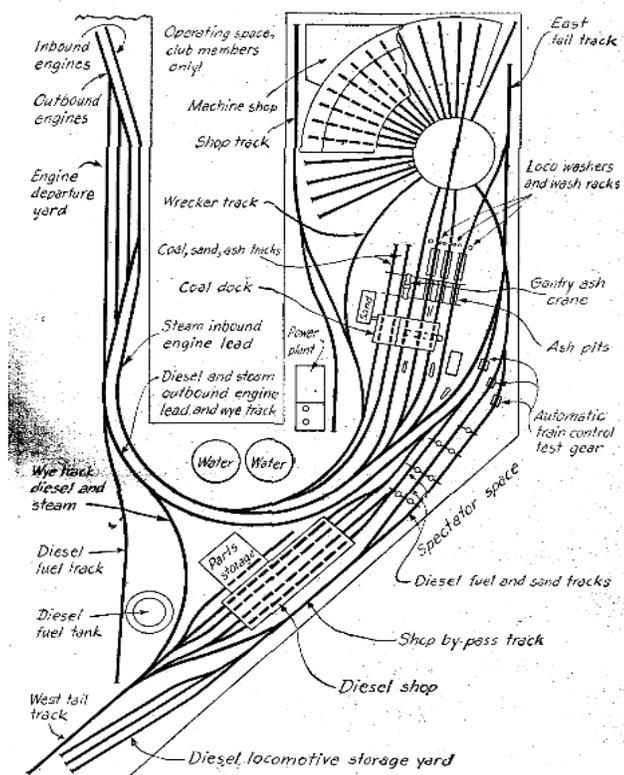


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This Month's Program ...



Engine Facilities

Turntables Engine Houses Tanks and Towers

Using prototype ideas
and techniques to
design a realistic
service area

We'll start the fall programs off with model railroad design. If you are building or thinking of building a layout it will definitely have engine services. Take a look with us at how the prototype did it - and still does it - then incorporate the ideas into your pike. You'll also get to see a neat presentation on building a model roundhouse using prototype research.

Sunday September 20th 2PM Chapel 3

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SUPER'S NOTES



How about another "participation" clinic?

Each time we have had a presentation where the members get to try their hand everyone seemed to really get into it. So as one of the Special "scratchbuild it" contests in NOVEMBER we would like to offer you a lazer cut kit and have the manufacturer walk us through its construction. The Mid Central region offers a nice kit of two PRR passenger platforms that would do nicely. We can get them at wholesale so the price would be right. Even if that's too much for you, split a kit with a buddy! All we need now is the number who would be interested so we can order the kits. I'll pass around a sheet at this meeting with details. If you are interested and can't make the meeting give Bruce Albright a call at (937) 426-3091. Maybe Tom Sorauf will have you bring yours back for the contest in December??

Don't miss any of the upcoming programs!

See YOU at the next Meeting.
Bob Fink MMR

Bruce Albright's bright idea on contests devoted to special items got the juices flowing for me again. The September trestle he came up with looked like it would fit right into my plans for the final addition to my layout. Right away I saw a lot of duplicated parts for the bents and cross supports. That meant holding assemblies over the plans many times and double sided tape does a great job for that. What about materials? Remember it was a DOLLAR project back in the 1950's. I had a big batch of balsa strips of various sizes I bought in an "economy pack" at Smitty's a few years ago and they fit the bill. Local wags in my operating group asked me if I was going back into model airplanes when they saw the pile of balsa but actually it's a material – like all others – that has a right place for the right job. I sometimes brush it with a spackling coating and then fine sand it to reduce the harsh grain. Chomping out the many legs and cross members to the same sizes on my homemade "chopper" was the first job. Then using the overlays with double sided tape to build all the assemblies didn't take as much time as you might think. Most of the time was waiting for the white glue to dry. All in all, a neat project. Thanks Bruce for giving an old dog an old project using some new tricks to refresh his skills.

Here's a happy group that saw six neat layouts in Columbus on our annual Bus Tour. If you missed it, keep in touch as next summer we'll do it again to some other great sites.



Sharpening Your SKILLS

AP Program News...

The whole concept of the Achievement Program is based on improving your skills and getting recognition for it. To make the program work we have to offer you a chance to show your work and you have to come forward and participate. We'll do our part each month by offering a popularity contest and even a "show and tell" table to get you started. As your skills advance you can join us in the Achievement Program (AP).

This is the big new SPECIAL contest:

The \$1 Trestle. It's easy, so get into the fun with us. If you thought punching all those rivets on the flat car sides was tedious now you can leave em' out on this steel structure and say, "it's welded"! We saw a number of hands go up a while back when people were asked if they were building for this contest, so the more the merrier.

Our REGULAR monthly contest setup ...

We have three categories each month. You can enter Scratchbuilt, KitBashed, 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 ...

Sept. \$1 TRESTLE & Non Revenue cars

Oct. \$1 Gondola Car & Make it cheap \$1, \$3 & \$5

November - Build your own Lazer Kit (Watch for details)

2009-2010 Standings					
	KIT	KIT BASHED	SCRATCH BUILT	PHOTO	OVERALL
First	Jim Foster (8)	Jim Foster (12)	No Entries	Dave Decker (34)	Dave Decker (37)
Second	Bob Knapp (3)	Denny LaMusga (4)		J. Hedge (24)	J. Hedge (24)
Third		Richard Davoust Wil Davis (3)		Nate Adams (8)	Jim Foster (12)

Division Webmaster in Hospital

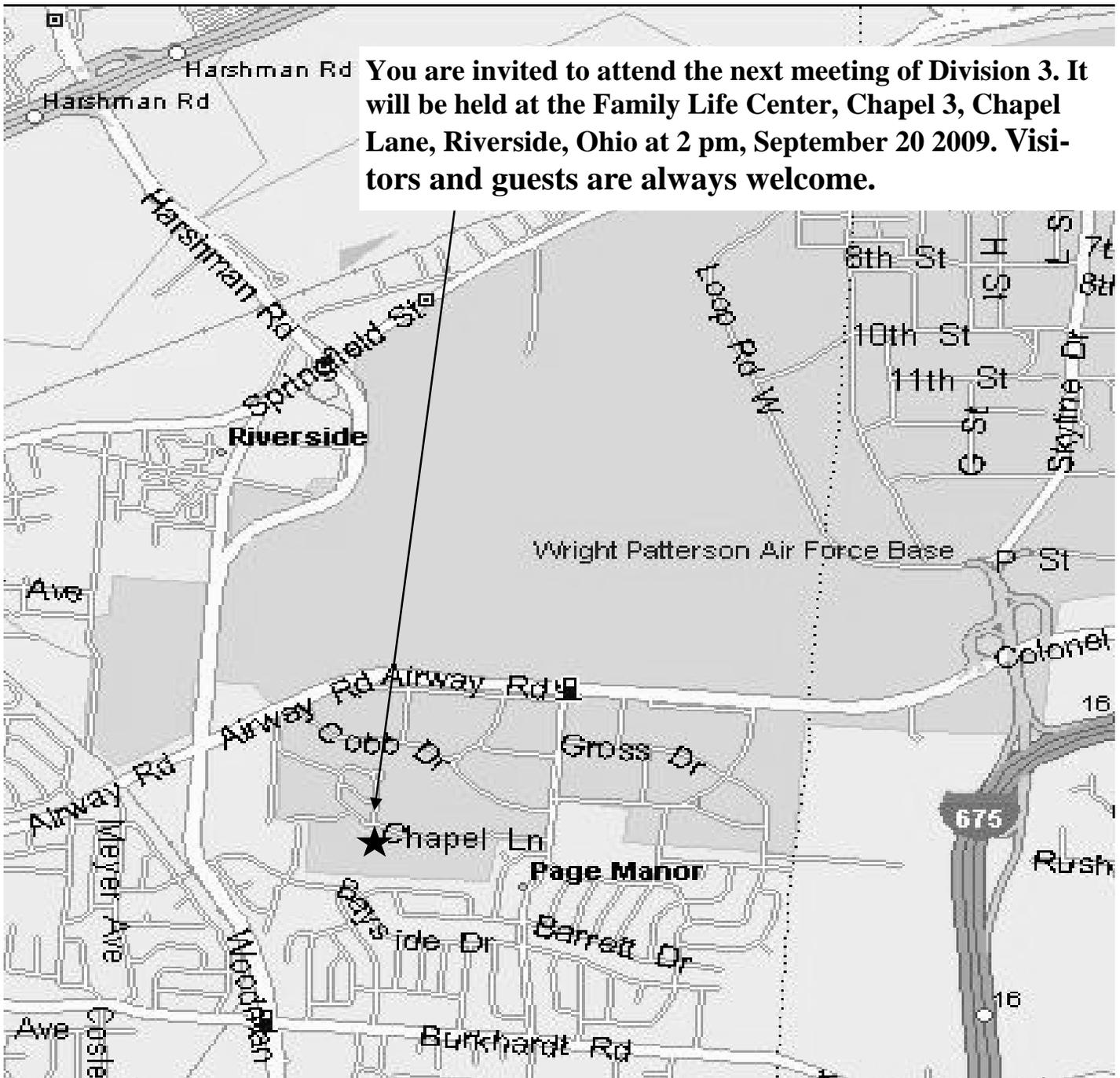
At press time, Norm Courtney, Division 3 Webmaster is in Miami Valley Hospital. He is being treated for a bleeding ulcer and some leg problems. Following his hospital stay he will be moved to a rehab center for a short stay. He would welcome some word from the folks. We wish him a speedy and full recovery.

Philip Gliebe Wins in National Convention Contests

Philip Gliebe, Division 3 Raffle Chairman, won 3 awards at the National Convention in Hartford in July. He placed second with a Narrow Gauge Diesel and second with a Transfer Caboose in the Judged Model (Kit Class) contest. His Diesel was the Peoples Choice selectee in the Locomotive category.

Division Elections

It's time for the biannual arm twisting and nagging to start again. Division 3 will hold the election of officers in April 2010. The positions are Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk. The incumbents are all ineligible to run for the same positions. We need at least 2 candidates for each position. Please consider running for office. The positions do not require any experience or special background. The only requirement is the desire to keep the Division running. A nominating committee will be formed shortly.



Train Show Help Needed

The Division 3 annual train show is fast approaching. Help will be needed for setup on Friday November 6 and at various times and locations on Saturday and Sunday. The show chairman, Nick Folger, will be signing up help at the September and October meetings. This is a great opportunity to promote the hobby and help the Division.

Random Thoughts

1. If you are too open minded, your brains fall out.
2. Age is a very high price to pay for maturity.
3. Going to church does not make you a Christian any more than going to a garage makes you a mechanic.
4. Artificial intelligence is no match for natural stupidity.
5. If you must choose between two evils, pick the one you've never tried before.
6. My idea of housework is to sweep the room with a glance.
7. Not one shred of evidence supports the notion that life is serious.
8. It is easier to get forgiveness than permission.
9. For every action, there is an equal and opposite government program.
- 10.If you look like your passport picture, you probably need the trip.
- 11.Bills travel through the mail at twice the speed of checks.
- 12.A conscience is what hurts when all your other parts feel so good.
- 13.Eat well, stay fit, die anyway.
- 14.Men are from earth. Women are from earth. Deal with it.
- 15.No husband has ever been shot while doing the dishes.
- 16.A balanced diet is a cookie in each hand.
- 17.Middle age is when your broad mind and narrow waist line start to trade places.
- 18.Opportunities always look bigger going than coming.
- 19.Junk is something you've kept for years and throw away two weeks before you need it.
- 20.There is always one more imbecile than you counted on.
- 21.Experience is a wonderful thing. It enables you to recognize a mistake when you make it again.
- 22.By the time you can make ends meet, they move the ends.
- 23.Thou shalt not weigh more than thy refrigerator.
- 24.Someone who thinks logically provides a nice contrast to the real world.
- 25.Blessed are they who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never cease to be amused.

The Division 3 FAMOUS BUS QUIZ 2009 RAILROAD LINGO

Match the definition with the railroad slang. If you get 'em' all right you must "have whiskers"!

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| On Inch-And-A-Half or on 3/16 | 1. A switch which can be lined in a manner to route a train or cars in any one of several directions. |
| Mainline Meet | 2. Couple the caboos onto the train |
| On The Hog Law | 3. To travel, off duty and on a pass, to another location for the purpose of going to work at that point. |
| Dead At 8 | 4. To test air brakes on coupled cars by opening angle cock on car farthest from engine. |
| To Deadhead | 5. To give stop signal to engineer |
| Crown It | 6. A stock car. |
| On The Carpet | 7. Time to eat. |
| On The Spot | 8. An employee called to the office for discipline. |
| A Puzzle Switch | 9. An engine or a crew on duty but not actually working. |
| A Bull Crate | 10. To jump in anticipation of a wreck or accident. |
| To Cut Away | 11. To be drawing time and a half or overtime rate of pay |
| To Make a Plug Test | 12. When two trains or engines get into the same block or section without authority. |
| To Make Them Solid | 13. An employee who has automatically been relieved of duty because of serving the maximum number of hours allowed under the Federal hours of service law. |
| To Swing him Down | 14. The Federal law will not allow an employee to perform service after 8: 00 Pm. unless he has had the prescribed number of of duty hours. |
| Bean Time | 15. To couple cars together. |
| To Join The Birds | 16. To uncouple and leave a space between cars. |