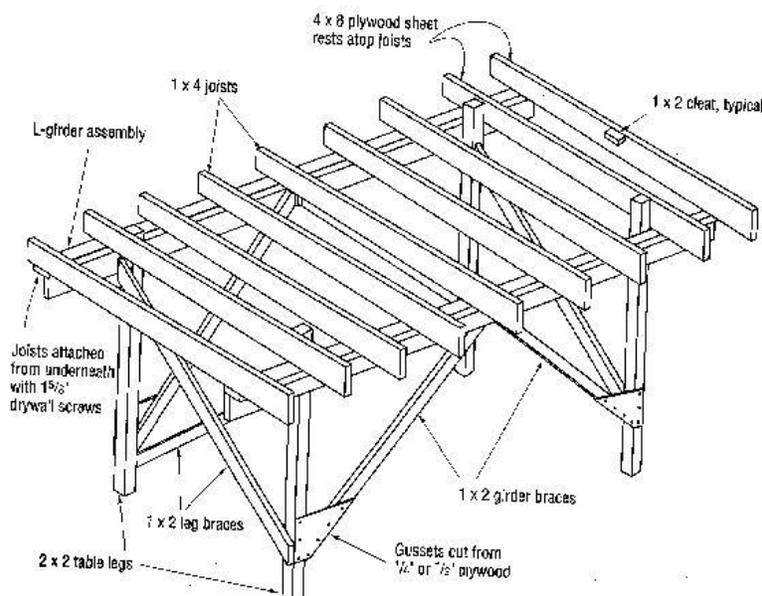


# Call Board

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## This Month's Program ...



The "Building a Realistic Layout" Series continues

## BENCHWORK and ROADBED

We continue the "how to" series by presenting builders who have finished layouts or have one underway. If you are starting or revising a layout you won't want to miss this one.

Afterward we'll visit Kent Anderson's neat Standard gauge pike and his collection of 0 gauge equipment.

Sunday 2PM January 20th

Chapel 3 (maps inside)

# SUPER'S NOTES

Let's get rolling...

## On Friends and Trains ...

I had some spare moments the other day while waiting for the paint to dry on a caboose model. Usually I try to have a couple things going on so that there's no "slack" time but guess I was just lazy that day. A thought came over me about how much of our hobby is friends and fellowship. Most of the fun parts of the hobby for me as I look back has been with the friends the hobby has made for me. The NMRA sent me a 50 year certificate last year and the first thought that came to mind were the folks who I met at the start. The paper certificate is a memory jogger but now I look forward to all the people that I'll meet in the hobby from here on.

The friendship thing just keeps on building. I have been involved in restoring old scale model equipment and swapping or selling it the past few years. I've made a whole new group of friends across the world through that facet of the hobby. Locally when you go to a Trainshow you find yourself spending the most time talking to fellow modelers. The fellowship thing is what keeps the hobby fresh. Whether it's building a new project or getting the layout ready for an operating session, there's a final goal of sharing my work with old and new friends. We stress and try to teach the technical nature of this hobby to newcomers but, for most of us, model railroading and friends are inseparable.

## Speaking of friends

We received word that Division 9 in West Virginia is having some financial difficulties. Usually the other divisions in the region offer advice but go one step further and offer financial help. We'll take a look at what help we can give at the next Board of Governor's meeting. I'll keep you informed how we decide to proceed.

## Our finances

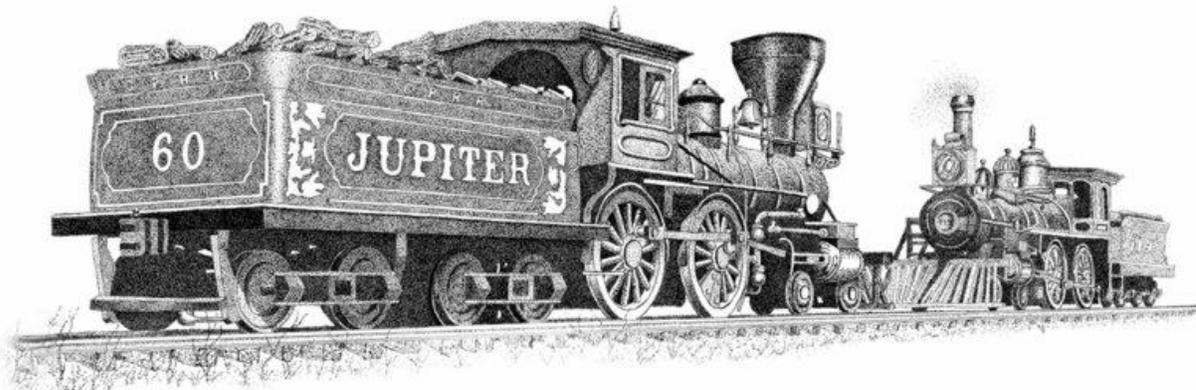
I'm happy to report that our financial area is simplified and settled. Due to successful conventions and trainshows over the years we have a "nest egg" that can see us through most any problem. We now have all our assets in insured instruments and, more importantly, we can get our money quickly should we need it to cover a crisis or see a chance to use some of our capital to advantage. Special thanks have to go to Rick Lach who diligently wrote many letters, ran to many banks and generally went through the wringer to get our situation in good order.

## What did you get for Christmas?

Get two of those purple cabooses or more N gauge cars when you're in HO? Bring em' out to the Division 3 annual Auction in February. We all have fun selling off our stuff and buying back more so get started and cut out some of that unused stuff. Your wife will love you for it!

See YOU at the next Meeting.

Bob Fink MMR



My friend Harold Cook in Brookville can certainly turn out the artwork! This is just one of the railroad pictures that he has done. He uses "dots" to complete his pictures much as the old etchings seen in early newspapers. Amazing the talent people have that is many times undiscovered. An art class sparked his desire to draw and started a "retirement" hobby for him.

*Harold Cook*

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## 2007 Contest year Results

The final 2007 contest was held at the December meeting. Here are the total points for each category and overall. Congratulations to each of the category leaders and to Phil Gliebe for having the highest point total overall. Thanks to everyone who entered. We challenge everyone to participate in the 2008 contests starting in January.

Overall	
Phil Gliebe	39
Jim Foster	37
Richard Davoust	16
George Ardwin	13
Norm Courtney	10
Bob Fink	9
Nick Folger	8
David Holl	7
Mike Mereness	4
John Smith	3
Bill Spinks	3
Richard Latch	2
Terry McTaggart	1

Scratchbuilt	
Jim Foster	7
Mike Mereness	4
Bob Fink	4
Richard Davoust	4
Kit Bashed	
Phil Gliebe	23
Jim Foster	17
George Ardwin	9
David Holl	7
Bob Fink	5
Richard Davoust	4
John Smith	3
Richard Lach	2
Terry McTaggart	1
Kit Built	
Phil Gliebe	16
Jim Foster	13
Richard Davoust	8
George Ardwin	4
Richard Latch	4
Bill Spinks	3
Photos	
Norm Courtney	10
Nick Folger	8

## Division Elections

Division 3 holds elections every other year for the offices of Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk. These officers guide the operation of the Division. The elections will be held in April 2008. If you would like more information on running for any of these offices please contact Superintendent Bob Fink or any other member of the Board of Governors. None of these positions require any qualification other than the desire to help keep Division 3 one of the best in the NMRA. We need to have the slate of candidates by the March Meeting. If we do not have at least one candidate for each office the Division will not be able to continue operating.

## Auction Preparation

If you would like to have any auction items listed in the February *Call Board*, please contact Bruce Albright (937) 426-3091. This would be particularly useful for high value or rare items. It would also let the minority scale modelers know that there would be items available for them. All listings have to be to Bruce by 21 January in order to make the publication deadline.

Auction forms and rules will be published in February.

## Raffle

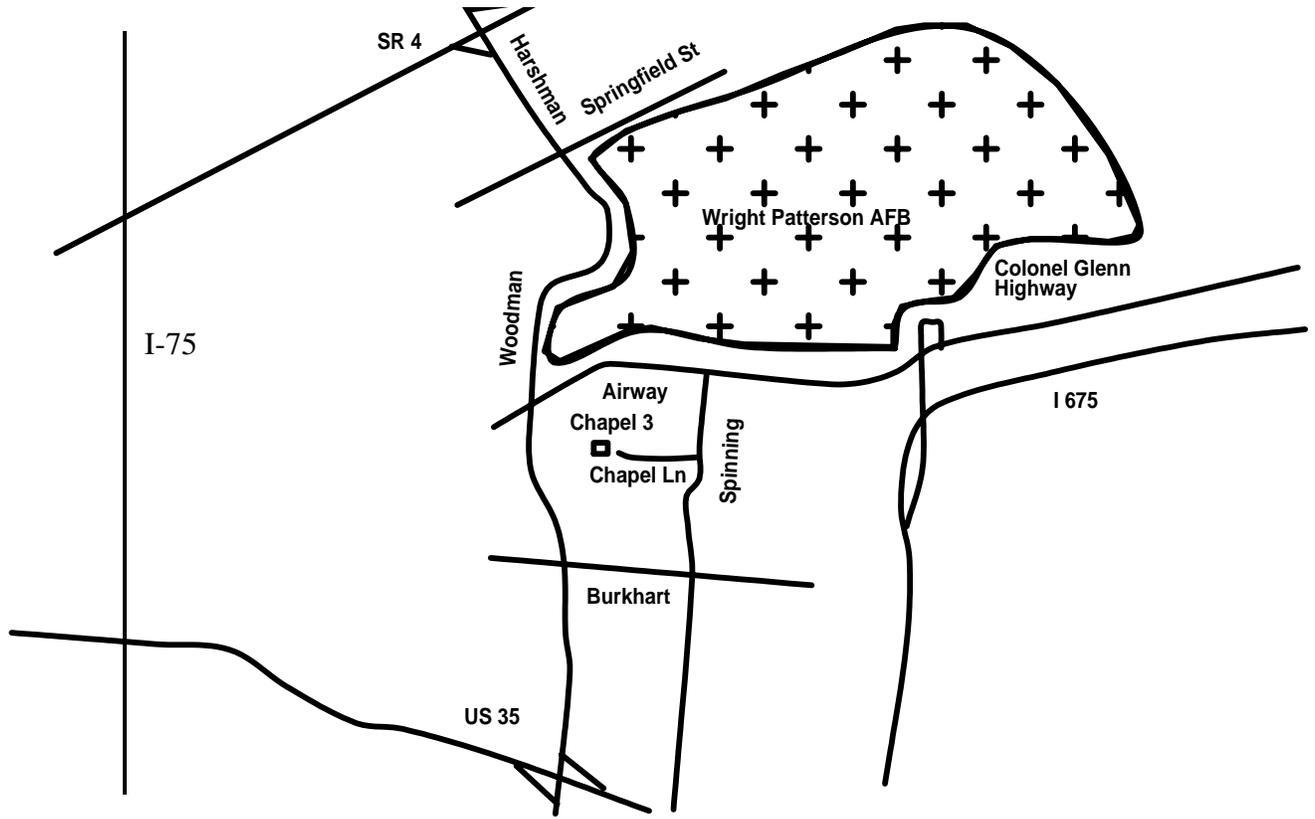
The special raffle for the brass high-rail truck concluded in December. John Larsen was the lucky winner. The monthly raffles continue to be well received and will continue. Watch the *Call Board* for future developments.

## Are you a Super Modeler?

By Joe Porter and originally posted on the IPMS USA website

1. Score 100 points if you ever called in sick to finish a model.
2. Score 50 points if you ever needed assistance getting unsuperglued.
3. Deduct 75 points if you own a set of golf clubs.
4. Score 40 points if you ever helped yourself to that cool sand in an upright hotel ashtray.
5. Score 2 points for every bottle of paint on your workbench. Add 50 bonus points if you own your own paint rack.
6. Score 200 points if a hobby tool incident has required stitches.
7. Score 75 points if, on arriving in a strange town, the first thing you look for is hobby shops in the phone book. Score 300 bonus points if you ever-planned a family vacation to include a model show.
8. Score 25 points if you have something from the kitchen on your workbench. Score 100 bonus points if your wife doesn't know it's missing.
9. Score 50 points if you shop for hobby supplies, unaccompanied, in a fabric or cosmetics store.
10. Score 50 points for each pack of Grandt Line bolts you ever bought.
11. Score 25 points for every kit you have purchased in the last year. Score 250 bonus points for every project you have completed.
12. Score 50 points if you're left-handed.
13. Deduct 300 points if you ever sold some of your unbuilt kits.
14. Score 30 points for every non-modeler who has seen your models and said, "Oh, I used to do that when I was a kid."
15. Deduct 100 points for every unfinished project you've set aside.
16. Score 500 points if you ever purchased a Mascot figure. Score 800 bonus points if you painted it. Deduct 1000 points if you did anything weird after that.
17. Score 150 points if you ever ordered a kit through the mail, and had it sent to your office so your wife wouldn't find out. Score 500 sympathy points if your hobby has cost you a relationship.
18. Score 600 points if the local library refers inquiries to you.
19. Deduct 5000 points if you ever used a penlight while judging.
20. Score 50 points for every part you dropped - and found!
21. Score 75 points if you own an Optivisor.
22. Score 425 points if someone else smashed their models when you showed up at a contest.
23. Score 350 points if, lacking reference, you ever "invented" a detail on a model, and passed it off as 100% accurate.
24. Score 75 points if you use different "mood music" for different modeling projects.
25. Score 250 points if you ever found someone else's drool on one of your models.
26. Deduct ALL YOUR POINTS if you actually scored yourself. You should be in there building models, not using your valuable time taking frivolous quizzes!

**You are invited to attend the next meeting of Division 3. It will be held at the Chapel 3 Family Life Center, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio at 2 pm, 20 January 2008. Visitors and guests are always welcome.**



**Board of Governors**

The Board of Governors usually meet the first Monday of the month to conduct the business of the Division. Any member may attend and participate in the meeting. Please contact a board member to verify place and time.

Date	Host
4 February	Rick Lach
3 March	Bruce Albright

