

Call Board

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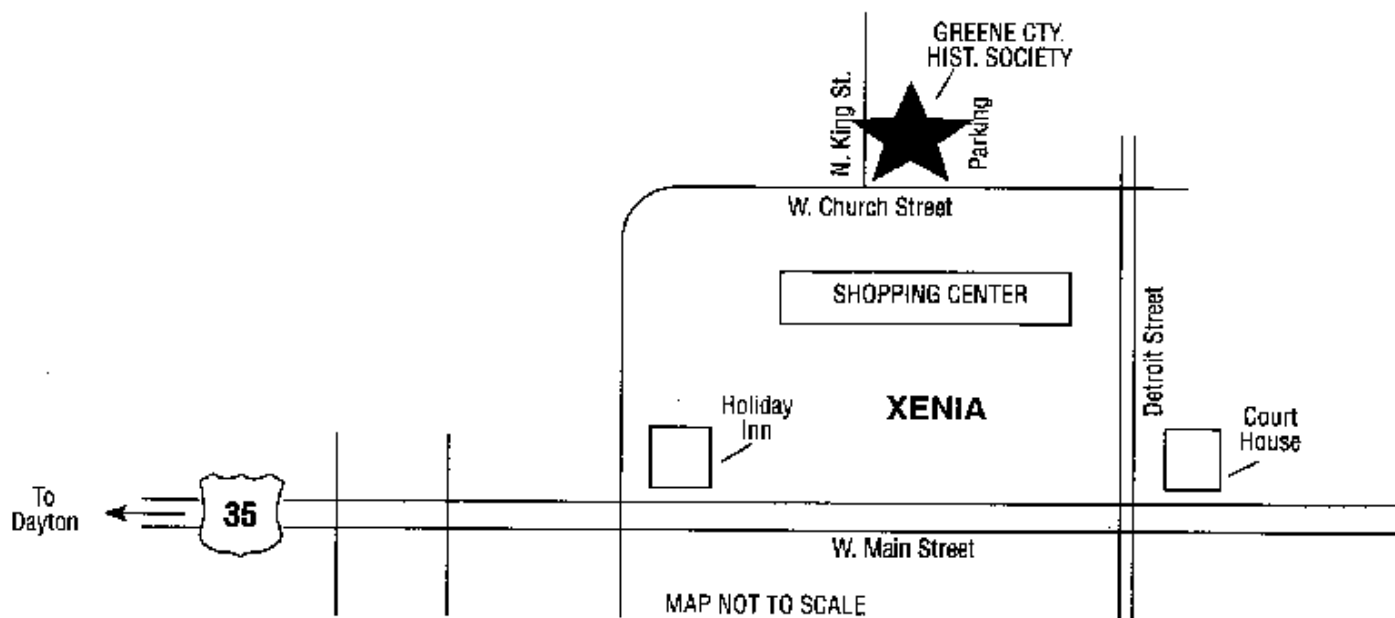
July 2013

This Month's Program ...

The July meeting will feature another program in our series on **DCC**. Wil Davis will discuss and demonstrate **Installing DCC Decoders in Locomotives**. We plan to use our video system to provide those attending with a close-up view as he demonstrates.

This month's contest is **Non-Revenue Cars**. Bring out your best!

The meeting will be at 2pm on Sunday, July 21, 2013 at the Greene County Historical Society, W Church St., Xenia, OH.



Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

Super's Notes for July 2013

June Meeting

We had our last meeting at the base chapel for a while in June. Rick says we have been meeting there for about seven years and it has proved to be a great meeting place with a large meeting room, wall mounted screen, lots of tables and chairs and I kitchen for our refreshments. As you know we have been evicted due to the Government's funds cuts known as "sequestration." We have started a search for a new meeting place(s), but for the next few months we will be meeting at the Green Co. Historical Society in Xenia. We usually meets there once or twice a year,, but with our growing attendance we may out grow it. If you have any alternatives let me or any BOG member know. Rick is optimistic that we may be able to return to the chapel in the fall, but that is a big "if" at this time.

At the meeting Richard Todd entertained us with his presentation on using Portland Cement for scenery construction along with some other nontraditional layout building materials. Unfortunately, I had to miss it as I had to attend a visitation for a member of my module group, Jerry Cardwell, (and a new Division member) who passed away unexpectedly. For those of us who missed Richard's presentation it will be coming to you via video as our principal videographer, Jim Hebner, captured the presentation on video and it will soon be available for check out in our library.

During the business part of the meeting Ray reported on the results of our convention in May. It was a complete success and if you missed it you missed a great convention. Ray reported that we cleared a little over \$5000. The goal was not to make money, but to not lose money. In another action the BOG recommended we make a donation to the NMRA for The Magic of Scale Model Railroading Gallery to be built in the California State Railroad Museum, Sacramento, CA. The membership proposed and voted to donate \$5000 to the project. I think this is a great place to invest the proceeds since one of our members has donated a section of his original V&O layout to be displayed in the exhibit.

Summer Bus Trip

August will be here before you know it and it will be time for our annual bus trip. Mike announced that we will be venturing into Indiana again to visit a railroad museum, maybe a train ride, and some more outstanding layouts. As you know this will take the place of our monthly meeting in August and will be August 17th, the Saturday before the regular meeting date. Seats are limited and usually sell out. I will be accepting your money at the July meeting, or you can mail me a check for \$25 made out to Division 3 MCR NMRA.

July Program

The July program will cover installing decoders. A number of people have asked questions about this for a while and Mike convinced me to do a program on the topic. The program will cover types of decoders, challenging installations and I will attempt to install a decoder just to show how simple it can be. The presentation will include slides as well as a video camera projecting the installation so that you can see how it's done. If you have wanted to install decoders in some of those older engines so you can run them with DCC, this is one you won't want to miss.

Company Store at November Train Show

The Company Store will have tables set-up at the November train show for a white elephant sale. Any member who is interested in selling may contact me by email . We will be limiting table space to a few items at a time, but you can bring more items to restock when you run low.

Division 3 will ask 10% of the sale price for handling the sale. For security reasons we need 2 volunteers to help. Contact Nick Folger for details on volunteering.

Contests

We have three categories each month. You can enter Scratch Built, Kit Bashed, 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 ...

July - Non-Revenue Cars

- August - No Contest
- 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

CONTEST RESULT FOR JUNE 2013		
LEVEL 1 KIT	Ed Durkin	FIRST PLACE
LEVEL 2 KIT BASH	Larry Miller	FIRST PLACE
	Richard Todd	SECOND PLACE
PHOTO	Nate Adams	FIRST PLACE
	Nate Adams	SECOND PLACE
	Nate Adams	THIRD PLACE



First Place Kit
"B&O 2-8-2"
 An Ed Durkin Model
Eric Zimmerman Photo



First Place Kit Bash
"C&O Coal-Fired Steam Turbine"
 A Larry Miller Model
Eric Zimmerman Photo



Second Place Kit bash
"NWP 4-6-0"
A Richard Todd Model
Eric Zimmerman Photo



First Place Photo
"McCloud River RR 2-6-2"
A Nate Adams Photo

2013 SMALL LAYOUT DESIGN MEET

By Jim Foster

The first annual Small Layout Design Meet was held in Findlay on June 1st, and the *Call Board* dispatched a reporter to cover it.

Approximately 30 modelers gathered at the Northwest Ohio Railroad Preservation Museum on the northeast side of Findlay, a place well worth visiting for its intrinsic qualities: it has a 15" gauge railroad with a live steam locomotive (a Prairie, one of the House of David engines from Benton Harbor, MI), a B&O I-5 caboose, an N&W caboose, a 19th century wooden boxcar, a restored station and crossing shanty, and a number of interesting items inside the museum.

The Small Layout Design Meet was inside the shop/warehouse part of the museum, and there were maybe a dozen layouts present. Many had continuous running capabilities, including the HOn30 ones of Div. 3 member Jim Foster, but several were scenes only, several were pieces of a modular setup, and several were switching puzzles. Maybe the best known of the displays was the On30 Bear Creek Tram from the Columbus area. Scale-and-gauge combinations ranged from On30 to HO standard and HO narrow gauge, mostly HOn30. Russ Haigh from Cleveland brought several On18 layouts – Russ's sense of the bizarre is quite special, and one of his was 6" in diameter on a piece of foam, in On18, and had an alien (the outer space kind) operating the locomotive. Clever Models, the paper people, brought two of their HOn30 demonstration layouts.

As the theme of the meet included design considerations, all of the exhibitors were given time to describe what they had done and why. Everyone also had an opportunity to do "outreach" as the museum was open to the general public while the meet was going on.

So. Your reporter was impressed and intends to go again, and would recommend this to any Div. 3 member, no matter what scale or gauge is your interest!

Company Store News - Paul Jenkins

We have some new items for you to look at and some of the same. New on our list are work aprons with the Division 3 logo on it. You can order one with your own railroad logo or name on it. Division 3 logo for \$12 and for your own logo embroidered on it for \$15. We have City Classic corner braces available to members only by order and at Division meetings. We also have track cleaning pads available for members only at meetings for Z or N \$5, HO \$6, O \$8. For a limited time only we have V&O reefers. A set of 3 wood cars numbered 1959, 1962 and 1975. We also have 3 steel reefers numbered 2001, 2008 and 2013. The 2013 car is our limited edition convention car with very few available. These cars sell for \$18 each or 2 for \$34. You can get 3 road numbers for \$50. The best deal of all is to purchase all 6 for \$95. If you want prebuilt cars it will be an additional \$10 per car. We can still get Division shirts for \$25. We can also order tee shirts in different colors with the Division logo on them for \$12 each. We still have coffee mugs for you coffee drinkers. We have car-card starter packs 100 cards for \$1.00, also 2 sided way bills for 50 cents per 100 cards. Mid-Central Region pins \$3.00 ea. If there is anything that you would like to see in the Company Store just email me or contact any board member. Visit our Company Store on the web site for pictures and our facebook page. If you order an item and you have not paid for it, all members will have opportunity to purchase the items at Division meetings. We will restock the store when we get enough requests for specific items.

A message from Stephen Priest, MMR - NMRA RAC Director

As I near the end of my term as Regional Advisory Council Director, I wish to share with the NMRA membership some of my experiences. This position, often referred to as "the RAC," is responsible for providing a conduit between the NMRA Board of Directors and the Regions. That is to say, this board position was set up to provide the Regions with a contact person who will work to establish and maintain an open door to the concerns, issues, and ideas of the Regions. I have enjoyed meeting many Region presidents and talking to them personally at conventions and meets. I have also enjoyed talking with them on the phone and through e-mails. What has surprised me the most is the great divide, a polarization if you will, between different presidents and Regions. Some Region presidents enjoy getting involved in the NMRA at a National level, and some really want to be simply left alone. In a nutshell, a "one approach fits all" methodology really does not work. There are Regions out there that wish to carry out activities without any involvement from National; others desire to be actively engaged at the National level. My challenge has been to provide good representation for the Regions, bringing their concerns and questions to the board, during board meetings and between meetings when appropriate. I will not pretend that I understand all issues and concerns -- there is no single consensus on approach or any issue. What I have tried to do is be approachable -- my work with the NMRA Magazine makes me easy to find. Several Region presidents have called and voiced concerns; I have taken those concerns to the board and we have worked toward solutions. Disappointingly, most presidents have been silent. While serving on the board, I have attempted to represent the membership by making sound decisions that effect how the NMRA allocates its resources, time, and efforts. I am not of the mindset that all we can do is "hold out" for as long as we can. On the contrary, I see a great future for the NMRA and model railroading in general. I am grateful for the opportunity to serve. It has truly been a pleasure.

Stephen M. Priest, MMR
 NMRA RAC Director

An Announcement from the Testor Corporation

Pactra, Floquil, PollyScale and ColorArtz brands are being discontinued

Decisions such as these are never easy. Trends in model railroading have changed over time. Creating product for weathering and scenery has been more of the focus as train cars have moved to pre-decorated. The good news is that the same great products for weathering and scenery can be found in Testor's CreateFX line that is available now. Please check your local hobby shop or <http://www.testors.com/category/667494/CreateFX> for information regarding this product line.

We've made the decision to exit the following businesses within the Testor ® Brand family - Pactra®, Floquil®, PollyScale®, and ColorArtz®. This will enable The Testor Corporation to return to our foundation of success – providing premium, innovative product that inspires creativity. We will continue to accept orders and ship product for a limited time based on available quantities.

Going forward, the following brands will be critical to our success and development - Testor®, Model Master®, and Aztek®. These brands will be infused with marketing support, innovation and operational efficiencies.

We appreciate your passion for our business. We look forward to introducing you to this exciting new product line that is great for today's modeler as well as future generations.

Best Regards,
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