

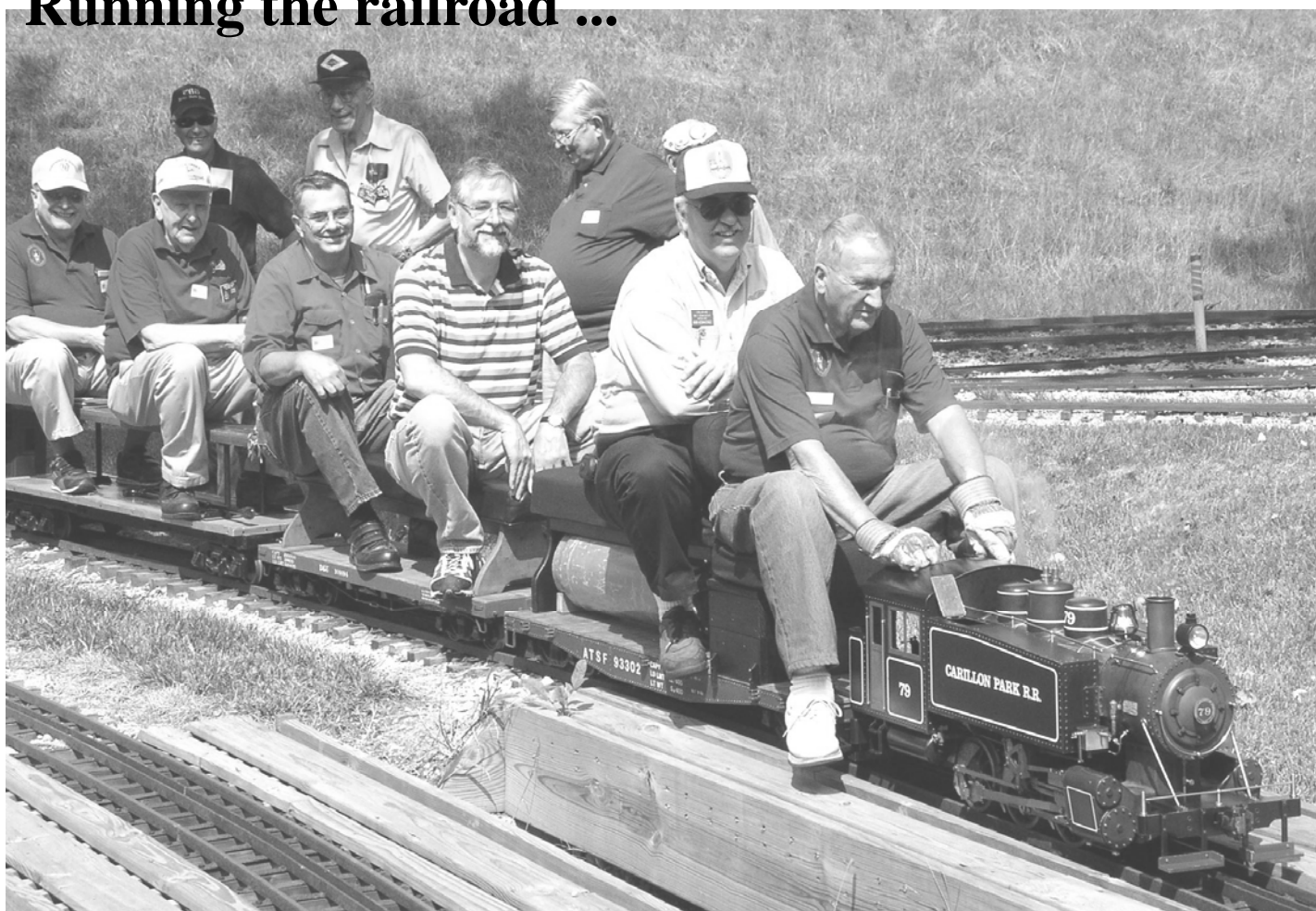
Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

Running the railroad ...



It's time to try your hand again at running a live steam engine. If you tried it last year you know what fun it can be. Watching can be fun, too.

It's a family affair with picnic facilities so spend the day after our regular meeting. We'll start in the IAMS room inside the portico for a quick meeting then on to the trains. Admission is free for members and guests.

Carillon Park 2PM Sunday Oct. 14th (2ND SUNDAY This Month!)

SUPER'S NOTES

Let's get rolling...

What's been going on in Division Three

I just sent the biannual report on the "State of the Division" up to the Mid Central Region so I thought I'd tell you what I told them.

We continued to conduct our monthly meetings around the three areas that members told us they favored in our interest survey sent out last year. These were:

Realistic Layout planning and construction

Prototype history

Fun and Fellowship events.

We kept the three pretty well balanced when you look back at the previous Callboards. Our clinics on Layout design have progressed to the final stage of "planning" with our Clinic last month on Realistic Yard Design. Prototype History fans were well served by an excellent presentation on Weyerhaeuser Logging, and the American Passenger Train. The Fun and Fellowship area stands out in my mind with our great bus tour to Cincinnati layouts in August, our upcoming steam train run this month and a Christmas party in December. All in all Mike Mereness, our Program Chairman, has done a bang up job of finding out what you wanted to see and getting the presenters to fill the bill. If you let Mike or I know what you want to see, chances are it will show up as a presentation.

In personnel we have been well served by the unending work of Rick Lach. While many Divisions have two people handling the clerical and financial areas he has continued to wear both hats as Chief Clerk. The *Call Board* looks better each month thanks to the untiring work of J. Hedge. And it's always on time. That's the way the trains used to be! Bruce Albright keeps plugging away at selling the NMRA as Membership Chairman. It's a tough sell but he has increased the ranks of our division and you can see it with increased attendance at our monthly meetings. I noted to MCR that you folks and your continued and increasing interest and participation in our activities are what makes it all happen. Without your involvement this Division would disintegrate into a bunch of modelers hiding in their basements. Keep telling us what you like and don't like and what you need from the NMRA and how we can make your membership more meaningful.

Getting our financial house in order

The Board of Governors of Division 3 decided to move the bulk of our funds from a mutual fund account purchased some years ago to an insured instrument locally. Due to the tireless work of Rick Lach who jumped through paperwork hoops, fought with the fund managers to avoid penalty fees we were told would never happen and went through a general pain in the neck, I think we are finally going to get our money back! This episode has taught us that if you are in an organization - especially a non-profit as we are - find one of those big brick buildings called a BANK, place your money in insured accounts there, and get some sleep at night.

Looks like the Train show is right on time

Ray Persing tells us that table sales are on target and this should be another bang up year for the November 3rd & 4th Division show at Hara. Don't miss this one and let Ray know if you can help.

Contests

Contests are moving along again. It's Caboose (cabeese?) this month. Everyone has one so let's see your efforts.

Raffle

I just saw some of the nice raffle prizes Phil Giebe has collected. For \$1 you can go home with a really neat item. It's on for this month.

I've been shopping again

Found a can of spray paint called "Stone" paint at the big box store. Available in different colors it comes out in large particles for rough finish and really looks like stone. Should do a great job on asphalt roads in a darker color. It's by American Accents. If you beat me to trying it let us know how it works out.

See YOU at the next Meeting.
Bob Fink MMR

COME ONE, COME ALL!

JOIN US TO FINISH THE 2007 GIVEAWAY LAYOUT!

ACCEPT NO SUBSTITUTES! NO SALESMAN WILL CALL!

NOT AVAILABLE IN STORES!

We will meet in the little white house in the Greene County Historical Society Complex in Xenia, to finish this thing up, at 2 PM on Saturday, October 13th and Saturday, October 27th. Bring only your enthusiasm!

We may need a few other times, too.

To confirm a work session, call Jim Foster at 937-425-8330 days.

WOW!!

Railroad Sale
Oct 13 & 14
1-4 pm
1836 Elaina Dr
Springfield, Ohio
 Phyllis Schneider will be holding a sale of the late Fred Schneider's railroad items. She has new items, built items, cars, engines, cabooses, buildings, people, scenery, and just all kinds of things. She has books, videos, shirts, vests, framed pictures, lanterns and of course all items on the layout. She has over 800 items for sale. Everything is priced to SELL. She hopes to get people to buy what they need at a GREAT price. For more information contact Phyllis at (937) 390-2535, email is feschneider@erinet.com.

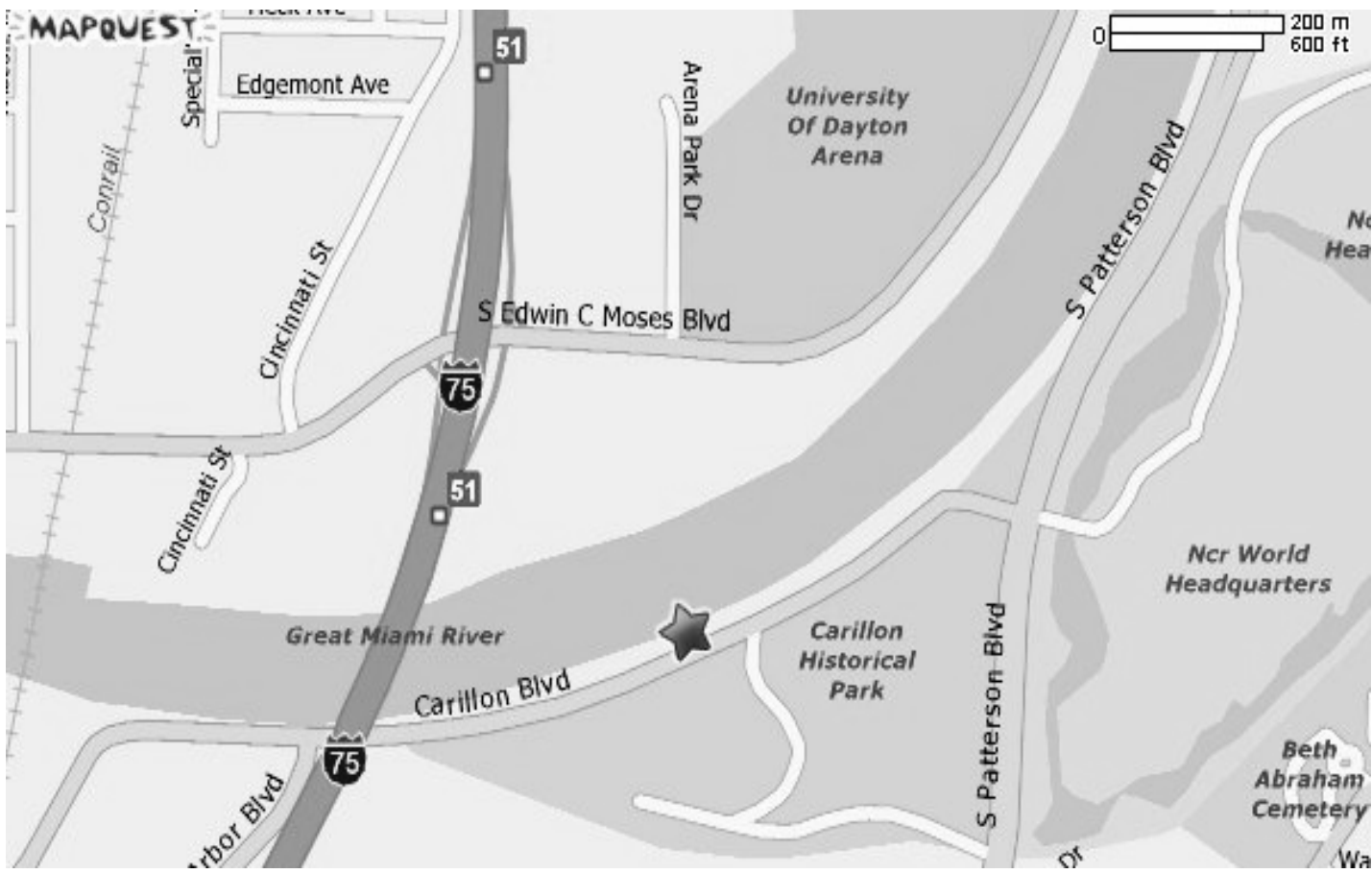


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A Blast from the Past

When the Mid Central Region started, their conventions were not as glamorous as today's. Here's an early one in Chillicothe. Notice some people were wearing coats since it was in a barn! And the big event was a locomotive pulling contest. Sand was added to the tomato can and pulley system hooked to each engine of any scale and the winner decided by total weight pulled. Still might be fun to try again. Many in the picture are gone but the skinny high school kid with his hand in the sand bucket is still around though he's lost a lot of hair and gained a lot of weight.

You are invited to attend the next meeting of Division 3. It will be held at the Carillon Historical Park, Dayton, Ohio at 2 pm, 14 October 2007. Visitors and guests are always welcome.



Board of Governors

The Board of Governors usually meet the first Monday of the month to conduct the business of the Division. Any member may attend and participate in the meeting. Please contact a board member to verify place and time.

Date	Host
5 Nov	Bob Fink
3 Dec	Rick Lach
7 Jan	John Smith



Division 3 Website:

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN US FOR THE

"TENTH" ANNUAL DIVISION 3

"VINTAGE MODEL RAILROADERS"

REUNION DINNER

Sunday, October 28, 2007 @ 1:00 p.m.

It is time for our Tenth Annual Vintage Model RR Dinner and we invite you to join us. Anyone who has been a past or present member of Division Three for at least 15 yrs. is considered "a Vintage Model Railroader". We all enjoy seeing old friends. Of course, spouse/partners are also invited.

WHERE? The Chop House Restaurant, 727 Washington Village Dr. (from I-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 approx. \$14.00-18.00 including beverage, tax and tip.

ENTERTAINMENT: Ed and Barb Swain have graciously volunteered to host the After-Dinner Dessert and Model Railroading Party at their home in Middletown. We know Barb would appreciate dessert donations so please let her know if you can help. (513)779-8211 edwardswain@aol.com . Also if you have railroad memorabilia which you can donate for door prizes please bring them to the party.

FOR RESERVATIONS CALL or E-MAIL: Bill Marshall (937)439-1121 or wmarsh7@yahoo.com

NOTE: CHOP HOUSE SEATING IS LIMITED SO CALL BILL ASAP. DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS OCT. 22, 2007.

PLEASE NOTE: We no longer mail invitations to those who have not responded to previous years invitations so if you want to stay on the list let Bob Fink know. If you have any corrections or email changes or know of anyone who has not been receiving invitations by either email or snail mail, have them contact Bob who handles the address list. You can reach him at (513) 897-0970 or bfink@go-concepts.com.