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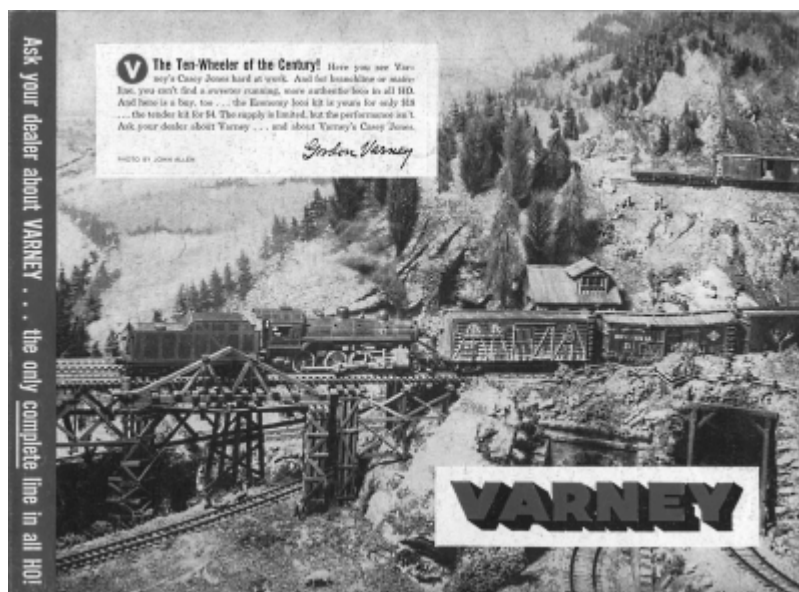
This Month's Program ...

Gorre and Daphetid

John Allan was a pioneer of scale looking scenery but few people realize that the original part of the Gorre and Daphetid, the one that was so widely photographed, was only a 4' x 8' layout. Later John incorporated this small layout into his larger layout in his new house (See March of 1956 issue of Model Railroader).

Jim Rollwage and Bob Lawson have built a layout that is a copy of the of the original John Allan's Gorre and Daphetid RR. Jim and Bob have faithfully tried to reproduced the trackplan, scenery and structures of the original John Allan layout. The layout has the same wood two stall engine house that John Allan became famous for on the back cover of Model Railroader in the Varney ads. The bridges and trestles are built to be reproductions of the one's that are pictured on the back cover in the Varney ads.

The Powerpoint Presentation by Jim will show the original Varney ads from the early 1950's that were on the back cover of Model Railroader and the same view with the same cars and engine on the new reproduced Gorre and Daphetid. Jim will then discuss the techniques and mechanics along with pictures that were taken in the construction phase of the layout. They will also bring the finished layout to the meeting for our viewing. This layout will be on display at the National NMRA Convention in July.



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Super's Notes for June 2012

Meeting Notes

What a meeting! I was concerned that, with the change of meeting place, we might have a drop in attendance. Boy was I wrong. We had a strong turnout from the division as well as visitors from three other divisions (6, 7, & 9) and we filled the Basement of Good Shepherd United Methodist Church. That's right; we even had two visitors from West Virginia. Bob Weinheimer and Gary Burdett, Super and Assistant, from Division 9 were drawn by the program on West Virginia Logging Railroads. We also had a couple of Division 3 members from Indiana as well as a number of guests. Our presenter, Frank Fieler, did a great job and he brought a couple of family members for support. I don't know if he was expecting a hostile audience or not! Another visitor was Randy Kerka, Superintendent from Division 7. Randy had a special mission as he was there to present the Russ Wenderfer Award. This is an award sponsored by Division 7 presented to a member of the Mid Central Region who has made outstanding contributions to their division, the region and the NMRA. Dick Briggs, Mid Central Region president, was planning to come to the meeting and present the award, but his mother passed earlier in the week so he sent Randy. The award is normally presented at the MCR convention banquet and Dick made the announcement at that time, but asked people to not spoil the surprise by telling the winner, who was not able to attend the convention. Judging from his uncharacteristic lack of words it was obvious that Nick Folger did not have a clue he had been nominated and selected for the award. The award was small compensation for all that Nick has done for the division since he joined the NMRA.

The Program

Frank Fieler was smart enough to the last days of steam railroad logging before it disappeared forever. Frank spent a lot of time in the early 1960's traveling to many locations documenting on film the last remaining steam operations. It is through the efforts of people like Frank that we have these images, and his willingness to come to our meeting and share them is really a treat.

Bus Tour

Time flies, and it is time to start preparing for our annual August bus tour. Mike gave a sneak preview at the meeting of what we may see when we journey to Indiana on August 18th. Mike is trying to negotiate a tour of the new Caterpillar EMD assembly plant in Muncie among other things. He hopes to nail down the details in the next couple of weeks. If you have not been on one of Mike's tours you don't know what you are missing. Seats on the bus will be limited to the first 30 registrants and we will be selling "tickets" starting at the June meeting. The cost should be the same as in previous years, \$25.00 which includes your transportation, water on the bus, and a tasty box lunch along the way.



Nick Folger receiving the Russ Wenderfer Award from Randy Kerka

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 ...

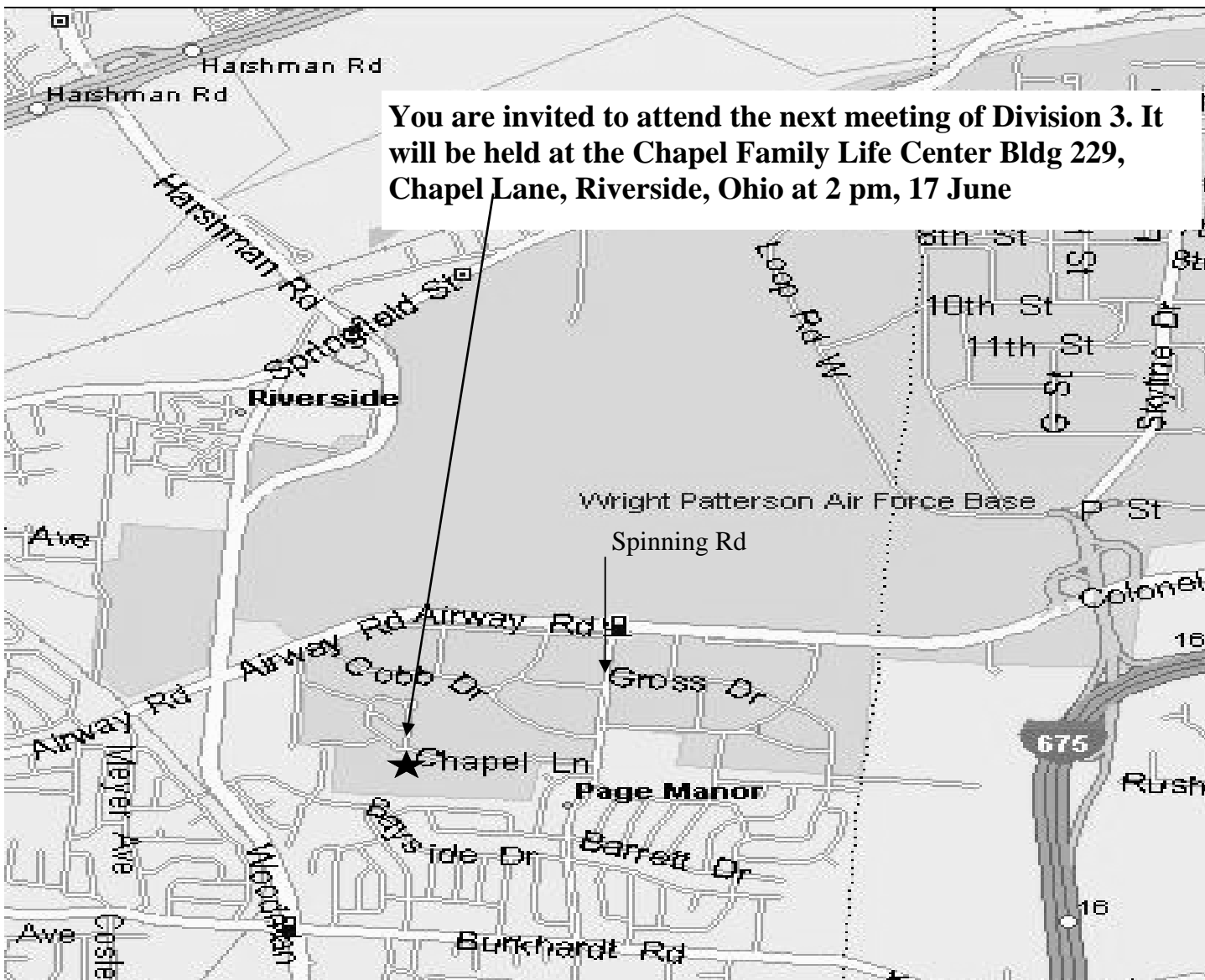
- June - Steam Locomotives**
- July - Non-Revenue Cars
- August - No Contest
- September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)
- October - Caboose
- November - Weathering
- December - Structure
- January - Open Loads
- February - No Contest
- March - Freight Cars
- April - Passenger Cars
- May - Diesel Locomotives

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	Kit	Kit Bashed	Scratchbuilt	Photo
First	Jim Foster	Jim Foster		Ric Zimmerman
Second	Jim Ruisinger	Ric Zimmerman David Holl		John Smith
Third				

National News

- At Grand Rails 2012, there will be a **drawing for four cab rides** from among the participants in the Little River Railroad tour. The cab rides will be in the railroad's #110, a 4-6-2 Pacific built by Baldwin, during its trip to Quincy and back. The train's consist will contain a WWII troop car, two converted stock cars, and three cabooses. In addition, the Little River RR's two other locomotives will be on display for photographs. In fact, you can even climb on them!
- More convention news: The **Grand Rapids Model Railroad Historical Society** is producing an HO-scale model of a true local railroad landmark: the Bridge Street Signal Tower. The prototype, still standing near the convention hotel, was built by the Grand Rapids & Indiana Railroad to stand guard over the railroad's crossing of five streets. Only 100 of these craftsman laser-cut kits will be available at a **special Grand Rails 2012 Convention price of \$65**. Members can see photos and get a brief history of the crossing tower at www.gr2012.org/towerkit.htm.
- The **4th Division of the Pacific Northwest Region** has signed on as a co-sponsor of this year's Narrow

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Gauge Convention in Seattle. The 4th Division will be signing up members for the NMRA throughout the event.

Because the NMRA's Online Archives has been such a rousing success, **several prominent photographers and collectors have begun to donate portions of their collections to the NMRA.** The first is noted author/photographer Louis A. Marre, who's donated hundreds of large-format negatives of many subjects. Gregory Sommers has also donated a large collection of freight car slides, and David Lange has donated a large number of scanned images from the collection of the late Jim Morris. Watch for these exciting additions to the NMRA Online Archives in the near future. Hopefully continued donations to The Diamond Club will cover the cost of scanning and preparing the images.

And an important repeat from last month:

Grand Rails 2012 is looking for volunteers who'd be willing to donate an hour or two of their time at the convention doing things like contest room security, helping with registration check-in, silent auction set-up and tear-down, and bus loading. If you're interested and have an hour or two you'd like to donate, contact Mark Baldwin, Vice Chair of Volunteers, at gr2012volunteers@gmail.com for more details.

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