



Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

December Program

Dig through your slides and bring your favorites to the December Division 3 meeting. We will be having a bring and brag slide show. We will have a slide projector and a computer with a video projector available. You might also want to bring your pictures of structures to enter in the contest. Also bring items for Show and Tell.

2013 Convention Layout Tours

David Holl is chair of open layouts for the convention. He is looking for folks to open their layouts for the convention. He is looking for layouts in all stages of completion as convention participants are eager to learn new construction methods which are not obvious after the layout is completed. David can be contacted by e-mail at leaningtrees@hotmail.com.

2012 Elections

Before we can have an election we need candidates. The 3 positions to be filled are: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk. The incumbents are all eligible for reelection but we would like to have more candidates. David Holl is chairman of the Nominating Committee and can be contacted at leaningtrees@hotmail.com.

Model Railroad TRAINing Day

or What to do with the trains after the Christmas tree is gone.

On Saturday 3 March 2012 Division 3 will be hosting a day of model railroading. The FREE day will feature the Dalmatian Switching District and How-To demonstrations. Operation Lifesaver has already agreed to attend. We need demonstrators for all aspects of model railroading from layout design through construction to operations. If you gave a demonstration at the November show we would like to have you at the March event.

We would like to have a coordinator to contact demonstrators and help with ideas for advertising. The venue will be the Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church in Huber Heights. The church will take care of food service. If you would be willing to help in any capacity please contact J. Hedge or Wil Davis.

There will be no vendors or selling permitted.

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

Super's Notes for December 2011

Meeting Notes

I didn't get an exact head count at the November meeting, but we had asked for 50 chairs and they had to bring in more. The team of McClelland and Albers did a terrific job on the presentation concerning the present V&O and its connections with the Virginian. He and Gerry have an interesting concept in that the connecting railroads have their own schedule and dispatcher. Movements are coordinated, but operate in a prototypical manner. Allen presented some new ways of developing a schedule and paperwork for the latest incarnation of the V&O. The V&O is not simply a train from staging, but occupies about 32 feet of bench work in Gerry Albers basement.

There was another good turnout for the contest with about 8 quality entries with various degrees of weathering. They were to be voted on for the weathering and not the construction or other factors. Once again we had an N-scale entry and it placed. I am pleased to see the participation by our N-scale modelers as they have been missing in recent years.

Rick Lach is getting ready to order another lot of shirts and sweatshirts so let him know if you want something. The sweatshirts are also available in a hooded version. The golf shirts with your name are \$25 and the sweatshirts are about the same or a little less.

After the meeting we traveled a short distance to visit Wes Reece's nicely done layout. Wes has just about finished the scenery and the track work is almost all hand laid code 83 on the main and code 70 on the sidings. He has made a major investment in green foam! Well done Wes.

December Meeting

We will return to Chapel 3 for our December meeting. The program will feature member's favorite photographs. You can bring slides or digital media of your choosing. It is a great time to share some of those great shots you have taken over the years as well as show some what it was like in the old days. The contest will feature structures and we had a great turnout last time they were featured so dust off your favorite structure and bring it to the meeting.

Volunteers

I know you are tired of hearing me ask for volunteers, but it is paying off as several folks stepped up at the meeting and filled some of our needs. Jim Hebner, a long time member, has volunteered to help Norm with the web site. Incidentally, Norm has been in the hospital, but he returned home around Thanksgiving.

Pat Taylor volunteered to help out with the Visual Media Committee. Pat owns a photography studio and brings that expertise along with video expertise to the committee. Last but not least, Paul Jenkins has offered to head up the company store. Don't worry if you missed out on these opportunities, as we still need folks for several committees and I am sure Ray can use your help on the 2013 convention committee.

I hope to see you at the December meeting.

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

2011 Dayton Train Show Summary

The 2011 Dayton Train Show is over. We had our third largest crowd since 1998 with 4823 people through the door. This does not count the vendors, exhibitors, and workers. But we were just \$7.00 short of last years gate receipts. Somebody did not get the correct change!?

Our profits were down a little bit this year, but I spent more on Dayton Daily News ads to include Middletown and Springfield. There were other things that needed to be taken care of, such as the Oval Display track, the refurbished Test Track and more Layout Tour Guides printed because we ran out last year.

We spent the same on our TV ads and got some great coverage - my "pretty face" on TV2 a lot.

Rick Lach sent out 7,000 post cards that Peter Guise spent many hours entering in our data base of Door Prize Registration forms.

Peter is currently working on 2 - 33 gallon trash bags from this years show - a lot of work ahead of him. And many thanks for the tedious work behind and ahead.

Shirley Folger, my better half, spent many hours on the "internet connection" promoting the show in Ohio, Kentucky, & Indiana. She was also the Chief of Registration on Friday & Saturday morning.

We had over 35 Div. 3 members and members of other divisions helping at the show and putting in more then 400 hours - that is great! I won't even guess the hours the committee put in for the show!

Kirk Perkins had about 40 Boy Scouts earn the Merit Badge for Model Railroading this year at the show. Good work Kirk.

Now for some bad news. I made some mistakes in the Layout Tour Guide and have a few people upset with me - as they should be. All were missed communications, or lack of on my part. I have no one to blame but myself and I hope we can smooth things out for 2012. To all of those concerned, I apologize.

The 2012 Show is off to a great start. We currently have 340 tables for 55 vendors already sold and 17 Exhibits book. We are looking at opening Court II behind the Snack Bar at Hara. We had 402 tables sold this year and could have sold 75+ more if we had room. Some of the vendors would like to open at 10:00 on Saturday and Sunday. I will not make these two changes without more input from the vendors. I don't want to dilute their income.

Once again I want to thank the committee for all of their work, so Shirley Folger, Rick Lach, Tom Mrocska, Peter Guise, Kirk Perkins, Ron Sturgis (Div. 7), THANK YOU ALL VERY MUCH for helping make the 2011 Dayton Train Show a big success.

Nick Folger, Chairman, Dayton Train Show

Contests

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 ...

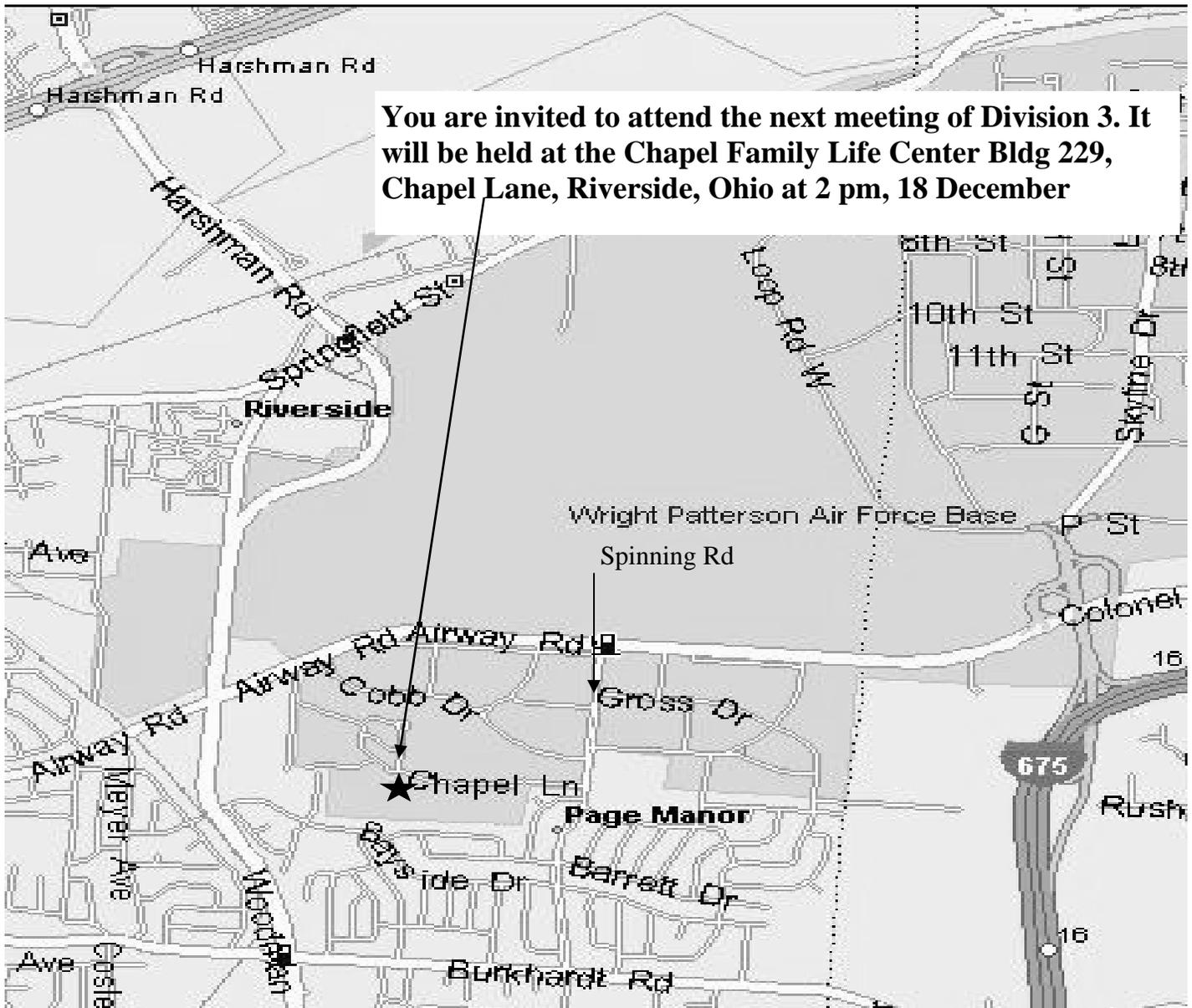
December - Structure

- January - Open Loads
- February - No Contest
- March - Freight Cars
- April - Passenger Cars
- May - Diesel Locomotives
- June - Steam Locomotives
- July - Non-Revenue Cars
- August - No Contest
- September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)
- October - Caboose
- November - Weathering

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	Kit	Kit Bashed	Scratchbuilt	Photo
First		Ric Zimmerman		Ric Zimmerman
Second		Wil Davis		Ric Zimmerman
Third		Larry Miller Jack Honeycutt		Ric Zimmerman Judy Zimmerman

National Updates

- The **Winter NMRA Board Meeting** will be held on Wednesday, February 8, and Thursday, February 9, 2012, beginning each day at 9:00 a.m.. All NMRA members are welcome to attend the open portions of this meeting. In order save as much money as possible on the meeting, it will again be held in Las Vegas at the Palace Station Hotel. The NMRA Budget and Operations meetings, which are not open to the public, will be held on Tuesday, February 7 at the same location. The Board is expecting a packed agenda, and details of that agenda will be included in an InfoNet News eblast when they're arranged.
- Several members have asked about the **current content of the NMRA's "Members-Only" section** of the website, so here's some of what you'll find when you log on at www.nmra.org/member :
 - o You'll find the latest **reprints of the Division and Region newsletter articles** Jim Zinser mentions in his "Division Business Car / NMRA@Home" column every other month in *NMRA Magazine*. All previously mentioned articles also remain in Members-Only, so it's a great resource to learn new tips and techniques. If your newsletter editor would like to reprint one of the articles, please have him/her contact the original newsletter's editor for an OK.



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o We've been adding "NMRA Magazine Classics" -- scans of articles from bygone issues of *Scale Rails* and *The Bulletin* that are truly classic articles. Our goal is eventually to have at least one article from every issue of the magazine posted. Obviously this takes a lot of man-hours, but you'll be surprised to find how many are already online. The articles may be a few years old, but if you haven't read them (or forgot about them), they're as fresh as today.

o Each of the **photos from the 2011 NMRA Calendar** also resides in Members-Only as computer wallpaper. In addition, we asked each of the photographers to give us a brief description of how they took their shot. You'll find those descriptions posted as well. Both of these are also in the "Member Extras" section.

o Our "**Promotional Materials**" section contains a wealth of items Divisions and Regions will find useful. We have the NMRA logo available in a wide variety of graphic formats and sizes. You'll also find a PDF of the NMRA Member Benefits chart and a new-member solicitation brochure (which you can print out and photocopy), along with a new-member sign-up sheet. Last, you'll find the National Model Railroad Month materials, which include National Model Railroad Month logos in various sizes and graphic formats, as well as a Word document, "A guide to promoting National Model Railroad Month," which can be a handy reference whenever you want to promote your Region or Division.

In case your members are looking for more information about the Grand Rapids convention, there are **two great convention videos** posted on the Grand Rails2012 website at www.gr2012.org



Take the HIGH-LINE to Pittsburgh for the 2012 Mid-Central Region Convention!

April 26-29, 2012

EVERYTHING YOU WANT IN A GREAT CONVENTION AND MORE!

**Clinics - Tours - Contests - Non-Rail Activities - Layout Tours
Banquet - Raffle Door Prizes Galore - Rallfanning - Great Location**

Our convention hotel, the Pittsburgh Radisson, is just minutes from downtown Pittsburgh, so you'll have the opportunity to see the city, visit Station Square Shops, ride our two historic inclines, railfan and enjoy the sights. Not only that, but right across the road from the hotel is Rock Yard, the former home of the Pittsburgh & West Virginia Railroad, now a part of the W&LE Railroad. You can practically railfan from your hotel room!

Just some of the potential activities you'll find at the HIGH-LINE to Pittsburgh Convention!

A Variety of Rail Tours

Steel Industry History
Hussey Copper
The Bridges of Pittsburgh
Port Authority Light Rail Shops and Ride

Great Clinics

Hands-on clinics
Western Pennsylvania Railroads
Steel and Other Prototype Industries
Operations: Real and Simulated
Modern Railroad Equipment and Practices
Narrow Gauge Railroads, Model and Prototype
Modeling Structures, Rolling Stock & Scenery

Non-Rail Tours

Pittsburgh Glass Factory Make & Take
Just Ducky Tour of Pittsburgh
In-House Clinics for Non-Rails.

Local Attractions

Carnegie Science Center
Station Square Shops

Rallfanning

NS & CSX Mainline Action
W&LE Across From the Hotel
Variety of Local Shortlines



**For more information as it
becomes available, see our
convention home page:
www.highlinetopittsburgh.org**

