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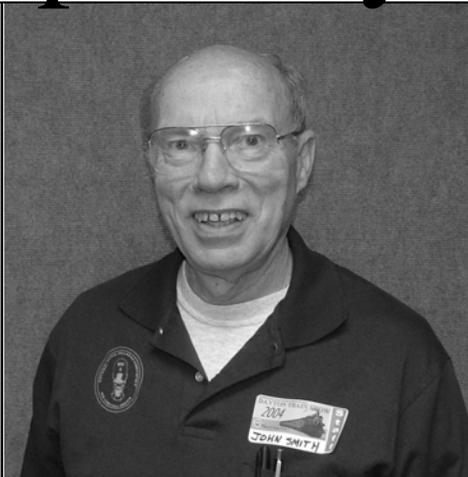
April 2006

Super Saying

At the March meeting, Jim Parkinson showed us a small part of his 30-year collection of railroad lanterns, locks, keys, and other collectibles. His collection includes switchstand lanterns, those that rotate when the switch is thrown, to present lenses of different colors to oncoming trains. He opened one of these for us, and displayed the removable oil reservoir with the integral wick for the flame.

Brian Petroziello reported that we now have a candidate running for each of the Division offices for the April election. You will receive a ballot in the mail. You may mail it back to Dave Decker at the address on the ballot, or bring it to the April meeting for counting. No ballots will be available at the meeting. Even though we have only one candidate for each office, our bylaws require that we hold the election, so please mark and mail your ballot.

Jim Foster reported that all items except rolling stock have been purchased for this year's N-Scale raffle layout for the Fall Train Show. It will measure 24 by 36 inches. Jim and Richard Davoust have already constructed the layout base from wood and foam. Jim published



the layout plan in the March *Call Board*. He will ask the folks at the Green County Historical Society whether we may again be allowed to construct the layout in the GCHS "cottage." It was a good place to work on the raffle layouts during 2003 and 2004, because we were not required to clear away the layout or supplies between work sessions. At the meeting, Jim passed out all the kits for the structures. I accepted a small creamery kit, and am looking forward to building it. Be sure to participate in the layout construction when the opportunity is offered. It's one of the most fun activities of the division.

The members in attendance voted to donate five thousand dollars to the NMRA to help

upgrade the hardware and software used for the national membership database. John Roberts' column in the February *Scale Rails* discussed the need for this. John said, in part, "... completely revamping the database using new software and advanced sorting techniques, lies ahead. Likewise, our longtime goal of putting membership reports online for region and division use is in the future. I know this is a source of frustration for many, and I share that concern. ... We've been whipping this horse for more than 20-plus years, and it's past time to finish the job." We in Division 3 are glad that Headquarters is working on the problem, and are happy to help in this way. Problems with the national membership database have inconvenienced me from time to time, and have frustrated J Hedge, our *Call Board* Editor, for years.

The Mid Central Region convention this year will be in Morgantown, West Virginia, April 27-30. Phyllis and I plan to go, and would welcome your company on the trip. The convention committee has an excellent slate of clinics, tours, and modeling activities listed on the convention web site:

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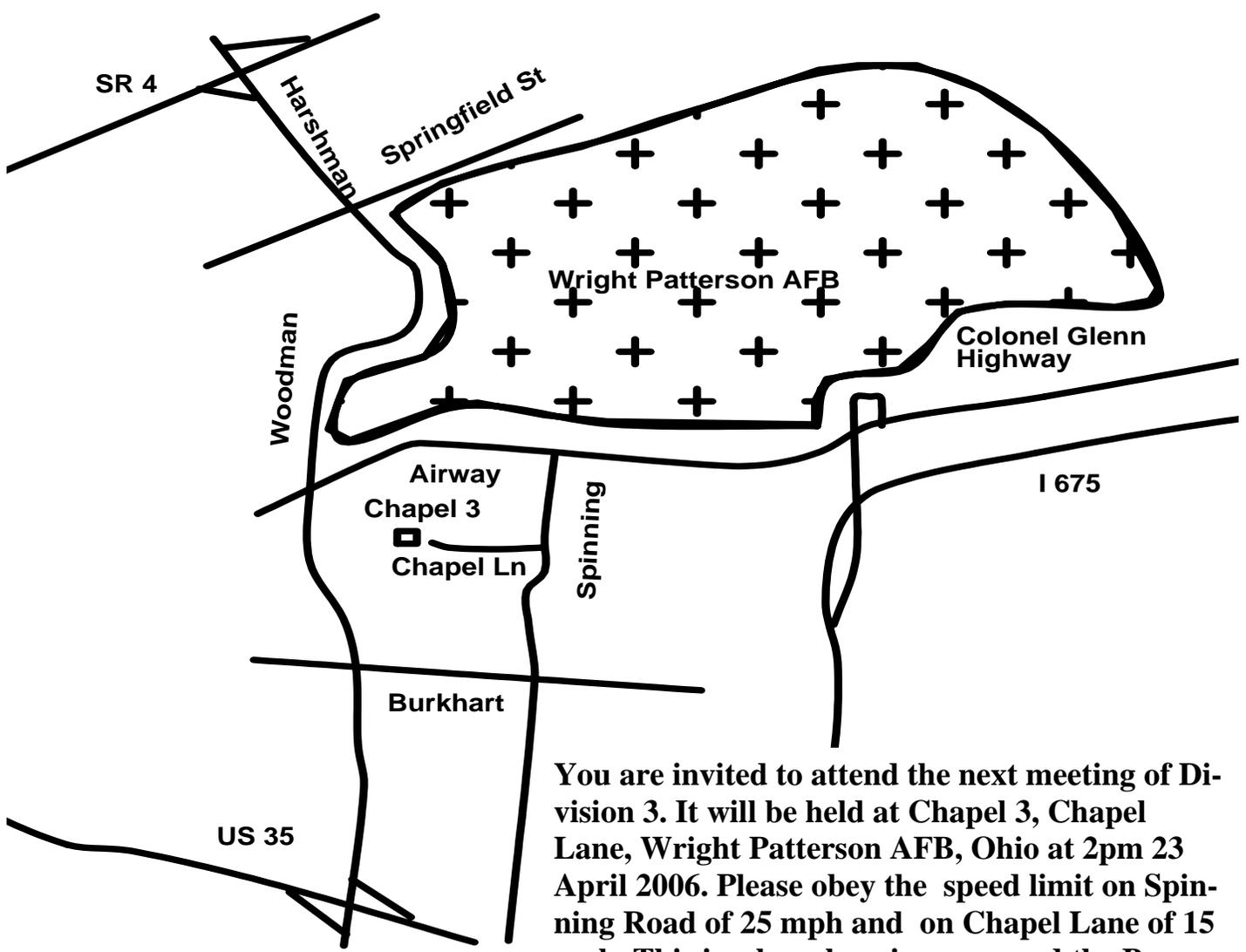
www.mvrrc.org/msx2006/index.htm

This is my last Super Saying. It has been a privilege serving you as Superintendent during the last four years. You all have been a pleasure to work with and for. Thanks to board members Rick Lach, John Reck, J Hedge, Bruce Albright, Richard Davoust for all of your time, effort, creativity, suggestions, and support. Thanks to Ray Persing, Peter Guise, and Leroy Clouser for making the Fall Train Show so successful. Thanks to Norm Courtney for creating and maintaining the Division 3 web site. Many other members have also given their time and effort to support Division 3. Thank you.

Our April meeting will be a week after Easter Sunday, at Chapel 3, WPAFB. See you there.

Election

The Ballots for the 2006 Election have been mailed. All Life, Regular and Associate members assigned to Division 3 by the NMRA are eligible to vote. If you do not receive a ballot by 10 April please contact J. Hedge. Ballots may be mailed to the election teller or brought to the April meeting. Extra ballots will not be available at the meeting.



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 23 April 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.

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Peter

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James A. Foster
Director of Planning

April Meeting Date
The April meeting has been moved from the 3rd Sunday to the 4th to not conflict with Easter.

CONTESTS						
Future Categories			Non-Steam Locomotives			
Month	Category		Model		Photo	
April	Logging Equipment					
May	Non-Revenue Non-Cabooses		1	Jim Foster	1	J. Hedge
June	No Contest		2	Jim Foster	2	J. Hedge
July	Cabooses		3	Bill Spinks	3	LeRoy Clouser

Mountain State Express

**NMRA Mid-Central Region
Convention
Morgantown, W. Va.
April 27 - 30, 2006**





PRESENT

Miami Valley Rail Festival

**TRAIN RIDES
MUSIC
& MORE**

**Saturday June
24, 2006
9:30 – 4:00**

**CLOWNS
HOBOS
BALLOONS**

Carillon Park Rail and Steam Society (CPR&SS) and Carillon Historical Park (CHP) are sponsoring a large scale train meet at CHP.

CPR&SS has 5,000 ft of 7 1/2" gauge track; 2,000 ft of this is multi gauge with 4 3/4" and 3 1/2" gauges. The track has 52 ft minimum radius, elevated steaming bays and hydraulic turntable.



CPR&SS and CHP are inviting all local train groups to participate in the meet.

For more details contact:

Ron Mock, 259 Darst Rd., Beavercreek,
Ohio 45440 * 937-426-5064

Carillon Historical Park is located at 1000 Carillon Blvd., Dayton, Ohio

www.carillonpark.org

www.cprss.org

23 April Date Change	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	Logging Equipment	Logging By Ron Schmidt Division Election
21 May	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane Wright Patterson	Non-Revenue Non-Caboose	Signals By Mike Burgett Joint Meeting with Division 7
18 June		No Contest	
24 June	Carillon Park	Miami Valley Rail Festival	
16 July		Caboose	

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