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Super Saying

To the outgoing board of Division 3, Thank you! You kept the Division going, and threw a terrific Regional Convention, as well. Either one alone would have been a job well done. You did both. You conceived and recruited an effective convention committee, and participated in it, too. Thanks a Million.

To the Gem City Flyer Convention Committee, Thank You! The convention was a big success. Feedback from the convention attendees was mostly positive, and some was very upbeat. Preliminary indications are that it was a financial success, too. You did what it took to make it happen. Thanks Another Million.

The convention was close to perfect. The prototype tours drew raves, and so did the clinics, including the non-rail clinics. Folks returned elated from the Dupps and Grain Elevator tours. Clinicians entertained us with vivid descriptions of railroads ranging in size from N-scale to 1:1, and other clinicians showed us how to succeed at an amazingly diverse range of activities, including modeling, operation, electronics, crafts, and cooking. The banquet food and entertain-

2002 Election

The ballots were opened and counted at the April meeting. The results were:

Superintendent

John Smith

Assistant Superintendent

Mark Stiver

Chief Clerk

John Reck

Congratulations to the winners and thanks to the other candidate and the election teller. The new officers will assume their duties at the April BOG meeting.

ment were delightful. If you missed the convention, you missed a lot. Be sure to go to the next one.

The Region Board of Directors held its meeting at the convention hotel Friday night (it didn't break up until 1:00 a.m.). Agenda items included possible revisions of the constitution, sales of the City Classics Mobile Home, development of new items to sell, and news from NMRA HQ. The Mobile Home is a financial success. John Robertson reported on the status at NMRA

HQ. Finances there have been turned around. Fiscal year 2002 is expected to have a surplus of over \$26,000. The dues increase and cost cutting measures are working. Membership decrease after the dues increase has been about 6 percent, less than budgeted for (10 percent).

Your outgoing Division 3 officers, newly elected officers, and other board members met at Fred and Phyllis Schneider's home the evening of May 1st to hand over responsibilities, make plans, and eat home made cream puffs. The Division 3 Board of Governors (BOG) consists of seven voting members: the three elected officers, the immediate past superintendent, and three committee chair folks. Your new board is (so far):

Superintendent

John Smith

Assistant Superintendent

Mark Stiver

Past Superintendent

Ray Persing

Chief Clerk

John Reck

Call Board Editor

J. Hedge

Program Chairman

Richard Davoust

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Membership Chair

Not appointed yet

Phyllis and I are relatively new to Division 3. We both grew up in rural Union County, Ohio, and were married there, but lived in California many years, where we both worked in the aerospace industry. She's a retired executive secretary, and I'm a retired electrical engineer. We've been back in Ohio almost three years now, and are in possession of a basement for the first time in our lives. Her model railroad is G-gauge. The

track is laid and ballasted, and scenery is started (well, some foam is piled up).

My layout will be an HO model of Chesapeake & Ohio's line from Columbus to Marion (maybe to Fostoria). The routing through the basement is determined, and 20 feet of benchwork is up for an industrial area. I'm in the process of hand laying a few turnouts right now. Never did that before; I find that I like it. See you Sunday afternoon, May 19th.

John Smith

We are in the process of collecting information on workgroups and operating sessions. If you have a workgroup and would like to make it available to others, or have room for visitors during operating sessions, we would like to hear from you. Contact J. Hedge.

The Division would like to develop a repository of kit directions and plans. These would be made available to anyone who acquires a kit without directions. Dick Kehl is the contact point for donations. This would be a good time to organize your archives and help others.

Date	Location	Contest	Program
19 May	Wright Memorial Library Oakwood, Ohio	Most Ugly Caboose	Operations, Modeling and Simulation By J. Hedge
16 June Fathers Day	Wright Memorial Library Oakwood, Ohio		Layout Tours
28 July (Moved to 4th Sunday)	Wright Memorial Library Oakwood, Ohio	Scene	

Contests

May

Most Ugly Caboose

July Scene

You are allowed up to 3 entries per contest. You do not have to be a member of the NMRA to participate in the popular vote contest.

The contest in April was cancelled due to lack of entries.

April Results			
Models		Photos	
1	No Contest	1	No Contest
2		2	
3		3	

Next Meeting	
When:	2 PM 19 May 2002
Where:	Wright Memorial Library 1776 Far Hills Dayton, Ohio
Program:	Operations, Modeling and Simulation by J. Hedge
Contest:	Most Ugly Caboose
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	



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