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## Super Saying

We had another busy, fun and interesting meeting in Xenia April 18<sup>th</sup>. We concluded the election of officers, heard reports on the Fall Train Show and Raffle Layout construction, debated the appearance of future Division 3 shirts, held a contest, enjoyed a social time with cookies and coffee, saw Mike Brestel's fascinating slide show, and visited Bill Benysh's On30 layout-under-construction.

In the election, John Reck was reelected Chief Clerk, Richard Lach was elected Assistant Superintendent, and John Smith was reelected Superintendent.

The table signup for the Fall Train Show is going pretty well, according to Ray Persing. We have started making plans to construct another layout to raffle at the show, and authorized, last month, expenditures for material. Some structure kits have been purchased, and are being distributed to members for construction. We'll be using the cottage at the Greene County Historical Society again for the project. The work schedule will be announced here in the Call Board and at the Division meetings.

We examined several logo entries for the Division 3 shirts, but postponed voting to select one. They appear elsewhere in this issue. Be prepared to vote

for your preference at the May meeting. There seemed to be a preference for a light-colored logo on a dark fabric, but that red fabric should be avoided, since several other model railroad organizations in our area are already using red shirts.

Mike Brestel grew up near the C&O's Cheviot Yard, and showed us hundreds of slides of the C&O's facilities and operations in the area. The yard, roundhouse, turntable, geeps and very impressive trestles are all history now. Mike also showed some very recent slides taken from the same spots as earlier ones. In viewing the recent slides, you would never guess that there had ever been a railroad of any kind in that part of the city.

Fred and Phyllis Schneider provided the delicious cookies this time, and the GCHS provided the coffee. Thanks to you all.

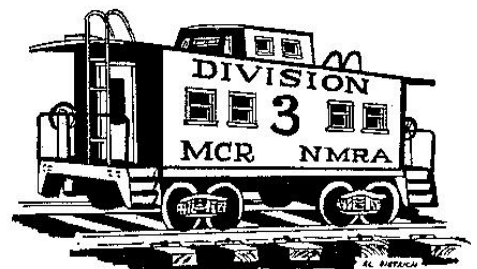
Bill Benysh's narrow gauge Ohio River and Western layout occupies a section of his basement that I'd guess to be about 15 by 20 feet. He's just recently completed the continuous main line, and was running a vintage train for us during our visit. He is using blue construction foam for everything but the legs and framing. He will be incorporating topography and structures

from the prototype, which ran from Bellaire to Zanesville until 1931.

By the time you read this, I will have returned from a trip to Clifton Forge, Virginia, home of the headquarters for the C&O Historical Society. COHS has an overwhelming archive of photographs, drawings and documents from the C&O and some of its predecessors, such as the Hocking Valley Railroad. From its archives, the society provides technical information for model producers and modelers like you and me. Twice a year, recently, volunteers have gathered at Clifton Forge for a few days to sort, catalog, organize and preserve material that has been given to the society. Although this will be the fourth such work session there, it will be my first. I'm looking forward to it.

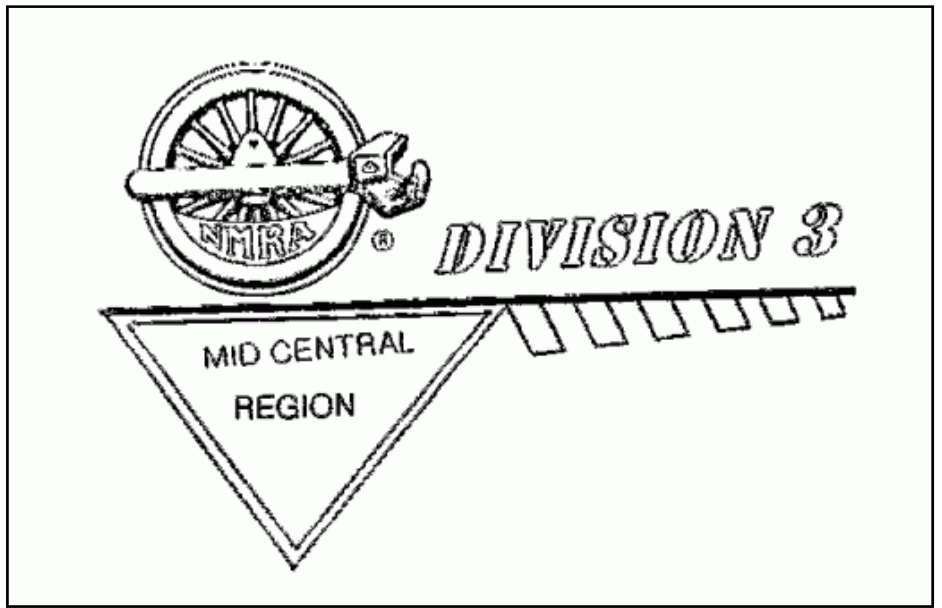
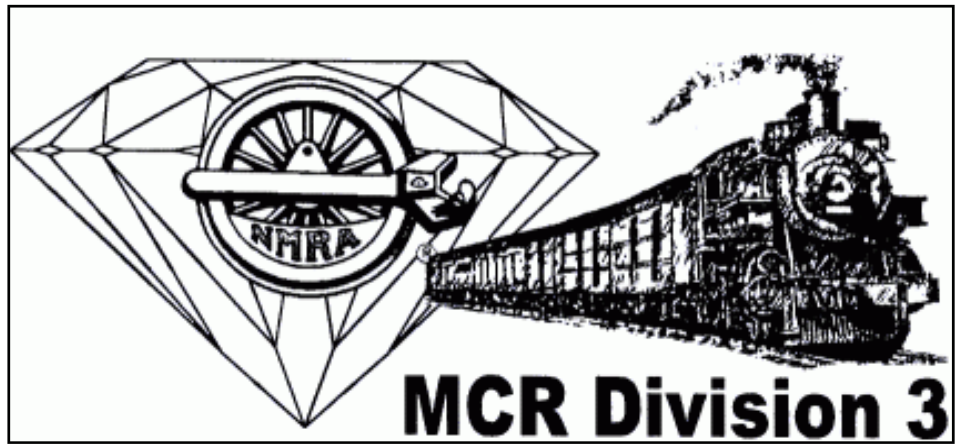
See you in May.

John



### Division Logo Designs

Here are the logo designs that have been submitted. We will be discussing them at the May meeting and possibly selecting one. The logo will be applied to polo shirts that would be available through the Company Store. The color scheme is also under discussion. The consensus at the April meeting was for a green shirt with white printing. There is still time to submit a design or comment on these. The Division website also has colored samples available.



### Raffle Layout Construction

Construction is getting underway on the November train show raffle layout. The layout is being constructed at the Greene County Historical Society in Xenia. Contact John Smith for scheduling.



## Layout Visits

**May 23: HO/HOn30.** Jim Foster's layout is located in Oakwood very close to our meeting place at the Wright Library.

**June 13: HO.** Allen McClelland's new V&O in Miamisburg. Covered in the Jan 2004 issue of Model Railroader. This layout will be open after the joint Div3/Div 7 meeting in Franklin.

## Free to a Good Home

As a former Division member, I have some layout components (tabletop, masonite "sky" backdrop, layout paint, etc.) that would be available free to a Division member.

Bill Craig (937) 390-0211

# Contest

**May**

**Non Revenue**

You are allowed up to 3 entries per contest. You do not have to be a member of the NMRA to participate in the popular vote contest.

June

No Contest

July

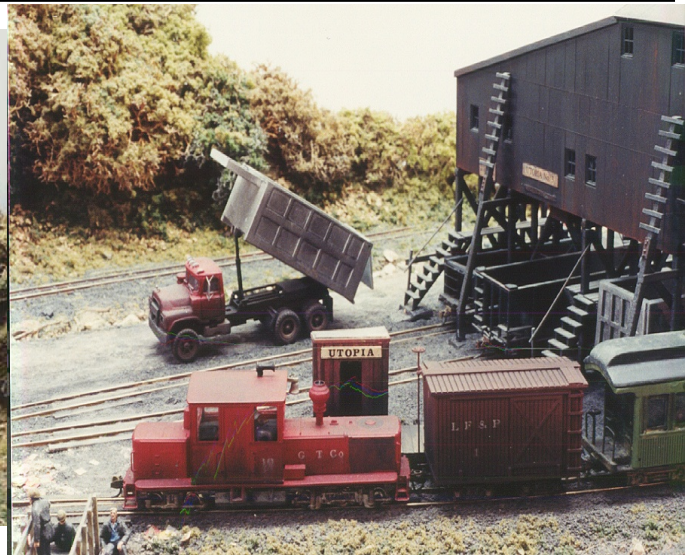
Scene (Any Size)

April Whimsy			
Models		Photos	
1	Bill Spinks Ray Persing	1	Ray Persing
2	Ray Persing George Ardwin	2	Ray Persing
3	Ray Persing	3	Ray persing



Both Utopia No 3 (a deep-mine tipple) and Utopia No 4 (a truck dump) in the background are served by the Hon30 Gophir Tram. The Ford 3-axle dump truck is loading waste rock. Layout and photo by: Jim Foster

Jim Foster's layout will be open for visiting after the May Division 3 meeting.



The Gophir Tram's crack mixed, the "City of Utopia" sits under the Utopia No 3 tipple, along with an almost-new series "C" Mack on the road behind the depot.

Layout and photo by: Jim Foster

**You are invited to the May meeting on Sunday the 23rd at 2pm at the  
 Wright Memorial Library  
 1776 Far Hills Ave., Oakwood, Ohio  
 Visitors and Guests Always Welcome**



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Date	Location	Contest	Program	Layout
23 May (4th Sunday)	Wright Library	Non Revenue		Jim Foster
13 June (2nd Sunday)	Ramada Inn Franklin, OH	No Contest	Update on V&O By Allen McClelland	V&O by Allen McClelland
18 July		Scene		