

Call Board

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**The next Crew Call is 9am on Saturday March 17 and
2pm on Sunday, March 18, 2018
Sulphur Grove UMC
7505 Taylorsville Rd
Huber Heights, Ohio**

Annual TRAINing Day—March 17

The Div 3 2018 TRAINing Day is March 17 at 9am-4pm. We will be at Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church, 7505 Taylorsville Rd., Huber Heights, Ohio for the TRAINing Day event as well as our monthly meeting (on Sunday). This is a do-not-miss weekend.

We still need people to do short stints at the Building with the Masters tables. When someone wants help, they will ring a bell which means that you can do other things, just step away to help a child (or adult) build, then return to something else. This will allow us to enjoy other activities and no one will be stuck at the table all day or when no one is there. Consider donating a little time to this clinic—it helps children to develop their interest in model railroading and helps adults to hone their skills.

Don't forget to bring your Dioramas for the Diorama contest! This is an excellent way to get areas of your layout finished and to see what others are doing. Last year's Dioramas were very popular. Let's have another great showing.

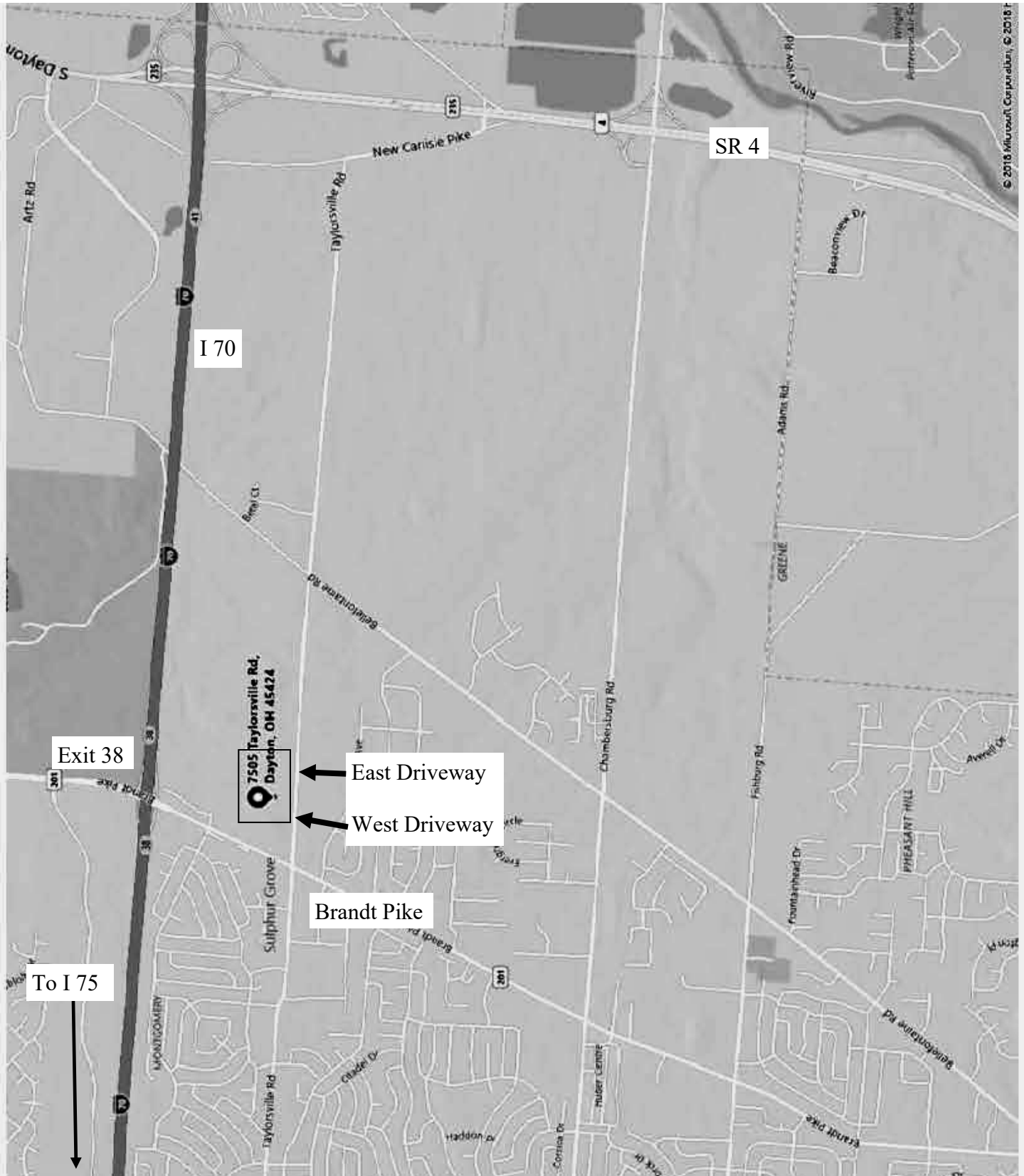
TRAINing Day set up begins at 1pm on Friday; and continues at 8am on Saturday. The event runs from 9am to 4pm on Saturday. Then we have tear down. The Argyle portion of the Dog stays in place for our Sunday meeting (which is also fun). We will have the engine pull and hill climb competitions at the meeting, along with the final judging and awards for the Diorama contest. Our speaker will be our Regional President, Bob Weinheimer, who will be speaking on Updated Operations of the Pennsylvania Southern.

Please don't miss this wonderful event. And if you can help, please contact Gail at 937-301-0746 or email me at NMRA.Div.3@gmail.com.

Meeting March 18

The Division 3 Monthly Meeting on March 18 will be very busy and hopefully entertaining. We will start with our normal business including the nomination of candidates for the April election. We will have our normal popular vote contest featuring Freight Cars. We will also have the popular voting on the Diorama contest. The final contests will be the Locomotive Hill Climb and Tug of War. There will also be a presentation by the Mid Central Region Director, Bob Weinheimer, on upgraded Operations on his Pennsylvania Southern Railroad.

If this sounds too boring you can always wander over to the City of Argyle and try your hand at switching the Sock.



TRAINING Day—March 17 and Monthly meeting -- March 18 will be held at Sulphur Grove UMC, 7505 Taylorsville Rd, Huber Heights, Ohio. Parking is available on east side. Entry is through door 3. Handicap ramp is located on west side. Door is opened using the Handicap Button on wall at the bottom of the ramp.



SUPERINTENDENT'S COMMENTS FOR MARCH 2018

Other than the period of time prior to our November Train Show, we are currently in our busiest time with regard to our model railroad activities. With our February auction now complete, we eagerly are anticipating our Model Railroad TRAINing Day in March which offers fun challenges for everyone. I am also aware of a couple local train shows as the cycle of Spring train shows begins.

Again, I think our February Annual Auction was a very successful event. Thanks to our auctioneer, Wil Davis, who kept things going and managed to sell the majority of the items brought to the auction. Also thanks to Mark Stiver and Nate Adams, our merchandise advancers, our runners, Rick Lach and Jack Honeycutt, our spotters, Jim Montgomery and Eric Zimmerman, and to Tom Mroczka for keeping track of the sales and the money tallies. And finally, a thanks to our members who brought in their items and our overall membership who did the bidding so we could have another fine auction. We all had fun.

During the first week of March, our members should receive this issue of the Call Board which should serve as a reminder for our big event in March: the Model Railroad TRAINING Day on Saturday, March 17, at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church, 7505 Taylorsville Road in Huber Heights from 9 AM to 4 PM. This FREE event will focus on all aspects of our hobby, and it will feature a portion of the Dalmatian Switching District, as well as involving the public in constructing an actual layout which will be given away at the end of the day to a lucky drawing winner. Also, in conjunction with Dayton N Trak, we will also build an N scale module in accordance with specs provided by Dayton N Trak. This Model Railroad TRAINing Day will be our largest in terms of our daily activity: there are added demonstration clinics covering all aspects of the hobby; kids will have the opportunity to build freight cars with our division experts; every kid attending will leave with a hobby item through a free raffle. We are increasing our number of running trains, and the public will have the opportunity to interface with Operation Life Saver. And for the second year in a row, the public will have the opportunity to view the entries for our Division Diorama Contest. Lunch and snacks will be provided. We could still use volunteers for the many information stations we will have throughout the event. We ask all members to come AND BRING A FRIEND.

Then, we will have our March General Meeting the next day, March 18, again at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights, to take advantage of seeing the layout and the module built by attendees of the Model Railroad TRAINING Day and perhaps running part of the Dalmatian Switching District. Again, the big events that day will be the Engine Tug O' War, the Hill Climb Contest, and the Diorama Contest. We encourage all members to bring contest entries for some interesting fun. This is our second Diorama Contest which will test many of our modeling skills. Please refer to previous issues of the Call Board and the division website for rules for the Diorama Contest. We hope many of our members will participate in these events. A huge added bonus at this meeting will be a presentation by the Mid Central Region Director, Bob Weinheimer, on upgraded Operations on his Pennsylvania Southern Railroad. Again, it sounds like a great time. But, please do not go to the Greene County Historical Society Building for the March General Meeting – you will be at the wrong place.

We have been speaking of our April Division Elections for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk since before the Christmas holidays. We have been asking for volunteers to run for these positions; Mark Stivers has led a nominating effort, and we have personally asked many of our division members who would be excellently qualified to run for these positions. As of the deadline for articles for this March edition of the Call Board, we still do not have a complete slate of nominees for our elected positions.

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We have serious activity working in the background that hopefully will produce the names of the nominees that we so vitally need for our elections. We hope to be able to make those announcements at our March meeting on March 18. We will send a general membership email blast sooner if we get candidates before that March 18 meeting. The nomination process must close out on March 31, and ballots will be mailed for the official election which must take place at the April meeting on April 15. The new Superintendent and the new BOG will officially take over on May 1. **WE ARE STILL ACTIVELY SOLICITING MEMBERS TO VOLUNTEER TO RUN FOR OUR ELECTED POSITIONS.**

Miscellaneous:

Congratulations to Jim Montgomery who was presented his Volunteer Certificate for the AP Program by Bob Fink. Thanks Jim because that certificate reflects several years of hard work support to make our division go. I am also aware of imminent submission of paperwork for the Volunteer AP certificate for Peter Guise and Judy Zimmerman. Hopefully we will be able to make those presentations in the near future. I encourage everyone who is near completion to work on the paperwork for your Volunteer Certificate.

The next BOG Meeting is scheduled for March 5 at the home of Gordon Carlson in Huber Heights. Please forward any comments or ideas you wish discussed to me before that date. Also, we remind everyone of on-line and mail-in registration for the Annual Mid-Central Region Convention, this year to be held in Cincinnati from May 17-20. I am aware of 3 imminent local train shows: March 10 (Div 7 at the Lakota Freshman Campus), March 25 (at the Springfield Fairgrounds), and March 4 (at the Darke County Fairgrounds).

And finally, we hope to see everyone at the March General Meeting at the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights at 2 PM on Sunday March 18 and participation in the Model Railroad TRAINING Day on Saturday, March 17.

Rick Lach
Superintendent



Bob Fink MMR presenting Volunteer AP Certificate to Jim Montgomery

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 ...

March - Freight Cars

- 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)
- October - Caboose
- November - Weathering
- December - Structures

2018 DIORAMA CONTEST

OBJECTIVE OF CONTEST: Provide the modeler with the opportunity to demonstrate his/her skills. The builder is encouraged to select a scene that can be incorporated into their layout or module. Finally, and most importantly, the primary objective is to have fun.

The effort would begin as soon as possible with the final judging to be done at the 2018 Model Railroad TRAINing Day/ General Meeting, March 17-18, 2018.

Each diorama will be displayed at the 2018 MRR TRAINing Day event. This will add a new element to the Training Day event.

JUDGING: Judging will comprise of two sections: Technical (meeting required specifications)- 50%; Esthetic or “popular vote” (determined by vote of membership on-hand at the General Meeting) – 50%.

Technical judging will be accomplished by a team of at least two knowledgeable members using a specification scoring sheet (attached). Technical judges will evaluate how well the diorama meets the specifications, and not for quality of the workmanship, etc. This is a “yes” or “no” evaluation; it is either there or not. The technical judging will take place at the Model Railroad TRAINing Day. Esthetic judging (popular vote) shall be done by a vote of the membership on-hand at the General Meeting following the Model Railroad TRAINing Day.

All elements of the diorama are judged as a part of the entire scene. All scales will be judged without reference to scale.

April 2018 Elections

We need 3 candidates for Division Officers. The elected positions are: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk. Two of the current officers are not allowed to run for reelection. The term of office is from May 2018 to May 2020. Without nominees there is no election. Without the election there are no officers. Without officers there is no Division 3. For more information please contact Rick Lach.

Nominations must be done at the March Meeting with the ballots counted at the April Meeting.

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)

