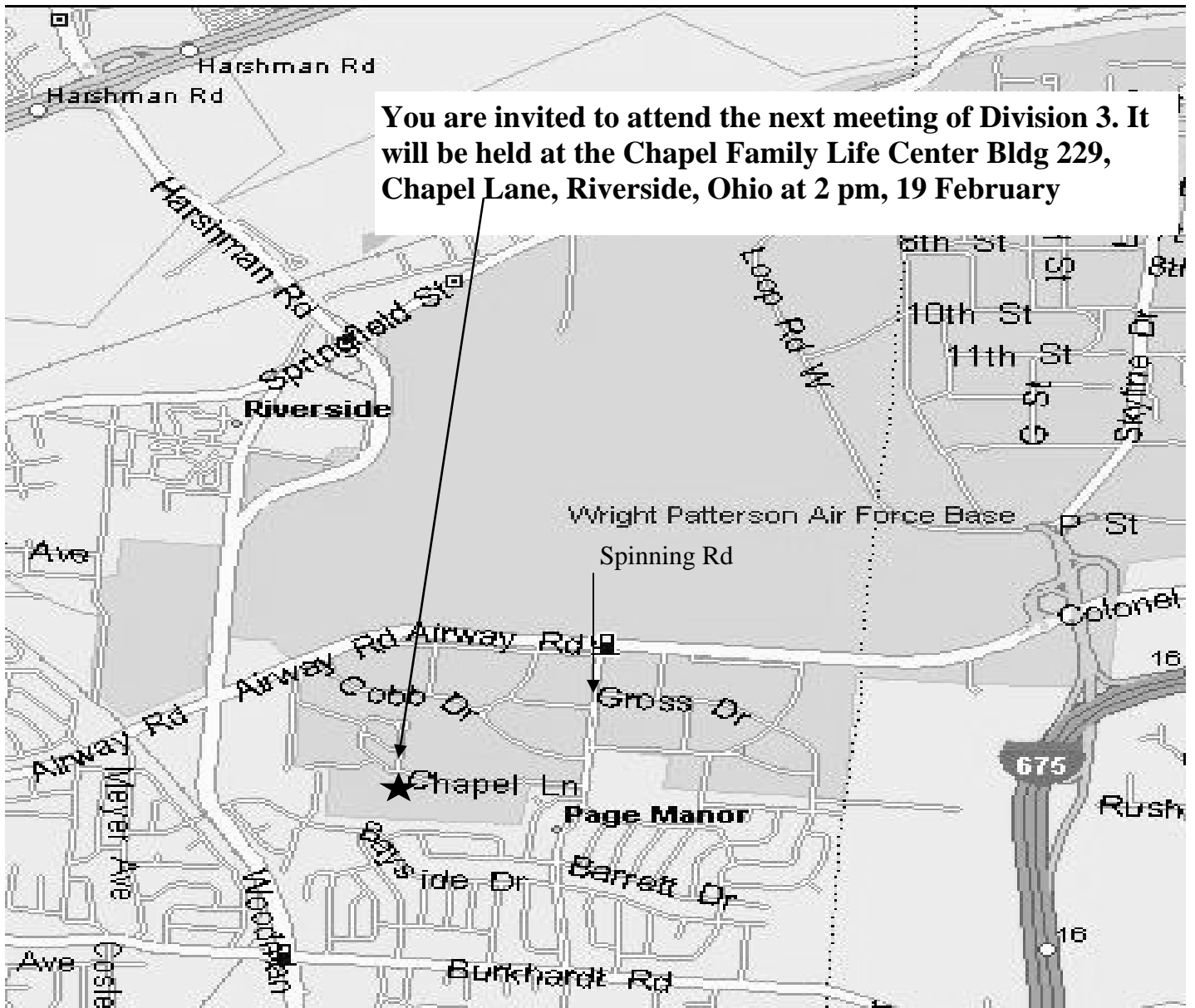
David Holl is chair of open layouts for the convention. He is looking for folks to open their layouts for the convention. He is looking for layouts in all stages of completion as convention participants are eager to learn new construction methods which are not obvious after the layout is completed. David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

Contests

The final contest of the 2011-2012 cycle was held in January. There will not be a contest in February due to the auction. Competition for the 2012-2013 cycle will kick off in March with Freight Cars. Congratulations to the winners and participants for bringing in many fine entries.

January - Open Loads				
	Kit	Kit Bashed	Scratchbuilt	Photo
First	Jack Honeycutt	Wil Davis Bok Fink	David Holl	Pat Taylor
Second	David Holl	Pat Taylor Jack Honeycutt	David Holl	Pat Taylor
Third	David Holl Jack Honeycutt	Jack Honeycutt	David Holl	

2011 - 2012 Final Standings					
	KIT	KIT BASHED	SCRATCH BUILT	PHOTO	OVERALL
First	Gordon Carlson David Holl Jack Honeycutt	Ric Zimmerman	Bob Fink	Rick Zimmerman	Bob Fink
Second	Jim Foster Bob Fink Larry Miller Ron Schmidt Ric Zimmerman Rick Lach Tom Mroczka Andy Slyh John Santel	Wil Davis	Jim Foster Ric Zimmerman	John Nowicki	Ric Zimmerman
Third		Bob Fink	Terry McTaggart Will Davis Gordon Carlson David Holl Hans Schmel- lenkamp Jack Honeycutt	J. Hedge Nate Adams Pat Taylor	Wil Davis Jack Honeycutt



National News

- The Kalmbach Library's immensely popular "**The Postwar Freight Car Fleet**" book has sold out.
- The **Grand Rails 2012 Convention still has some space left for modular layouts** at the National Train Show so if someone in your Division or Region wants to show the world what they've done, go to www.gr2012.org and click on the "Contact us" page. Have them tell the committee what they've done and the committee will get things rolling.
- More Grand Rails 2012 news: The convention has some **great things planned for non-rails**. There's a cooking demo that will make attendees think they're watching a stand-up comedian do a cooking show and great entertainment at the luncheon in one of the most beautiful ballrooms in the country. There's also a ride on a dune schooner to see the 1100 acre Saugatuck Dunes! Have non-rails go to www.gr2012.org for all the details.
- 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*.

AUCTION INSTRUCTIONS

Only Division 3 Members may participate.

1. To be eligible, seller must have auction items and completed forms on the designated tables by 2 PM.
2. Each item entered in the auction must be tagged with a code number formed by the owners initials and the item number from this sheet.
3. Items will be sold in the order that they are listed.
4. Each item that is to be sold as a separate item will be listed on a separate line and be assigned its own item number.
5. A brief but accurate description must be given. This description must include the operating condition if the item is powered or has moving parts. If any modifications have been done they should be noted if they are not readily apparent.
6. If there is a minimum acceptable selling price, it must be entered in the Reserve column.
7. At the conclusion of the auction, the sellers will collect their proceeds from the auction clerk.

General Rules

1. The "Chief Runner" will manage the rotation cycles to ensure that each seller is included in each cycle.
2. If a purchaser desires to pay by check he must ask the seller if payment by check is acceptable.
3. All transactions are between the buyer and the seller.
4. Division 3 does not guarantee the suitability or the condition of any item