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In Memory of Lone Eagle Payne

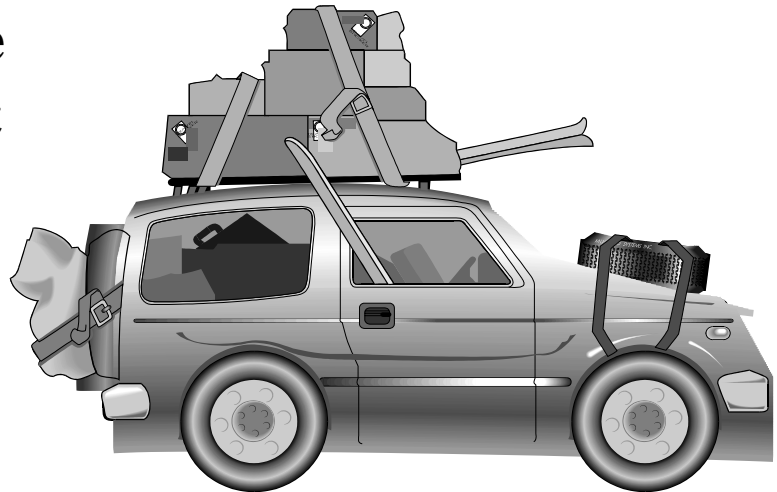
Lone Eagle Payne passed away Saturday 27 January at the age of 99. Lone Eagle was a life member of the NMRA having joined in 1947. He was a founding member of Division 3. He served as President of the Mid Central Region, Superintendent of Division 3, held many other Division and Region positions and was active with the Teen Association of Model Railroaders. He was awarded the NMRA Distinguished Service Award in 1993 and the NMRA Meritorious Service Award. He was a conductor on the Whitewater Valley Railroad for many years until his retirement last year. He modeled in O Scale and was an advocate of scratch building. He was an operator on many area layouts.



This Month's Program ...

Auction Time

Ok, drag it out of those boxes in the attic, pack it up and get it to our Annual AUCTION.



Here's your chance to turn that unused stuff into some cash, and ... you can spend it all the same day buying more neat stuff you don't really need but just can't resist!

Our yearly auction always brings out some real gems, so don't miss it.

Sunday 2PM February 18th Chapel 3

Future Programs

March ... Bring and brag slide show. We'll open with a great slide presentation then we'll throw it open to any slides the member's are proud of and want to share.

April ... Fixing & Improving. Got a problem with equipment? Bring it out. We'll show you how to fix it.

May ... Joint meeting with Division 7 and a tour of the Virginian & Ohio.

Don't forget about the August bus tour to Indy!!!

SUPER'S NOTES

Let's get rolling...

... Should reruns of the TV show "Tracks Ahead" be called "Tracks Behind"?

Improving what you have...

I'm spending some time these days going back and upgrading my layout components. Track, rolling stock, structures, many can use a "second effort". Whether it's an early kit job or one of my first scratchbuilt items, I usually find something that can be added or refurbished. In a lot of things you don't get a second chance but model railroaders do! You'll be surprised what a good cleaning and a coat of paint will do. This "improvement" thing is another neat facet that can add to your fun and it doesn't always come about because of age.

Let's face it, as the products available in the hobby get better it makes you more aware that some of the things you have aren't exactly "top of the line". Some of the items I have were "state of the art" in the "old days" but now the stuff won't stand up to comparison with the new products. Getting the inspiration to sit down and tear into improvements is half the battle. The rest involves finding good drawings, photos and the standards to start your work.

Another reason for making improvements is that some things just don't fit the standards. Whether it's homemade or Ready to Run it happens. I was in a hobby shop recently and a guy had purchased several RTR plastic cars. Seems "They wouldn't stay on the track". The hobby shop owner suggested some improvements and also some new equipment that would give better performance. What the shop owner was trying to say, diplomatically, was that there are products at the high, middle and low end. Some conform to the standards for good performance and some don't! Now that first time buyer could use the NMRA. Learning what makes for good performance is one job our organization has perfected with time. The NMRA sets the standards and makes sure manufacturers conform to them. Having these standards available before you buy or build can save you the need for a "second chance".

One of our jobs at the local level is to show you what can be done to improve a product and what it takes to bring it into conformance. Being a member also makes the NMRA standards available to you. No matter where you stand in terms of your time in the hobby or skill level you can get increasing enjoyment from our hobby by asking questions of the folks who have been there and then making IMPROVEMENTS based on what they show you.

I've seen this Standards and Conformance thing help a lot of us for a long time and it can work for you. Our monthly clinics are based on someone's experience in achieving good performance. We can save you a lot of trouble!

Ready for a RAFFLE??

We've always had a tradition of some great raffles at our Div. 3 Regional conventions so why not at our regular meetings? Starting in March Phil Gliebe has volunteered to conduct it for us. For a meager fee you can buy a chance on some great prizes. Helps the treasury and offers another way to have some fun.

Some dates to remember

Conventions are one of the best reasons to belong to the NMRA. On **April 12 -15th** the Mid Central Region's SOUTH WIND convention will be held in **Louisville, Kentucky**. The folks down there have some great events planned. You'll receive a registration package soon so put the dates on your calendar and plan on a fun weekend.

It's also not too early to start thinking about the NMRA National convention on **July 22nd**. Since it will be held in **Detroit** it's an easy trip for those of us in the Midwest. If you have never attended a national be sure to take your vitamins as you'll find something to keep you whirling every minute for the whole week!

Next Month

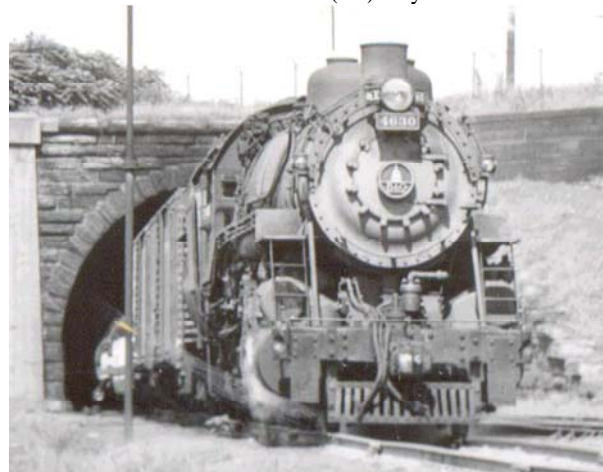
Dig out any railroad slides you are proud of and bring them along next month. We'll give you a chance to "show and tell" about them. The more the merrier so please help everyone by participating.

See YOU at the next Meeting.

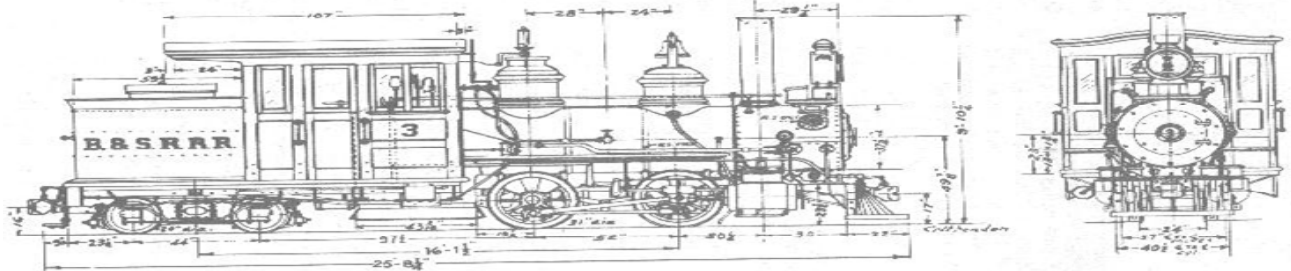
Bob Fink MMR

TUNNELS

Railroads developed them early on, both long and short. They act as great view blockers on a model railroad to make a layout appear much bigger. Sometimes you find short ones on railroads in relatively "flat" terrain as we see on the B&O below. So here's a QUIZ. How many railroad tunnels do you know of in Ohio and where were (are) they?



Sharpening Your SKILLS



AP Program News...

Contests are back next month and the AP program has come back to life. 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 start our part next month by offering the contests again. 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???

New contest setup starts next month ...

We're going to have three categories each month. You can enter Scratchbuilt, KitBashed, or Kit built. This should allow anyone to enter anything they are proud of and at any skill level.

We will keep track of points scored as the months go by and at years 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.

Here's our schedule:

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| March | Freight Cars |
| April | Passenger Cars |
| May | Diesel Locomotives |

Bill Spinks, Fred Schneider and Tom Sorauf, our contest gurus will be ready to enter your model(s). It's easy, fun and worth your effort to share your skills so why not PARTICIPATE?

Aid to our Members

New Member

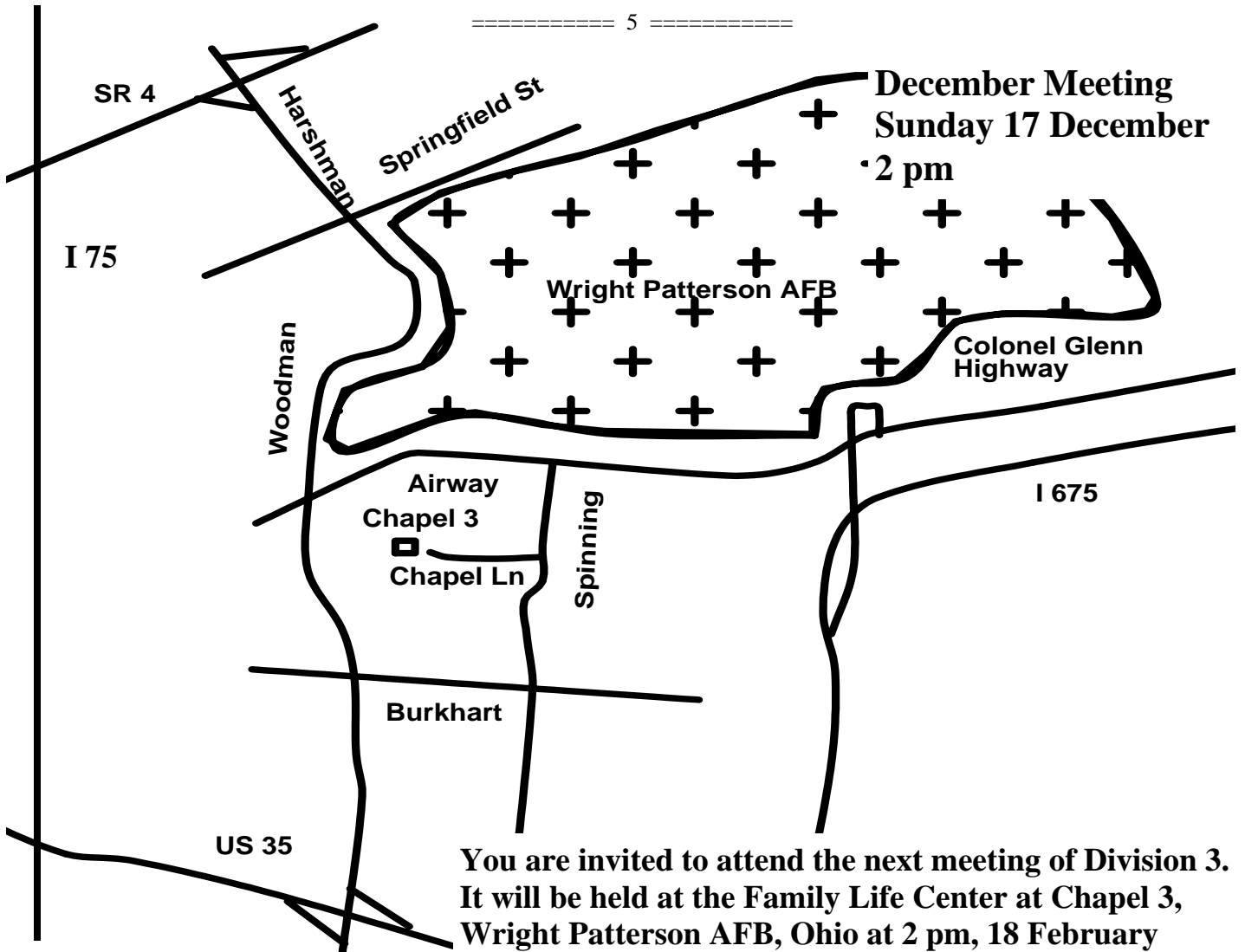
Tom Mroczka HO
Beavercreek, Ohio 45434

Tom signed up at our January general meeting. He was "referred" by Nick Folger. Both will be eligible to win locomotives in the final drawing of the NMRA new member promotion. Tom is eagerly getting re-involved in model railroading after a hiatus since the 80's. He's already been participating in operating and work group sessions in Div 3.

Auction—missed opportunity

No one took my up on my offer to publicize some of the items that will be available at our annual auction on Feb 18th. I'll offer again next year....sooner and louder. Meanwhile don't miss out a second time, bring your items that are no longer of use to you along with some cash and join in the buying and selling. There are always some unexpected treasures up for sale.

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**December Meeting
Sunday 17 December
2 pm**

You are invited to attend the next meeting of Division 3. It will be held at the Family Life Center at Chapel 3, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio at 2 pm, 18 February 2007. Visitors and guests are always welcome.

| Date | Location | Program |
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| 18 February | Chapel 3, Family Life Center | Auction |
| 18 March | Chapel 3, Family Life Center | Show and Tell (Slides, Models and Photos) |
| 12-15 April | Louisville, Kentucky | MCR Convention |
| 15 April | Chapel 3, Family Life Center | Fixing and Improving |
| 20 May | | Joint Meeting with Division 7 |
| 17 June | Chapel 3, Family Life Center | |
| 15 July | Chapel 3, Family Life Center | Tony Koester? |
| 22-28 July | Detroit, Michigan | NMRA National Convention |
| August | | Bus Tour to Indianapolis |