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Super Saying

During a recent Division 3 meeting we took some time for members to ask modeling questions and obtain responses from others present. I plan to continue to make this a part of our meetings, because, to me, one of the nicest benefits of belonging to a group like ours is being able to learn from the experiences of other modelers.

During that session, someone pointed out that some of the internet discussion groups are by and for model railroaders. Steve Hood volunteered to place links to them on our web site if members send them to him. In addition, here are a few that I have visited. Most were formed to discuss specific aspects of the hobby. Some were formed to help people use specific products. Some of the groups are very active, with hundreds of messages posted each week, while others see sporadic activity, sometimes going for days with no new messages. In many groups, it takes only someone asking a question to kick off a flurry of new messages.

These groups are monitored for rudeness and profanity, so you seldom see the acrimony that the internet *newsgroups* often

display. The tone is usually helpful. There's quite a bit of tolerance for opposing opinions, but there are a few subjects that seem to elicit strong opinions.

It's easy to try these. Just go to any of the sites listed below, and Yahoo will guide you through joining the group. You'll need to invent an ID and password (and remember them).

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/ldsig> is for members and friends of the NMRA Layout Design SIG. The topics include design procedures, techniques, software and most aspects of how to build what you've designed. Membership in the Layout Design SIG is encouraged, but not required.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ry-ops-industrialSIG/> is the primary discussion list of the NMRA Operations SIG. The group is for railway modelers to discuss railway operations and industry practices and operations. <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RAILROADmodeler/> is for exchange of information to help people of all ages learn to build models that realistically represent actual railroads and railroad equipment.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/RRSoftware/> is for discussion of

all aspects of software for model railroading.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Compurail/> is for discussing ways to get the most out of computers in the model railroading hobby.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Midwestern-MSIG/> (Midwestern Modelers Special Interest Group) is for the discussion of modeling the railroads of the Midwestern United States and Central Canada.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CHESSImodeler/> is for communications among modelers of the Chessie System, the B&O, C&O, and the WM railroads, to share information about the prototype that is useful in building scale models.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/3rdPlanIt/> is for people using or interested in 3rd PlanIt, a CAD software package for track planning and designing model railroad layouts. The group is not affiliated with or sponsored by the makers of 3rd PlanIt.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/CMRIUsers/> is for users of Bruce Chubb's Computer/Model Railroad Interface system to share information and solutions.

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Contests

September Locomotives

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.

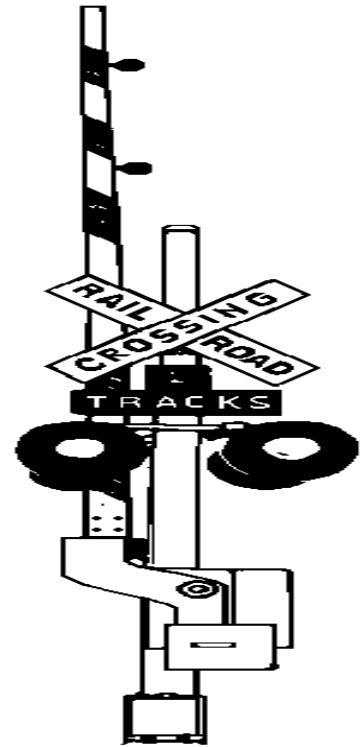
October	Passenger cars	March	Non-Revenue
November	On-Line Structures	April	Off-Line Structures
December	Freight Cars	May	Cabooses
January	Favorite Train	June	No Contest
February	No Contest	July	Scene

July Results			
Models		Photos	
1	No Contest	1	LeRoy Clouser
2		2	LeRoy Clouser
3		3	Fred Schneider

The 2001-2002 Contest Year ended with the July Contest. The points were totaled and the winners are:

2001-2002 Overall Results			
Models		Photos	
1	Bill Spinks	1	LeRoy Clouser
2	Fred Schneider	2	Fred Schneider
3	Lone Eagle Payne	3	Steve Hood

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.

Date	Location	Contest	Program
15 September	Masonic Home Springfield, Ohio	Locomotives	Model Masonry by Jim Foster
20 October		Passenger cars	

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digitrax is for people using the Digitrax Digital Command Control DCC system for model railroads.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/easydcc/> is for those interested in EasyDCC, a Digital Command Control (DCC) system manufactured by the CVP Company.

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/NCE-DCC/> is for users of the NCE Digital Command Control System.

See you Sunday, September 15th. Don't forget to bring copies of some kit instructions for the Division files.

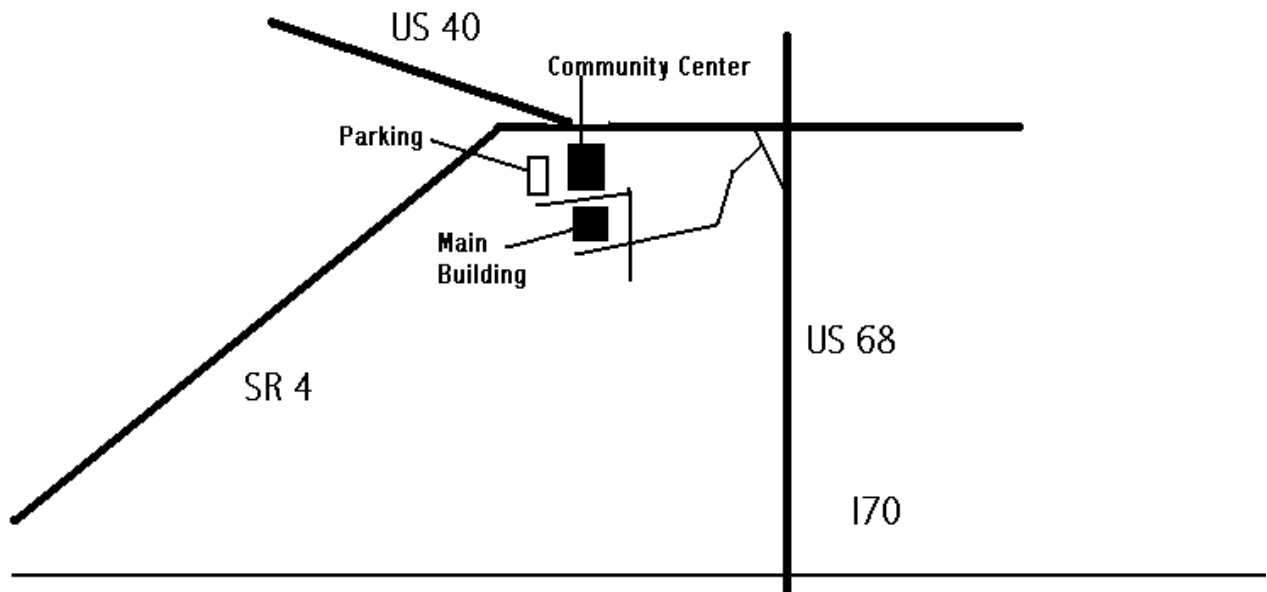
Model Railroad For Sale

HO Scale model railroad layout that started as the 4' x 8' "HO Railroad That Grows" using snap track. It has grown to an 8' x 14' railroad empire using handlaid track for the expansion. Layout is wired for two power packs. All turnouts are remotely operated with twin coil switch machines. Price is negotiable. For more information, contact Dale Waddell.

According to the *King Pin*, Ray Persing is now a member of Division 4. We hope that the error will be corrected.



The September meeting will be held at the Masonic Home Community Center in Springfield Ohio. The program on Model Masonry will be presented by Jim Foster. The Contest year will begin with the category of Locomotives. The models and photos may be steam, diesel or electric. The planning is well underway for the November show and updates will be presented. The annual call for volunteers will be heard. Altogether this will be a must attend meeting .



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Next Meeting

When:	2PM 15 September 2002
Where:	Masonic Home Community Center Springfield, Ohio
Program:	Model Masonry by Jim Foster
Contest:	Locomotives
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	

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