

Call Board

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Super Saying

The MCR Board of Directors met October 17th in the library in Reynoldsburg, an eastern suburb of Columbus. I'm sorry that I had to miss the Division 3 meeting that day, but the board meeting was interesting, too. A draft version of the meeting minutes has already been sent to the attendees for review; contact me if you'd like to see it. They will be posted on the MCR web site soon. Meanwhile, here are some highlights.

President Howard Smith reported that the present MCR officers will all run again during the MCR election next Spring.

The new NMRA rules and regulations, recently passed by the membership, will require updating of the MCR Constitution and Bylaws and some division documents. President Smith appointed a committee to update the MCR documents. We will eventually need to check the Division 3 Bylaws for consistency with the new rules, but have received no guidelines yet.

MCR education Chairman Loren McCullough has resigned. If you are interested in serving in this position, I would be glad to nominate you.

Treasurer Judy Logan reported that the treasury balance is \$22,293.35.

Ivan Baugh reported on

the MCR web site activity, and received several compliments on his development of the site. If you haven't been there in a while, have a look. There is a lot to see there. Ivan is looking for contributions, too. If you've done a clinic, consider forwarding it to Ivan for placing on the site.

MCR membership is approximately 1800, and the Division 3 membership is approximately 180. Exact figures are difficult to obtain, because the membership database at Chattanooga is being overhauled. Current upgrading of the ZIP codes to Plus Four has uncovered many previous "work-arounds" that are incompatible with the ZIP code upgrade. Each division needs to review the latest published membership list for errors. Copies have been sent to the Division Supers and Membership chairmen.

Mike Brestel announced that the NMRA has initiated an experimental program, Railpass, offering a six-month trial membership, including Scale Rails, for \$9.95. Anyone can purchase a Railpass membership who has not been a member anytime during the two years prior to the purchase. The program is slated to end July 31, 2005. Tell all your non-NMRA model RR friends.

Much more transpired at

the Directors Meeting; please watch for the minutes on the MCR web site, or see me for the draft version.

Construction is well along now on the Train Show raffle layout. Yesterday (October 23rd) George Ardwin, Nick Folger, Peter Guise, Tom Sorauf and I installed structures and roads, and added trees, bushes, grass, and rock outcroppings. One of the fellows from the Greene county Historical society stopped by and helped, too, but I failed to learn his name. There is still more that can be done with the scenery, and we need more freight cars and a caboose. We will probably do some work on it at the Train Show, to demonstrate techniques.

Nick Folger, Howard Clouser and I went on a hobby shop tour of Columbus October 2nd, and had a great time. We visited six shops, three Hobbyland stores and three independent shops. All were very nice. Even the Hobbyland shops were well stocked with scale model railroad supplies. I found some stuff to add to my stock of unbuilt kits, as usual. All the shops but one accepted a stack of flyers promoting our Fall Train Show.

For our November meeting program, Richard Davoust has arranged for Bob Lawson to

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Contests

November
Modeler's Choice Kitbashed

October Bridges/Trestles Kit Built			
Models		Photos	
1	No Contest	1	Howard Clouser
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demonstrate his diorama building techniques, from Step One to completion. Bob's layout consists of many of his dioramas. Richard has seen the program, and says that you'll be very impressed. See you there.

John

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.

February Auction

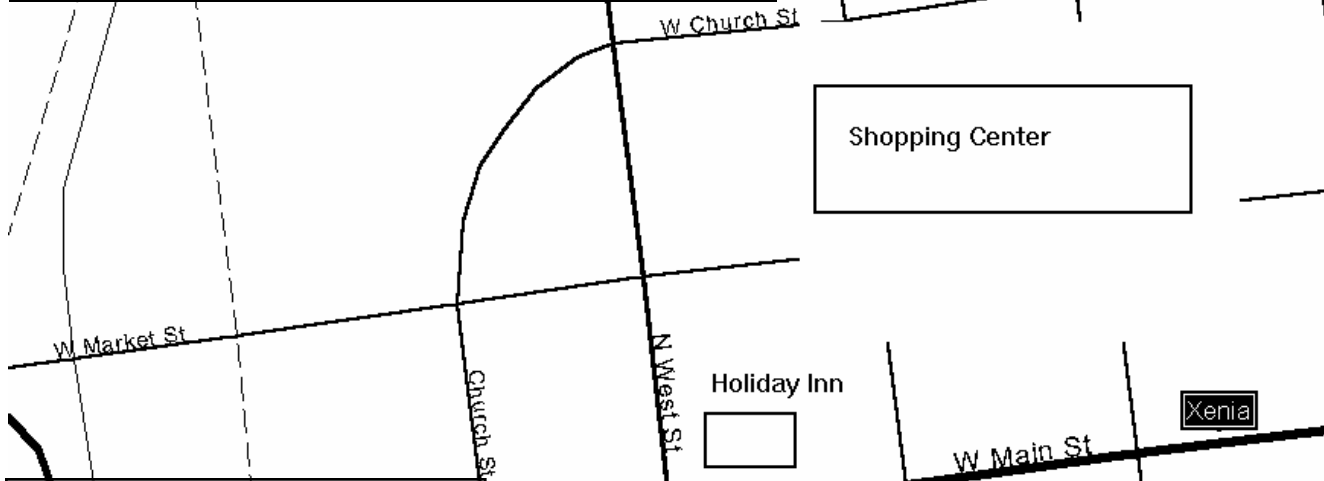
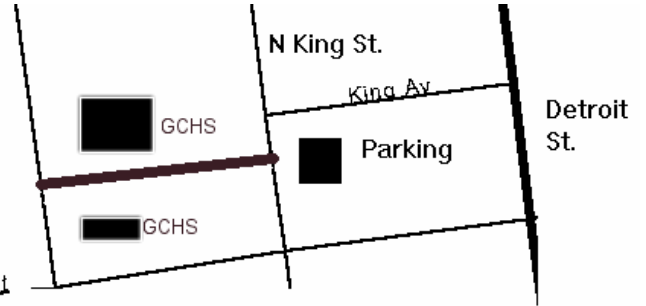
Division Auctioneer, Don Bedrowsky, has decided to retire. If you would like to try your hand at auctioneering in February, please contact John Smith.

2004-2005 Contest Categories

December	Depots/Stations	January	Modeler's Choice Scratchbuilt
February	No Contest	March	Narrow Gauge
April	Thumbz	May	???
June	No Contest	July	Scene (Any Size)

Date	Location	Contest	Program	Layout
21 November	Greene County Historical Society	Modeler's Choice (Kit Bashed)	Dioramas Bob Lawson	Tom Sorauf
19 December	Wright Memorial Library	Depots/ Stations	Directional Lighting John Smith	
16 January	Wright Memorial Library	Modelers Choice (Scratchbuilt)	Ballasting for Model Railroads by Jim Foster	
20 February		None	Auction	
20 March	Wright Memorial Library	Narrow Gauge		

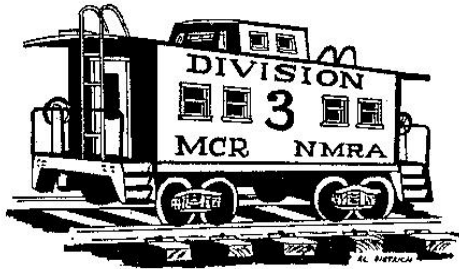
You are invited to the November meeting on Sunday the 21st at 2pm at the Green County Historical Society Xenia, Ohio
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome



Clinics Wanted

Do you know how to do weathering with chalk? Would you like to show us how? Contact Richard Davoust.

We would also like to know what clinics you would like to see at future meetings.



Division 3 Shirts are now available in the Company Store. \$15 each

