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This Month's Program ...

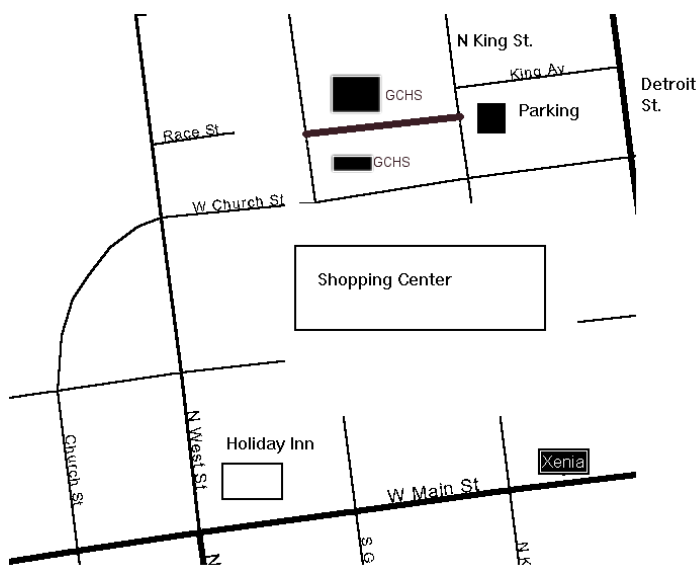
Realistic Water By Sam Swanson

Sam will share his techniques for creating realistic lakes, rivers and oceans.

The meeting will be held on **13 April** at 2pm at the Greene County Historical Society Museum, Church St., Xenia, Ohio.

**The Meeting Date for
April is now one week
earlier. The correct date
is: 13 April**

Division 3, MCR, NMRA meets the third Sunday of each month except August. Meetings are open to all members of the NMRA and any one interested in railroads or railroad modeling.



Pine Creek Railway

Bill Reese's N-scale Pine Creek Railway celebrated the 25th anniversary of the driving of its Golden Spike at the March operating session. Even though the Golden Spike was not driven until 1989 the Pine Creek has been holding regular operating sessions since 1985 making it one of the longest (if not the longest) continuously operating layouts of a Division 3 member. There have been 147 operating sessions hosting over 90 different operators. The early operating sessions featured train movements by cardboard boxes between finished sections of the railroad. Congratulations to Bill and his helpers on this milestone.

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

Super's Notes for April 2014

Meeting Notes

If you were one of the 54 people who attended the meeting expecting to see a presentation by Sam Swanson on modeling water, you now know that Sam couldn't make it. His boss seemed to think it was more important for him to be in California on Monday morning instead of enlightening us on Sunday afternoon. We are fortunate in having a number of talented people in the division who are able to step in at the last minute and fill in. Bob Fink graciously agreed to do his presentation on "Small Towns and Railroads". Bob will be giving this presentation at the National Convention in Cleveland in July, so if you missed it you have another chance to catch it. I got several ideas from his presentation and hope to incorporate them in my layout. The contest was freight cars and there were a number of entries with at least one scratch built, two kits and a bunch of kit bashed entries. There were also a number of photo entries. It is encouraging to see the growing participation in the monthly contest. Next month's contest is steam engines.

Speaking of contests, the awards were presented for last years winners. There are three categories; overall points winner; participation (awarded for participating, does not require winning) and photo. This year there were only two presentations. Ric Zimmerman was awarded the overall model winner. He also happened to have to most participation points, so we elected to not make an award in that category. Paul Jenkins took first place in the photo category. Congratulations to both winners. Our contest year just started, so it's not too late to start racking up points for next year.

April Program

The program for April will feature Sam Swanson's presentation on modeling water. Sam has some techniques which he has used to produce life like water effects on Jerry Albers Virginian Railroad. Come learn how Sam works his magic. The meeting will be held at the Green County Historical Society in Xenia. Don't forget that the April meeting will be a week earlier than normal.

Election

By the time you receive this you should have received your ballot for the election of new division officers. I urge each of you to either mail back your ballot or bring it to the meeting on April 13 where the ballots will be counted and the results announced. I would like to thank all who agreed to run for office as we have two candidates for two of the three offices. This is the first time in a while we have had that many candidates. No matter what the results are I am convinced we will have a great team to lead the division over the next two years.

End of the Line

It's hard to believe that my term as superintendent is rapidly approaching the end of the line! The past four years have gone by more quickly than I would have expected. I did not set any specific goals when I was elected, but I was determined to keep the division moving forward, and with your help I think that has happened. Some of the highlights of the last four years: The transfer of Dayton and Western traction car 602 to Dayton History for restoration and display in Carillon Historical Park. This historic car was built by Barney and Smith, and rescued from destruction in 2005 by a group led by division members. The car had been in storage ever since it's rescue. Division 3 hosted the MCR 2013 regional convention which was, by all accounts, a rousing success. We have had a succession of excellent programs thanks to the untiring efforts of Mike Mereness. Our meeting attendance has increased significantly thanks to the interesting variety of programs, and our contest participation has also increased. We also started a model railroad training program which has been successful and I hope we will continue to have this event and that it will continue to grow. I am sure there are other things, but these are things I am particularly pleased about.

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Also, I can't say enough about the great team that has supported me over the past four years. Although my time in the cab will be ending I expect to remain on board in some capacity for a long time. Thanks again for

DIVISION 3 MISSING VIDEOS

One of the many benefits Division 3 members have is the Video Library. It contains over 200 titles on VHS tape and DVD. There are how-to programs, tours of great model railroads, and a wide range of prototype videos. A list of titles is available on the Division's web site.

Currently there are a number of videos missing from the library. It is easy to forget or misplace a video, and to return some but not all when multiple videos have been checked out. The longer the video is out the easier it is to forget.

I am asking members to look around and keep a watch for them. Perhaps they are under some papers or mixed in with something else. If you have one of these videos, please return it. If you cannot make a meeting please drop it off at any of the Board of Governors homes or arrange to have it delivered. If you are unsure of the status of one or more videos, you may email me to determine its status. Your cooperation is appreciated and will allow other members to enjoy the videos.

The following videos are missing from the Division 3 Library:

Airbrushing for Model Railroaders

Building a Model Railroad – Vol 2: Benchwork Part 1

Building a Model Railroad – Vol 3: Benchwork Part 2

Dream-Plan-Build Vol 1 - Layouts, Modeling Tips and Prototype RRs (DVD)

Great Model Railroads - Vol 02 -- Franklin & South Manchester or George Sellios (DVD)

Great Model Railroads - Vol 03 -- Model Railroads of Dean Freytag and C.J. Riley (DVD)

Great Model Railroads - Vol 06 -- Hoosac Valley Railroad of Dick Elwell (DVD)

Great Model Railroads - Vol 41 -- Florida East Coast of Cal Winter

Mainline USA (VHS)

Ohio Central Railroad (VHS)

Penn Central Vol 2 - Emery Gulash (VHS)

Running a Steam Locomotive Vol 1 (VHS)

Tracks Ahead Volume 4 (2 VHS Tapes)

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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 ...

April - Passenger Cars

May - Diesel Locomotives

June - Steam Locomotives

July - Non-Revenue Cars

August - No Contest

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

October - Caboose

November - Weathering

December - Structure

January - Open Loads

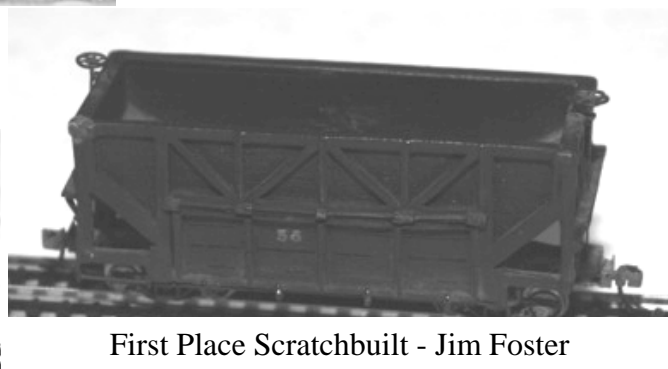
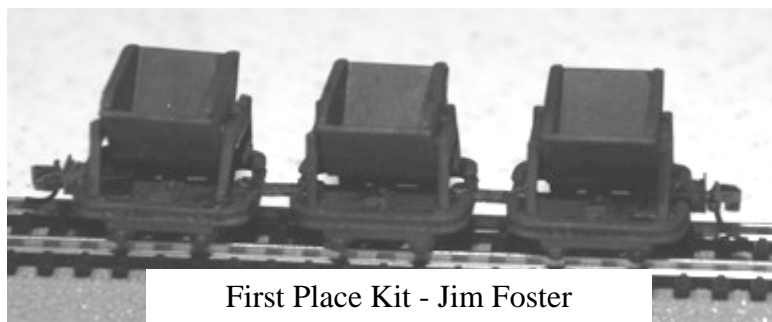
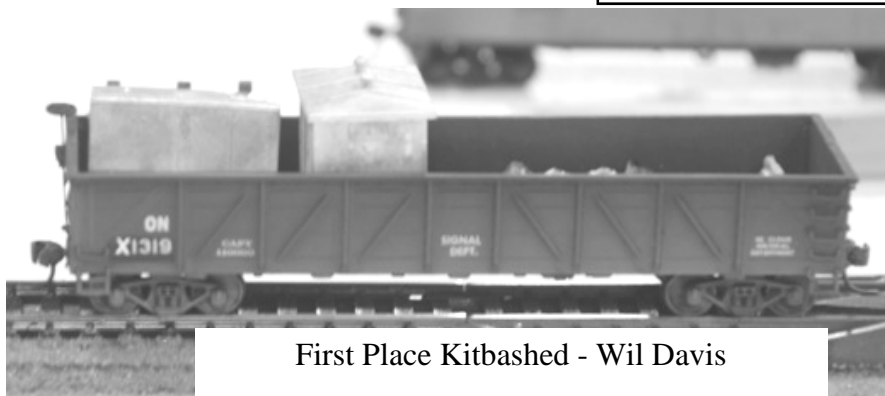
February - No Contest

March - Freight Cars

Results for March 2014

Freight Cars

LEVEL 1	KIT
FIRST PLACE	Jim Foster
SECOND PLACE	Gordon Carlson
LEVEL 2	KITBASHED
FIRST PLACE	Wil Davis
SECOND PLACE	Jim Rollwage
THIRD PLACE	Jim Foster
LEVEL 3	SCRATCHBUILT
FIRST PLACE	Jim Foster
PHOTO	
FIRST PLACE	Paul Jenkins
SECOND PLACE	Paul Jenkins
THIRD PLACE	Paul Jenkins
	Gordon Carlson



New Railroad Under Construction

Rail Model Troy is currently building a modern-era HO scale layout in the studios of Speedshot Photo in Troy, Ohio.

The benchwork has started and continues to progress towards an operating date of early November 2014 with regular open houses running on Sundays from Thanksgiving weekend through New Years Day 2015.

Plans call for 368 feet of code 83 double-track mainline with Walther's Shinohara # 8 and #10 turnouts and high-speed cross-overs.

The layout will feature three elevations of track with a separation of 6-8 inches to accommodate a skewed bridge to allow trains-over-trains traffic, coal mining operations and a rural low-lying scenic branchline railway similar to the Indiana & Ohio around Springfield to Mechanicsburg or Ohio Central in Eastern Ohio along I-70 plus elevated track and bridges as you see through downtown Dayton.

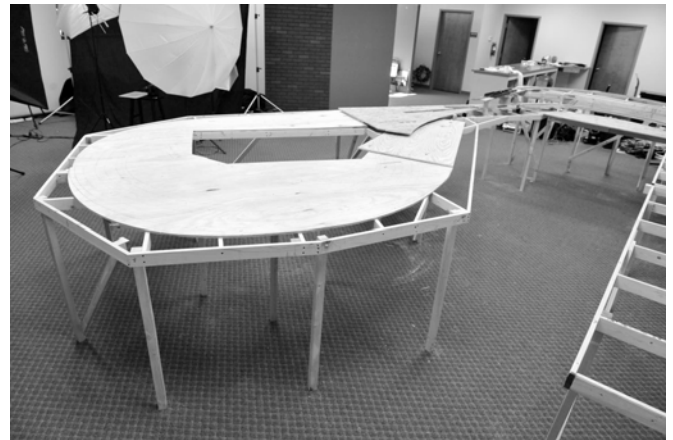
In addition, there will be a large grain elevator, passenger depots with sidings, a coal mine and power plant as well as a large storage yard with one passing siding 57 feet in length (that's a scale 5600 feet) capable of holding a 100 car coal train.

There will be tunnels, custom Micro Engineering and Central Valley bridges, several Cornerstone buildings and industries are already constructed and scenery will range from mountains to valleys to water to city scapes.

The layout scenery will be a combination of what you would see in western West Virginia/Eastern Kentucky coal mining operations, the large coal-fired power plants along the Ohio River south of Steubenville, Ohio, the Eldean grain elevator in Troy, Ohio plus downtown and rural passenger service and typical small industry switching like you would see in Troy, Piqua, Thackery, Mechanicsburg and Dayton.

The layout will be Digitrax controlled with nearly all locomotives sound-equipped.

Several modern diesel locomotives from Overland, Kato, Athearn Genesis, Intermountain and Atlas will run on the layout with a Proto 2000 2-8-8-2 and Spectrum N & W J-Class # 611 operating passenger excursions. Rolling stock from Exact Rail, Bowser, Walthers, Athearn Ready-to-Roll/Genesis, Proto 2000, Intermountain, Kato and Tan-



gent will see service on this layout.

The featured trains will be:

- Overland C60AC pulling a coal drag of 3 and 4 bay and Bethgon coal hoppers
- Kato P42 on the front-end of a Superliner train
- Proto 2000 2-8-8-2 running a passenger excursion
- Athearn F-59's with Superliners
- Intermountain AC 44 AH's leading a long coal train of aluminum coal hoppers
- Autorack train consisting of AutoMax's, Atlas articulated and Walthers
- Intermodal train

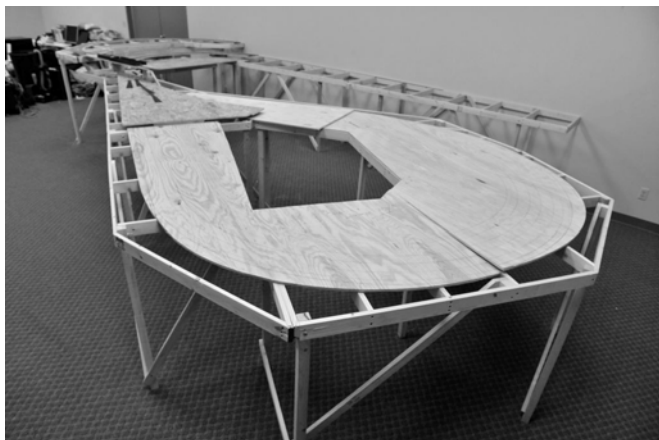
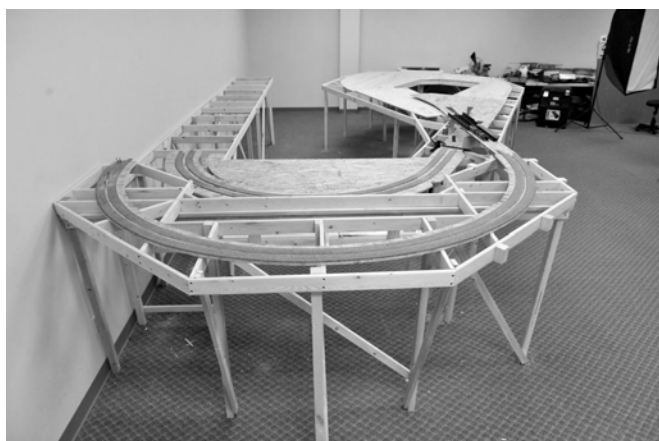
Benchwork is about 1/3 complete.

Very fortunate that my studio is one story, has excellent lighting, well-heated and air conditioned with plenty of parking and wheel chair accessible plus it's a mile off the interstate.

It makes it so easy to bring in wood and I don't have to worry about heat, cold or excessive humidity which have plagued my basement layouts in the past and those who are wheelchair bound or have mobility issues have no problems entering and viewing.

Kindest regards,

Lee Woolery
Speedshot
RailModel Troy



Division 3 Elections

The ballots are in the mail. They may be returned to the election teller by mail or in person. All ballots are due to the teller by 2:15 pm April 13, 2014. No ballots will be available at the April meeting. To be eligible to vote your dues must be paid through March 30, 2014. Regular, Life, Associate and Student members are eligible to vote.

Open Operating Sessions

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 S. Broadway
Greenville, Ohio
(Second Floor)