



Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

Some History you can use ...

“Six Decades of Model Railroading”

Al McClelland has been learning and passing along what he has learned for a long time. Here's a chance to have him boil down a lot of his tips and tricks. He will use the history of the hobby as his background to give us a great presentation with a lot of humor and fun.



Sunday, January 18th 2009 2PM Chapel 3

The photo above was dug out of Al's archives and brings back a little history of Division 3. Taken during the early 60's it shows that we met in the old Dayton Union Station waiting room. We made some good friends in the station personnel who, later, would give us a meeting room and once even spotted a Pullman car on one of the parking tracks for our meeting. How many times did you go up or down the steps to old track 3 (or 1 to 6, for that matter)? And no metal detectors!

At this meeting we'll also have more of our batch of K-D couplers at \$1 a pack and another Silent Auction full of new products from the Division 3 company store.

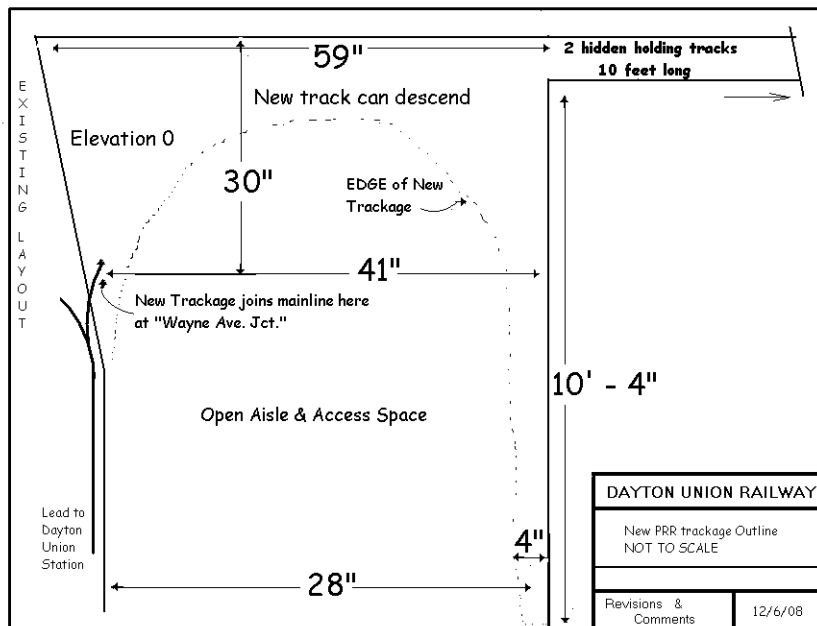
SUPER'S NOTES

Let's get rolling...

Want to help me with some layout design? Winter time is a great time to add to a layout or just sit around and dream about building one. Layout design contests used to be the rage in the model press and many of us started out with them. I've been planning for a long time to add a small variation of the old Pennsy Clement yards from east Dayton. I have the end of one side aisle where some simple trackage could be fit in to do the job.

The first job is to decide what operations need to be accommodated. I'll have the Pennsy Through Freight come on line from one of two hidden tracks running into the next room. That train delivers local freight here for the two sidings in this east Dayton area (Master Electric and Hewett Soap Co.) and picks up their output from local switching the day before. The freight then works down the line to the B&O and NYC yards before going off line into staging. A switcher assigned here will take the deliveries and make up a Way Freight to work the two industries and set the sequence up all over again. The other hidden holding track will probably hold a passenger local coming in from Pittsburgh through Dayton Union Station just down the line.

I've attached a sketch of the existing area. It's not to scale but you can lay out the dimensions to scale and then begin to "doodle". I would be interested in seeing what you come up with. The more ideas I get during the concept stage the better. We'll pass along some of the ideas here as we go.



What a month of fun

A great Christmas party then a "you can do it" clinic the next day. December was a good one for Division 3. Go up to the WebPage to see the folks working at the tables with the clinic presenters. Reminds me of the old round robin clinics we had with everyone joining in. We're going to do some more real soon.

The MCR Convention is coming

The MCR convention is in Columbus April 30th – May 3rd, 2009. Division 6 always puts on a great weekend for us so make room for it on your schedule because the price is also right this year.

Layout reconstruction help needed

The Dayton Holiday Festival now has charge of the layout displayed in Kettering Tower lobby at Christmas. It's been put up each year since it was built for Mrs. Kettering some years ago but they need help in repairing it. Ray Persing has volunteered to get things started if you would like to join in contact him at tpersing@woh.rr.com. They take it down and store it upstairs so it sounds like an ongoing 2009 project.

Auction time next month

It will be huge. We'll add the items you bring to sell with the donated items in the company store. Dig out those extra items you have and let us give them some advance notice here in next month's Callboard. Contact Bruce Albright

Don't miss any of the upcoming programs!

See YOU at the next Meeting.

Bob Fink MMR

MASTERING THE CHALLENGE OF SCALE PLASTIC TRASH BAGS

By Jim Foster

Those of you who heard my November clinic “Improving Your Layout with Vehicles and Trash” will recall that I left you with the challenge of modeling a plastic trash bag (to be placed by the side of a road or in a ditch, obviously). I also gave this clinic at the North Central Region’s convention in September, and attendee Ted Nemeth of Ashtabula accepted the challenge! He has made HO Scale trash bags from raisins.

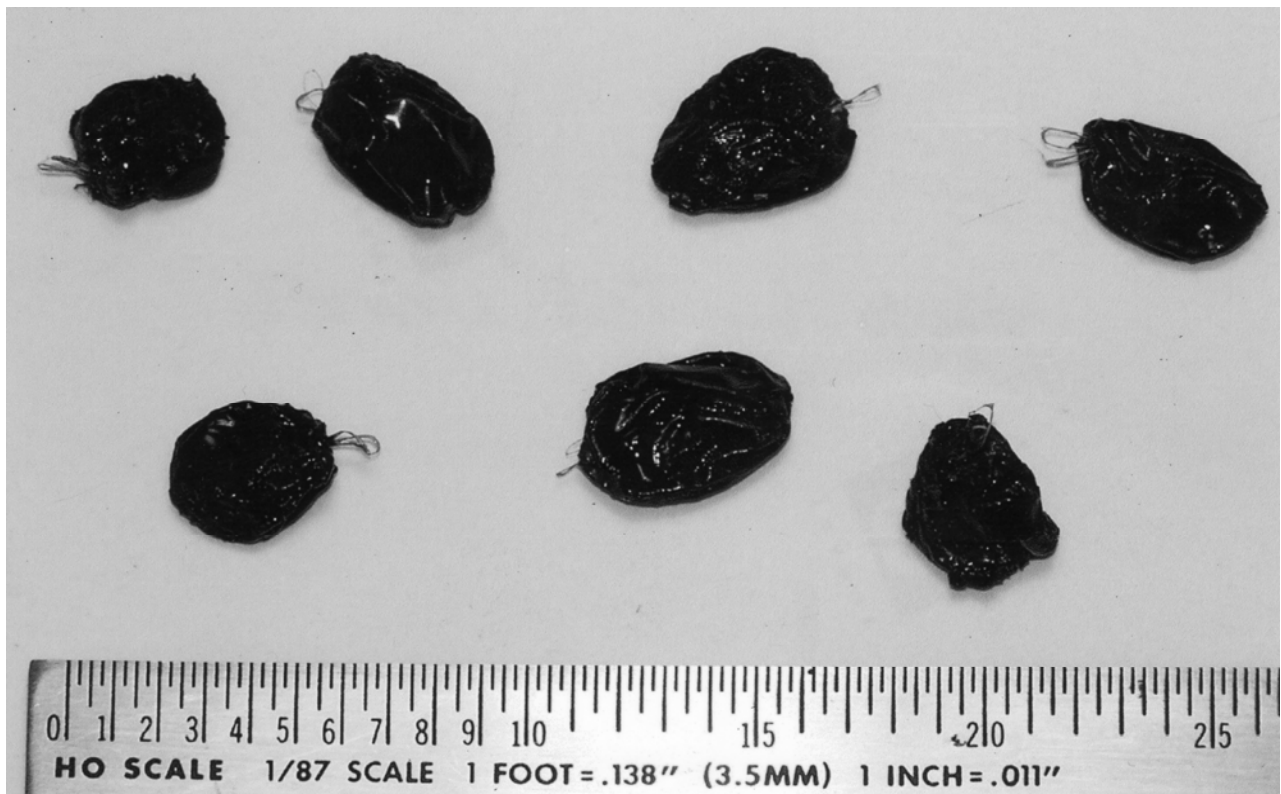
Quoting from Ted’s letter to me, “. . . I’ve enclosed a couple of photographs of scale trash bags I made using my idea of employing raisins. They turned out pretty well, if I do say so myself. Here’s what I did:

1. Skewered the stem end of the raisins on toothpicks and painted them with black gloss enamel.
2. Cut short lengths of jute fiber (from twine) and soaked them in distilled water that had some surfactant added. This seemed to soften the fibers enough to allow them to be bent easily.
3. Bent the fibers into loops and inserted the ends into the end of the raisins and added a drop of matte medium to secure them.
4. Painted the fiber loops yellow.

I made no attempt at optimizing the process; everything went well enough on the first try. They must be realistic as my daughter was driving the other day and saw something lying on the side of the road and thought it was a giant raisin.”

Ted’s photograph illustrates the finished product. I think it would also be easy to show the trash bag busted open and garbage spread around, representing the clandestine efforts of raccoons, dogs or possums in model form.

Ladies and gentlemen, this is creative thinking at its finest, seeing a raisin and envisioning a plastic trash bag! I suppose the only remaining issue is how to keep the little critters in your basement from trashing the trash bags; maybe some sort of sealant?



Sharpening Your SKILLS

AP Program News...

The whole concept of the Achievement Program is based on improving your skills and getting recognition for it. To make the program work we have to offer you a chance to show your work and you have to come forward and participate. We'll do our part each month by offering a popularity contest and even a "show and tell" table to get you started. As your skills advance you can join us in the Achievement Program (AP).

Have you looked at the Golden Spike Award? ...

Golden Spike Award

If you have built a layout you can probably qualify for this one. It's designed to get you started on all the rest of the certificates and is a good starting point in jumping into the AP program. Here are the details of achieving this award:

1. **DISPLAY** six units of rolling stock either scratch built, craftsman kits or superdetailed commercial kits.
2. **CONSTRUCT** a minimum of 8 square feet of layout including scenery. Construct five structures either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or superdetailed commercial kits.
3. Three type of **TRACKAGE** are required (e.g. Turnout, crossover, crossing, etc.) All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. All installed trackage must be properly wired so that two trains can be operated simultaneously (e.g. Double track, single track with siding, with block control or DCC.
4. Provide one additional **ELECTRICAL** feature such as power operated turnout, signals, turnout indicators, building lights, etc.

There you have it. If you want more information or help in getting this award just give us the word. Many of the Division 3 members have this award so it can't be that hard to come by.

The monthly contest setup ...

We have three categories each month. You can enter Scratchbuilt, KitBashed, or just plain Kit built. This allows anyone to enter anything they are proud of and at any skill level. Judging is by popular vote but if you wish to have your model judged by NMRA rules for the Achievement Program, we will make arrangements for you "on the spot".

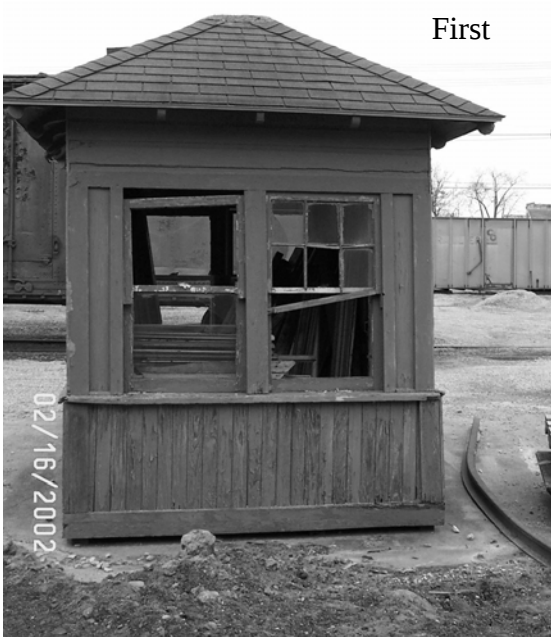
Contest Schedule...

January Open Loads **February** No Contest **March** Freight Cars

December 2008 - Structures				
	Kit	Kit Bashed	Scratch Built	PHOTO
First	Phil Gliebe	Bob Fink	Terry McTaggart	J. Hedge
Second	Jim Foster Phil Gliebe	Phil Lemkau		J. Hedge
Third	Phil Gliebe	Jim Foster Phil Gliebe		J.Hedge

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December 2008 Photo Contest



First



Second

Photo Contest Entries Lacking

The December model contests had more entries than we have seen in many years. However the photo contest again only had three entries. The January contest subject is open loads. If you have ever taken a snapshot of a train you probably have a picture of an open load. Bring them in. Let's see how big a photo contest we can have. The quality is not as important as having a subject that appeals to the meeting attendees.



Third

Overall Standings					
	KIT	KIT BASHED	SCRATCH BUILT	PHOTO	OVERALL
First	Jim Foster (26)	Phil Gliebe (24)	Terry McTaggart (12)	J Hedge (36)	Phil Gliebe (45)
Second	Phil Gliebe (17)	Jim Foster (16)	Ray Persing (7)	George Ardwin (6)	Jim Foster (38)
Third	George Ardwin (6)	Bob Fink (8)	George Ardwin Jim Foster (3)	Phil Gliebe (3)	J. Hedge (36)

