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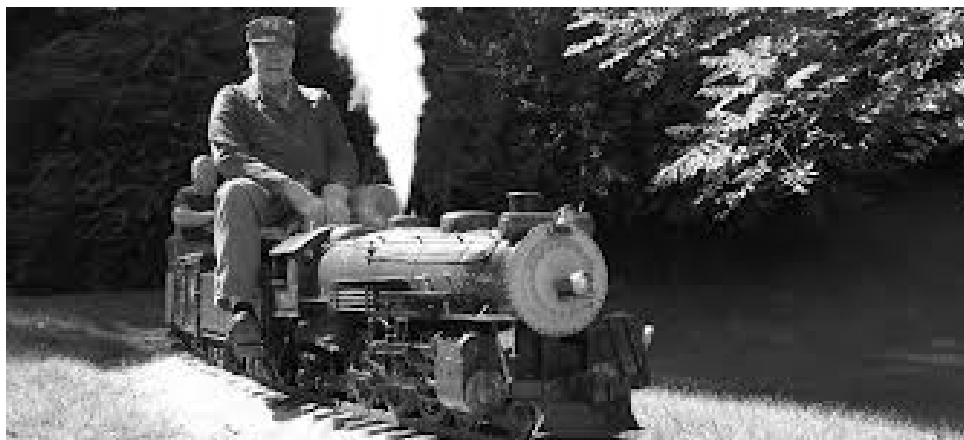
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This Month's Program ...

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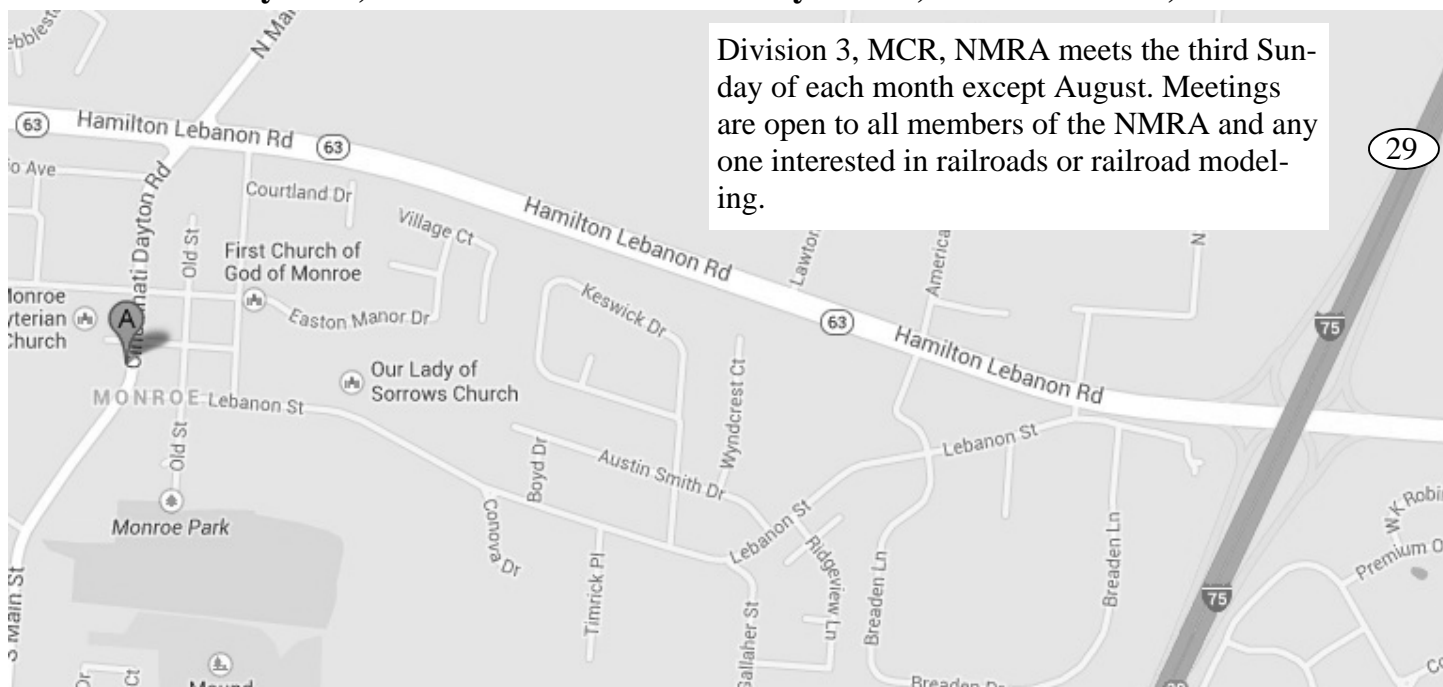
The October program will be something a little different. We will be meeting “down south” in Monroe. We will be entertained with a presentation on Large Gauge Railroads (12” & larger gauge) by Ron Parrish and Bill Ford. Remember when you went to a local amusement park and rode on a 12 or 15 inch gauge train?



Ron is a student of these large gauge trains and they have a local connection. The National Amusement Device Company built many of these engines and parts right here in Dayton. After the meeting Ron has invited us to his house to ride on his trains.

October meeting location:

Monroe City Hall, James Monroe Community Room, 233 S. Main St, Monroe OH



Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

Super's Notes for October 2013

Meeting Notes

If you were at the meeting in September you already know that we had a last minute program change. We were supposed to have a presentation on Cincinnati Union Terminal, but when Mike called the presenter on Friday, to see if there was anything specific he needed for his presentation, he told Mike that the historical society had scheduled him for something else and he assumed Mike had been informed. As a result, the ever resourceful, Mr. Mereness was able to convince Dayton Railway Historical Society member, George Vergamini to give his presentation on Ohio Depots. George has been collecting photos of Ohio depots for a number of years, ever since he realized they were disappearing, and he decided to document as many as he could. In a number of cases he had a picture of a given depot in its heyday to compare with his more recent photo. He had a photo of a relatively undistinguished vacant structure north of I-70, next to the NS line near, the end of the Cold Springs siding in Enon. It was actually an interurban station at one time. Many thanks to George for his willingness to step up at the last minute and provide us with an interesting program.

November Train Show

I was reading my *NMRA Magazine* last night and saw the column called "Switching Tracks" by John Michaels. John is a relatively new NMRA member and started out commenting on what he described as politics in his division and the competition between divisions. It made me thankful that those issues are not something really in evidence here. Sure we have a friendly rivalry with Division 6, but there is nothing I would call a "one up" competition as he described. There was one thing that I could relate to and that was the difficulty in sometimes finding volunteers. I think we have a lot of great volunteers in Division 3, but it could be better. We recently hosted the MCR convention and I can't say enough about the great people who stepped up and worked very hard for almost two years to put together an outstanding convention. One example where this is not always the case, is candidates for division office. We traditionally have trouble getting folks to run for Division office. In the past we have had only one candidate for most positions, there are a couple of exceptions, but the norm is we are lucky to get one candidate for each position.

You may be wondering what this has to do with the train show. If you were at the September meeting you know Nick made an impassioned plea for folks to volunteer to help out at the train show in November. I think you could say the response was not over whelming. Don't misunderstand me, we have a great team with the show committee and they work hard all year putting together the annual show. Having said that, the committee cannot possibly do everything that needs to be done during the two days of the show, without help from the rest of the division. Follow the example of the hard working people who take on the leadership tasks, and volunteer to help out for a few hours on Friday, Saturday or Sunday. Let's overwhelm Nick with help this year. If you can't make the show there is still an opportunity to help out during the year. Peter has assembled and maintained our mailing list for the last ten years largely by himself. It has grown to such proportions that it is too much for one person to update. He is still willing to lead the effort, but he needs four or five folks to work with him during the coming year to update portions of the database. By dividing up the work it won't be a burden for any one person. This mailing list is one of the keys to having a successful show. Time and time again we have found that direct mail wins hands down over other methods of publicity in results and cost effectiveness. To paraphrase an old saying "Try it, you might like it."

Hands-On Decoder Clinic

The date for this event is October 19 from 9 to noon. I have four people signed up so far and there is room for two more, so if you are interested let me know. Those of you who have signed up already should have received detailed information by now.



THE NMRA MODEL RAILROAD MUSEUM, INC.



August 29, 2013

Wil Davis, Superintendent
Division 3, Mid-Central Region
3827 Winding Oak Circle
Dayton, OH 45424-4891

Dear Sirs,

Thank you very much for your continued support of our organization. It is with much gratitude that we recognize your generous donation of \$5000.00 to the National Model Railroad Association for the Scale Model Railroad Exhibit. You have received no goods or services in return for your gift. This donation was made without restriction and will be of material assistance in helping us achieve our mission.

The National Model Railroad is a qualified non-profit entity under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. You may be able to deduct the value of your donation from your federal income tax and we suggest you discuss this benefit with your tax consultant.

Please let us know if we can be of further assistance. Again, thank you for supporting the National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

Daphne Floyd

Daphne Floyd
Administrative Associate
National Model Railroad Association, Inc.

In accordance with the Internal Revenue Service requirements, this letter serves as formal notification to you that no goods or services were rendered to you by the National Model Railroad Association, Inc. for this charitable contribution. Please retain this letter as documentation to take any available federal income tax deduction for this contribution.

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 ...

October - Caboose

November - Weathering

December - Structure

January - Open Loads

February - No Contest

March - Freight Cars

April - Passenger Cars

May - Diesel Locomotives

June - Steam Locomotives

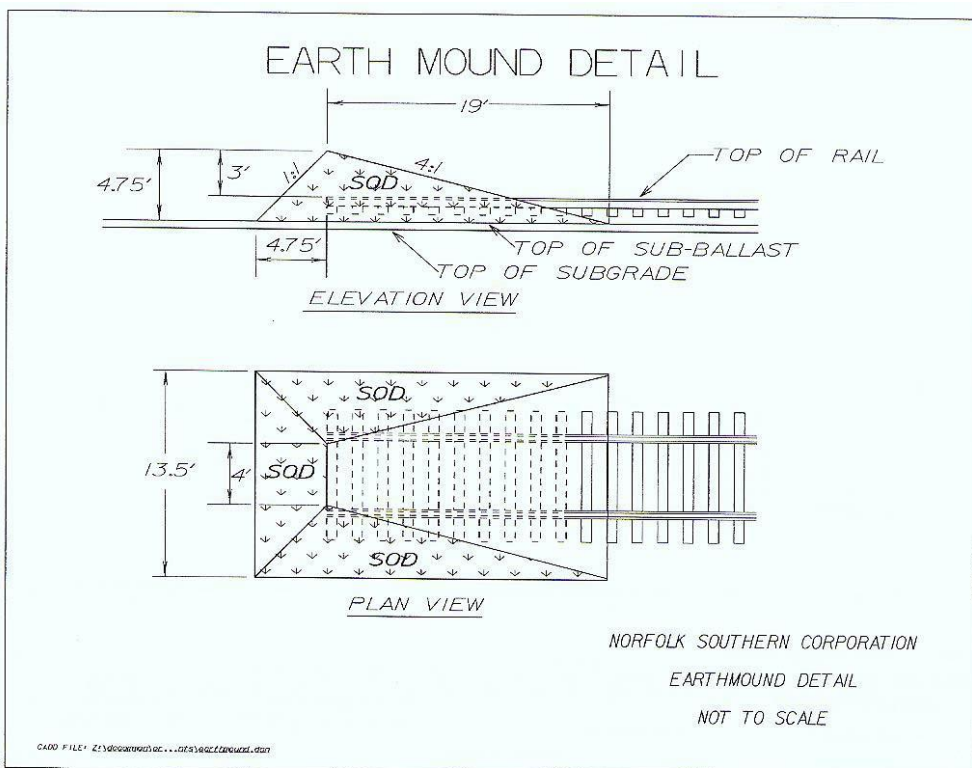
July - Non-Revenue Cars

August - No Contest

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

CONTEST RESULT FOR SEPTEMBER 2013 MAKE IT CHEAP

LEVEL \$5		
FIRST PLACE	JIM FOSTER	BOX CAR
LEVEL \$3		
FIRST PLACE	GORDON CARLSON	STATION
LEVEL \$1		
FIRST PLACE	JIM FOSTER	STATION
SECOND PLACE	ANDREW WILSON	TREE
THIRD PLACE	ANDREW WILSON	LEAF LITTER



The Darke County Model Railroad Club is inviting anyone who is interested in operating their layout to join them. They meet on the second Sunday of the month, starting at 1:00 pm. There is plenty of parking and lots of fun. They are located at:

405 1/2 Broadway
Greenville, Ohio
(Second Floor)

Message from Pete Magoun, MMR current NMRA Central District Director:

Recruiting Tools

Pete Magoun, MMR

As I travel around the NMRA I hear a common theme rumbling at Division and Region levels: “How do we attract more members to the NMRA?” Sure, there are variations on this theme, like “What’s ‘National’ doing to attract new members,” or “What tools do we have to attract new members,” but the underlying theme doesn’t change. We need new members if the organization is to survive. That job is for each of us.

This discussion came up awhile back at a Region convention, where I had been asked to comment after the banquet. The term used was “After-Banquet Speaker,” which is generally not a good idea around me, because I can talk about the benefits of the NMRA for a long time. This is a great hobby, and the NMRA makes it even better. But I digress....

The festivities included a slideshow of host Division activities, including modular shows in shopping areas, open houses, road trips and so on. That slideshow triggered a major change in my intended remarks, for I realized that it could be the basis for a completely different presentation. So let’s have a look at the discussion. It’s Tool Time!

There are really only three tools you need to conduct a successful membership growth campaign. They’re inexpensive, and all of us have them. We simply need to use them!

The first is our eyes. We need to make eye contact with a potential member. We can smile with our eyes (try it – it works!), and our eyes tell the new prospect a great deal about who we are and where we’re going. When we’re happy, enjoying ourselves and proud of our organization, this shows in our eyes. [So does the Grumpy Old Man part, so be careful!]

The second is our mouth. We can smile with our mouths, and we can say a lot about the educational opportunities, fun, fellowship and so on we’re enjoying within our little corner of the NMRA. We can answer questions, provide invitations, and make folks feel welcome.

The third is our hands. Use them for handshakes. Invite people in with a handshake. Make folks feel welcome. It’s not difficult, and it makes a world of difference to a prospective member.

At some point in our NMRA experience, someone smiled, extended a hand to us, made us feel welcome, and invited us to join the fun. It wasn’t difficult, and it opened the door to us. Be that someone! Go for it!

Company Store

Paul Jenkins

The Company Store will have 2 tables set-up at the November train show for a white elephant sale. Any member who is interested in selling should contact Paul Jenkins by the end of the October meeting. 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.



YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE

"16TH ANNUAL DIVISION 3

“VINTAGE MODEL RAILROADERS” REUNION DINNER

Sunday, October 27th, 2013 @ 1:00 p.m.

It is time for our “Sixteenth” Annual Vintage Model RR Dinner & we invite you to join us. Anyone who has been a past or present member of Division Three for at least 15 yrs. is considered a “Vintage Model Railroader”. We all enjoy seeing old friends and of course, spouse/partners are also invited.

WHERE? Chop House Restaurant, 727 Washington Village Dr. (from I-675 go 2 blocks East on Rt.725. Turn left on Washington Village Drive. The Chop House is about 2 blocks on the left behind Washington Park Plaza Shopping Center.) You can order individually from a limited menu. Prices vary from approx. \$14.00-18.00 including beverage, tax and tip.

ENTERTAINMENT: TO BE DETERMINED!

FOR RESERVATIONS: Chuck Marshall (937)859-4760 or hazprof@aol.com

NOTE: CHOP HOUSE SEATING IS LIMITED SO CALL CHUCK ASAP.

DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS OCT. 20, 2013.

NOTE: If you have any address or email changes or know of anyone who has not been receiving invitations by either email or snail mail, have them contact Bob Fink, who handles the address list.

You can reach Bob at (513)897-0970 or **bfink@go-concepts.com**.

Hope to see you all there.

HELP!! No one has volunteered to have the “After Dinner Dessert and Model Railroad Layout Visit”. We love to see the work that has been done on your layout, big or small, any scale. We ask those attending to bring a dessert, if possible.

Contact: Jim or Pat Rhinehart, jbrhine2@yahoo.com or 937-623-7496