

Call Board

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Super Saying

If you saw Mike Brestel's last trustee's report, you know that Tom Draper has reported that the NMRA will end its fiscal year in the black for the second year in a row. Great news! Mike also reported that the NMRA's Long-Range Plan was approved by the membership, by a four-to-one margin.

Since Mike was elected Vice President in the recent NMRA election, John Roberts, the new President, appointed Miles Hale MCR Trustee. However, Miles has since resigned, because he and Fran are moving to Kansas. Howard Smith, MCR President, will fill in as MCR Trustee until the National Convention in 2005.

The MCR Board of Directors will meet October 17th in the library in Reynoldsburg, located at the eastern edge of Columbus. I will represent Division 3, so must miss the Division 3 meeting, which is the same afternoon. The Board meeting is open to all MCR members. Please let me know if you'd like to go, and we'll car-pool

Friends of Dayton & Western 602 purchased the inter-urban car for \$3000 and a promise to pay another \$1000 within a

year, so it may be saved from destruction, after all.

Ray Persing and Leroy Clouser report that preparations for Division 3's Fall Train show November 6th and 7th are going very well. Most of the planned vendor tables have been sold, and many display layouts are committed. Don Kriegbaum has begun the work on the layout tour guide. Peter Guise is doing a great job with publicity.

Speaking of publicity, three of us are planning a shopping trip to all the hobby shops in Columbus, and we'll place Div. 3 Train Show flyers in every shop that will accept them. While in the city, we hope to do some rail-fanning, too. Plans aren't final, but the second Saturday of October is a possibility. If you'd like to join us, call me; my phone number and email address are in every Call Board.

Construction is well under way on the HO layout to be raffled off at the show. Track is laid and wired, and the scenery land-form is completed. Some of the structures are built. We still need to finish the structures and scenery. Rolling stock is being worked on separately by several members. We will be working on

the layout every Saturday, 2:00 to 5:00 p.m., and most Thursday evenings. Please join us for some camaraderie. In spite of all the levity, we do manage get some work done.

Working on the raffle layout has helped Phyllis and me overcome a stalemate we've had constructing a mountain at one end of her layout. Although she hasn't worked on the raffle layout, we discuss the techniques used there. We've recently discarded an earlier plan for constructing the mountain, and are now using the approach used to construct the scenery divider on the raffle layout – plaster-cloth over crumpled newspaper. It's quick and easy, and has worked very well on both raffle layouts. We're very pleased with how it's going so far.

Have fun Sunday. Richard has arranged another excellent program, and you'll be visiting Dick Sine's beautiful full-basement layout. I'll be thinking of you.

John

Contests

October Bridges/Trestles Kit Built

September Modelers Choice			
Models		Photos	
1	Bill Spinks	1	J. Hedge
2	Richard Davoust	2	J. Hedge
3	Howard Clouser	3	

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.

November Show Help Wanted

Division 3 is looking for volunteers to demonstrate their model railroad talents to the public attending the annual train show. These clinics do not need to last during the entire day. 3 or 5 times a day each lasting 5 to 10 minutes would be perfect. If you can't do a demonstration both days, why not one day or part of the day. You don't have to be a public speaker. Most of the time is spent one on one. We will have table space for these demonstrations. Contact Ron Dietrich (937) 548-4780.

Ticket sellers, people counters and layout tour guide distributors are needed at the front door. We need people to help Ray and LeRoy on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning to get the dealers and exhibitors moved in.

2004-2005 Contest Categories

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)		

Correction to
Changes in Contests
From the September issue

The points to be awarded were incorrectly reported. The correct scoring is:

First	7 points
Second	5 points
Third	3points
Entry	1 point

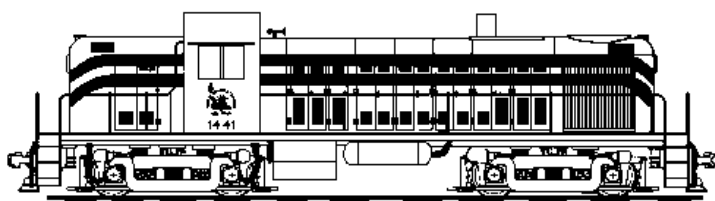
**Division 3 Shirts
are now available
in the Company
Store.**

\$15 each

Silent Auction

A silent auction will be conducted at the November show. A secure display case will be available. Bids will be recorded on paper and will be turned over to the seller on Sunday afternoon. It will be the responsibility of the seller to contact the winning bidder and arrange for delivery and payment. Contact LeRoy Clouser for details. (937) 323-8444

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



Cookies

For the last several months we have been enjoying cookies provided by Phyllis Smith at our meetings. We would like to have a few more volunteers to provide cookies.

Layout Tours

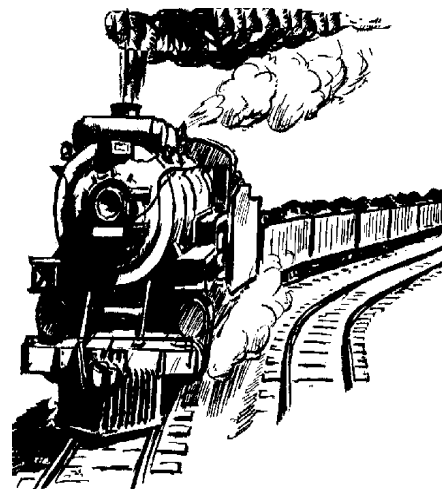
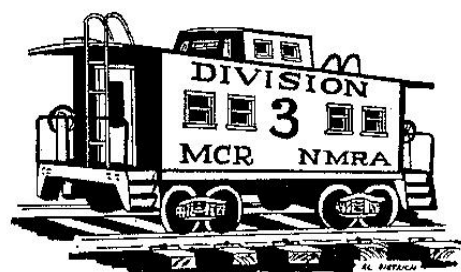
We have run out of layouts to visit after our meetings. If you would like to host a tour, please contact Richard Davoust.

Raffle Layout Work Sessions

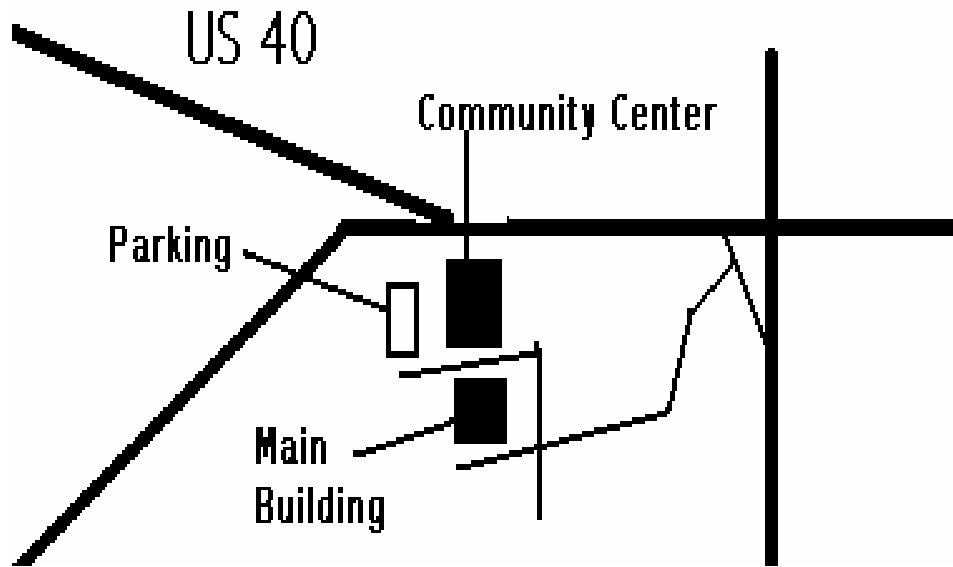
The Raffle Layout construction gang will be working every Saturday in October. They can be found at the Greene County Historical Society in Xenia.

February Auction

Division Auctioneer, Don Bedrowsky, has decided to retire. If you would like to try your hand at auctioneering in February, please contact John Smith.



**You are invited to the October meeting on Sunday the 17th at 2pm at the
Ohio Masonic Home
Springfield, Ohio
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome**



Northbound SR 4 is closed from Enon Rd to US 68. Follow detour to US 68 north.

We will meet in the Community Center.



First Place in the September Photo Contest



Second Place in the September Photo Contest

Car Routing on the Dalmatian Switching District

The Dalmatian and Calico Junction Railroad (D&CJ) is a portable HO scale model railroad club. We have been on display at many shows and have provided an operating contest for several Mid Central Region conventions and one national NMRA convention. The original layout featured the city of Dalmatian and Needless yard. Over the last several years the layout has been expanded to include the city of Argyle and Calico Junction Yard.



Dalmatian Switching District at Germantown Bicentennial

The current touring layout does not use the city of Dalmatian modules due to their age and need for rebuilding. The basic operation is point to point from Calico Junction yard, through the city of Argyle terminating at Needless yard. We use car cards for car routing. The only on-line industries are located in Argyle and each industry has several waybills. The tricky part was to come up with a way to simulate waybills for the yards.



Needless Yard

The solution was to route the cars to specific yard tracks. This allows the yard operators to have directed work rather than just aimlessly putting cars wherever they want. Each yard has 4 classification tracks and at least 2 inbound/outbound tracks. The waybills are simply numbered from 1 to 4. The numbers correspond to the destination yard track. This type of car routing is suited for any layout that does not have a lot of real industries but has a lot of yard capacity.

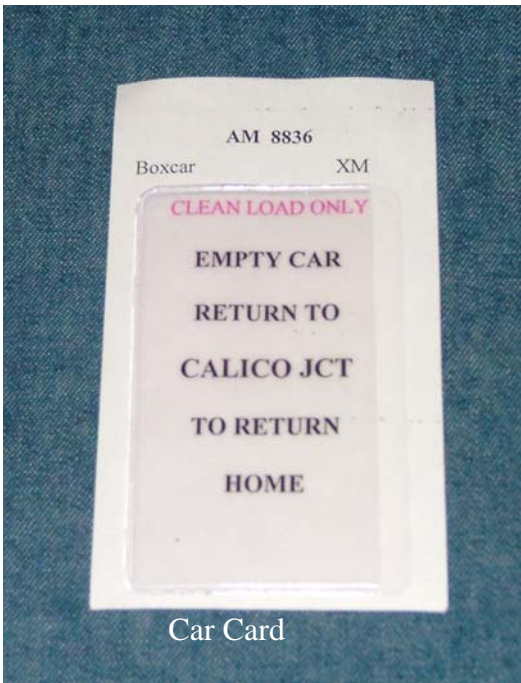
At the beginning of an operating session the cars are randomly distributed between the yard tracks.

The car cards are then distributed to the yards to match the cars. When it is time to make up an outbound train, the yard crew selects 12 cars from the various tracks and moves them to the outbound track. The operator then selects the waybills based on the toss of the die. The Calico Junction crew can include cars with waybills specifying Argyle destinations.

The road crew will take a train from Calico Junction to Needless or reverse, completing any pickups or setouts at Argyle. At the yard they turn the train over to the yard crew and wait for the next outbound train. The yard crew will classify the cars based on the waybills. After the outbound train leaves they begin pulling cars from the yard that do not have waybills, building the next outbound train.



Car Routing Dice



Car Card



Waybills

Once they have the outbound train assembled they again roll the die and place the numbered waybills in the car cards. This allows for a fairly balanced and random car movement over the layout. The waybills are then removed from the remaining cars in the yard. The numbers do not limit you to specific car types and are easier to start operating with while you develop industries. As more industries are added, the need for the simple numbers will decrease. But, until then they are a vital part of operations.



Downtown and Uptown ready to work