

Call Board

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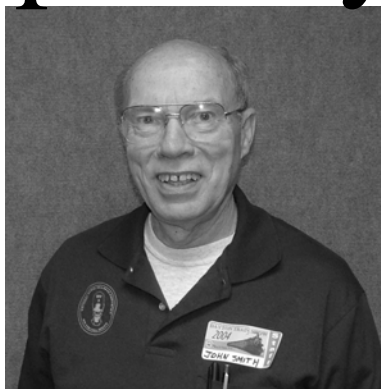
May 2005

Super Saying

At the April meeting John Santel described his airbrush painting techniques. John is an excellent speaker. I took many notes, because my few attempts at using my airbrush and spray-booth have not been successful, to put it mildly. John described the procedures, equipment and products he uses, naming names. Some of his techniques are unusual; at least, I had not heard of them. For example, the primer he normally uses is a two-part PPG product used on (full-size) cars, boats and aircraft. Also, after applying decals (on a glossy surface, as usual) he overcoats with Glosscote first, then Dullcote, to eliminate texture differences between the decal surface and the painted surface.

John passed around photo albums showing his beautiful work, which includes models of railroad rolling stock, airplanes, automobiles, trucks, and structures, including exquisite little brass Victorian homes.

At recent meetings we have been talking with some of the folks who, for one reason or another, can't have a model railroad right now. Recently I learned of a computer program being developed specifically to simulate model railroads. Train-



player, by Trainplayer Software, Inc., will come with six layouts built-in for \$29.95, which will make it considerably less expensive than model railroad computer-aided-design (CAD) programs. In addition, Trainplayer Software plans to offer all of Linn Westcott's classic 101 Track plans for \$34.95. I don't know whether you will be able to create your own track plans for it. For more information, visit www.trainplayer.com.

Rick Lach has talked with the folks at The Whitewater Valley Railroad, and learned that the Laurel Inn Train to Dinner runs on the first and third Fridays until October (except Father's Day). Most members at the April meeting favored planning for a Division 3 trip in September. It departs Connersville Station at 6 p.m. and travels to the Laurel Hotel. The cost is \$25 per adult, \$15

for children (special child's menu) and includes the round trip train ride, the meal, tax and tip. This will be a grand opportunity for us to have some fun together, and with our families. Rick will make reservations for us. If you plan to join us, tell Rick, or call him. His phone number is elsewhere in the *Call Board*.

Phyllis and I spent April 1st and 2nd at Hawk's Nest, West Virginia, at a C&O Modeler's Weekend Retreat. Hawk's Nest is high on the bank of the New River gorge, through which the C&O built its main line, now part of CSX. One of the clinic presenters was Jesse Smith, who has been a mainline engineer for CSX for many years. He takes a camera with him on every trip, and has assembled a 35mm slide show that is partly technical (why do the tracks jog like this at this location), partly art (night photos, especially), and partly an expression of pride in his career. I would like for you to be able to see it. It would be a good program for an NMRA regional convention or a future joint meeting with Division 7.

Our May 15th meeting will be with Division 7 at the Doubletree Hotel, 300 Prestige

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Place, in Miamisburg. It's wheelchair accessible. Sam Swanson, Division 7's winner of national modeling contests and awards, will present the program. There is a map to the hotel in this *Call Board*.

John


Model Showcase for May Meeting

As a way to encourage participation in the NMRA model and photo contests, as well as the railroad prototype modeler (RPM) room at the National Convention in Cincinnati (CL2005), Division 7 will be holding a showcase display at the May meeting. Division 3 does not have a contest scheduled for the May meeting and we encourage our members to bring in models, photos and slides they plan to enter at CL2005.

Date	Location	Contest	Program	Layout
15 May	Joint Meeting with Division 7 Doubletree Suites Miamisburg, OH	Model Showcase	Sam Swanson	Allen McClelland Wes Reece
16 June				
17 July		Scene (Any Size)		



**You are invited to the May meeting on
Sunday the 15th at 2pm at the
Doubletree Suites
300 Prestige Place
Miamisburg, Ohio
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome**



Doubletree Suites



Second Quarter, 2005

President/Trustee's Message

by *Howard Smith MMR*

I attended the NMRA Board of Trustee's meeting in Phoenix, Arizona this past January. The meeting was 3 days of very hard work on the part of the National Officers and the Regional Trustees. The agenda was filled with the matters concerning all NMRA members. You can read the minutes of the meeting in the April 2005 edition "Scale Rails."

I appointed a committee at the October 2004 MCR mid-year meeting to draft regulations that would agree with the newly adopted NMRA regulations. The committee, consisting of Craig Sonnen (MCR Legal Counsel), Ivan Baugh (MCR Secretary) and myself, has been hard at work. I am pleased to announce that the committee has sent to the MCR BOD and Officers a proposed set of MCR regulations. The BOD has been asked to review the proposed document and return comments to me before the MCR BOD meeting at the Spring Convention in Austinburg, Ohio. Several comments have already been sent to me and I am addressing them as they are received. The present plan is to introduce a motion at the spring BOD meeting for a special election. The proposed regulations and a ballot would be sent to all eligible MCR voting members. It is most important that each of you read and vote when you receive your ballot by the date indicated.

In addition, a draft of proposed Division Regulations has been set to each Division Superintendent for their use. Two things are important to remember. It is not a requirement that Divisions change their present Constitutions and By-Laws to a regulation format matching the NMRA or MCR regulation documents. However, the Division Constitution and By-Laws must not be in conflict with the NMRA and MCR documents. Craig Sonnen has volunteered to review any division document for compliance.

It has been a very busy time these past few months working on the new MCR regulations. I want to thank Craig Sonnen and Ivan Baugh for their help in preparing the regulations for your consideration. So when you get your ballot please vote.

Web Master Report

by *Ivan Baugh*

Our web site continues to enjoy good usage. At this writing we have had 12,437 hits, up from 11,000 hits on January 1, 2005. As new information becomes available I add it to the web site. Recent additions include links for use by modelers in N scale, two layout tours, new How-to articles, DCC help, and a railroad database. I seek to find new materials that will make the web site helpful to model railroaders.

On the Layouts page, we now have tours from 5 of the 11 Divisions in the Mid-Central Region. I would like to have tours from all of our Divisions available. Only three scales are represented: HOn3, HO, and N. I seek your help in identifying other scales that are modeled in our region. Send me a set of pictures, either digital, photos or 35 mm slides. I will scan the photos or 35 mm slides and return them. I would also like some text explaining your layout's history and points of interest. Remember you can use the existing layout tours to get ideas.

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Do you regularly use web pages to help you in your modeling? Is there a link to the web pages on the region web site? If not, please send the link to iwbaugh@insightbb.com. I will deeply appreciate your contribution.

AP Report

by Frank Koch

MMR Sunshine Region

Gail Allen Komar MMR349

MMR Niagara Frontier Region

Gary Shurgold MMR 348

MMR Lone Star Region

Jerry Hoverson MMR 347

02 Master Builder - Cars

Gary Metcalf

08 Official

Richard Briggs

Bruce A Goreham

10 Author

Bob Frankrone

03 Master Builder - Structures

Gary Metcalf

09 Association Volunteer

Michael Armstrong

Robert Dawson

Bruce A Goreham

Gary Metcalf

Ron Montgomery

Joe O’Gara

Golden Spike

Ed Brennen

Ralph Bracewell

Mike Berry

Bruce A. Goreham

Gary Metcalf

Ron Montgomery

Joe O’Gara

Ray Rohman

04 Master Builder - Scenery

Michael Armstrong

Gary Metcalf

07 Chief Dispatcher

David Greer

Darrell Logan

Newsletter Deadline

Deadline for the third quarter newsletter is July 12, 2005. Postponed just one week to accommodate the National Convention in Cincinnati. Please send your articles and announcements to: KingPin Editor, 6322 Mid Pines Court, Grove City, OH 43123-9505 or e-mail to logandj@earthlink.net.

Treasurer’s Report

by Judy Logan

Jan 20, 2005 – April 12, 2005

No Activity since January KingPin

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