

Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

Creating Realistic Railroad Right of Way



Back to realistic model railroad design this month. Al McClelland will take us through the research and techniques of designing realistic trackwork using prototype ideas. A thorough presentation, as Al always does, with all the necessary details to get your pike underway & looking great.

Sunday, OCTOBER 18th 2PM Chapel 3

Next month is the Division Train Show at Hara! If you can't help please tell your friends and neighbors about it. Let's make this the biggest one yet.

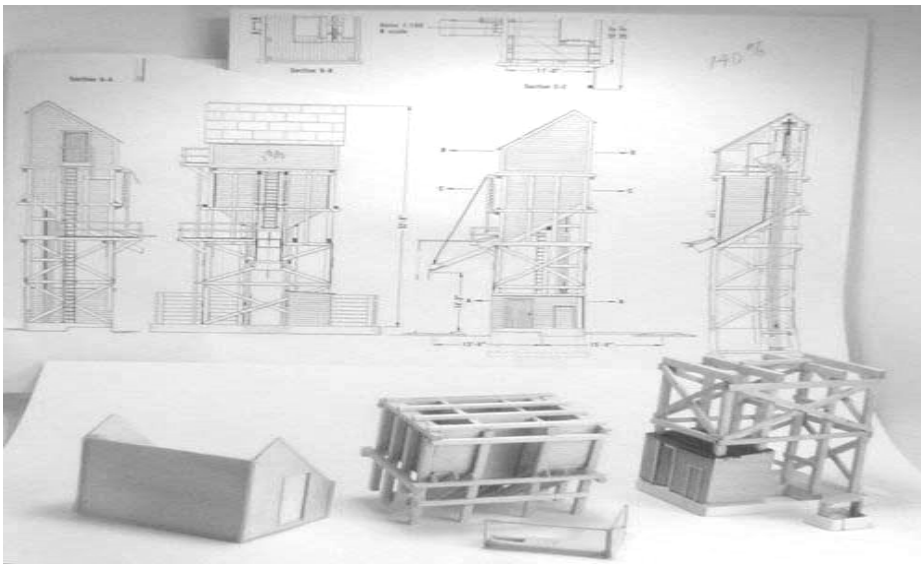
November 7th & 8th at Hara Arena 11 am

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

SUPER'S NOTES



Recently I needed some engine facility structures for a final addition to my layout. I had admired the Snow Co. 25 ton coaling tower drawings in an old Model Railroader magazine for a long time and I knew this was the time to build it! The first step when you decide to build from drawings is to study them thoroughly with an eye to how you can divide the project into sub-assemblies. It makes the job less foreboding, lets you buy your materials in stages and adds to the fun. What may appear to be beyond your skills could make you change your mind if you look at the task in “phases”. I guess the same can be said for layout building. I know folks who talked about layout building for years. Once they had developed a plan they found they could break it into stages and the saw-dust actually started to fly!



November is “Make & Take” month

At the last meeting we mentioned the November presentation. We'll have the Mountaineer Laser Products folks show us how to build a laser structure kit. It's another one of the “hands on” or participation clinics. We'll have MCR kits of the PRR passenger shelter they sell available to work on. It's a neat little kit of 2 shelters but we will break them out into single kits for a great \$10 price. You can order yours ahead at this meeting or by calling Bruce Albright. We'll furnish the materials for building and you can go home with one or more of these dandy buildings. The participation clinics have really caught on so be sure and let us know how many of these you want before they are all gone.

Ready for the Train Show??

Ready or not it's on. If you help or just come out you won't be disappointed as this is now the biggest show in OHIO! As they say, “Tell a buddy or tell a friend” to get out to Hara NOV. 7th and/or 8th. **See YOU there**

Bob Fink MMR

Try it next time you're thinking of building anything.

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).

TWO Division members secure AP Certificates!

Dave Decker has achieved his "Author" certificate and Bob Fink,MMR latched onto his "Prototype Modeler" certificate. Dave now has started work on his fourth ("Electrical Engineer") while Bob now has all 11! If you need encouragement ask either guy and I'm sure they will tell you how easy it is to get started. Let's keep Division 3 bringing them home.

This month's big new SPECIAL contest:

The \$1 Wood Gondola. There were a couple ways to build this one. As a flat with side boards or as a regular wood side Gon. Any way you decide to start let's see a good turnout for this useful old timer.

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 ...

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

**September Trestle Contest
1st Bob Fink**

Nov. Cabooses

September 2009 - Non-Revenue				
	Kit	Kit Bashed	Scratch Built	PHOTO
First	No Entries	Dave Decker	No Entries	Dave Decker
Second				Dave Decker
Third				Dave Decker

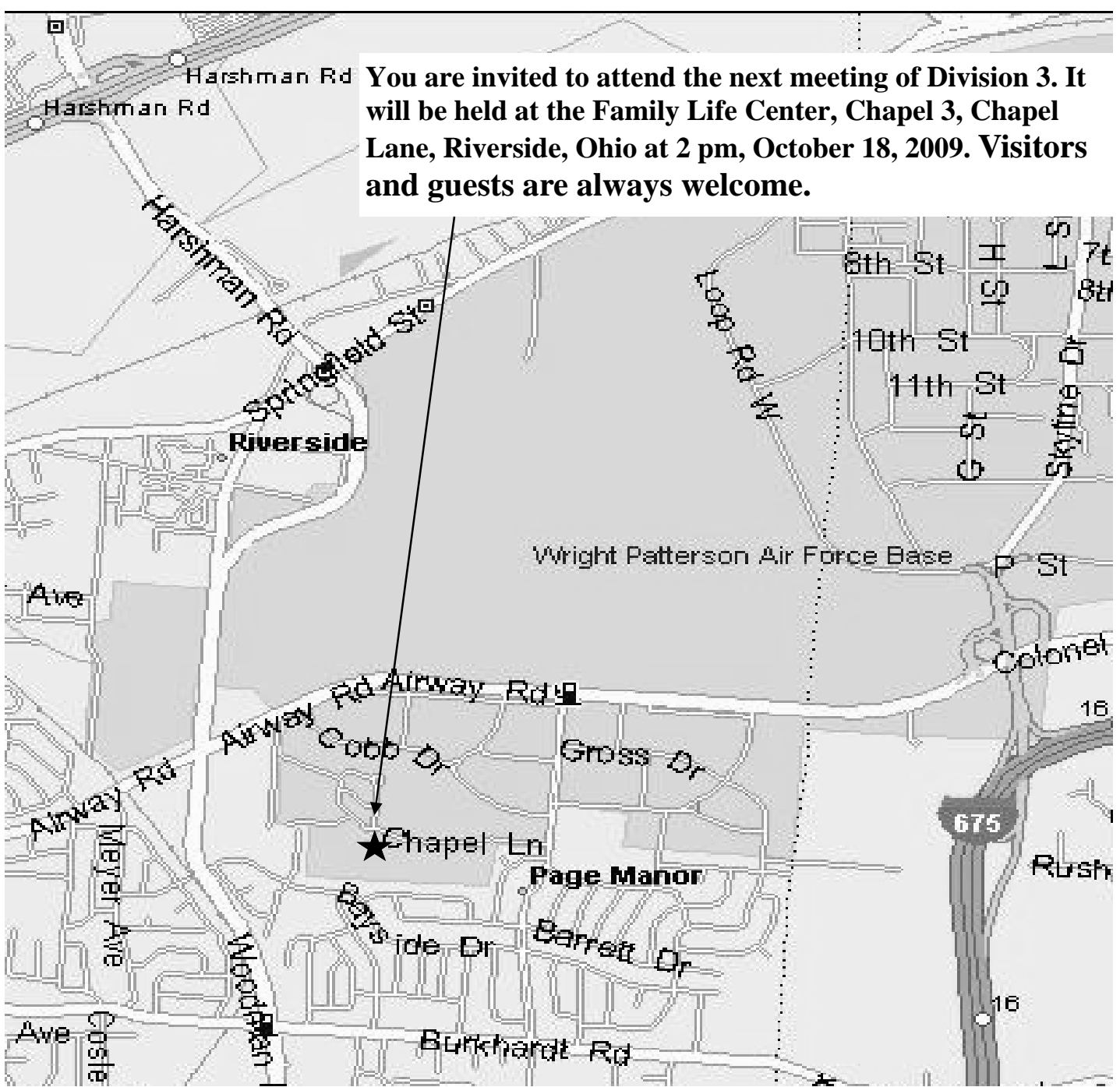
Train Show Help Needed

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 October meeting. This is a great opportunity to promote the hobby and help the Division.

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 incumbent Superintendent and Chief Clerk are 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.

You are invited to attend the next meeting of Division 3. It will be held at the Family Life Center, Chapel 3, Chapel Lane, Riverside, Ohio at 2 pm, October 18, 2009. Visitors and guests are always welcome.



Train Show update:

As of this writing, 10/2/09, the 2009 Dayton Train Show East Hall, scheduled for 11/7 - 8/2009, is sold out with 75 vendors or 363 tables. The Ballarena & Silver Arena are also packed with 35+ displays and layouts. I think that is a good thing.

I have decided to "FEATURE" a vendor this year, something I feel has been missing from the show. We have had clinics over the years, but in all of the years I have attended the show, I have never seen a clinic on 'HOW TO BUILD BENCH WORK', (my first show was in 1975). This year we have attending the show as a "clinician" and vendor - Matt Hewitt's BENCHRIDGE Bench Works. 2 years ago in the Indy bus trip we visited his home HO layout (the guy with the neat red Hot Rod.)

He will bring to the show his Debut of the BenchRidge Northern RR - an ON30 layout that is in 4 phases of construction - 1. Completed, 2. all risers and card board in place, 3. just the risers and track board in place & 4. building from his kits the bench work. He will build this up several times during the weekend as the clinic part of his display. Everything is pre-cut with holes drilled and hardware to bolt it together.

Ball Arena & Silver Arena are all but full - about 20 layouts in "N", "HO", "S", "O", & "7.5" scales are represented and the Pumpkin Vine Express - "Lawn Tractor Scale" just out side the Ball Arena entrance - (sorry, the "Z" scale is at the front entrance)

Exhibitors layouts include:

Miami Valley Modular Railroad - HO	Ohio Valley Sipping & Switching Society - HO
Crossroads RR Club - HO & HOn3	Columbus Area "N" Scalars (CANS) - N
Central Ohio N-Trak, Inc - N	Dayton Ntrak -N
Queen City Hi Railers - O	Miami Valley "S" Gaugers - S
Miami Valley Garden Railroad Society - G	Carillon Park Railroad & Steam Society - 7.5"
T-Trak of Cincinnati - N	Lionel Operating Society - O

And other layouts for the kids such as LEGO's and other "on the floor" layouts

Plus many other historical groups, etc. totaling 35 displays.

I have not yet accepted the Larry Williams "Hand Cars" for kids. In the last several years I have heard complaints of the "noise they make" and the "We won't be back if..." comments from exhibitors. So, IF i accept him, I will have to put him outside in the parking lot near the Pumpkin Vine Express.

I still need workers for the show. If you can help, please let me know by email (rally-master@sbcglobal.net) or phone (937-429-5353) or sign-up at the October meeting. Remember, the work is not hard, the pay is (very) low, but you get to see the show for free and meet some of your old friends for a walk down "memory lane".

For show weekend, I, personally am hoping for a miserably dreary, drizzle day for the show. The public won't want to work in the yard!