

# Call Board

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## Super Saying

At the September meeting, Jim Foster demonstrated and described his new HO narrow gauge module, the Euslis Railroad. It's very well done, with exquisitely detailed scenery, and a unique track plan. Unlike most modules, it has a continuous loop. In addition, the track exits at two points on the rear, as well as on both ends, so it can be an inline module or a corner module in two different ways. It could also be an end module, if the two connecting modules were back to back. One point that Jim made during the discussion was that building a small layout or module allows you to complete a model railroad in a reasonably short time, which can be very satisfying.

Please join us October 7<sup>th</sup> for the Division 3 Whitewater Valley excursion. We can have some fun, and at the same time, show our spouses our appreciation for their support (or tolerance, as the case may be). We'll meet at Connersville for the train trip to Laurel Inn and return. We'll disembark at the Laurel inn for dinner. The Train to Dinner departs Connersville Station at 6 p.m. The cost is \$25 per adult, \$15 for children, and includes the round trip train ride, the meal, tax and tip. Contact Rick Lach, or



show up at Whitewater Valley's Grand Central Station in Connersville in time to get your tickets for a great trip. For directions, see [www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/directions.php](http://www.whitewatervalleyrr.org/directions.php).

Objects on the calendar are closer than they appear. This year's Division 3 Fall Train Show is November 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. Ray Persing is busy selling vendor tables, and managing the arrangement of the East Hall at Hara Arena. Leroy Clouser is managing the arrangements of the Ball Arena, where the clubs and RR societies will be. Ray and Peter Guise are working hard on publicity, and Kirk Perkins has the Boy Scout Merit Badge Program well in hand. Our Merit Badge program is known across the land.

During the show, we'll need help staffing the NMRA membership recruiting table and

the front entry area, selling tickets, counting people, handing out Tour Guides and answering questions. Please stop by and work there for an hour or two during the weekend. The work is easy, and having many volunteers will mean that no one will need to work long hours.

A few months ago I mentioned in this column a new computer program, Trainplayer, by Trainplayer Software, Inc., that was being developed to simulate model railroads. I just checked Trainplayer's web site again ([www.trainplayer.com](http://www.trainplayer.com)), and it appears that the program has been shipping for a while. You can download a free demo, or can purchase the program with several different collections of model railroads, starting at \$29.95. Trainplayer lets you enter your own track plans, so if you are designing a model railroad, you could test your ideas with this program.

See you Sunday, October 16<sup>th</sup>.  
John

Date	Location	Contest	Program	Layout
7 Oct	<b>Train to Dinner</b>			
16 Oct	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	Open Loads Flats/Gons		
5-6 Nov	<b>Annual Train Show Hara Arena</b>			
20 Nov	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	On-Line Structures		
18 Dec	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	Steam Engines		
<b>2006</b>				
15 Jan		Off-Line Structures	East Broad Top Update by Lee Rainey	
19 Feb		No Contest	Member Auction	
19 Mar		Non-Steam Locomotives		
16 Apr		Logging Equipment		
21 May		Non-Revenue Non-Cabooses		
18 Jun		No Contest		
16 Jul		Cabooses		

**2006 Elections**

Brian Petroziello has volunteered to be the chairman of the nominating committee for next year's Division Election. Brian is looking for nominees for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk. The term of office is from May 2006 to May 2008. These jobs do not require a lot of work and can be very rewarding. For more information on the duties of these positions contact Brian at (937) 837-7533 or bpetroz@aol.com.

**Program Ideas Wanted**

The BOG is looking for requests from the members on future programs. Contact any BOG member to request a clinic

<b>Contests</b>			
<b>September 2005 Favorite Train</b>		<b>Rules</b>	
<b>Model</b>	<b>Photo</b>		
1	Jim Foster	1	LeRoy Clouser
2	Jim Foster	2	J. Hedge
3	Dave Decker Bill Spinks	3	J. Hedge
<b>Future Categories</b>			
October	Open Loads Flats/Gons		
November	On-Line Structures		
December	Steam Engines		
January	Off-Line Structures		
February	No Contest		
March	Non-Steam Locomotives*		
April	Logging Equipment		
May	Non-Revenue Non-Caboose		
June	No Contest		
July	Cabooses		

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.

\*The March Category includes Electric, Gas, or Gas Electric Locomotives.

**Layouts Needed**  
 We have run out of layouts to visit after our meetings. The layouts can be any size, scale, and stage of completion. Contact Bruce Albright for more information.

**November Layout Tours**  
 On 2 September Don Kriegbaum underwent Heart Surgery. We wish Don a speedy and complete recovery. Nick Folger has taken over the tour book preparation for the November show. If you have a layout and want to be included please contact Nick at 937-429-5353.

**Show Anniversary Cars**  
 A limited edition car is being produced. They will only be available by pre-order. If you would like to reserve a car contact Chief Clerk, John Reck. The price has not been determined.

**Company Store**

Brian Petroziello announced that the Company Store has the following available:  
 Division Short Sleeve Shirts  
 V&O Cars  
 Southern Cars  
 Car Cards  
 If you are beginning to set up for operating you need to hurry and get your Car cards. There are only 64,000 left.

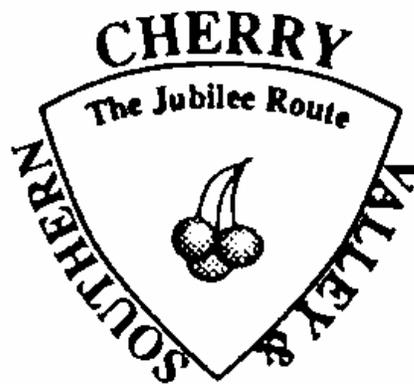


### Membership Campaign

The NMRA National Membership Chairman is asking all members to help promote the NMRA. The NMRA Rail-Pass Program is a good way to introduce new members to the benefits of the NMRA. A Rail-Pass membership would make a good Christmas gift for someone who is new to the hobby or feels that the NMRA is a dinosaur and has nothing to offer to modern modelers.

### Cherry Valley & Southern

Fred Schneider is looking for operators for the CV&S. He is trying to restart regular operating sessions on the first Sunday of the month starting at 7pm. If you are interested in joining a relaxed fun-filled crew, give Fred a call at 937-390-2535. The CV&S is located North of Springfield, Ohio.



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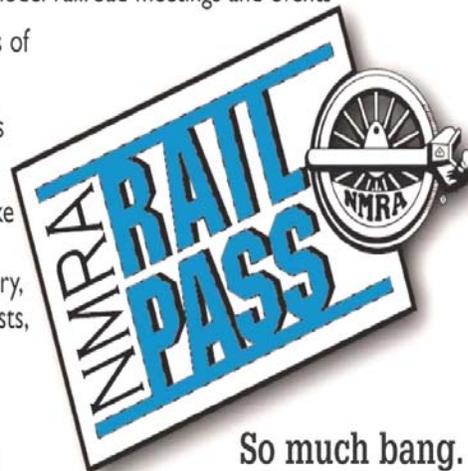
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\*Rail Pass offer is good in the U.S. only and is for new members and those who have not been NMRA members for two years or more. Individuals can only join at Rail Pass rates one time; membership renewal will be at the regular membership rate. Rail Pass members can vote, attend conventions and participate in contests, but cannot hold office and will not receive a New Member Pak.

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## INVITATION

# THE “EIGHTH” ANNUAL DIVISION THREE “VINTAGE MODEL RAILROADERS” REUNION DINNER

Sunday, October 23, 2005 @ 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! We know you will enjoy seeing your old friends. Of course, spouse/partners are also invited.

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. Prices vary from \$14.00-17.75 which includes beverage, tax and tip.

ENTERTAINMENT: Dessert and an afternoon of model railroading at the home of Gordon & Janet Carlson 5761 Owl Ct. Dayton, OH 45424 will round out our great afternoon.

NOTE: I know Gordon & Janet 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. 236-1927.

FOR RESERVATIONS PLEASE CALL OR E-MAIL:  
Bill Marshall 439-1121 wmarsh7@yahoo.com

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Deadline for Reservations Oct. 16, 2005.