

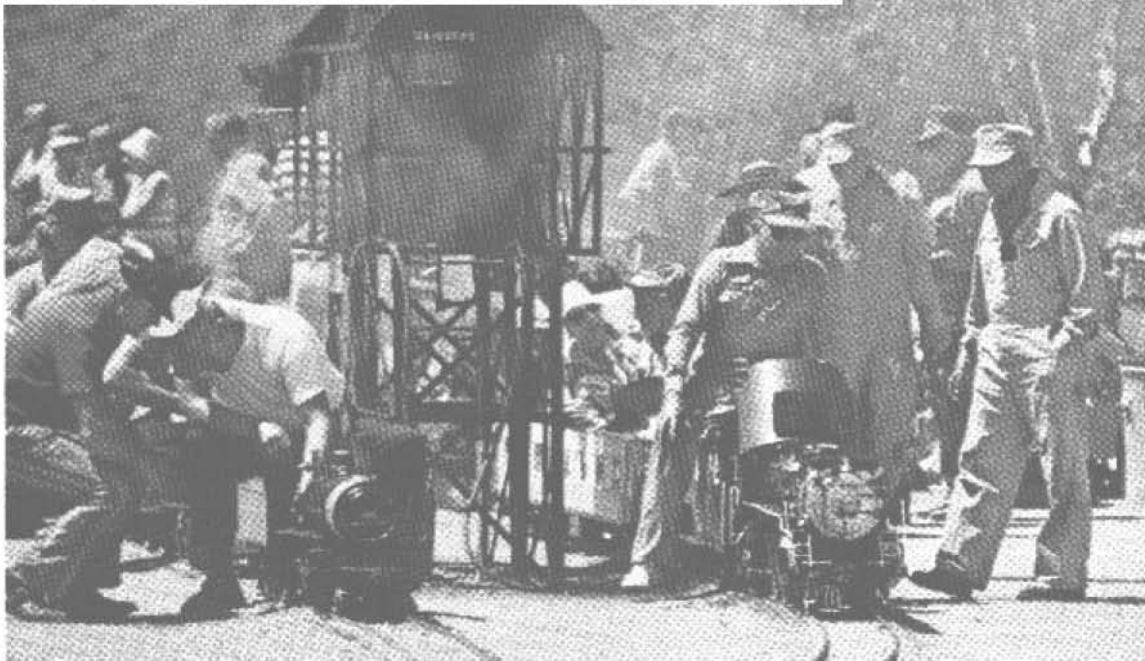


Call Board

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This Month's Program ...



Running some Live Steam

Want to run some trains this month? And what if you were sitting on them while you ran them. Ah, now we have your attention!

Wear old clothes as we have been invited by the Carillon Steam Society to spend the afternoon with them on their great Live Steam layout where we'll get a chance to see how they operate their engines. You'll get a chance to try your hand too. It's as close to running a real locomotive as you can get. Forget about electronic sound systems, these locos have the real thing built in!

The fun starts at 1 PM, SATURDAY, Sept. 16th. Admission is free. Come to the IAMS meeting room to the left of the Portico for a short meeting then on to the trains. There are great picnic facilities so bring the family and then enjoy the whole park.

Notice it's a Saturday meeting! see you then.

SUPER'S NOTES

Let's get rolling...

Since so many models are available as undecorated, why do I have so much trouble finding prototype photos of that railroad?

Seriously, if you are having trouble finding information on any railroad or model railroad subject you might want to ask Al Schultze. He has moved to Friendship Village and has offered to make his vast library of railroad info available for research by any Division 3 member. Give him a call at 854-8735. I've never found Al stuck for an answer when it comes to railroads.

The Video Library

A member asked at the last meeting if we were going to update our library by buying some of the newer model railroad tapes. We have been trying to keep up but it's a pretty limited way to use our resources. How about all those great tapes lying around on your shelf? The Public Radio station has an "adopt a CD" program where you can donate to their library. How about us? I found a number of tapes I don't watch anymore so I'm donating them to the Division library. Have you got some, especially the newer ones, you can loan out through our library? We'll keep good records so you can always get them back and in the meantime we can all benefit from your generosity. If you would like to loan us your tapes please bring them out to the next meeting.



The New York Central designed the Mohawk (4-8-2) for fast freight service but as they grew older and traffic changed they proved to be very good with passenger trains. Here's the "Cleveland Special" about to leave Dayton in 1952.

Photo by Richard Acton Sr.

This month we get a chance to run some Live Steam at Carillon Park with the Carillon Steam Society. If you never tried your hand at it you're in for some fun.

What a Trip!

What a great bus tour we had to Cincinnati. The 30 folks shown below are all smiling because they got to see 6 really fine layouts, eat a fine box lunch and have super weather. Mike Mereness really did a bang up job of organizing the trip. And just think, we still have Indianapolis, Columbus, Cleveland ... we're just getting started!

See YOU at the next meeting.

Bob Fink MMR





The Kingpin

*Mid Central Region
National Model
Railroad Association*

Third Quarter, 2006

President's Message

by **Howard Smith MMR**

Thank you, Mon Valley Model Railroad Club and Division 2 for a great convention in Morgantown.

What a great convention in Morgantown, WV. All that I talked to enjoyed the clinics, tours and fellowship. It was good to see old friends and to make some new ones. The clinics I attended were well presented and as always I brought back some new ideas for my own modeling. So, it's on to Louisville, Kentucky for "The South Wind" convention April 12-15, 2007. Plan to attend.

I have appointed a Nominations Committee Chairperson for the upcoming election in 2007. Richard Briggs MMR has indicated he will form a committee. Please contact him with nominations or if you are willing to serve on the Nominations Committee. Dick's address is 4397 Hidden Street Grove City, Ohio 43123. His phone number is 614-871-0500. Email rbriggs261a@aol.com. The procedure for nominations is indicated in Article X of the MCR Regulations. Candidates are needed for President, Vice President, Secretary, and Treasurer.

Also several positions remain to be filled on the MCR committees. We need an Education Chairperson, Estate Counsel, Historian and Special Projects Distributor. All these positions will earn point for the Association Volunteer certificate in the AP program.

Minutes of the MCR BOD meeting April 28, 2006 will soon be posted on the MCR web site. I urge all to read the important items there that affect the region.

The next BOD meeting will be October 15, 2006 and will be held at the Reynoldsburg, Ohio Library. I have asked the BOD for their recommendations for the Director's Award and the Russ Wenderfer Award for that meeting.

WebMaster Report

by **Ivan Baugh**

July 3, 2006

Our Region web site continues to increase in usage. Since the report provided for the Board of Directors at their meeting, April 28, 2006, 66 days have passed. During this time our web site has experienced 13,992 sessions; the software tracking the usage defines a session as "a series of Hits to your site over a specific period of time by one visitor." Our site averaged 212 sessions per day. We had 41 days during this period that exceed 200 sessions per day with 25 days having less than 200 sessions per day. The highest number of sessions for one day was 292 with 284 being the second highest number of sessions.

During this same period of time 25,455 pages have been viewed; the tracking software defines a page view as "a request to the web server by a visitor's browser for any web page." This is an increase of 193 pages over the previous period. Our site averaged 389 page views per day. We had 8 days when there were over 500 page views. The highest number of page views for one day was 774 with 722 being the second highest number of page views.

The total number of hits during this period is 48,296; this represents "Any successful request to a web server from a visitor's browser." Our site averaged 732 hits per day. We had 8 days with over 1,000 hits for the day. The highest number of hits for one day was 1,327 with 1,232 being the second highest number of hits for one day.

These frequently visited pages helped generate the above traffic: 2000 Contest winners, Layout tours, Scouting Merit Badge pages, Board of Directors' page, Schedule, Fallen Flags, and Divisions each had over 150 page views each during this period; 48 pages had over 100 page views during this time.

As you can see, our web site continues to enjoy good use. Thank you for contributing to the site and making it even better. When you find a good site, please send the webmaster an email that includes the web address. I will gladly add it to our web site in an appropriate place. I would also like to add additional layout tours to our web site. They are quite popular. Please send me your layout tour. If you need help developing it, please send me an email. I will gladly assist you. A layout tour earns author points in the NMRA Achievement program.

Special Announcement

This is the last KingPin that will be included in the Division Newsletters! Starting with the Fourth Quarter issue, the KingPin will be published and distributed by the Region. It will be mailed to each member's home by bulk mail.

By doing so, the newsletter can be much more responsive to the membership. But, it will also require a much larger input from the membership. We will be seeking articles to be published. Anyone with a how-to tip, an interesting modeling technique, prototype information, an events announcement or any other item of interest to the membership, please submit it to the Newsletter Editor.

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the fourth quarter newsletter is October 5, 2006. Please send your articles and announcements to: KingPin Editor, 6322 Mid Pines Court, Grove City, OH 43123-9505 or e-mail logandj@earthlink

Have You Registered Your Pike?

by Gerry Leone, MMR

The Pike Registry, part of the NMRA's Membership Services and Promotion Department, is one of the lesser known services of the NMRA, yet it's been around almost as long as the organization itself. By sending in an application to program manager Dick Schneider, along with a \$10 donation, NMRA members can register the name and reporting marks of their model railroad in the Official Register of Model Railroads (ORMRR) for two years. In return they receive an official registration certificate along with a CD of the current ORMRR. (Printed versions are also available to those without computers.)

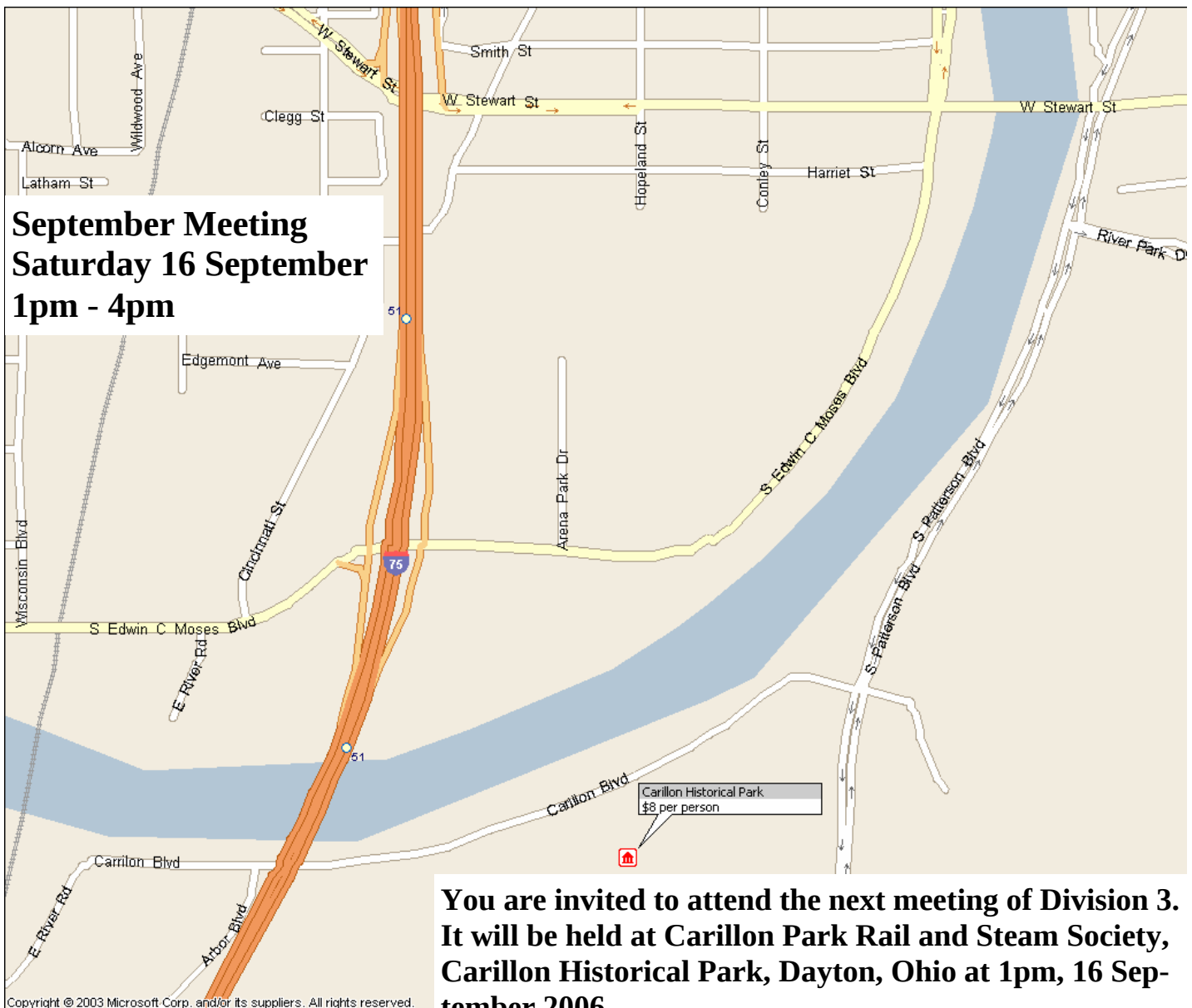
The ORMRR is a tremendous resource for those who travel and would like to visit model railroads during their trip. The Register lists names, addresses and phone numbers of registrants, along with visitation preferences.

Studying the ORMRR is fun in and of itself. Currently it contains well over 500 pikes, some of which are as yet unbuilt. Among those appearing are prototypical names such as Union Pacific and Burlington Northern. But others have registered more whimsical names, such as the Kneedy & Lackamoney and the Downe & Owlte. It makes for great reading.

The Pike Registry was updated and streamlined last year and is now a self-supporting volunteer-run part of the NMRA Membership Services and Promotion Department. Besides the fun of receiving an official certificate and the ORMRR, it gives members a great way to make a small donation to the NMRA.

For details on how to get your pike registered, visit the NMRA website at

<http://www.nmra.org/pikereg>.



You are invited to attend the next meeting of Division 3. It will be held at Carillon Park Rail and Steam Society, Carillon Historical Park, Dayton, Ohio at 1pm, 16 September 2006.

Visitors and guests are always welcome.

Date	Location	Program
16 September Saturday	Carillon Historical Park	Live Steam
15 October	Connersville, IN	Whitewater Valley Excursion
4-5 November	Hara Arena	Division 3 Show and Sale
19 November		Layout Operations
17 December		

Contest Results

We have completed another year of popular vote contests. Below are the results for July and the year. Congratulations to the winners and thanks to everyone who entered. There are no contests scheduled for the next couple of months. The BOG is in the process of determining the future of the contests.

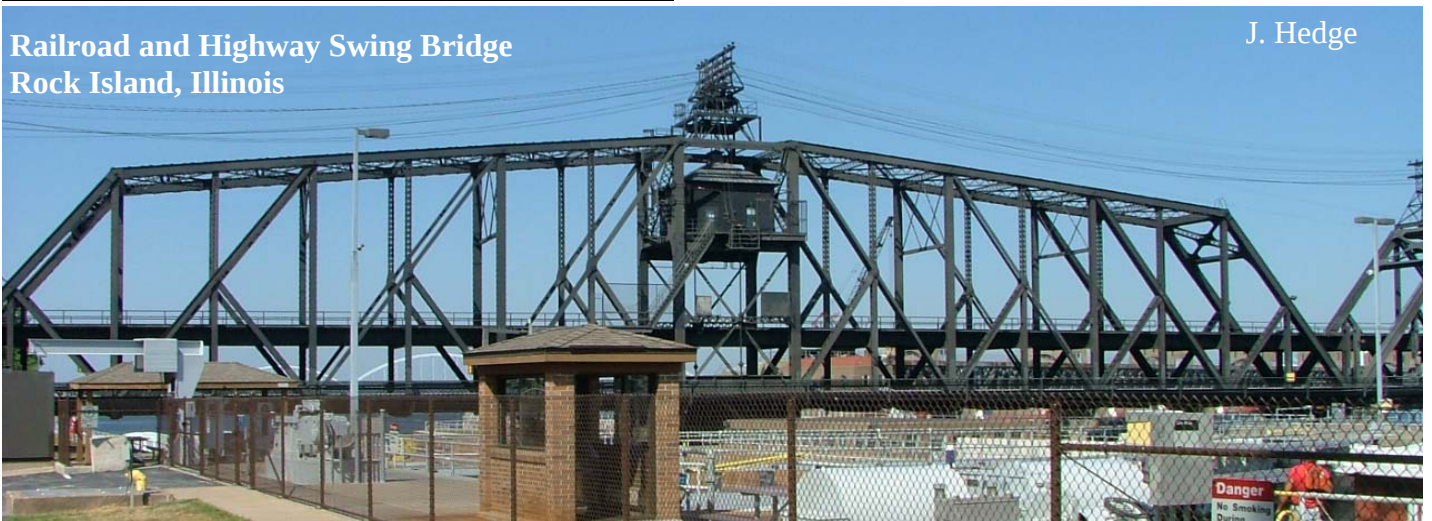
We would like to offer more judged contests so that members could gain points and experience needed to earn Achievement Program recognition. The next page features drawings of two coal tipples that may be the basis of a scratchbuilding challenge.

July Caboose			
Model		Photo	
1	LeRoy Clouser	1	LeRoy Clouser
2	Bill Spinks Jim Foster Dick Strous	2	LeRoy Clouser
3	Jim Foster	3	LeRoy Clouser

2005 - 2006 Contest Year			
Model		Photo	
1	Bill Spinks	1	LeRoy Clouser
2	Jim Foster	2	J. Hedge
3	LeRoy Clouser	3	Richard Davoust

Railroad and Highway Swing Bridge
Rock Island, Illinois

J. Hedge



Antonito, CO

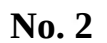


J. Hedge



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Silverton, CO



**Dimensions are in inches for HO. Multiply by 1.81 for O Scale or .558 for N Scale.
Get started now and watch the Callboard for the next “Mines” Contest Date**