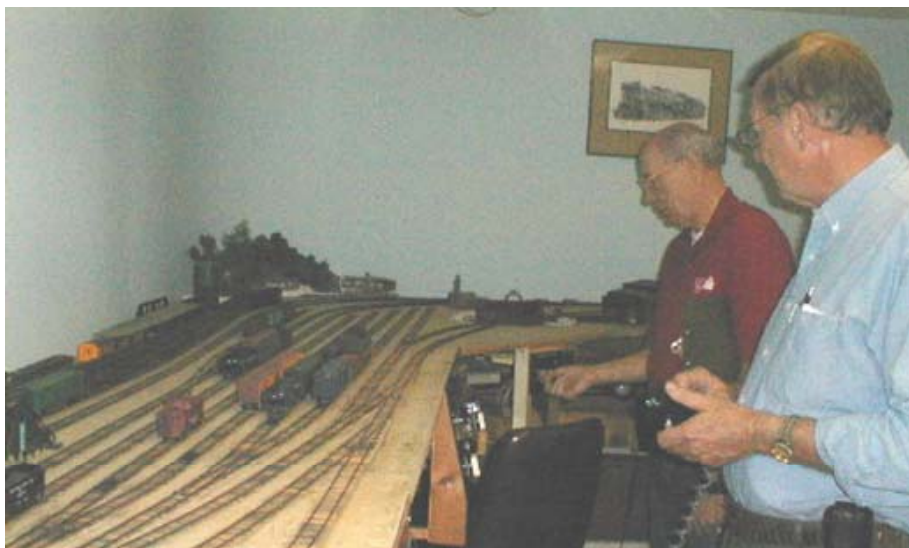


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This Month's Program . . .



Realistic Model Railroad Operations

How about some "Hands on" operation at some of the local layouts? We'll provide 4 local layout owners to show you how they designed a model railroad Operating Scheme. Then you can go to the layouts and try your hand.

This is the starting session for the year where we hope to show you how much fun it is to actually build and realistically operate a layout. This first step will take you through the fundamentals of train scheduling and traffic generation. Later programs will cover the planning and building stages of a model railroad. Results of The survey we sent out shows people want to build their skills and learn how to construct or finish a model railroad. If you just want to improve your layout here's a good place to start...

See you Sunday, November 19th 2PM in Xenia...

SUPER'S NOTES

Let's get rolling...

If alpha cyanoacrylate glue sticks so well, how come you're able to get it out of the bottle in the first place?

I'm still telling people about the fun we had running the live steamer at Carillon Park. at the September meeting. Thanks to Bob Schwenke for the use of his engine and for his great instructions on "making it go". I had watched live steamers and even helped people by machining parts for them over the years but this was my first time at the throttle. What a hoot! I had visions of spinning the drivers but the engine started smoothly and surprised me as to how easy it was to run one of these beauties. If you didn't get a turn at the throttle, keep in touch as I'm sure we'll be going back there next year. Just one more fun facet of this unlimited, great hobby.

There is life after the Trainshow

Our big deal for the year is the annual Division Trainshow at Hara Nov. 4 and 5. The members who work on this put on one of the best shows in the country and they get better year after year. If you have helped out with the show you know it's a fun deal. If you want to join us we could always use more help. It's more fun to participate!

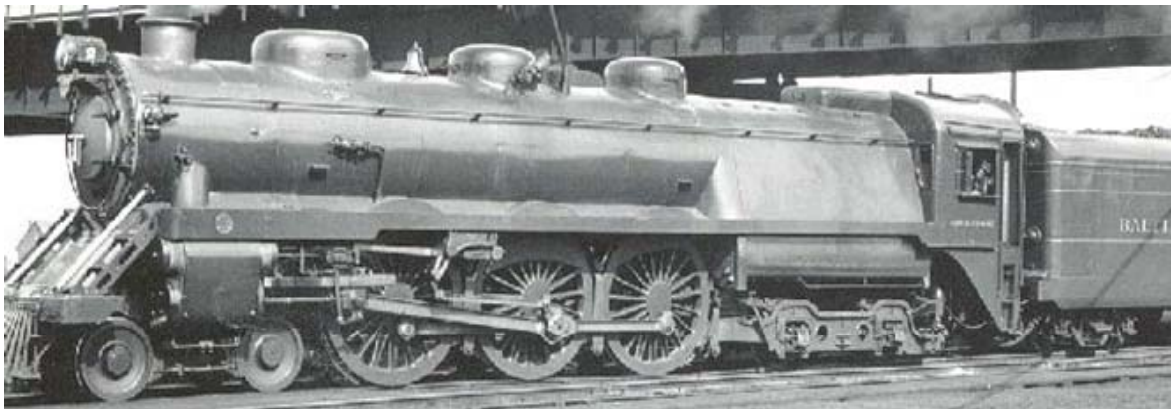
After the trainshow is over we plan on swinging into high gear with some programs on layout design, building and operating. We'll start this month with layout operations then move through the heart of model railroad layout construction. We intend to show you the theory at the meetings then let you try your hand by "practicing" at one or more local layouts. Sure will beat looking at pictures and just dreaming about it.

Looked into realistic operation yet?

It's interesting to see how "running trains" changed over the years. Scale model railroad practices grew up based on those of its tinplate forerunners. It didn't take the early scale builders long to tire of running trains around in a circle. The key was that if they were going to try to build as realistic a model railroad as they could then why not run it realistically too. It always amazes me how long it took for the idea that a model railroad should be "operated" as well as watched to catch on with most folks. Not too many years ago you had to beg people to take a throttle and "run a train". I suppose it was (and still is) fear of fouling something up or showing your ignorance but I assure you if you're in that group you are missing a lot of fun. You now see in each issue of the magazines or when you go on layout tours that the first explanation of the layout is how and why it was designed to OPERATE. Operations planning is now the standard way to start a layout design. Oh I know you can become too serious in your train running to the point where it stops being fun. That's something to look out for as fun is the real objective. Most of us have to jog ourselves back into the real world every now and then. Don't ever tell the guys in my operating group but I actually slip downstairs some nights and run a train or two around in a circle! It still brings the same thrill it did 50+ years ago!

See YOU at the next Meeting Bob Fink MMR

A big engine with a little number. The B&O experimented with watertube boilers and built this Hudson, No. 2 named "Lord Baltimore". Built along English lines with 84" drivers it could fly. Later they put a big air horn by the stack. The diesel influence had begun little by little! There also was a No. 1 called "Lady Baltimore". Similar but it was a 4-4-4.



Aid To Our Members

In the Hospital

Division 3 member **John Nowicki** of Fairborn recently underwent emergency surgery for a ruptured disk. Currently in the Rehab Unit at Miami Valley Hospital, John is expected home about October 24th. John participated in our recent tour of layouts in Cincinnati and has been a part of Bill Reese's operating group. Cards may be sent to John at his home at 26 S. Central, Fairborn, Ohio 45324.

Operation/work groups

"If some's good and more's better, then too much is just about right!" used to apply to money, sex, and horsepower. Here it applies to work groups, operating groups, workers, and operators. Let me know what your needs/interests are and we'll try to help you make connections.

Operators needed! Bill Reese is in need of a couple more operators on his 20 X 30 N-scale layout in Clayton, Ohio. Bill's layout operates 30 trains on the 3rd Monday of the month between 7 and 9:30 pm using a car card system and a timetable. The layout includes 7.5 scale miles of main and branch line with 66 industries. Some 600 freight cars are hauled over the line by a mixture of steam and diesel locomotives. Contact Bill at 937-454-2281. See you there.

At the Hobby Shops

Gene Smith of **Smitty's Hobby Shop** in Kettering reports that "R-T-R with sound is hot, DCC is not" and that "about 90% of R-T-R locos sold with sound are not run on DCC. A lot of people talk about DCC but not many are jumping in yet". Smitty's stocks a variety of HO R-T-R steam and diesel locomotives with sound and can order others for you as well as DCC components. New locos with sound range in price from \$180 to \$700.

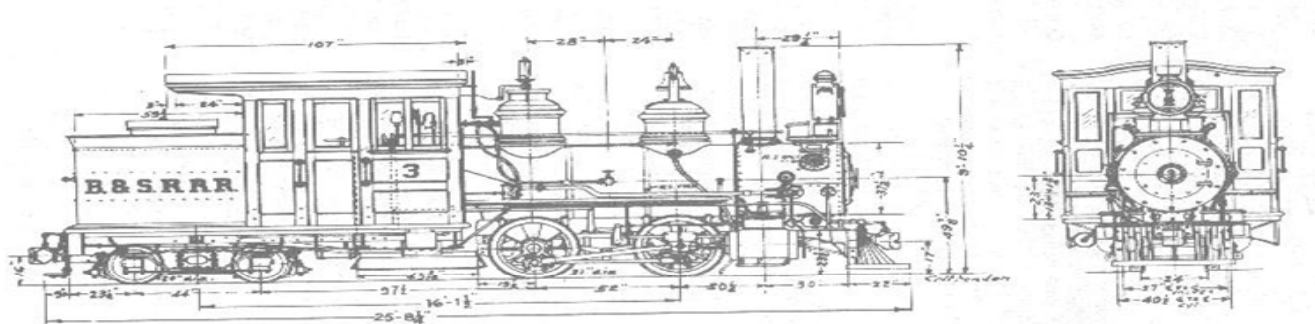
Located in the Cross Pointe Centre in Centerville, **Hobbytown** owner John Mohr reports that they are building up their stock for the Christmas/Winter season. The shop carries HO, N, O, and G scale equipment and Bachman DCC equipment geared to the home layout. John also mentioned that they carry the Branchline HO car kits.

The Hobby Shop is located near the Dayton Mall in the Corners At The Mall shopping center. Owner Randy indicates a lot of interest in digital items particularly lower cost DCC systems. He has a large stock of train sets for the coming Christmas season with more to come and will have Rivarossi HO engines. He stocks N, HO, O, and G scale equipment.

Free Equipment Membership Chairman 937-426-3091 Albright42@peoplepc.com
 Larry Zeller is moving to a smaller location and wants to find a new home for the following: Large format camera, plate maker, lights, vacuum pump and other darkroom equipment. The equipment could be used for producing etched brass models, silk screen printing masks and other projects. Designed to be built into a darkroom wall. Contact Larry at (937) 773-7186 for more information.

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

Sharpening Your S K I L L S



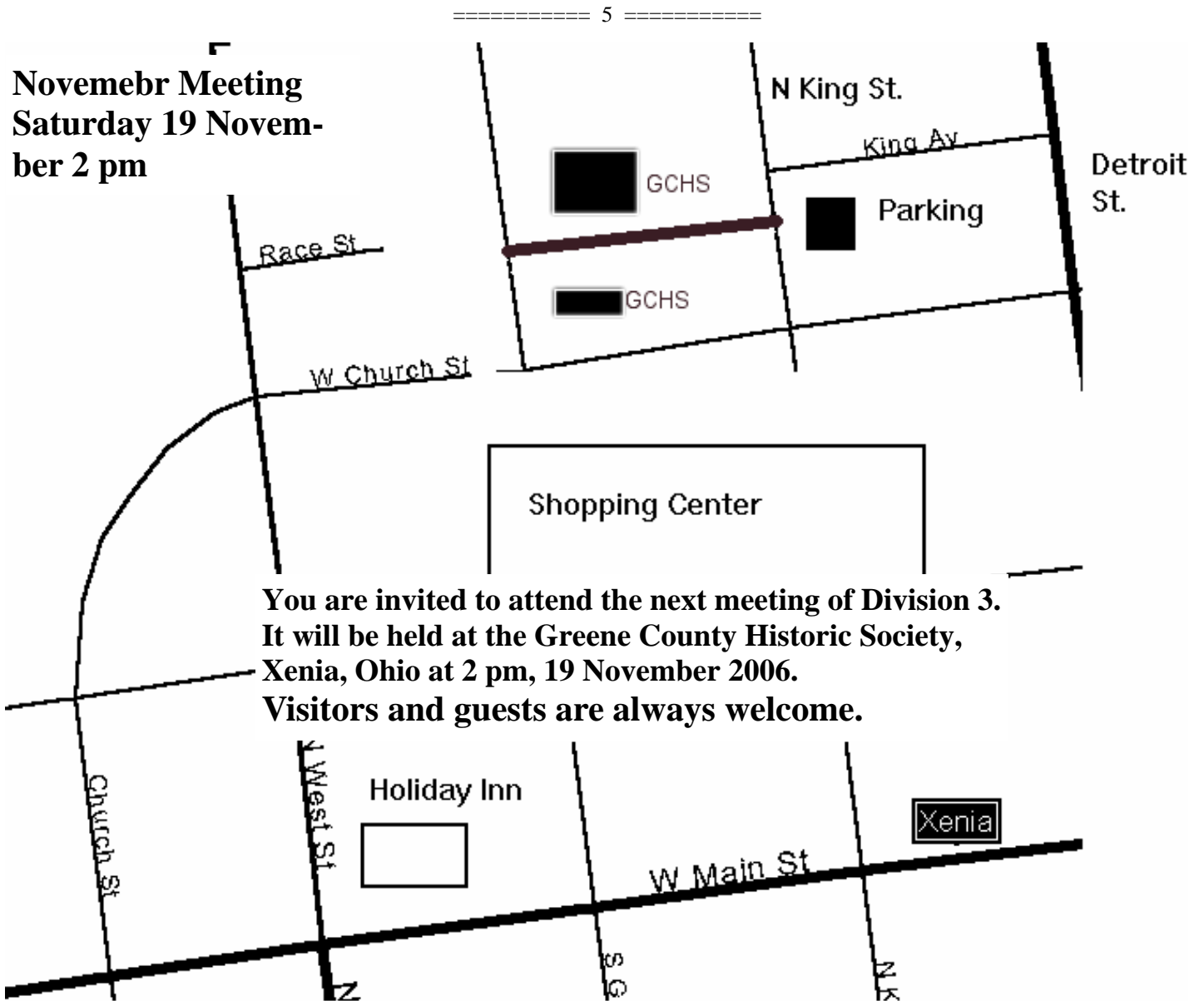
AP Program News...

A member told me the other night that he has stayed away from the Achievement Program because it took a lot of paper work. I felt that way when the program first started but there have been some simplifications to the forms over the years. I've found that completing the forms and especially securing the photos or drawings you need for some of the certificates can actually pay off later. Here's the way it has worked for me. You build things, whether on a layout or on the bench. You usually don't write much down as to where you found the idea or the plans and you easily forget exactly how you built a certain phase. A few years later you want to repeat the project or do a repair job or addition. Bam! You can't find the circuit, or plans or remember where they came from (if it has never happened, just wait till you're one of us old guys!). If you participate in the AP program you sort of force yourself to "document" your projects as you go along. It's a great habit to get into. It makes the time you spend filling out the forms well worth the effort.

Some of the "non-judged" certificates are a simple table fill-in. One example is the **Golden Spike award**. By displaying six units of rolling stock, construct a small portion of a layout with 5 structures, and show some track types you built, you qualify. I'll bet many of you could qualify for this one if you have been in the hobby even a few years. The nice thing is that it's a lead into getting the individual awards for the items in the full 11 Certificate program. If you would like to learn more about the specifics of the **Golden Spike Award** let one of the officers know and we will supply you with the details and get you started.

Date	Location	Program
4-5 November	Hara Arena	Division 3 Show and Sale
19 November	Greene County Historic Society, Xenia, OH	Layout Operations
16 December	Christmas Party	Greene County Historic Society
17 December	Chapel 3 Dayton, OH	Modular/Portable Layouts
2007		
21 January		
18 February		Auction
18 March		

**Novemebr Meeting
Saturday 19 Novem-
ber 2 pm**



**You are invited to attend the next meeting of Division 3.
It will be held at the Greene County Historic Society,
Xenia, Ohio at 2 pm, 19 November 2006.
Visitors and guests are always welcome.**



Bring in a friend. Bring home a locomotive.

Sign me up as an NMRA member and enter me in the drawing!

_____ Regular NMRA member: \$36/year, all rights and benefits but no *Scale Rails*

_____ Regular NMRA member: \$48/year, all rights and benefits including *Scale Rails*

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Referring member's NMRA# & expiration _____

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Mail to:
NMRA Membership Contest
4121 Cromwell Rd.
Chattanooga, TN 37421

From November 1 through January 31, when you get someone to sign up for a new NMRA membership you'll both come out winners! Each month we'll the draw names of three new members. Those new members and the NMRA members who referred them will each win their own Atlas®, Kato®, Bachmann® or Life-Like® loco.

And even if your friend doesn't bag a prize, as a new NMRA member they'll still come out a winner because they'll have all the benefits of the greatest model railroad organization in the world.

So pass along this sign-up form along to a non-member today! Then start polishing those rails.

OFFICIAL RULES: Contest open to U.S. residents only who are either National Model Railroad Association, Inc. (NMRA) members in good standing on November 1, or individuals who haven't been NMRA members for 2 years or more. Properly completed Membership/Entry forms must be received by 1/31/07 to be eligible. Names will be entered in drawing only after new membership has been fully processed. Renewals for existing memberships will not be credited as new memberships. NMRA officers and directors, paid or contracted NMRA employees and their immediate families are not eligible, nor are contest sponsors and business firms contracted by either the NMRA or those sponsors, their employees and their immediate families. Odds of winning random drawings are dependent on the number of eligible entries received. Contest void where prohibited by law. No substitution of prizes. Winners must execute an affidavit of eligibility and release, and agree that their names and/or likenesses may be used for advertising/publicity purposes by the NMRA without further compensation, except where prohibited. By participating, entrants agree to these rules and that the decision of the NMRA President in all matters relating to the contest shall be final. Winners' names may be obtained by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to: NMRA, 4121 Cromwell Rd., Chattanooga, TN 37421.



Christmas Party

We are trying to plan a Christmas party for December 16. We would meet at the Greene County Historical Society for a catered dinner and social. If you would like to attend please contact Mike Mereness, (513) 794-1188, Mmer2000@aol.com at or before the November meeting. We need to get a good attendance count as soon as possible. We are also looking for ideas for entertainment. We know that the railroaders would like a railroad talk but we would like to come up with something that the spouses and guests would like.

Train Show Help

If you need something to do on November 3, 4 or 5, come out to Hara and help with the show. Help is needed on Friday afternoon and Saturday morning for set up. Contact Ray Persing for times. General help is also needed on Saturday and Sunday. Just show up.