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On Saturday, April 19th, eight of us met at The Greene County Historical Society in Xenia and for work on the division's Scenic Ridge kit layout. That was a new kind experience in layout building. So far, everything we have installed has been made of foam, except for a little bit of plaster cloth. One exception was a couple of wood stiffeners we added underneath, but they were not part of the kit. The innovative materials and techniques provided for construction of this layout result in rapid progress. In four hours that afternoon we glued together the layout base, installed all the track base, put plaster cloth on part of the track base to strengthen it, glued together the scenery profile boards which form the outer edges of the layout, cleaned up, and put our tools away. Work sessions in May will be the 3rd and 17th, 1-5 p.m. We'll be completing the track and scenery foundation and probably wiring.

Dick Strous, of the Greene County Historical Society, arranged for us to have access to the Society's facilities for build-

ing the layout. Thanks again, Dick. We are indebted to you and the Society.

Dick Kehl and Richard Davoust have each completed a structure for the Scenic Ridge, and some more are being worked on by them and other folks. The structure kit has thirteen buildings, as I recall. We may still have one or more hands-on clinic work sessions, in which we gather together and complete all remaining structures. Let me know if you'd like to participate in such a thing.

At the April meeting, Lone Eagle Payne argued that the NMRA model contests now require way too much paperwork, and that we, members of Division 3, should be trying to influence the NMRA to change that. I've never entered an NMRA contest, but can see the value in doing so. I'd like to improve my modeling skills (actually, I'd like to have some modeling skills). Last week I reviewed the contest entry and judging forms, and found that most of the paperwork is in the Judges' Score Sheet, in which you, the contestant, provide most of the information. The forms are

accessible via the NMRA web site, if you'd like to see them. Let me know how you feel about this issue.

At our meeting Sunday, May 18th, Betty Ardwin will present a clinic on painting figures. Betty paints all the figures for George's model railroad. Bring some figures, paint and a tiny brush, and follow along.

After the meeting we'll tour Mark Stiver's HO layout. Mark's home is straight down Telford Avenue, east of the library. Bruce Albright arranges these layout tours, and would appreciate having a helper. If you would enjoy interacting with other layout owners, call or write to Bruce. His contact information is in every issue of the Call Board.

By the time you read this the Springdale Express Convention will be history. As I write this it hasn't started yet, but it's safe to report that all of us who went had a wonderful time!

See you all Sunday, May 18th.

Layout Available

Last November Division 3 lost a long time friend with the death of Jim Mayrer. Jim was a member of the NMRA for several years and his layout was featured on many layout tours.

The Bankrupt & Busted railroad was started in 1988. It is not modeled after any prototype. It serves farm country and lumber industry. It is 19' x 16' in size, "E" shaped. The scenery is about 90% complete with a large river with waterfalls, etc.

His widow would like to donate the layout to a worthy group (church, school, scouts, hospital). Most of the rolling stock is already spoken for but it may be possible to provide a train or two.

Contact Ron Dietrich at (937) 548-4780 for more information.

Contests

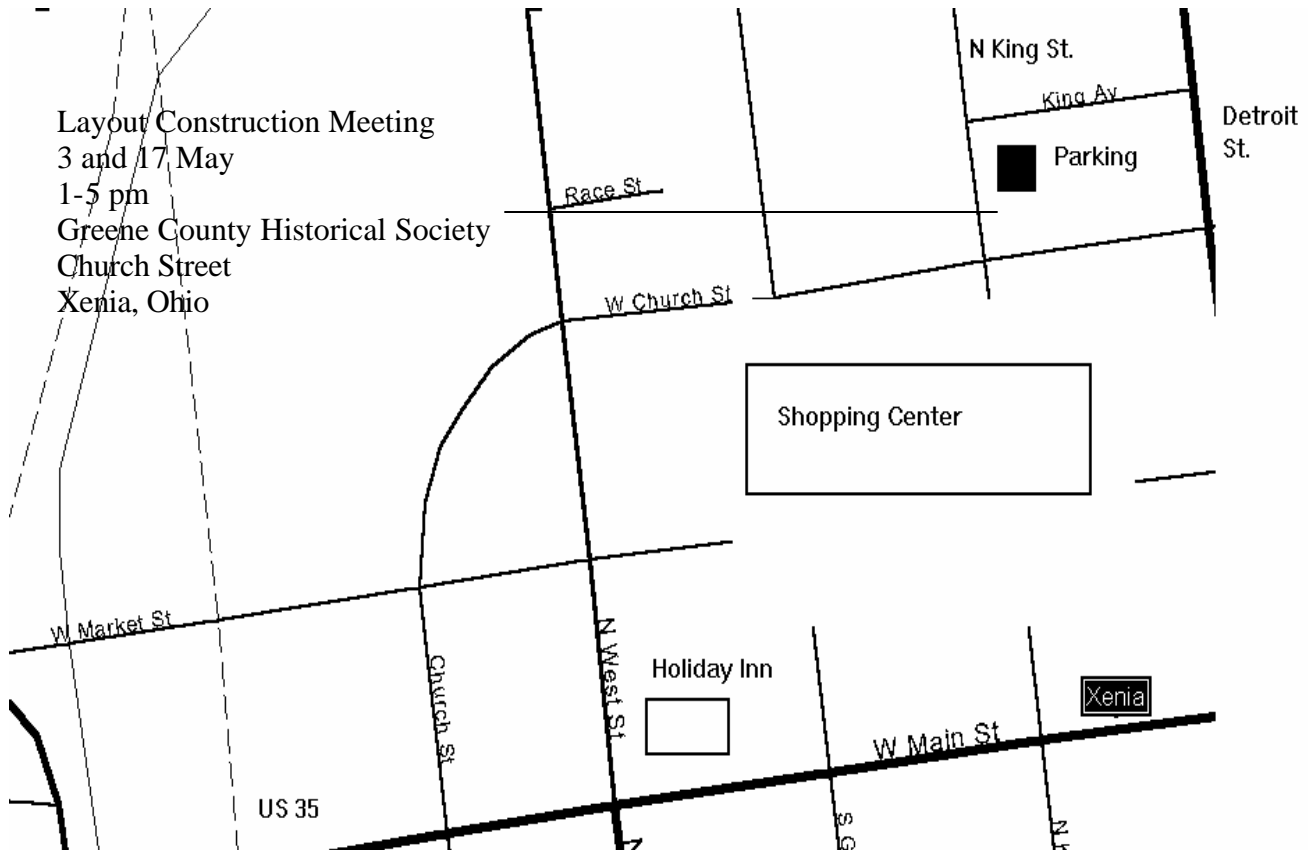
May Caboozes

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.

June No Contest July Scene

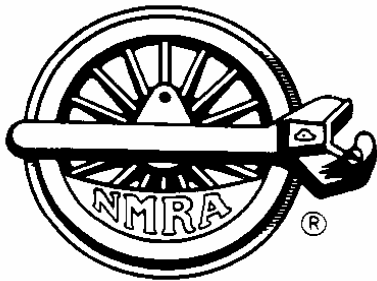
March Results Off-Line Structures			
Models		Photos	
1	Bill Spinks	1	Bill Benysh
2	Dick Kehl	2	Bill Benysh
3	Dick Kehl	3	Bill Benysh

Layout Construction Meeting
3 and 17, May
1-5 pm
Greene County Historical Society
Church Street
Xenia, Ohio



Date	Location	Contest	Program	Layout
18 May	Wright Library	Cabooses	Painting Figures	mark Stiver
8 June Date Change!	Germantown, Ohio	No Contest	Tour of the Dupps Rail- road in Germantown	John Smith
20 July		Scene		
16 August 3rd Saturday		No Contest		
21 September				
19 October				
1-2 November Division 3 Show and Sale, Hara Arena, 11am-5pm				
16 Novmber				
21 December				

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Next Meeting	
When:	2 PM 18 May 2003
Where:	Wright Library 1776 Farr Hills Dayton, Ohio
Program:	Painting Figures by Betty Ardwin
Contest:	Cabooses
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	

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