

Call Board

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Super Saying

For our November meeting program, Richard Davoust arranged for Bob Lawson to demonstrate his diorama building techniques, from Step One to completion. Bob's layout consists of many of his dioramas, which are based on insulation foam. The dioramas he showed are of contest quality. Besides several completed dioramas, Bob showed a series representing the same one in various stages of construction. It made me want to start one.



Division 3's Fall Train Show was an outstanding success. Paid attendance and total attendance were up twenty percent over last year, there were more vendors with more variety, and the train layouts and exhibits were big crowd-pleasers. We are all very excited about it, and plan to review the possibility of expanding the show further for next year. We already have Hara Arena reserved for next year's show, the first weekend in November.

Ray Persing was the Train Show manager, and has done an outstanding job. He has agreed to take it on again for 2005. Reporting to him was Peter Guise for Publicity, and Leroy Clouser for the railroad exhibits in Ball

Arena. Peter's excellent performance as Publicity Chairman is apparent from the attendance increase. Leroy Clouser, with help from his brother Howard, somehow manages to control what appears to be chaos in the setup and operation of the train layouts and other railroad exhibits. Exhibitors have told us that they like working with Leroy and Howard. Well done, fellows.

Thanks also to all the division members who helped at Hara Arena during the hours of setup and during the show. It could not have succeeded without you. Vendors appreciated your help; one remarked that it was the best show he and his wife had ever attended, because of the help they had received from Division 3 people.

Bruce Albright and his assistants signed up nine new and renewed NMRA members. Bruce sets up the membership display, and spends all day both days recruiting. New members and renewals are the lifeblood of the organization. Thanks, Bruce.

We completed construction of the Train Show raffle layout just in the nick of time. A few minor repairs and additions were completed during the show, but we were expecting that. Richard Davoust, George Ardwin, Peter Guise, and others sold more than

enough tickets during the show to pay for the materials. We enjoyed working on it, enjoyed showing it to people, and are delighted that a youngster won it. Richard has already started planning next year's layout.

Don Kriegbaum arranged the post-show layout tours and managed the design and production of the Tour Guide. Thanks Don, and all who solicited and sold Tour Guide ads to help pay for the publication.

The next Division meeting will be December 19th at the Wright Library in Oakwood. For the program, John Smith (that's me) will describe and demonstrate ways keep your train lights lit with the desired brightness at all train speeds. The Layout tour that afternoon is at Steve Hood's, in Carlisle. We'll have maps at the meeting.

Phyllis and I are having a party, and you are invited. From 5 to 9 p.m. the evening of the December meeting, drop by our home, have something to eat and drink, and visit a while. Dress casually, and bring the family. It's only a ten-minute drive from Steve's house to ours.

See you Sunday.
John

Don Bedrowsky

Long time Division auctioneer, Don Bedrowsky, passed away on Sunday November 21st. He joined the NMRA in 1960 and was a life member. Don was 70.

The following letter was received by Ray Persing:

Dear Mr. Persing

My brother and I failed to turn in our comment cards at the Dayton Train Show. I model N gauge and my brother is an O gauge fanatic. We both have fairly large layouts and have been model railroading for many years.

Without exception the show in Dayton was the best that we have ever attended!!

Congratulations on a great job to all who participated in the event.

Yours very truly,
Leonard Zawodniak

Contests

December Depots/Stations

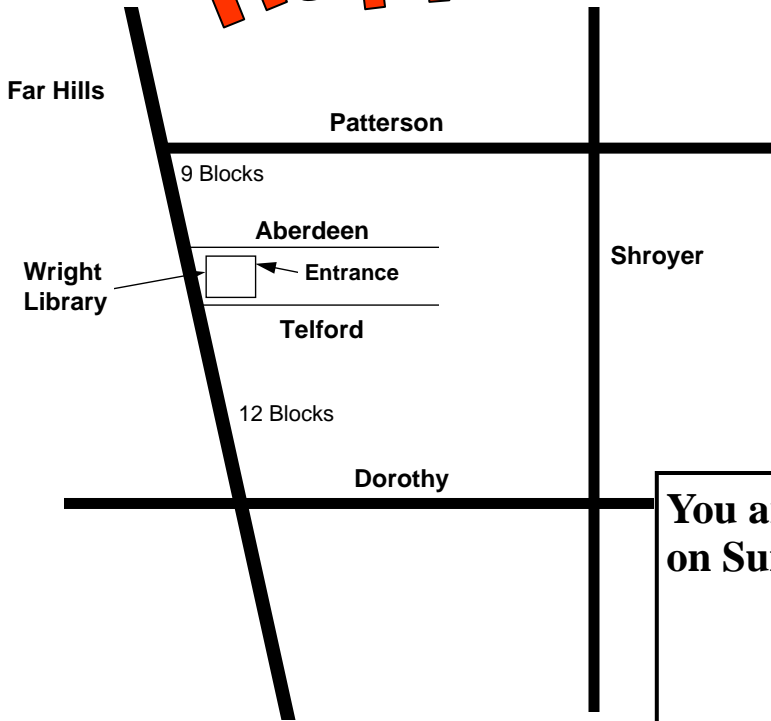
November Modeler's Choice Kitbashed			
Models		Photos	
1	Richard Davoust	1	No Contest
2	Richard Davoust	2	
3	Dick Strous	3	

2004-2005 Contest Categories

January	Modeler's Choice Scratchbuilt	February	No Contest
March	Narrow Gauge	April	Thumbz
May	???	June	No Contest
July	Scene (Any Size)		

Date	Location	Contest	Program	Layout
19 December	Wright Memorial Library	Depots/ Stations	Directional Lighting John Smith	Steve Hood
16 January	Wright Memorial Library	Modelers Choice (Scratchbuilt)	Ballasting for Model Railroads by Jim Foster	
20 February		None	Auction	
20 March	Wright Memorial Library	Narrow Gauge		
17 April	Wright Memorial Library	Thumbz		
15 May	Wright Memorial Library	?????????		

Happy Holidays



You are invited to the December meeting
on Sunday the 19th at 2pm at the
Wright Memorial Library
1776 Far Hills
Oakwood, Ohio
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome

Snapshot from the Show



500th Boy Scout Completes Railroading Merit Badge at November 6th & 7th, 2004 Train Show!

Thirty-one Scouts on Saturday and another thirty-four Scouts on Sunday completed the six-hour class, to bring the total number of Scouts earning the Railroading Merit Badge sponsored by Division 3 of the National Model Railroad Association to 536! These Scouts were from twenty Troops from southern Michigan to Cincinnati. Congratulations to Marty Sheer of Troop 78 who had the highest grade in the class for the two days. To commemorate the 500th Scout, Division 3 of the National Model Railroad Association provided a starter set to be drawn for each day. Each Scout who successfully completed the class was eligible for a special drawing. Congratulations Mack Biggert of Troop 248 in Michigan who won an N scale starter set on Saturday and Andy Angerer of Troop 193 who won an O scale starter set on Sunday.

The requirements for Railroading Merit Badge have been updated in 2004 and the class syllabus was been changed to embrace these new requirements. More emphasis is now placed on Railroad safety and prototype operation. I had collected many different types of rolling stock and motive power in G, O, O27, HO, N, and Z scales to assist in the teaching the class. The Scouts were shown the video used at the 2001 National Jamboree to introduce the Railroading Merit Badge. This is an excellent video produced through the cooperation of Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad, Operation Lifesaver, and the Boy Scouts of America. Through the course of the day, the Scouts worked through eight requirements to complete the merit badge. A few of the Scouts had interest in trains, model railroading or had ridden on a train but the majority of the Scouts had little experience with railroading. The prototype portion of class dealt with the signals and communications used today, whistle or horn signals, car types, unit trains, how the diesel engine works, departmental organization, scale vs. gauge, reading a timetable, and railroad safety. The highlight of the class was the construction of an HO scale boxcar. During lunch and after the class the Scouts could tour many of the model railroad layouts in the Ballarena or visit the vendors at show. I appreciate the cooperation of the layout owners with these newcomers to the hobby who don't fully understand the hobby and it's etiquette.



Mack Biggert from Troop 248 in rural Southern Michigan with John Reck, Kirk Perkins and John Edminson and the N Scale starter set he won in Saturday's Class.

Probably the single greatest highlight of this class for me was the number of food items the Boy Scouts collected for the Red Cross Food Bank of Dayton. The summary of items we collected are as follows:

	Saturday	Sunday
Canned Goods	165	153
Boxed Goods	35	35
Miscellaneous food items	12	20
Daily Total	211	208
Grand total = 419 food items		

Many thanks to the Scouts for doing this Good Turn for those less fortunate.

Please note that Red Cross Food Bank is severely depleted this year due to the amount of food shipped to the states ravaged by Hurricanes this spring. If you can, I would encourage you to make a food donation to the food bank this holiday season to aid the less fortunate. Scouts I would encourage you to go the extra mile this year in the Scouting for Food campaign this coming spring.



Scouts Assembling Kits



Watching a video on Saturday morning

All of this would not have been possible without the help of the following individuals and businesses:

Don Kriegbaum, and Bruce Bryan, for instructing the Scouts on the cleaning and lubrication of a model locomotive and track cleaning. You ought to see the Scouts eyes when they learned how to pop the top off of a locomotive!

John Edminson for donning his Amtrak uniform on his day off opening the class with a prayer and teaching the Scouts how to read a timetable, which he and Amtrak provided.

J. Hedge for providing me with an overhead projector and a back up sound system and publishing this article in the Callboard.

Ron Dietrich for donating his back issues of railroading magazines so each Scout could take a couple home.

Jim Higgins from Operation Lifesaver who shared information on railroad safety and provided a safety video and lapel pins and flyers for the class.

Bill Ford who supported the sound system VCR, and videotapes that really enhanced the video presentation for the class.

Bill Garlow and United Christian Church for providing me a sound system and wireless microphone.

Daryl Reck, Russ Morrison and a Phantom Dayton N Trak modeler for providing RR cars so the Scouts could learn 10 different car types.

John Reck a *great* friend and fellow Scouter from Covington, Ohio, who helped with paper work, kit construction, set up and tear down, and all the little odd jobs. John actually volunteered for each class the division has conducted knowing what he was getting into from previous experience! Quite frankly, I would not have been able to run the class so smoothly without his help and previous experience and I always know with him on board the class will succeed.

Jeff and Kathy Schweinfurth for making arrangements for a video projector to be used each day to show Videotape furnished by Operation Lifesaver and the BSA.

Division 3 Members who helped the boys with the reading of the timetable and kit construction.

Several of the Scout Leaders Larry Dishman, Ron Cusmano, Rick Slowiczek, Rick Bialowas, Cindy Ozmment and Mary-Anne Polan T 248, Karen and Trevor Chuna P 33, Flavia Bolton T 26, Joel Prentice T 44 Danielle Dwire P 418 Dan Stuart T 78, Geoff Current T78 Rich Dvorsky T 750, who jumped right in to help in the administration of the class, construction of the kits or reading of timetables. Special thank you to John Combs T 325 who ran to the store Sunday morning to pick up a 9 Volt battery for the wireless to get me out of a bind.

Dave Hickenbotham of DLH Locomotive for rustling up HO kits and selling them to us at discount so we do not have to charge the Scouts for the class.

An unknown vender who donated some used rolling stock power pack and track to Scouts from Troop 78. The Boys returned home and now want to construct a Troop model railroad according to Michael Hillary their Scoutmaster!

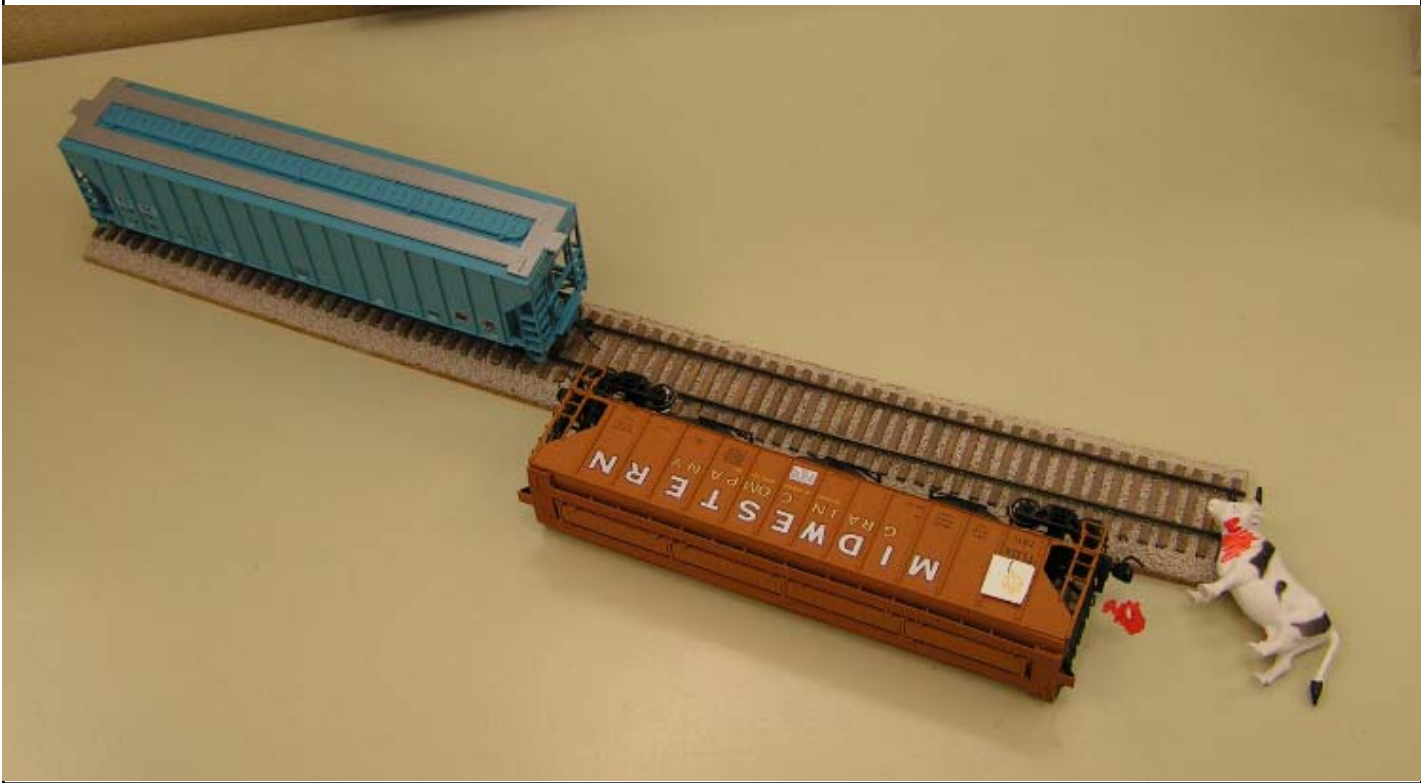
Mary, my wife, for allowing me the time to prepare for and teach the class as well as act as my personal secretary and taking all those messages from Scouts and trying to answer their questions. She also helped me teach the class on Sunday, gather, load and unload the materials needed for the class as well as transport the food donation to the Red Cross Food Bank.

If you have any Model railroad or railroading items you would like to donate to the next class to be used as gifts for the Scouts that excel please contact me at Jeepfunatic@aol.com. With support like this the class can only get better. In trying to thank everyone, I'm sure I missed someone, but that is the chance you take when you try to acknowledge a bunch of great people in our hobby. As you can see we had a good crew and a good time, but the best thing was to over sixty young men learning about railroading and seeing the pride in their faces as they completed their kits and earned the Railroading Merit Badge. Thanks to all of you for your help as well as the Scout leaders and parents that supported this event as it would not have come off without you.

In Service to Scouting and our hobby.....
Kirk Perkins Railroading Merit Badge Counselor
Have a great Holiday!

The following is an email from an NMRA member from North Central Region Division 3:

I've been a member of the NMRA for over 20 years. The NMRA has designated November as National Model Railroad month, with the idea that we members should take some of our models to work. I missed the requested dates, but for the first time ever, I took a couple of my HO cars to work last week, setting them up on a piece of track, on top of a file cabinet in my cubical. I left work a little early Wednesday night, coming in Thursday morning to discover there had been a "wreck" the night before (thanks to several of my co-workers). My hopper car (A Life Like P2K) was undamaged and will be back in service shortly. Sorry, the cow did not make it.





More from the Show

