

Call Board

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Super Saying

J. Hedge and Dave Decker brought the Dalmatian Switching District to Germantown's Bicentennial celebration, and set it up in the meeting room at the Germantown Senior Center. The layout was open to the viewing public from 3:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., August 3, and was a big hit. Several times that afternoon I was at the Center, and there were always twenty or thirty people there enjoying the exhibition. Dave and J encouraged visitors to run trains, and one of my Germantown friends said later, "I had no idea that switching freight cars was that involved."

Phyllis Smith organized the train exhibition, which also included an operating G-gauge interurban car, and train sets on the floor for visiting children. It was a big success, and the Dalmatian was a very important part of it. Thanks, Dave and J.

Ray Persing reports that table sales for the Fall Train Show are going well. Peter Guise is on top of the publicity, and Leroy Clouser has much of the layout and exhibit room organized. Don Kriegbaum will create the Tour Guide for us again this year. He has contacted

our publisher, who will also handle it again. You can help by suggesting potential advertisers; we have lost some this past year, due to hobby shop closings. Call me with your nominees.

At the special Division 3 meeting August 21st, the members present voted to acquire Dayton & Western interurban car 602, with a limit on the amount to be spent for acquisition costs, including insurance.

I'm writing this at Clifton Forge, VA, where Phyllis and I are working for a couple of days at the headquarters of the Chesapeake and Ohio Historical Society. We have come here several times to participate with other volunteers, in the cataloging and organizing of the society's tons (that's NOT an exaggeration) of drawings, photos and books donated by the C&O, Chessie System, and CSX. The task we have chosen to help with is cataloging the Hocking Valley Railroad drawings. There are several thousand of these, dating from the late 1800s to about 1930, when the HVRR became part of the C&O. In this collection there are drawings ranging the gamut from tools to track plans to structures.

Drawings that have been catalogued are listed in a searchable database, which includes the drawing number and a descriptive (more or less) title. I have a few, including some track plans for the region I model, and drawings of some of the stations.

To help support itself, the society sells the drawings, plus photos, books, models, clothing, and souvenirs. Many of these can be ordered on line at www.cohs.org, and more are being added all the time. I buy a lot of my C&O rolling stock from the COHS. If you're modeling a prototype RR, or if you model based on a prototype, your railroad's historical society may have a lot of material that you can use. Contact them.

This month's meeting is the 19th at the Wright Library in Oakwood. Richard Davoust has arranged another terrific program for us. Sam Swanson, nationally-known, award-winning modeler, will show us how he casts parts for his models, using molds he creates. Don't miss it!

John

Contest Results

July Scene

Models		Photos	
1	Jim Foster Bill Spinks	1	Richard Davoust
2	Bill Spinks	2	Bill Benysh
3	Richard Davoust	3	

2003-2004 Year

Models		Photos	
1	Bill Spinks	1	Ray Persing
2	Ray Persing	2	Richard Davoust
3	Richard Davoust	3	Bill Benysh

2004-2005 Contest Categories

September	Modeler's Choice Kit Built	October	Bridges/Trestles Kit Built
November	Modeler's Choice Kitbashed	December	Depots/Stations
January	Modeler's Choice Scratchbuilt	February	No Contest
March	Narrow Gauge	April	Thumbz
May	???	June	No Contest
July	Scene (Any Size)		

Changes in Contests

The 2004—2005 contest year will start in September. If you look at the contest schedule you will see several new and several returning categories.

For the modelers, the 3 Modeler's Choice categories have been further subdivided to provide a more balanced level of competition. The September contest is for unmodified kits. The November contest is limited to kitbashed entries and the January contest is limited to scratchbuilders. We hope that this will encourage more entries from those of us who survive by shaking the box and seeing what falls out. The May contest category is still under planning. We hope to be able to provide a common set of materials for scratchbuilding.

The photo contests use the same basic categories, but without the limitations of source. The May and April categories will be Modeler's Choice.

All contests will be popular vote. NMRA rule judging can be arranged if you need points for the achievement program. Anyone is eligible to participate. Each person is limited to a maximum of 3 entries per contest. A minimum of 3 entries is required to constitute a contest (all 3 entries may be from the same person).

Scoring:

First 4 points
 Second 3 points
 Third 2 points
 Entry 1 point

In case of a tie, the same number of points will be awarded to each tying entry.

Date	Location	Contest	Program	Layout
19 September	Wright Memorial Library	Modeler's Choice (KIT)	Casting Components Sam Swanson	Terry McTaggart
17 October	Masonic Home Springfield, Ohio	Bridges/ Trestles	Directional Lighting John Smith	Dick Sine
21 November	Greene County Historical Society	Modeler's Choice (Kit Bashed)	Dioramas Bob Lawson	
19 December	Wright Memorial Library	Depots/ Stations		
16 January		Modelers Choice (Scratchbuilt)		
20 February		None	Auction	
20 March		Narrow Gauge		
17 April		Thumbz		
15 May		???		
19 June		None		
17 July		Scene		

Contest Chairman Needed

Bill Spinks is retiring from the position of Division Contest Chairman. We need a volunteer to take over the responsibility of running the monthly Division Contests. The duties are:

Log in entries

Count Votes

Maintain record of point totals

If you are interested, please contact John Smith.

Raffle Layout Construction

Construction is well underway on the November train show raffle layout. The layout is being constructed at the Greene County Historical Society in Xenia. The upcoming dates are:
September 4th and 11th
October 2nd and 23rd
Contact Jim Foster for more information.

Division 3 to Attempt Purchase of Dayton and Western 602

At a special meeting on August 21st, members of Division 3 voted to make a bid on Dayton and Western car 602. A committee with Ray Persing as chair has been formed. The carbody is currently being used as a residence and must be removed from its current location. The membership authorized up to \$4,000 for the acquisition. The Dayton RTA has offered to store the car until its restoration is undertaken. Plans and costs for moving the car are unknown at this time.

Rolling Stock Needed

The raffle layout needs rolling stock. We would like to have cars with metal wheels, Ka-dee couplers and NMRA standard weight. If you have one or two excess cars please consider donating them to the Division.

**THE "SEVENTH" ANNUAL DIVISION THREE
"VINTAGE MODEL RAILROADERS"
REUNION DINNER**

Sunday, October 3, 2004 @ 1:00 p.m.

It is time again for our Annual Vintage Model RR Dinner and we certainly hope you will join us.

Anyone who has been a past or present member of Division Three for at least 15 yrs. or more is considered "a Vintage Model Railroader". These members and former members have only grown better with age like fine vintage wine! You will enjoy seeing your old friends. Of course, spouse/partners are welcome.

WHERE? The Chop House Restaurant, 727 Washington Village Dr. (from Rt. 675 go 2 blocks East on Rt. 725. Turn left on Washington Village Drive; the Chop House is about 2 blocks on the left behind Washington Park Plaza Shopping Center.) Order individually from a limited Menu \$14.00-17.75 which includes beverage, tax and tip.

ENTERTAINMENT: Dessert and a look at the newly constructed V&O Railroad at the home of Allen & Sharon McClelland, 2355 Sunflower Dr., Miamisburg, (937)859-8532

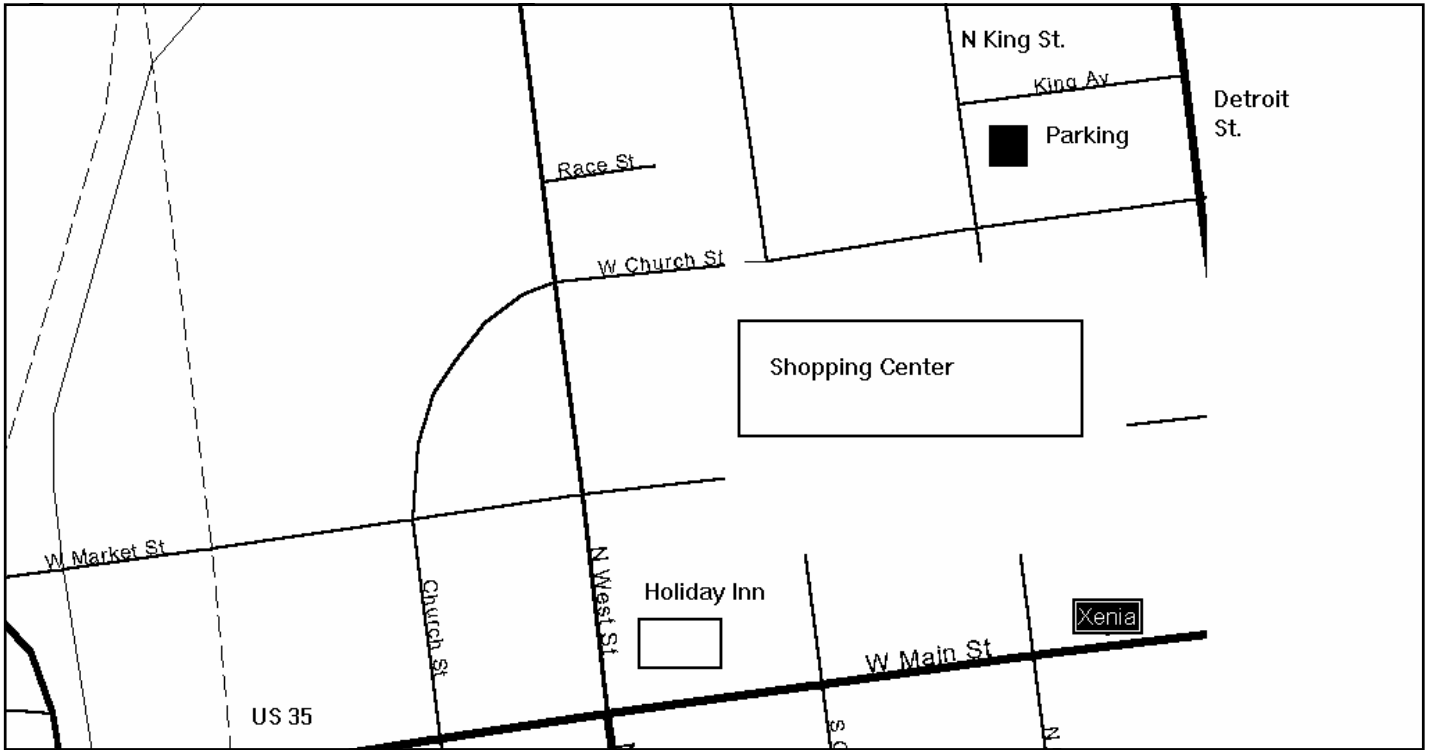
NOTE: Sharon & Allen would appreciate dessert donations. Give them a call if you can bring a dessert and let them know what you might be able to bring.

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL:

Don Bedrowsky (937) 426-4696 Dbedrowsky@aol.com

SEATING LIMITED, SO CALL ASAP. Deadline for Reservations Sept. 24, 2004

**You are invited to the September meeting on Sunday the 19th at 2pm at the
Green County Historical Society
Xenia, Ohio
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome**



Proposed Division 3 Investment Changes

According to Division by-laws, any withdrawal from investment principal must be preceded by a notification of intent to the membership (Article V, Section D, paragraph 1.) This is the second notification. The change will be presented for approval at the September general meeting.

The only investment at this time is a Primerica Mutual Fund. It has served us well for several years, but recent events have demonstrated some problems with this approach. The Mutual Fund is at the mercy of the markets, and any time a withdrawal is needed, Primerica has to sell stocks and/or bonds to meet the request, again at the mercy of the markets. This takes time - often several weeks. It has been suggested that it would be better to move a portion of our invested money from the Mutual Fund to a Money Market Fund. Although the earnings level might be less, a Money Market investment can be treated almost like a checking account -- and it won't be subject to market ups and downs and won't be dependent upon stock or bond sales. This type of investment can even have a checkbook, which makes it easier to pull funds from it, if necessitated by unexpected events. Adding funds to a Money Market account would be the same as for a mutual fund.