



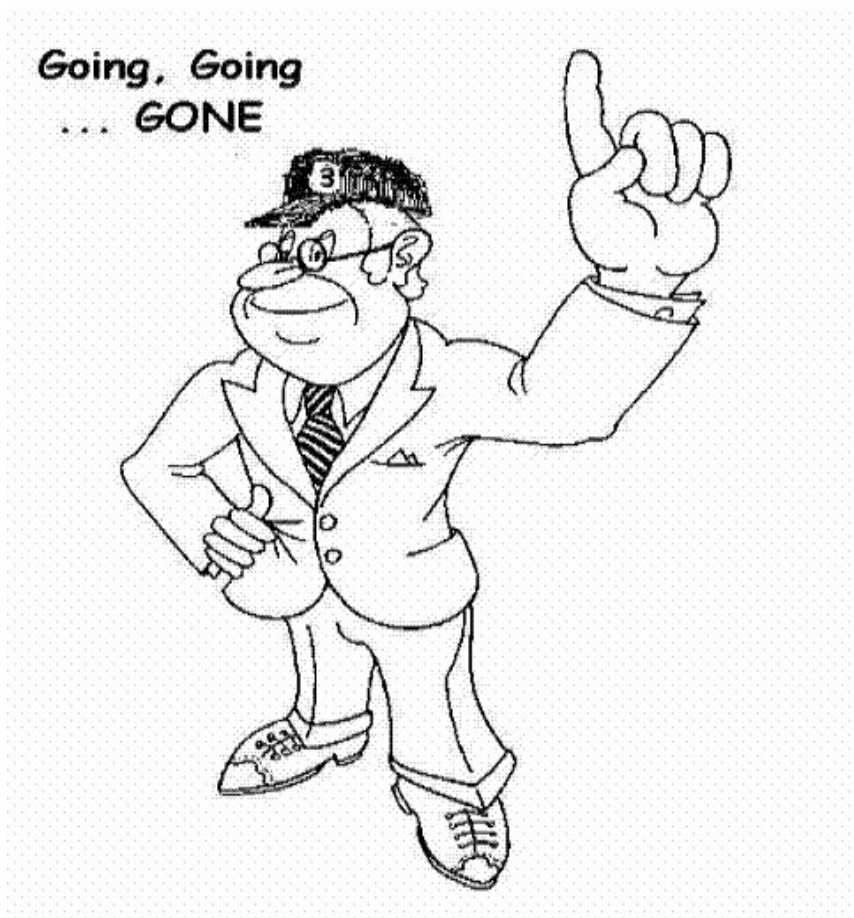
# Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

**It's The Annual Auction...**



If you have a basement to clean out or just some juicy collectors items to pay off your mortgage, bring em' out. But if you want to have some fun seeing what's out there in the hobby, come out and join us. It's what you paid your NMRA dues for and now here's your MEMBER'S AUCTION.

**Sunday, February 21st 2PM Chapel 3**

# SUPER'S NOTES

Let's get rolling...

**You know you're a model railroader and railfan when**

**Some random thoughts on the "gauge" argument...**

Over the years the question of whether one gauge was best for modeling over another has pretty well subsided. It was a needless argument. But it may have had some credence on the real railroads. Before a recent operating session while the group was chomping on their donuts and spilling coffee on their shirts the conversation got around to how the different gauge railroads actually interchanged traffic. There were some interesting arrangements and one was the "Ramsey" apparatus for swapping the trucks under a car at an interchange point. I found an ad for one in an 1870 book of railroad ads and sent it to Jim Rhinehart in Florida as he says there were two of them used in the Dayton area about that time. When you do some research you find that there were a number of gauges that lasted well into the history of trains around Dayton. Rick Tipton (formerly of Division 3) says the Erie had track rights from Dayton to Cincinnati on the CH&D (later B&O) and it was a 3 rail line with the Cincinnati, Hamilton & Dayton at standard gauge and the Erie on the third rail at 5 foot gauge. I've never been able to verify that but if you have a picture or any evidence of it I would sure like to see it.

So whether you're in narrow gauge, standard or even tinplate, you have to agree, this model railroading is the greatest hobby in the world!

**Lots of folks were rightfully thanked last month for their splendid work on the Boy Scout classes.**

But one guy got left out. Chuck Sadler, a long time Division 3 member, over in Indiana donated a couple hundred car kits that made the classes operate in the black this year and for years to come. Thanks Chuck.

**Let's have the biggest auction ever!**

This month is the annual auction. I'm ready. I made a New Year's resolution to clean out my book-cases and get stuff I haven't used to people who could use them. By golly, I spent last evening (while watching my buckeyes win the Rose Bowl) and I'm bringing some goodies. Only trouble is I'm sure I can't resist and will go home with more items than I bring. Oh well, it's the only fault my wife tells me about.

**The Coal Mine** on last month's Callboard cover prompted Dean Freytag up in Ashland to call me. Seems he drove by it in Eastern Ohio many times and has a dandy story about falling in the mud while researching it. Next time we have him down for a clinic be sure to ask him about it.

**See YOU at the next**

**Meeting ,Bob**



# Sharpening Your SKILLS

## Our REGULAR 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".

### The coming contest schedule ...

February No Contest (Auction)

March Freight Cars and Special Cast Stone Arch Bridge

| January 2010 - Open Loads |             |                          |                                           |             |
|---------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------|
|                           | Kit         | Kit Bashed               | Scratch Built                             | PHOTO       |
| First                     | Mark Stiver | Wil Davis                | Bill Spinks                               | Dave Decker |
| Second                    |             | Dave Decker              | Bill Spinks                               | Dave Decker |
| Third                     |             | Wil Davis<br>Mark Stiver | Bob Fink<br>Bill Spinks<br>Gordon Carlson | Dave Decker |

### 2009 Contest Year Final Standings

First  
Dave Decker 97 Points  
Second  
J. Hedge 31 Points  
Third  
Bob Fink 29 Points

### Passenger Shelter Contest

First  
Dave Decker  
Second  
Wil Davis  
Third  
Peter Guise  
Tom Sorauf

## 2010 Dayton Train Show Kick-Off Meeting

The Kick-Off meeting for the 2010 Dayton Train Show will be held on Thursday, February 25, 2010 at Nick Folger's home starting at 7:00 PM.

Anyone interested in helping with this years Train Show is welcome to attend. There are plenty of things to do to make the show a success and your help will be welcome. I am looking for new ideas and have some I want to Bounce off of you.

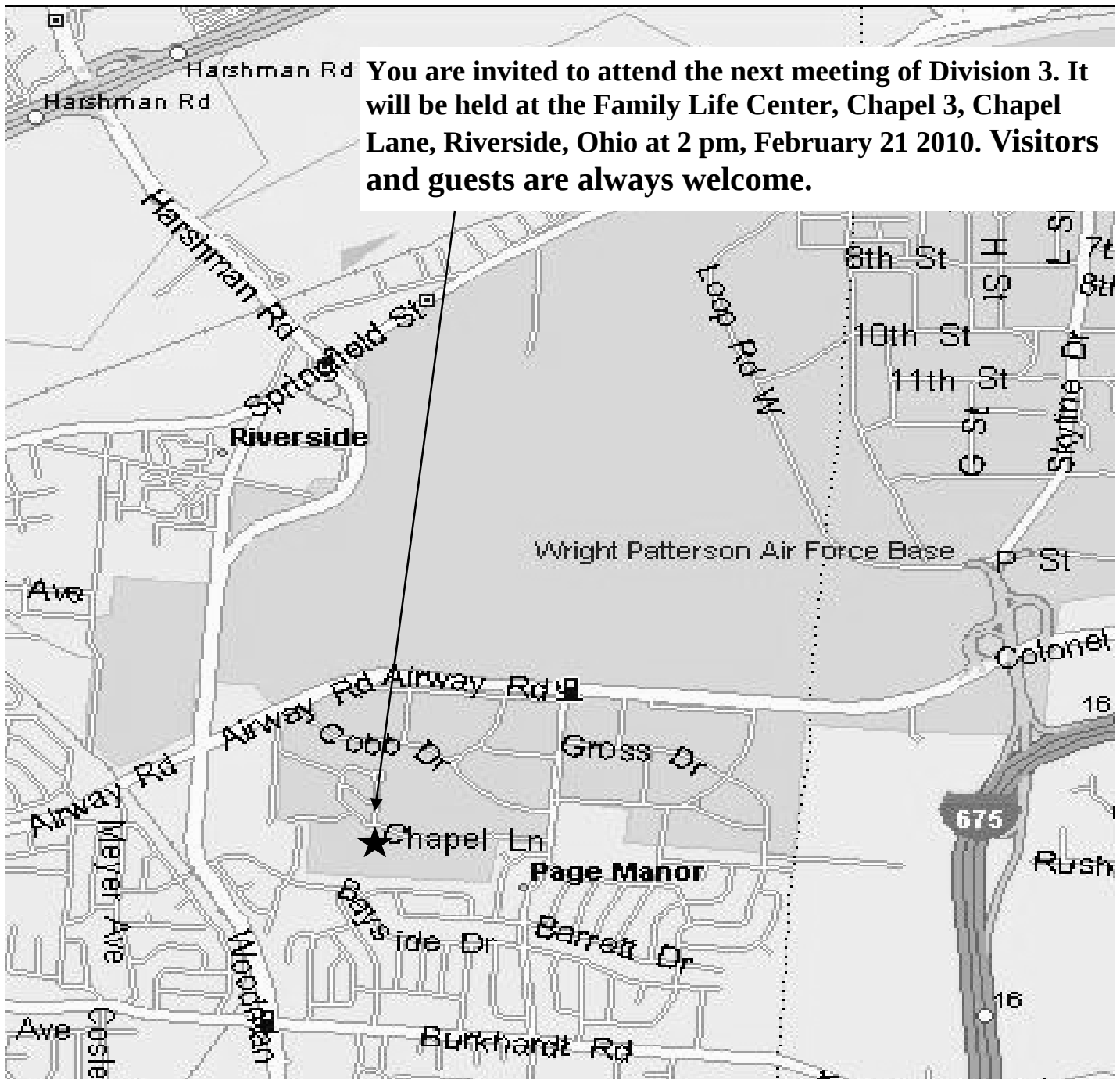
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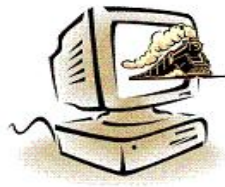
Phone - 937-429-5353

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## Division Elections

It's time for the biannual arm twisting and nagging to start again. Division 3 will hold the election of officers in April 2010. The positions are Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk. The incumbent Superintendent and Chief Clerk are ineligible to run for the same positions. We need at least 2 candidates for each position. Please consider running for office. The positions do not require any experience or special background. The only requirement is the desire to keep the Division running. Contact Brian Petroziello on the nominating committee for more information.





## Found on the Web

January 2010

Welcome to the first of a series of columns about websites related to model railroading and rail fanning. I know that a large number of our members use the internet, but most do not have the time to do a lot of "surfing". The nature of my regular job puts me in the unique position of having a lot of time sitting on my duff with a live internet connection and nothing else to do. Surf's up!

It is my goal to offer a selection of the best of the thousands of rail related sites available on the net. I'll do two or three each month, which means the material will probably last longer than I will. After they are published here in the *Call Board*, I'll maintain an archive on the Division website.

In case you have missed it, I'll make the Division website the first on the list. It is located at <http://www.modelraildayton.com>. It has been around for a number of years and has grown to be quite large. I attempt to update it frequently in order to have fresh material available for visitors. In addition to information on meetings and activities, there is an extensive series of photo albums of local layouts, lists and photos of monthly contest winners, an archive of the *Call Board* (many with color photos), and a large collection of both vintage and current photos of area prototype railroads. Our November train show has its own website at <http://www.daytontrainshow.com>. Stop by and look around. I hope you'll be pleasantly surprised.

The next two sites relate to programs at recent Division meetings. If you attended Dave Decker's clinic on using topographic maps in layout design, you'll be interested in the information at <http://historical.mytopo.com/> (MyTopo). They have a selection of 15' quadrangle topographic maps from the USGS covering most of the northeastern United States. They are downloadable and free. Most date from early in the twentieth century, some updated during WWII.



For coalmining fans who caught Mike Mereness' program on mining in January, I recommend the site at <http://www.wva-usa.com/newsite/www.wvrailroads.com/> (WV Railroads). The site is currently under development, but does offer a great selection of building and track plans from the West Virginia coalfields. Because they are changing servers, not all of the links work, but the site does bear watching.



That's it for this month, but keep watching and I'll do my best to root out the "good stuff" for you. If you have suggestions, contact me at a meeting or through the website and I'll be glad to follow up.

Happy surfing!  
Norm Courtney  
Division 3 Webmaster

# February Auction

## INSTRUCTIONS

Only Division 3 Members may enter items to be sold.

1. To be eligible, seller must have auction items and completed forms on the designated tables by 2 PM. Forms will be available at meeting, on the website or by contacting the Editor at [hedgejn@hotmail.com](mailto:hedgejn@hotmail.com)
2. Each item entered in the auction must be tagged with a code number formed by the owners initials and the item number from this sheet.
3. Items will be sold in the order that they are listed.
4. Each item that is to be sold as a separate item will be listed on a separate line and be assigned its own item number.
5. A brief but accurate description must be given. This description must include the operating condition if the item is powered or has moving parts. If any modifications have been done they should be noted if they are not readily apparent.
6. If there is a minimum acceptable selling price, it must be entered in the Reserve column.
7. At the conclusion of the auction, the sellers will collect their proceeds from the auction clerk.

## General Rules

- The “Chief Runner” will manage the rotation cycles to ensure that each seller is included in each cycle.
- The bidding will start at the stated reserve. If there is no reserve the bidding will start at \$.25.
- Bid raises are a minimum of \$.10 for bids under \$2.00 and \$.25 for bids over \$2.00.

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