

Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

Going, Going
... GONE



Yep, it's time for the annual auction so gather up those unneeded items and bring them along. The cash you'll pick up can be turned right back into more unneeded items that you can bring back next year!!

Our auctions are always a lot of fun even if you don't do any bidding so come on out. Bring a little cash though, as I'll bet we'll tempt you into something.

Sunday 2PM February 17th

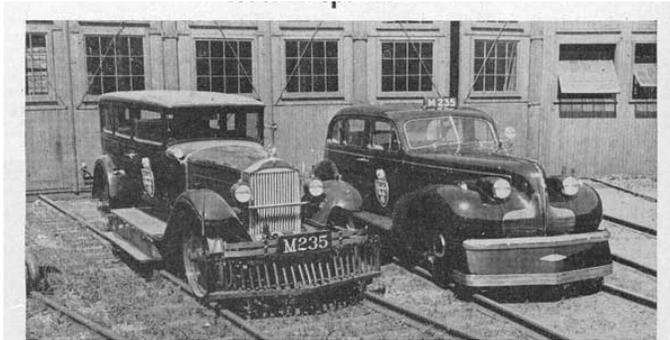
Chapel 3 (maps inside)

SUPER'S NOTES

Let's get rolling...

Inspection Cars

Jim Carson down in Morrow sent me a batch of digital pictures of old inspection cars used by the Canadian Pacific Railway. Here's their new 1939 Buick that replaced the 1929 Packard on the left.



When you look at the rest of the photos you see that they had to follow the rules for a "train". The rulebook says a TRAIN is, "a locomotive or locomotives with or without cars displaying markers".

So you see marker lamps mounted on the back corners of these automobiles! Then they needed white flags or classification lamps on the front to denote an "extra". Some had white sheet metal flags mounted on the front and others had the front fenders painted white.



Mechanically they needed a bell and a pilot (aka Cow Catcher) and these were provided in many adaptations. A number board was one last requirement. Boy, the railroads really follow the rules!



BIG News

It's official. Al McClelland is moving to Bethany retirement village and taking down the new V&O. It was a shock to hear but Al says he has been anticipating it for some time. We'll be having the March meeting as a combined meeting with Division 7 and then go over to Al's for a "sale" of some of his items. If you didn't get one of the Division 3 V&O box car kits, we still have some left and now they are going to be true collector's items!

It's where we're going

I just read a news story that the medical associations have categorized maladies into number groups. You now may have a Number xxx Influenza or a No. yyy Ulcer, etc. Boy, think what they can do with model railroad maladies. I get the popping KD coupler spring syndrome every few weeks. And the "lost part on the floor" bug should have a number too. Ever had the number zzz, "super gluing your fingers together"? I may need a specialist in Model Railroad Medicine sooner than I think!

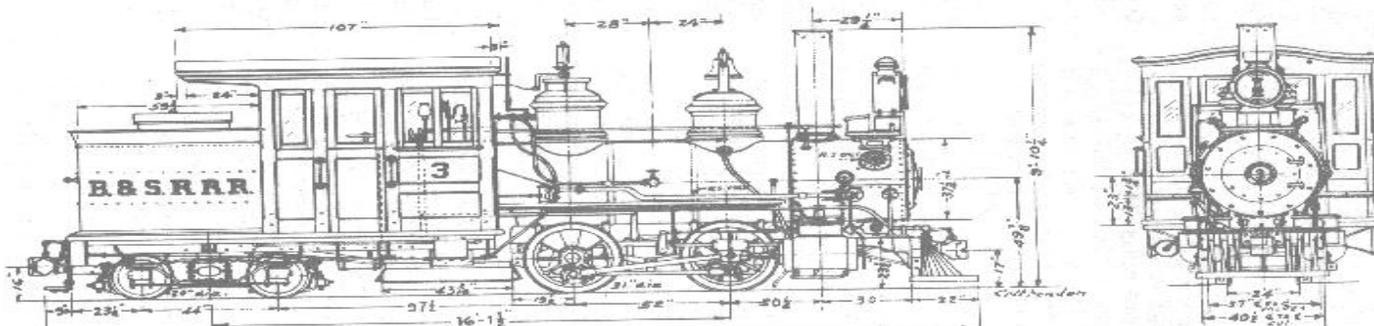
The Company Store

We still have some neat items in the company store and are planning a big campaign to get them sold. Car Cards are available and offer an efficient and simple way to get into realistic operations on your layout. We plan to offer starter packs with a mini-clinic on how they work and offer it nationally. We will have the Region's new PRR baggage building kit and have order forms available. Shirts, V&O box car kits, heck we have a lot of items you can use so keep your eyes open as we are going to give the store more exposure .

See YOU at the next Meeting.

Bob Fink MMR

Sharpening Your SKILLS



AP Program News...

The whole concept of the Achievement Program is based on improving your skills and getting recognition for it. To make the program work we have to offer you a chance to show your work and you have to come forward and participate. We'll do our part each month by offering a popularity contest. If you have a model that you want judged for AP awards after the popular vote contests we can do it "on the spot". What are you waiting for? It's more fun when you participate.

The contest setup ...

We have three categories each month. You can enter Scratchbuilt, Kit Bashed, or just plain Kit built. This allows anyone to enter anything they are proud of and at any skill level. We keep track of points scored as the months go by and at year's end the total point winner will receive a plaque. 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.

The Contest Schedule:

Tom Sorauf (the contest guru) has helped us put together a yearly set of categories. This will help you get ahead on building your entry and will make each years competition more uniform:

February	No Contest (Auction)	March	Freight Cars
April	Passenger Cars	May	Diesel Locomotives
June	Steam locomotives	July	Non-Revenue Cars
August	No Contest (Trip)	September	Make IT cheap (\$1, \$3, \$5)
October	Caboose	November	Weathering
December	Structures		

And the Winners Are!

Here are the final results of the 2007 contest. First place winner will receive a plaque and the second and third place a certificate. Congratulations to all. Now we start again so here's your chance to jump in...

The grand winner for the year was Phil Gliebe
Level 3 winner was Bob Fink
Level 2 winner was Phil Gliebe
Level 1 winner was Phil Gliebe
Photo winner was Norm Courtney

January's open load winners are:

Level Three
 first place - Bob Fink
 second place - John Larson
 third place - Phil Gliebe
 Level Two
 first place - Bob Fink
 second place - Phil Gliebe
 Level One
 first place - Nick Folger

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.

17 February	Chapel 3	Auction	
16 March	Holiday Inn South	Joint Meeting with Division 7 Allen McClelland Garage Sale	Contest: Freight cars
20 April	Chapel 3	Dean Freytag - Steel Mills	Contest: Passenger Cars

AUCTION INSTRUCTIONS

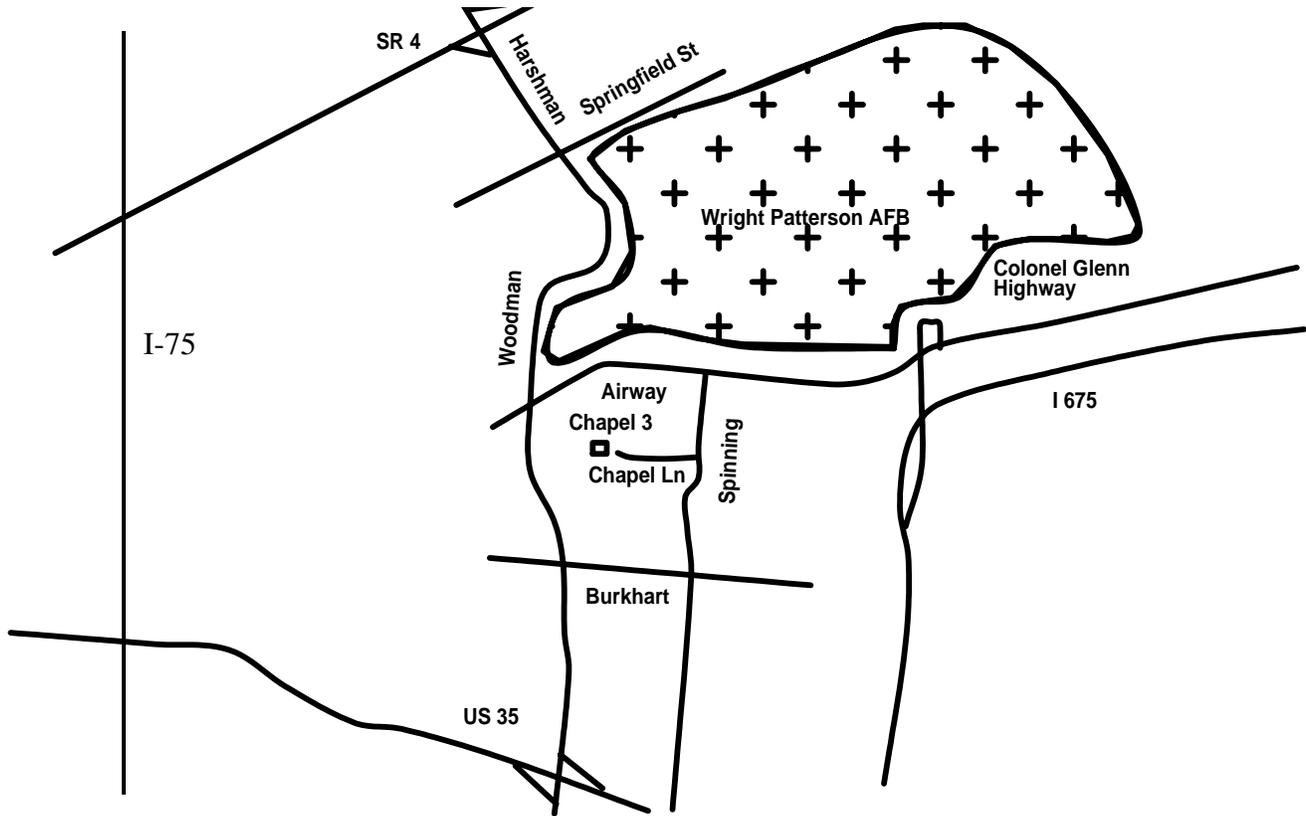
Only Division 3 Members may enter items to be sold.

1. To be eligible, seller must have auction items and completed forms on the designated tables by 2 PM.
2. Each item entered in the auction must be tagged with a code number formed by the owner's initials and the item number from the tally sheet.
3. Items will be sold in the order that they are listed.
4. 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.
5. 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.
6. If there is a minimum acceptable selling price, it must be entered in the Reserve column.
7. At the conclusion of the auction, the sellers will collect their proceeds from the auction clerk.

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.

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, 17 February 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
3 March	Bruce Albright

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 3 March 2008
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