

Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

The October meeting topic is "Kitbashing MDC-Roundhouse Overton Passenger Cars," by Phil Gliebe. Phil's description follows: "An article in an old issue of Model Railroader magazine by Al Turner ("Lengthening Model Die Casting's HO scale Overton Passenger Cars," MR Oct. 1980, p.100) provided the inspiration for this clinic. One of my very first kit-bash projects was to duplicate Al Turner's kit-bash, and it subsequently spawned ideas for several more kit-bashes using the same MDC kits. The basic MDC Overton car is a wood-sided car with a clerestory roof, has queen post and truss rod undercarriage, and is a reasonably nicely detailed design that is adaptable to many other applications. All the versions (baggage, combine, coach and observation) have the same structure, so parts of these kits are interchangeable. During the course of playing around with some of these kits, I discovered that the MDC-Roundhouse "Old Timer Caboose" kits have parts in common as well, including the floor/undercarriage, and the body size. This suggests all kinds of kit-bashing opportunities. Unique models of a bobber caboose, a narrow gauge combine, a branch line rail bus, a transfer caboose, a CB&Q drover's caboose, and a rail bus passenger trailer were built using these kit components as building blocks. This clinic describes how I built these models, and will hopefully inspire others to try their own kit bash projects."



Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

2013 MCR Convention Website: www.mcr2013convention.com

Super's Notes for October 2012

Meeting Notes

We had a great turnout for the September meeting, about 20% over our normal attendance. We had guests from Div 7 and Div 3 and they are always welcome. Of course the reason for the attendance was Allen McClelland's excellent presentation on "V&O Trend Setting, 50 Years of Innovation." It was interesting to see how the V&O developed and evolved over the last 50 years. It's hard to believe it has been that long! We also had several members attend a meeting for the first time and one old member who promised to rejoin. I enjoyed meeting and talking to all of them and hope to see them at future meetings. That is why I ask folks to stand up and introduce themselves, so us "old timers" can talk to them at the break and welcome them.

The business portion of the meeting lasted longer than I like, but we had a number of things to cover since we hadn't met in a couple of months. One big decision was to spend the money to acquire next year's convention car which will be a special V&O car. More details will be available in the future, but they should be available the month before the convention.

Train Show Update

Nick gave us an update on the train show and is still looking for people to help, especially on Sunday after the show closes to help the dealers load out. If you haven't signed up yet give Nick a call. Also he announced that next year is his last year to head the show and he is looking for someone who can work with him next year who can take over the following year. Nick has organized the show and committee to the extent it should be able to relatively easy to pick up the reins.

2012 MCR Convention

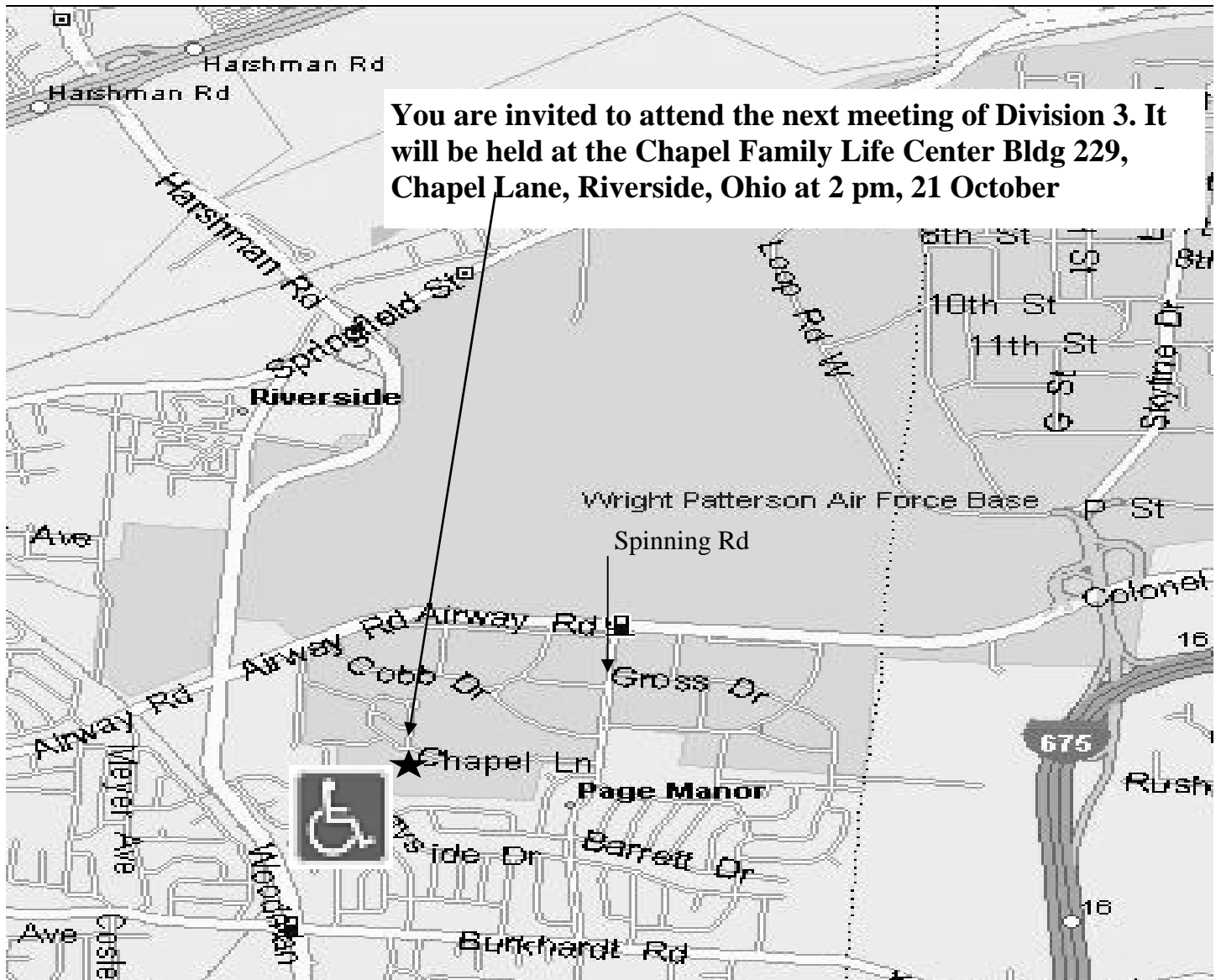
Ray brought us up to date on the convention planning and he is looking for someone to help out with the layout tours. If you would like to help with this or any other part of the convention, let Ray know. We need to host another outstanding convention as we have done in the past.

Model Railroad TRAINing

As you may recall we held an event called "Model Railroad TRAINing" last March. In spite of it being a somewhat spur of the moment event with minimal planning and publicity, I think it was quite successful and the BOG decided at our September meeting to do it again. This year's date is January 26th at the same location, Sulphur Grove UMC, in Huber Heights. We plan to promote the event at our train show and offer to show beginners what they can do with their basic train set. We need division members who can support this event by covering a topic that will be of help to a beginner and answer their questions. The Dalmatian will be set up for folks to operate and will need folks to help out with set up and operations. Next month I will have a list of topics and will be looking for folks to sign up to help out. I am also looking for someone to chair this event so if you are interested let me know. The more folks we have the better, as with the added publicity this year we expect a larger crowd.

MCR Board Meeting

On the Sunday after our meeting Tom Mroczka and I traveled to Columbus to attend the semi-annual meeting of the MCR BOG. I am a member by virtue of my position and Tom went along for the ride. We discussed a variety of mundane topics. Each division Super reported on his division's activities and plans for the coming six months. The nominating committee presented a slate of officers for the division election coming up this winter. Full details will be in the January King Pin along with a ballot. The only other item of general interest is Division 10 in Lexington put in a bid for the 2015 MCR convention and it was accepted. Although nothing is firm about the convention plans they have some interesting things they are pursuing.



2012 Dayton Train Show

Nick Folger

The 2012 Dayton Train Show is coming up fast, November (2), 3, & 4, 2012. At this time, we have 400 tables sold to vendors and about 30 exhibits. As usual, we will need help getting everyone unloaded and in their proper places on Friday and Saturday. Friday work times are from 1:00 to 9:00 pm. We will be serving pizza at about 6:00 pm to all vendors, exhibitors, and workers still there for load-in. Saturday load-in will be from 7:00 to 10:00 am and the show opens at 11:00 am.

We will also need your help all day Saturday from 11:00 am until 5:00 pm and Sunday from 11:00 am until 4:00 pm at which the show ends. We will still need some to stay around until 6:00 - 7:00 pm helping with load-out of the vendors & exhibitors.

I will have a sign-up sheet at the October meeting so I know who will be there and when. See you at the meeting and at the show!

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 ...

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
 September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)

September - Results

Three Dollar

First Terry McTaggart Second Bob Fink

Five Dollar

First Harry Sage

National News

- After several years of work by incoming NMRA Secretary John Stevens, all U.S. **Region boundaries are now defined by state and county boundaries**, rather than zip codes. This will help keep boundaries stable as the U.S. Post Office continues to redefine its zip code areas.
- Michiana Division co-founder Jim Six, a college professor and experienced education expert, has agreed to lead a team charged with **developing a standardized clinic format** that will help ensure consistency and uniformity for clinics being made available to Divisions and Regions. The format will be based upon the one currently in use in the Michiana Division of the Midwest Region.
- Following the recommendation of Standards & Conformance Department head Didrik Voss, MMR, the Board directed that **all eight DCC-related Recommended Practices now become NMRA Standards**. Further, in the future the issuance of a Conformance Warrant is not to be influenced by Recommended Practices but will be based solely on adherence to applicable NMRA Standards.
- President Charlie Getz appointed outgoing president **Mike Brestel to replace Larry DeYoung**, who retired as publisher of *NMRA Magazine*. Charlie also announced that Mike has also agreed to serve as assistant

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to the president to ensure a smooth transition between administrations.

- Chief Financial Officer Frank Koch reported that the **attendance of the National Train Show in Grand Rapids was the fourth best ever**, and that Saturday's attendance exceeded Sacramento's of the same day. In addition, there were three more booths sold at Grand Rapids than Sacramento.
- Looking ahead to next year's convention in Atlanta, **the "Peachtree Express" team** reports that it's putting the finishing touches on a series of short videos featuring selected layouts that will be on tour during the convention. The videos will be posted to YouTube and will be able to be accessed from links on <http://www.nmra2013.org/>
- The Peachtree team is also proud to announce that there will be a number of **Civil War-related tours** – both rail-related and general interest – as well as a "Civil War track."
- And it's not too soon to be thinking about the 2014 convention! The **Cleveland Convention's website is now up** and running and taking registrations at www.2014cleveland.org.

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.

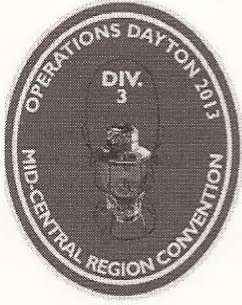
*-Gerry Leone, MMR
NMRA Communications Director*

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.

The first sessions will be held on November 7 and 8. This is in conjunction with the Layout Open Houses following the Division 3 Train Show.



Operations Dayton 2013

Registration Form

May 15-19 2013

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The Miami Valley Division



Primary registrant MUST be an NMRA member at time of Convention
(See fee for joining if you are not a member)

Primary Registrant Badge Name

NMRA Number Region Division

Address City State/Province

ZIP/ Postal Code Phone E-mail

Number of Persons attending Names of others

Item	Quantity	Price	Amount
Early Basic Registration (Through Jan 31, 2013)		\$45.00	
Basic Registration (After Jan 31, 2013)		\$60.00	
6 month NMRA Rail Pass Membership (only needed if you are not currently an NMRA Member)		\$9.95	
Family Members Registration (Same Household)		\$15.00	
		Total	

Note: sign up for special activities, tours and extra fare items will be sent out to all early registrants at a later date.
Activity assignment will be based on the order that the registrations are received.

Make checks payable to: NMRA MCR Division 3

Mail to: **Convention Registrar, Peter Guise**

231 Walnut Grove Drive, Centerville, OH 45458-4158

Phone (937) 371-2115

Email mcr2013registrar@gmail.com

Room reservations should be made directly with the convention hotels. Convention events are at the Wyndam Garden.

Wyndam Garden Dayton South, 31 Prestige Plaza Drive, Miamisburg, Ohio 45342, Phone (937) 434-8030

www.wyndham.com Rate is \$91 per night + applicable taxes. Reserve under group code **05156805NA**

DoubleTree Suites by Hilton Dayton/South, 300 Prestige Place Miamisburg, Ohio 45342 Phone (937)436-2400

www.doubletree.com Rate is \$99 per night + applicable taxes. Reserve under group code **C-RRA**