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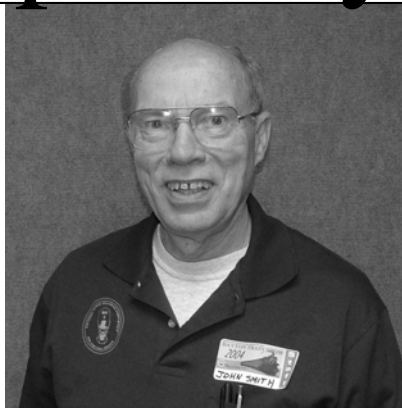
February 2006

Super Saying

Merv Hardman and George Ardwin tell me that you had a good meeting in January. Sorry I missed the East Broad Top program. Phyllis and I have visited the railroad, and would have enjoyed the program.

The Friday before the meeting, I drove to Clifton Forge, VA along with a friend, to attend a regular meeting of the Board of Directors of the C&O Historical Society, and didn't return until Sunday evening. While there, I took advantage of the opportunity to search for historical photos and drawings of and by the C&O. On file in the COHS HQ/Archive building are thousands of photos and drawings, great resources for modeling information. The historical societies for your favorite railroads may have them, too.

Speaking of the C&O, Prince Station is closing. Built in 1946, it was very modern and high-tech, the only one built of what was to be a series of stations for "The Chessie", the C&O's daylight domeliner. Prince is the first station along the Cardinal route that Amtrak is closing because of budget cuts. A group of C&O fans is gathering there March 26 for photos and a final look. If you'd like more information about the visit, contact me or



Matt Crouch (email: mile-post465@netscape.net).

Some of you are considering installing a signal system on your railroad, or are doing it. Dick Sine did, and Butch Orr plans to, among others. To support that, Butch is installing train detectors as he builds his new layout. He has many questions about signals, and so do I. However, there are many good resources on the web and elsewhere. John Armstrong's two-part article, "All About Signals" was in the June and July 1957 issues of *Trains Magazine*. Copies are available from the Kalmbach Memorial Library. Carsten Lundsten has a good tutorial on ABS and APB systems on his web site: www.lundsten.dk/us_signaling/movement.html

Mike Burgette is a signal maintenance specialist with the

Canadian National Railroad. Mike is also a model railroader, who builds realistic model CTC equipment for himself and others. He makes and sells the detail parts, like plates and levers, to use if you build a realistic-looking CTC panel. Mike is making a series of in-depth DVDs about prototype railroad signaling. His web site is www.ctcparts.com

Last month I mentioned that I was going to start organizing the tools and supplies in the basement. I actually did start! And, in spite of being away from home some, I have made significant progress. I cleared out a small storage room in the basement, and moved my workbench in there, to clear the space where the new peninsula is going to be. The storeroom is already lighted pretty well, and it won't be much work to make the lighting excellent over the workbench. For my birthday, my daughter gave me one of those roll-around toolboxes that you can pull like a wheeled suitcase. Into that toolbox I've moved my cordless drill and many other hand tools needed while building benchwork. That has worked out very well during this past week, as

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19 February	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	No Contest	Member Auction
19 March	Green County His- torical Society Xenia, Ohio	Non-Steam Locomotives	Bob Fink Layout Visit
23 April Date Change	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	Logging Equipment	Logging By Ron Schmidt Division Election
21 May	Joint Meeting with Division 7	Non-Revenue Non-Caboose	Signals
18 June		No Contest	
16 July		Caboose	



Contests

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I've been working on the new peninsula. The next phase of the organization will be to rearrange the remaining tools and supplies, many of which I still plan to store in the roll-around plastic drawer sets, which are also working well, so far.

At the meeting this month we will hold our annual auction, so bring all those railroad items that you've decided not to use any more, or that well-meaning relatives gave you, or that you bought on impulse. If you've nothing you can part with, come and take part in the excitement. Last year we saw some very nice models and memorabilia bought at good prices. As in recent years, the board again decided not to charge the ten- percent commission.

See you Sunday, February 19th.

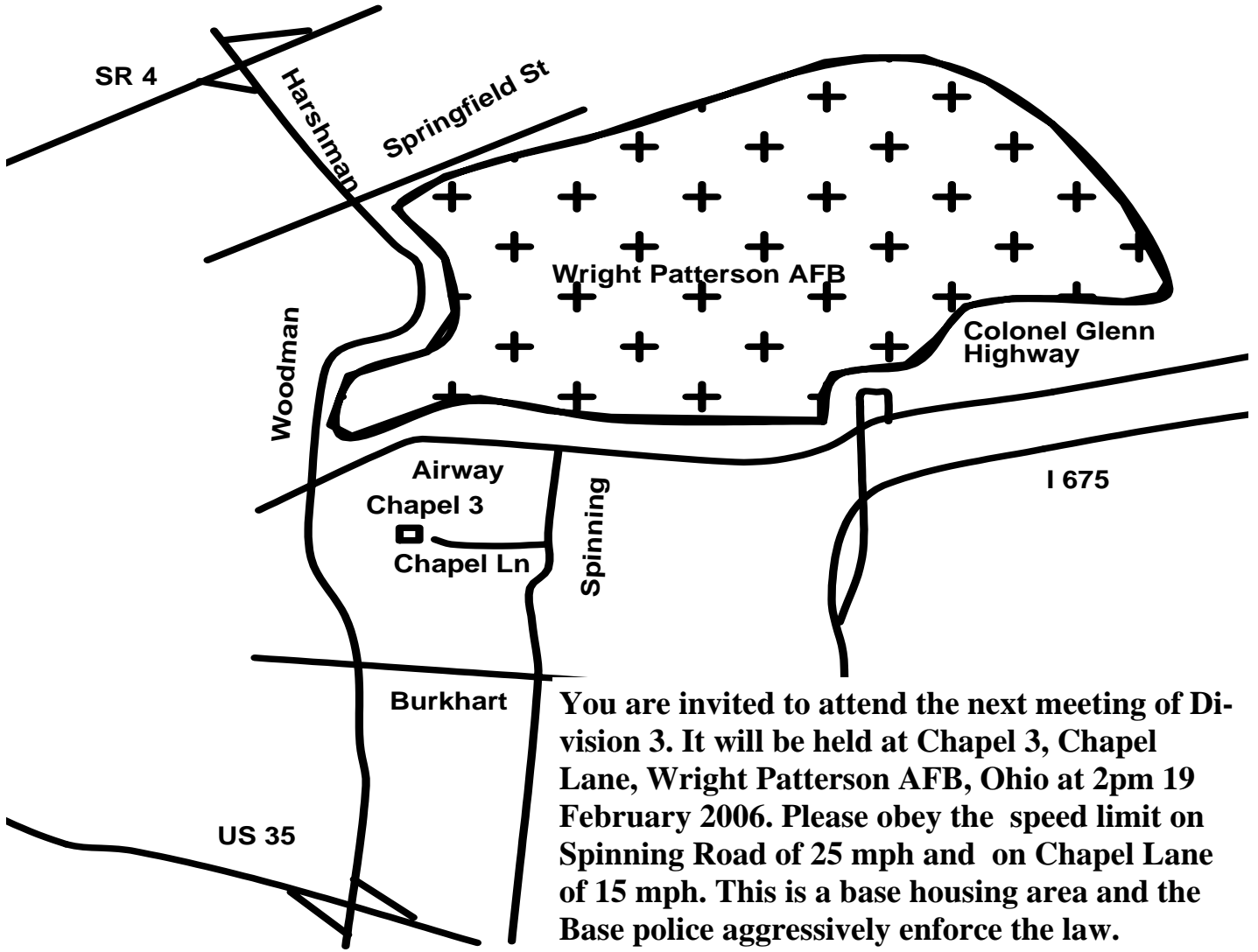
Future Categories		January 2006 Off-Line Structures	
February	No Contest		
March	Non-Steam Locomotives*	Model	Photo
April	Logging Equipment	1	Ray Persing
May	Non-Revenue Non-Caboose	2	Jim Foster
June	No Contest	3	Richard Davoust
July	Caboose	3	Bill Spinks Richard Davoust

*The March Category includes Electric, Gas, or Gas Electric Locomotives.



2006 Show Raffle Layout

Jim Foster has stepped forward and offered to head up the construction of a raffle layout for the November train show. If you would like to participate, please contact Jim. The previous layouts have been well received and have provided a learning experience for the construction crews.



You are invited to attend the next meeting of Division 3. It will be held at Chapel 3, Chapel Lane, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio at 2pm 19 February 2006. Please obey the speed limit on Spinning Road of 25 mph and on Chapel Lane of 15 mph. This is a base housing area and the Base police aggressively enforce the law.

Visitors and guests are always welcome.



**Great Model Railroads Vol. 45
Review by George Ardwin**

This review was easy for me. I have been a fan of Bob Lawson's work since the first time I saw his entry at a NMRA contest several years ago. His execution of layout building is as near to perfection as you can get. This video proves it. He has mastered the art of layout building, and is always ready to share his expertise with anyone that will listen.

It is obvious that his love for the hobby developed at a young age, and continued while working for the Southern Railroad as a freight car designer. Bob builds a lot of dioramas, and then places them on his layout in a manner that is so natural, you can't tell where one begins or ends. It looks like everything was built in place, instead of on a workbench.

This video shows several of his techniques. He fully explains how to weather a freight car with oil paints. Other items covered are: Making a foam base for a diorama the easy way, and using cloth to cover parts of the layout. It works to perfection.

Although not shown in this video, Bob has mastered the art of scratchbuilding structures. He has this aspect of the hobby down to a science, and has demonstrated that to Division three members a while back. He said the main thing, is to have a general knowledge of the structures in your time period, and how they looked. Many buildings had additions built on that made them even more interesting. This video is a "Must See" for all Model Railroaders.

2006 Elections

Brian Petroziello has volunteered to be the chairman of the nominating committee for this year's Division Election. Brian is looking for nominees for Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, and Chief Clerk. The term of office is from May 2006 to May 2008. These jobs do not require a lot of work and can be very rewarding. For more information on the duties of these positions contact Brian at (937) 837-7533 or bpetroz@aol.com.

Program Ideas Needed

A major benefit that the Division provides for its members is the monthly program. We need input from you, the members, on what you would like to see at the monthly meetings. We try to provide a variety of topics, but we are running out of ideas. The Division can afford to bring in major presenters if there is an interest. With a monthly attendance of around 20-25 each month we realize that we are only reaching about 20% of our membership. We would like to know what it would take to pique your interest. It is possible to change the meeting dates and times if there is enough interest. Please let us know what we can do to help you get more out of the NMRA and the Division.

Hands on Clinics

The Division has sponsored hands on clinics in the past. They were usually presented at a member's home for a small group over several dates. We are going to try to do that again. We need topics and hosts. This could be a good way to get some modeling done and help others learn at the same time. We would also like to tie the topics into the Achievement Program. Let us know what topics would be of value and interest to you. We encourage non-members to take part in this program.

Division 3 to Disband

The Board of Governors of Division 3 has decided to disband the Division. This decision was reached following the failure to find candidates for the upcoming election of Division Officers. Without candidates for Superintendent and Chief Clerk in April the Board and Division will no longer be able to conduct business once the current officers leave office. The Division's assets will be turned over to the NMRA in accordance with the by-laws.

This article is fiction right now. It could become reality if we do not get more member involvement. The late George Mueller used the slogan "Don't just belong, participate." Serving as a Division Officer is a great way to participate.

**Dalmatian Switching
District News**

The DSD will be participating in the Family Expo the 4th of March. If you need an activity to fill a Saturday please consider coming out to the Airport Expo Center and running trains on the Dog. No experience is needed and you do not have to interact with the public if you do not want to. The DSD is also looking for a few people to help set up on Friday.

AUCTION TALLY SHEET

CODE INITIALS _____

DATE _____

DIVISION 3, MCR, NMRA INC.

OWNERS NAME _____

PAGE ____ OF ____

ITEM #	DESCRIPTION	RESERVE	SALE BID
TOTAL			

RECEIVED BY _____

(OWNER)

I will/will not accept checks as payment

(Please Circle choice)

INSTRUCTIONS

Only NMRA Members may enter items to be sold.

1. 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.
2. Items will be sold in the order that they are listed.
3. 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.
4. 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.
5. If there is a minimum acceptable selling price, it must be entered in the Reserve column.
6. Please note on the front of the form if you will or will not accept checks.
7. At the conclusion of the auction, the sellers will collect their proceeds from the auction clerk.
8. Acceptance of checks as payment is at the discretion of the seller. The Division will not act as collection agent for items sold by check.

General Rules

- The “Chief Runner” will manage the rotation cycles to ensure that each seller is included in each cycle.
- Any member, guest or visitor may bid on items.
- 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.