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Super Saying

The main reason Phyllis and I joined the NMRA ten years ago was to be informed about the national conventions, which we thought we might like to attend. We're both train nuts and enjoy traveling together, so we thought going to an NMRA convention might be fun. Our first one was the National in Columbus, Ohio in 1992, and we thoroughly enjoyed it. Since then we've attended about half of the national conventions and many of the regionals, which we hadn't even known about before joining the NMRA. An important additional benefit of NMRA membership, for us, has been the opportunity to meet with other model railroaders every month.

At the May meeting J Hedge described current computer capabilities for modeling and simulating railroads, both real and model. Some of the programs present realistic images of real trains in motion, others allow you to design virtual model railroads, and some even allow you to operate a train on a railroad you've designed. One of J's slides was a diagram produced by a program he uses to simulate track arrangements and evaluate their operating potential.

An old feature revived for the May meeting was to give members the opportunity to describe modeling problems, ask about techniques, or ask about sources of information. Several people did, and many others provided helpful responses. The members agreed that it would be a good feature of each monthly meeting. Some people pointed out that the internet has similar forums for seeking modeling help, and suggested that we compile and publish a list of internet sites hosting model railroad discussion groups. J Hedge and Steve Hood agreed to collect internet addresses (URLs) sent to them by other members. If you have some favorite internet railroad forums, send them to J and Steve. Their email addresses are here in the Call Board. Steve will publish the list on the Division 3 web site. Perhaps it'll be here in the Call Board, too, if it's not too big for that.

Meanwhile, I invite you to explore the many model and prototype railroad interest groups to be found on Yahoo! If you point your browser to <http://groups.yahoo.com> (notice that there is no www in that URL) you will find a list of

general categories for the Yahoo! Groups. Click the category "Hobbies & Crafts." In the list that follows, click "Models." In the next list, click "Trains and Railroads." Finally, click "Trains and Railroad Groups" and you will then be presented with the names of the first ten groups in a list of more than 500 formed to discuss trains and railroads. You can view the entire list, ten at a time. A brief description is given for each one. To join a group, click its name in the list. Yahoo also provides a way to search for groups that might interest you without scrolling through the entire list.

To me, computer groups can't compare with seeing and talking with you in person at the NMRA meetings and conventions, but they can be a valuable source of additional information.

See you Sunday afternoon, June 16th.

Contests

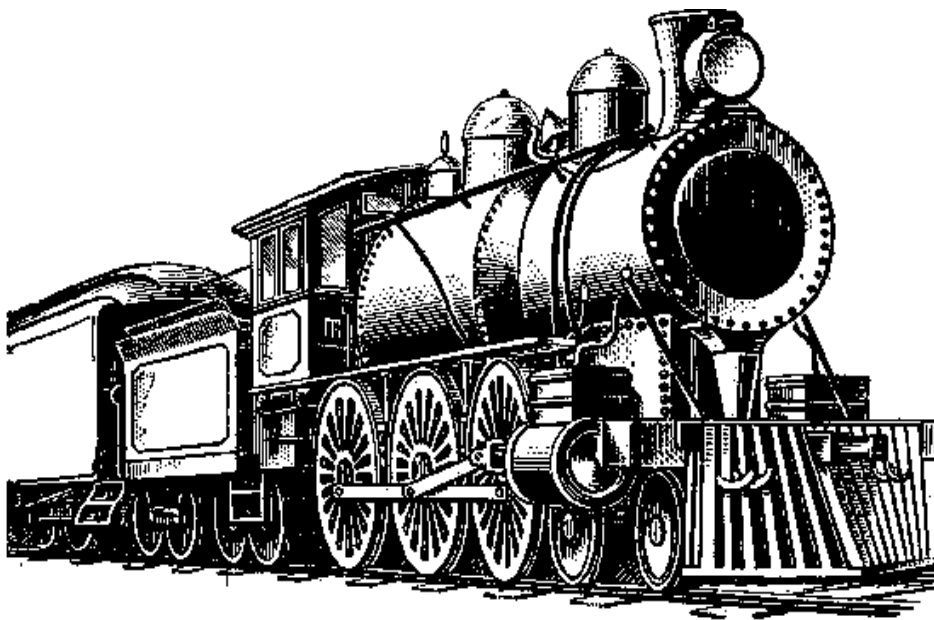
**June
No Contest**

May Results

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Models		Photos	
1	Bill Spinks	1	No Contest
2	Steve Hood Richard Davoust	2	
3	Jim Foster LeRoy Clouser	3	

July Scene
 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.

Date	Location	Contest	Program
16 June Fathers Day	Wright Memorial Library Oakwood, Ohio		Layout Tours
28 July (Moved to 4th Sunday)	Wright Memorial Library Oakwood, Ohio	Scene	
18 August			
15 September			



We are in the process of collecting information on workgroups and operating sessions. If you have a workgroup and would like to make it available to others, or have room for visitors during operating sessions, we would like to hear from you. Contact J. Hedge.

The Division would like to develop a repository of kit directions and plans. These would be made available to anyone who acquires a kit without directions. Dick Kehl is the contact point for donations. This would be a good time to organize your archives and help others.

“GEM City Flyer” Regional Convention Contest Winners

GEORGE MULLER MEMORIAL AWARD-MODEL (BEST OF SHOW)

Charles Atkinson

R.D. FULLERTON PHOTO AWARD (BEST OF SHOW)

Al McClelland

CHESTER MOSZALSKI STEAM AWARD

Charles Atkinson

SWITCHING CONTEST

1. Gregg Heeter & Joseph Lanning
2. Wil Davis & Gordon Carlson
3. Carter Jastrum & Guy Forsythe

DISPLAY-OFF LINE

1. Ron Dietrich

ARTS & CRAFTS-GENERAL

1. Beverly Palton

FAVORITE TRAIN

1. Jim Grell
2. Fred Schneider
3. Bob Fink

ARTS & CRAFTS- RAILROADIANA PATTERN

1. Peggy Doerflein

THUMBZ

1. Marty Vaughn
2. Sam Swanson
3. Ray Persing

MODEL-STEAM LOCOMOTIVE

1. Charles Atkinson

PHOTO-MODEL-COLOR PRINT

1. Neal Schorr
2. Jack Laubish
3. Jack Laubish

MODEL-DIESEL & OTHER MOTIVE POWER

1. Thomas Atherton
 2. Thomas Atherton
 3. David A. Marvinney
- H.M. Steve Hood

PHOTO-MODEL-COLOR SLIDE

1. Steve Hood
 2. Al McClelland
 3. Dave Matheny
- H.M. Steve Hood

ROLLING STOCK-FREIGHT

1. Sam Swanson
 2. Sam Swanson
 3. David Marvinney
- H.M. Jim Grell
H.M. Howard Smith

PROTOTYPE-BLACK & WHITE PRINT

1. Jack Laubish
2. Jack Laubish
3. Jack Laubish

OTHER-STRUCTURE OFF LINE

1. Bama Harman
2. Steve Hood
3. Bob Frankrone

PROTOTYPE-COLOR PRINT

1. Dick Flock
 2. Neal Schorr
 3. Dick Flock
- H.M. Neal Schorr

DISPLAY-ON LINE

1. Bob Lawson
 2. Ray Persing
 3. Richard Davoust
- H.M. Bill Spinks

PROTOTYPE-COLOR SLIDE

1. Jim MacKnight
2. Dave Matheny
3. Dave Matheny





The March Contest Category was Maintenance of Way. The photos of the models were taken by Dick Kehl. They disappeared into the bowels of my computer until this month.



From: Henry Jordan, NMRA Conventions Director
Subject: The Toronto Convention / U. S. & Canadian Customs

The national convention in Canada in 2003 has some impact to our members and our events. We cannot just bring our displays and contest models in and out of the country without some preparation.

I requested some information from the NFR as they go back and forth with some frequency. The enclosed is their technique on how to do it.

Please disseminate to your region members so that we can all bring the models and layouts across the border next year without any hassle.

1. First create a manifest sheet. On a plain sheet of paper make a list of the items you are taking into Canada and plan to return to the US

The list should include an item number, quantity, and brief description of each item.

They like numbers especially on rolling stock, even if they are not unique. (hand written is OK). Number the sheets if more than one. (see example).

EXAMPLE Manifest Sheet 1

- A. (1) HO Scale SW-1500 Conrail Switcher #9611
- B. (3) 2' x 4' Model Railroad modules 1A, 1B, & 1C
- C. (1) 6" x 8" x 12" Toolbox containing misc.
Hand tools. (Screwdrivers Pliers, etc.)
- D.

2. Take the manifest to the US Customs Office before leaving the US They may ask for the total value. So have a number ready.

3. They will stamp the sheet after the last item and may cross out blank spaces where additional items could be written in.

They sometimes attach a manifest registration form (3" x 3" sheet) and have you sign it. They sometimes make copies.

4. At Canadian Customs they will ask you if you are bringing in items to be left in Canada.

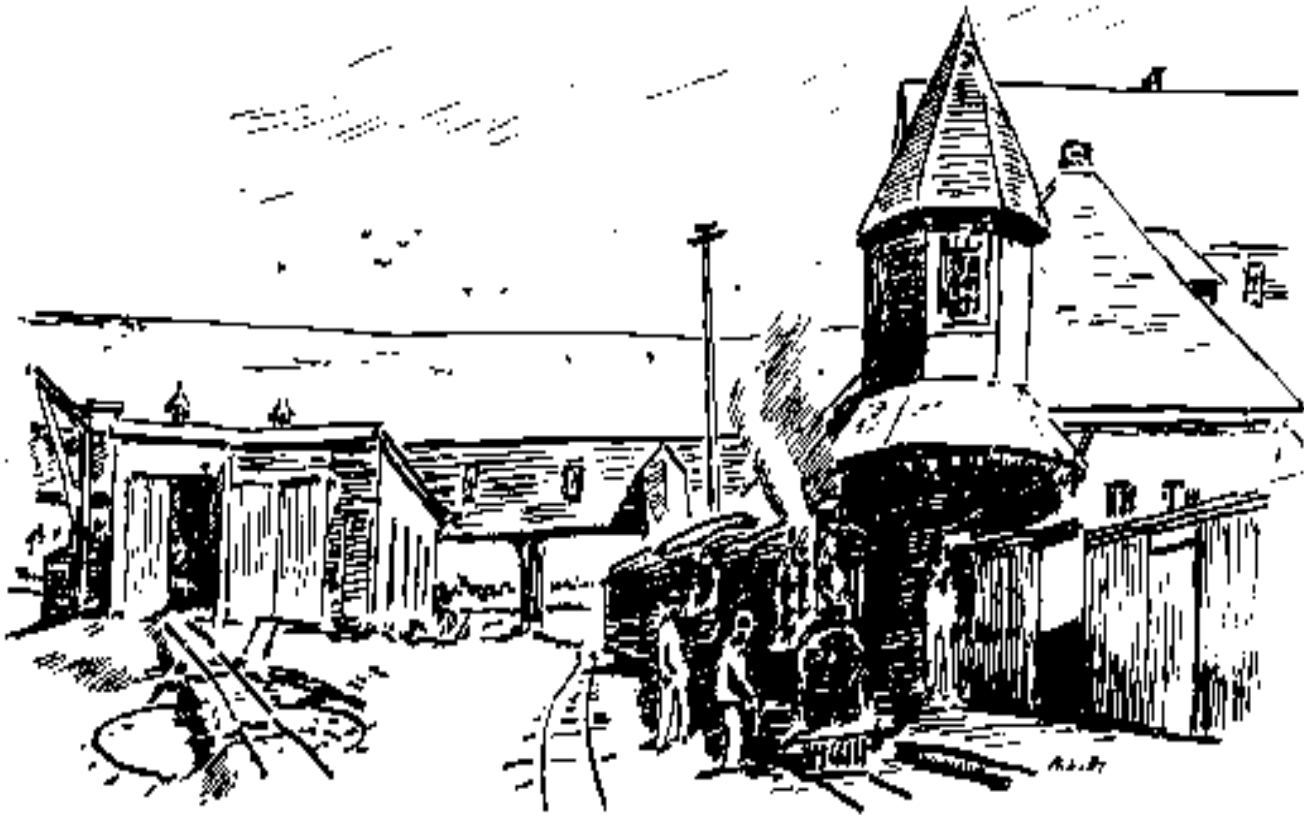
You answer no, and if questioned about the model railroad equipment, the manifest is your indication of intent to return the equipment to the US t works well if you meet at customs and do this as a group.

(As you can tell from the description above, the procedure isn't always the same depending on the agent you get.)

5. Remember you are doing something they don't see every day so be patient and respect the officers.

6. It also helps if the Customs Office is notified by the sponsoring organization that a railroad show is going on and they can expect to see some model railroad equipment coming across the boarder.

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Next Meeting	
When:	2 PM 16 June 2002
Where:	Wright Memorial Library 1776 Far Hills Dayton, Ohio
Program:	
Contest:	
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	



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