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61 Boy Scouts Complete Railroading Merit Badge at November 2 & 3, 2002 Train Show

Twenty-nine Scouts on Saturday and another Thirty-two Scouts on Sunday completed the six hour class, to bring the total number of Scouts earning the railroading merit badge sponsored by Division 3 of the National Model Railroad Association to 414. Evan Johnson of Troop 409 was the 400th Scout to take the Railroading Merit Badge class from our Division and was presented two Railroading books which were donated by Ray Jenkins to the class. Evan is interested in N and HO scale model trains. Congratulations to Eric Easley of Troop 75, Dustin Fisher of Troop 516 and Trevor Hecht of Troop 409 who had perfect scores on the RR Merit Badge Examination.

I had collected many different types of rolling stock and motive power in G, O, O27, S, HO, N, and Z scales to assist in the teaching the class. The Scouts were shown the video used at the 2001 National Jamboree to introduce the Railroading Merit Badge. This is an excellent video produced through the cooperation of Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad, Operation Lifesaver, and the Boy Scouts of America. Through the course of the day, the Scouts worked through seven requirements to complete the merit badge. Many of the Scouts had interest in trains, model railroading or had ridden on a train. Parts of class dealt with the signals and communications used today, whistle and horn signals, car types, unit trains, how the diesel engine works, departmental organization, scale vs. gauge, reading a timetable, and railroad safety. The highlight of the class was the construction of an HO scale hopper car and N scale boxcar followed by a tour of the Model Railroad layouts in the Ballarena at the show. Each Scout was asked to share with me the layout they enjoyed the most and why as well as what scale was modeled. All layouts were mentioned over the two day class, but the Scouts especially enjoyed the animation and detailing of scenes as well as trains moving in and out of tunnels or long trains. I appreciate the cooperation of the layout owners with these newcomers to the hobby who don't fully understand the hobby and it's etiquette.

Probably the single greatest highlight of this class for me was the number of food items the Boy Scouts collected for the Red Cross Food Bank. The summary of items we collected are as follows:

	Saturday	Sunday
Canned Goods	201	161
Boxed Goods	43	30
Miscellaneous food items	10	10
Daily Total	254	201

Grand total = 455 food items

Many thanks to the Scouts for doing this Good Turn for those less fortunate.

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Congratulations to the Following Scouts who were well prepared and excelled in the class and on the exam:

Brandon Williams Tr. 78, David Stemp Tr. 409, Alex Borucki Tr. 78, Devon Hall Tr. 78, Tanner Sewell Tr. 236, Luke Perkins Tr. 268, Corey Brown Tr. 206, Mike Kramer Tr. 972, Nick Lamy Tr. 72, Chris Collins Tr. 206, and Brian Barkalow Tr. 206.

All of this would not have been possible without the help of the following individuals and businesses:

Don Kriegbaum and Bruce Bryan, himself a Scout, for instructing the scouts on the cleaning and lubrication of a model locomotive and track cleaning. You ought to see the scouts eyes when they learned how to pop the top off of locomotive!

John Edminson for donning his Amtrak uniform on his day off and teaching the Scouts how to read a timetable which he and Amtrak provided. John actually wore a different uniform for each day!

J. Hedge for providing me with a karaoke machine, and overhead projector. I especially appreciate all his support with the audiovisual equipment and magazines over all of the RR Merit Badge Classes.

Mike Carter for donating fifteen years of his back issues of Railroading magazines so each Scout could take a couple home. Rumor has it that his wife threatened him to donate!

Bill Ford who taught the scouts about the different types of railroad cars, unit trains, conducted the Operation Lifesaver portion of the class and assisted wherever I needed help. Bill worked both days and provided transparencies, sound system VCR, and video tapes that really enhanced the video presentation.

John Reck a *great* friend and fellow Scouter who helped with paper work, kit construction, set up and tear down, and all the little odd jobs. John actually volunteered for each class the Division has conducted knowing what he was getting into from previous experience! Quite frankly, I would not have been able to run the class so smoothly without his help and previous experience and I always know with him on board the class will succeed.

Jeff and Kathy Schweinfurth for making arrangements for a video projector to be used each day.

Division 3 Members who helped the boys with the reading of the timetable and kit construction.

Dave Decker for working with us to get the class started before the show opened each day so we could finish before the show closed.

Several of the adult Scout leaders Bob Craven, Summer Swanson, Carlton Doncaster and Laura who came with their sons, and pitched right in helping with administration of the class. Many of the leaders and parents jumped right in to help in the construction of the kits or reading of timetables. I saw a few of them shopping the show on after the class or came back on Sunday to buy some engines for their new cars they built in class!

Barb at Family Hobby Shop for rustling up extra kits and selling them to us at discount. Barb really goes the extra mile trying to get all the kits in the type I request as Roundhouse always give us a run for our money and Athearn usually shorts us on parts.

Ray Jenkins A model Railroader from the 70's who donated to the class many of the gifts for the scouts in the class.

Brian Rebney A Model Railroader visiting from Saginaw Michigan that donated 36 N scale train cars to given to Scouts who completed the class on Sunday.

Mary, my wife, for allowing me the time to prepare for and teach the class as well as act as my personal secretary and taking all those messages from Scouts and their Leaders and trying to answer their questions. She also helped me gather, load and unload the materials needed for the class as well as transport the food donation to The Red Cross Food Bank.

If you have any Model railroad or railroading items you would like to donate to the next class to be used as gifts for the Scouts that excel please call me at 937-233-0240. Dayton N track has pledged to give a N

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Scale car to each Scout completing the next class. With support like this the class can only get better. In trying to thank everyone, I'm sure I missed someone, but that is the chance you take when you try to acknowledge a bunch of great people in our hobby. As you can see we had a good crew and a good time, but the best thing was to see sixty-one young men learning about railroading and seeing the pride in their faces as they completed their kits and earned the Railroading Merit Badge. Thanks to all of you for your help as well as the Scout leaders and parents that supported this event as it would not have come off without you.

In Service to Scouting and our hobby.....Kirk Perkins Railroading Merit Badge Counselor
Have a great Holiday!

November Show

The Division conducted another successful November Show with a final attendance of 2327. This included 1869 paid attendees and is approximately 100 fewer than last year.

There were few problems and no reports of shoplifting or disgruntled purchasers. The layouts and displays were of the usual high quality. The BOG would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their help and participation.

An appreciation plaque was presented to David Decker at the November meeting. David is stepping down after being the show chairman for 10 years. The committee members for next year's show are:

- Dealer Table Sales
 - Larry Zeller and Ron Dietrich
 - Displays and Layouts
 - LeRoy Clouser
 - Advertising
 - Ray Persing
- If you would like to help contact any of the committee members.

Contests

December Freight Cars

You are allowed up to 3 entries per contest. You do not have to be a member of the NMRA to participate in the popular vote contest.

January	Favorite Train	May	Cabooses
February	No Contest	June	No Contest
March	Non-Revenue	July	Scene
April	Off-Line Structures		

November Results			
Models		Photos	
1	Bill Spinks	1	Ray Persing
2	Ray Persing	2	Ray Persing Brian Petroziello Fred Schneider J. Hedge
3	Steve Hood	3	Brian Petroziello J. Hedge Mark Stiver

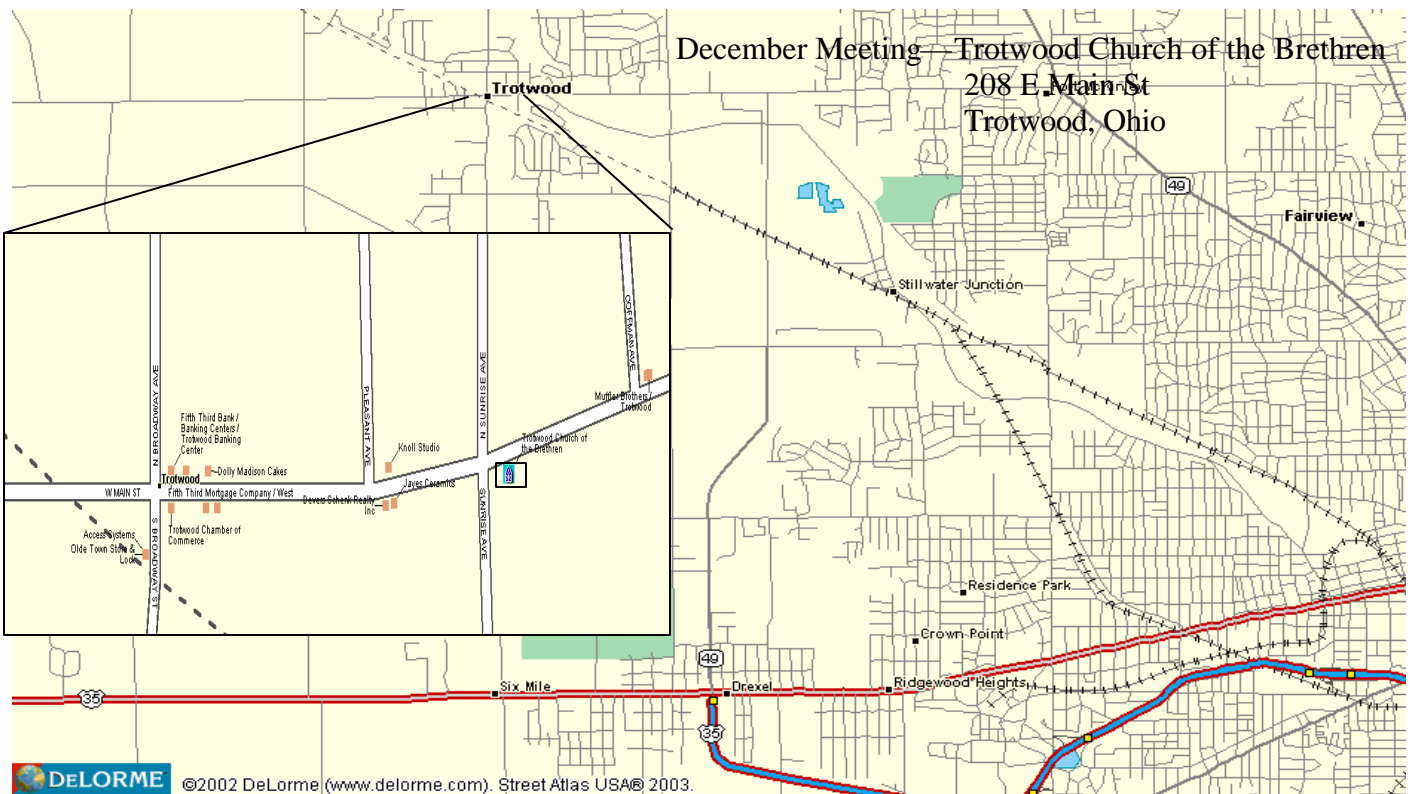
Division Plans and Directions Collection

The Division would like to develop a repository of kit directions and plans. These would be made available to anyone who acquires a kit without directions. Dick Kehl is the contact point for donations. This would be a good time to organize your archives and help others.

This program is moving right along. Items are available for check out at Division meetings. The lending rules are the same as for the Division Videos.

The Darke County Model Railroad has operating sessions on the 2nd Sunday of the month at 1:30pm. They need operators. The club is located at 405 1/2 s Broadway in Downtown Greenville, Ohio.

Date	Location	Contest	Program
15 December	Trotwood Church of the Brethren	Freight Cars	History of the Turtle Creek RR in Lebanon, Ohio (Tentative)
Happy New Year 2003			
19 January		Favorite Train	Turntables by Bob Fink (Tentative)
16 February	Trotwood Church of the Brethren	No Contest	Members Auction
16 March		Non Revenue	Kit Bashing Structures by Ron Dietrich
20 April		Off-Line Structures	Grain Elevators and Feed Mills by Larry Zeller
18 May		Cabooses	
15 June		No Contest	Tour of the Dupps Railroad in Germantown (Tentative)
20 July		Scene	



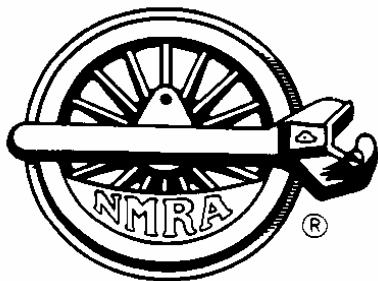
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Model Railroad For Sale

HO Scale model railroad layout that started as the 4' x 8' "HO Railroad That Grows" using snap track. It has grown to an 8' x 14' railroad empire using handlaid track for the expansion. Layout is wired for two power packs. All turnouts are remotely operated with twin coil switch machines. Price is negotiable. For more information, contact Dale Waddell at (937) 426-3526.

Happy New Year

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Next Meeting

When: 2PM 15 December 2002

Where: Trotwood Church of the Brethren
208 E Main St
Trotwood, Ohio

Program:

Contest: Freight Cars

Visitors and Guests Always Welcome

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