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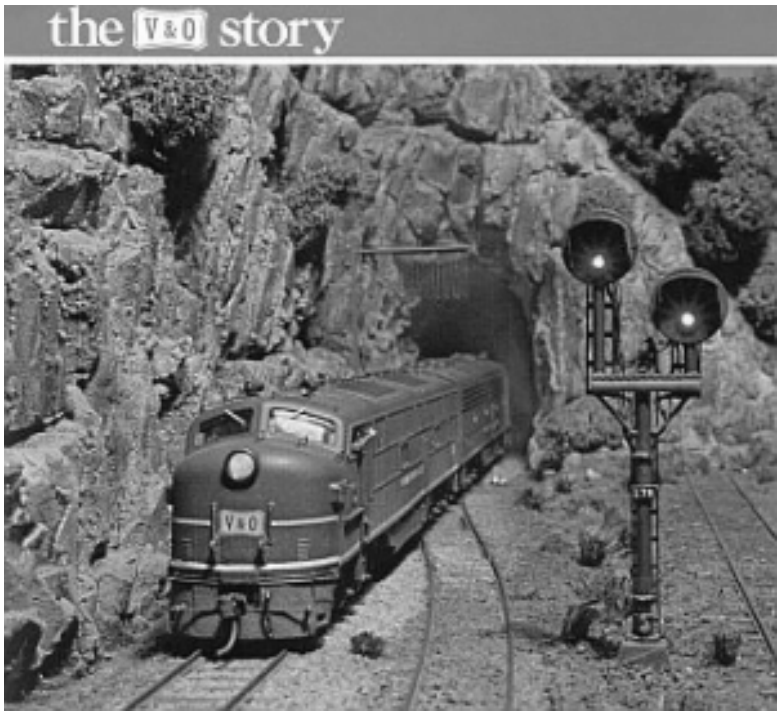
This Month's Program ...



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The meeting will be at 2pm on Sunday, September 16, 2012. The contest is "Make It Cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)".

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com
2013 MCR Convention Website: www.mcr2013convention.com

Super's Notes for September 2012

Bus Tour

.As I write this summer is racing to a close. We have another successful August bus tour behind us and Mike once again put together a first class trip. We spent more than two hours exploring Amtrak's Beech Grove repair facility. It is amazing what they can do and what they have to contend with in the variety of equipment that they have to maintain. I was amazed how rapidly the supervisor who escorted our group named the different types of trucks and what cars they went with. He also showed us trucks for the heritage cars that were cast in the 1950s and they are still in service, but they are inspected and tested at each rebuild which is usually every four years. We also visited three layouts which were all nicely done. If you didn't take the tour you missed a good one. Mike is already working on next year's trip and it should be another great one.

The Annual Train Show is Coming Soon

By the time we meet in September we will only be about six weeks from our annual November train show. The dealer tables were sold out months ago and Nick promises another great show. Nick is looking for an understudy to take over the management of the show as he has been doing it for several years and it is time for someone else to have the pleasure of managing the show. Nick has everything well organized so a lot of it is just a matter of following what he has set up. Nick will work with you the first year so that you will not be left on your own. If you are interested in taking over this important role let Nick or me know. Nick can also use help with this year's show in carrying out the mundane tasks that make for a successful show. So please let Nick know if you are available to work a few hours at the show. Let's over whelm him with support.

2013 MCR Convention

Planning is well under way for next spring's convention, but there is still a lot of work to be done and there will be more help required when the convention gets under way. Most of the major committee positions are filled, but Ray can always use more help, so don't be afraid to step up and help out. Give Nick a call and offer your support, I assure you he will be pleased!

Free Is Good?

I think most of us think free stuff that we can use is good. I don't like to use this space to promote commercial enterprises, but since this one is free I thought I would give it a plug. Have you seen Model Railroad Hobbist Magazine? It is a free, online only, magazine that is published monthly. It looks like a traditional magazine, but it is totally digital. If you are not a computer user it is not for you. There are some things I like and others not so much. I like the fact that it is interactive in that if you see an article on the cover that interests you, just click on it and you are taken directly to that article. The same is true for the table of contents. You can download the magazine or read it on the web. You can save back issues to your computer and they are also available on the web back to issue No. 1. You can print the pages that interest you for use at the

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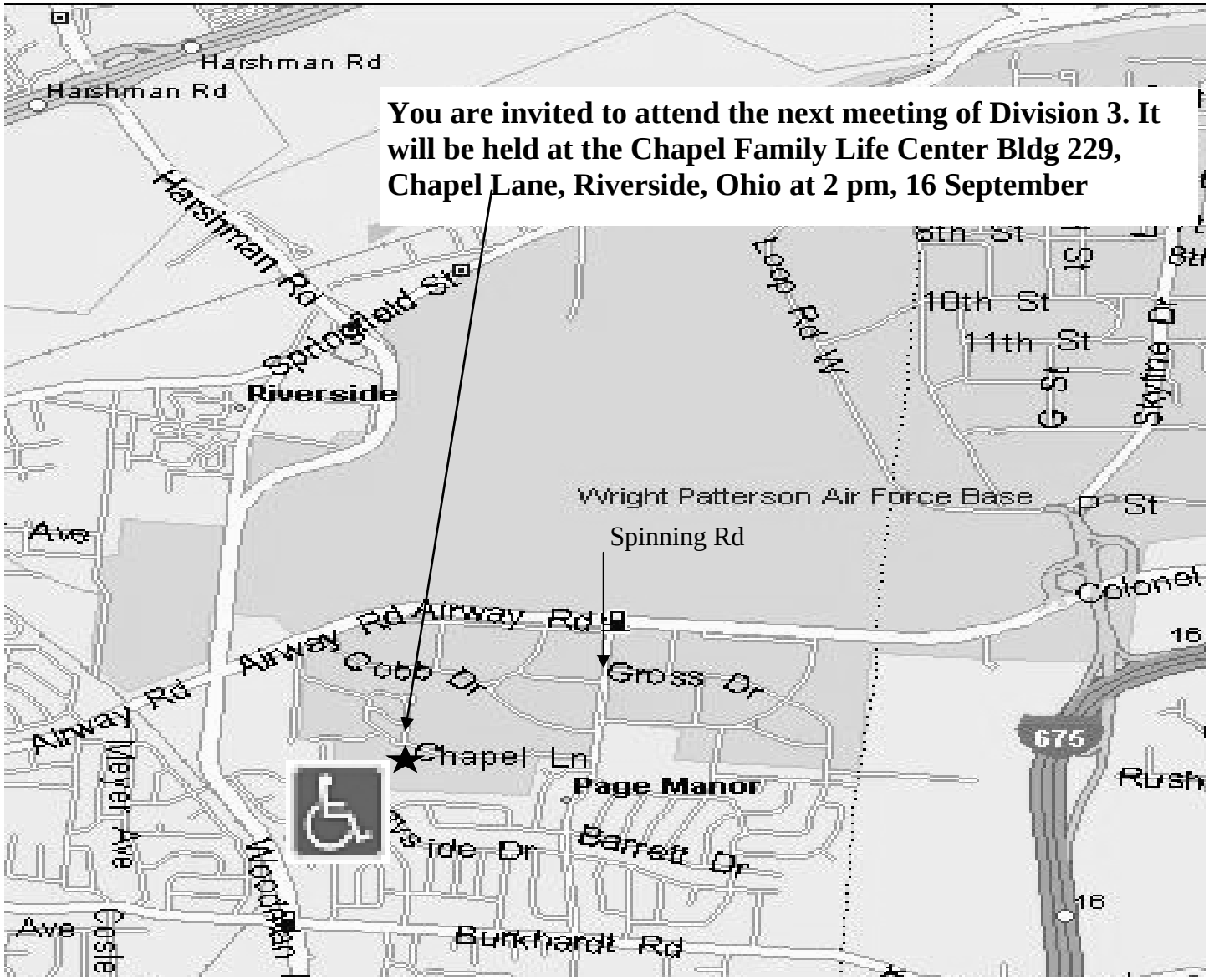

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workbench and you can easily search for articles of interest. The biggest drawback for me is the fact that I have to sit at the computer to read it. However, I guess we will see more of that in the future an most of the model magazines I get are now offering digital versions for an added cost. If you are interested pay a visit to http://model-railroad-hobbyist.com/

September Meeting

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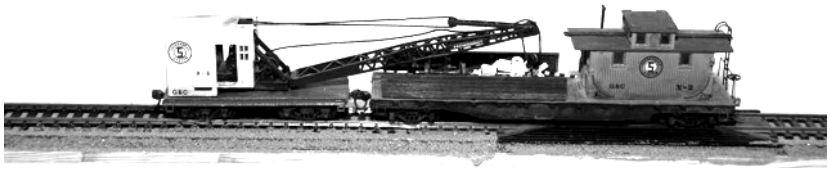
Contests

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 Cars				
	Kit	Kit Bashed	Scratchbuilt	Photo
First	Gordon Carlson	Terry McTaggart		
Second	Wil Davis			
Third				



First Place Gordon Carlson

First Place Terry McTaggart

Second Place Wil Davis

National News

Charlie Getz became the new NMRA President as Mike Brestel passed the reins to him at the Annual business meeting in Grand Rapids. Charlie has stated that his first order of business is to simplify the organizational structure of the NMRA.

Pacific Director Michael Bartlett (Australia) and Canada Director Fred Headon became members of the Board in Grand Rapids. Michael replaces Peter Jensen; Fred replaces Clark Kooning, who took over for Don Hillman after he retired for health reasons.

Charlie appointed Western Director Jack Hamilton to head up the new **Strategic Planning Committee**, which will prepare a plan to help guide the NMRA into the future. He'll be making a preliminary report at the winter Board meeting.

The Sacramento 21st Century Limited National Convention host group presented the Board of Directors with **a check for $7,500**, to be donated to the Diamond Club. The Diamond Club funds are being used for the scanning and posting of archival photographs and artwork currently housed in the NMRA's Kalmbach Memorial Library.

Charlie Getz updated the Board on the state of the "Magic of Scale Model Railroading" exhibit, to be housed at the California State Railroad Museum (CSRM). An anonymous donor has pledged **$250,000 in matching funds**, and as of late July donations of at least $160,000 were still needed to achieve the match. The funds must be received by the end of this year. Development of the exhibit is estimated to cost between $500,000 and $750,000. The "Magic of Scale Model Railroading" exhibit will be seen by approximately 600,000 visitors to CSRM annually.

The Marketing Department team of Page Martin, Garrett Ewald, and Barrett Johnson were named at the convention. Each of these individuals has professional marketing experience, and is tasked with developing advertising and promotions aimed at retaining existing members, re-enlisting lapsed members, and attracting new ones.

Ben Sevier of the Pacific Southwest Region has accepted the position of **Information Technology Director** for the NMRA.

If you have any questions or comments about any of the above, please send them directly to a Director or Officer. You'll find those addresses at www.nmra.org or in NMRA Magazine.

-Gerry Leone, MMR
NMRA Communications Director

New Operating Group Forming

The Dalmatian Switching District is looking for operators. No experience required. The layout would be available for two weeknights and a weekday. The times would be 7pm to 10pm and 9am to 4pm operators would not be expected to stay for the entire time. The location would be the Brandt United Methodist Church and is handicap accessible. The church is located on US 40 one block west of SR 201, approximately 3 miles north of I70 exit 38 in Huber Heights. There would be no cost to operate but donations would be accepted to cover the cost of refreshments.

The layout would be run continuously during open hours with a minimum of 6 people required. The dates for operation would be determined by the group wishing to operate. We are hoping to make this a monthly event. Membership in the NMRA would not be required. If you would like more information please contact J. Hedge at hedgejn@hotmail.com.

Skagway, Alaska 8/8/2011
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Extreme Weathering Leipsic, Ohio 8/02/2012 J. Hedge