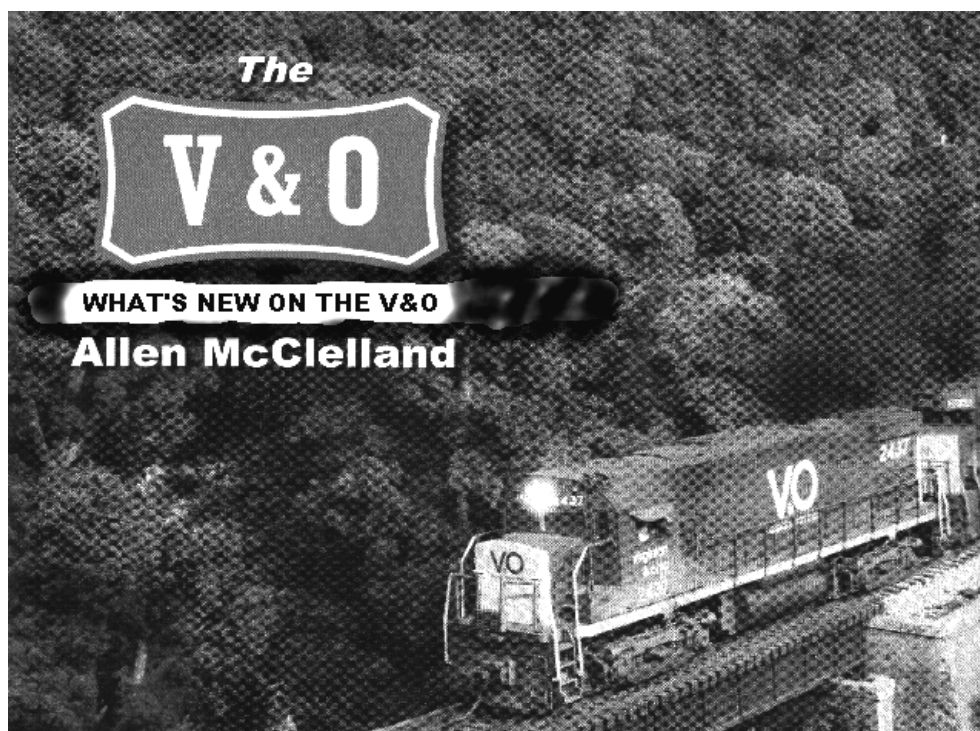


# Call Board

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## This Month's Program ...



**Every time you see one of Al's programs you go home and want to tear your layout up and start over! Well not really, but the ideas you come away with really inspire you to get going. This time he has a new digital program about the latest update on the V&O and an overview of his concepts for prototype operation. If you missed his program last winter come join us for a combined meeting with our friends from Cincinnati Division 7.**

**Chapel 3 Sunday 2PM June 17th**

**Allen McClelland, Bob Fink and Wes Reece will have their layouts available for visiting after the meeting.**

# SUPER'S NOTES

Let's get rolling...

## It's the little things that count

"A layout is never finished". That's an old saw that has been around the hobby for a long time. I always thought it was kind of a cop-out. It made a good excuse to hide behind when folks didn't want to try their hand at scenery, or operations or whatever it took to really get their layout to finally look like a complete model of a piece of a real railroad. I think a better motto would be, "there's still some room for improvement".

It's amazing what you can find to do on a layout if you decide to finish it up. Even after you have the big stuff finished and you're planning and testing operations you can find things to do. It's another facet of this unlimited hobby.

Lately, I've been going back over my pike looking for small areas to "superdetail". That's a fancy term for improving by adding little details to make a small scene stand on it's own. You can take an area as big as your hand, set up the idea for the scene and then add details to make it tell a story. I picked the Sucher's Packing Company area on my layout the other evening. I dug out some old fencing material from the junk drawer plus some detail "junk" pieces I've accumulated over the years. Adding some small signs cut from magazines and commercial sheets on the fence made a striking effect. Since I model the 1938 era that white washed fence really set the scene off just right.

When you go through the old magazines or videos you see how some of the pioneers like John Allen built "scenes" in just a few square inches of layout space. If you visited Jim Foster's layout last winter you saw how he has carried that idea out. You are caught up in spending time just studying how much one little area carries out as a theme. It's easy to do but it takes the time to plan and finish it up. It's part of the never ending fun of our hobby.

## Used the Division Web Page yet?

Norm Courtney has been building our web page up to world class caliber. Plenty of information and places to go to get ideas. Have you found a neat web page link that he hasn't listed? People collect cans and cards and have all kind of "drives" so how about a "Links Drive". Bring a good railroad related web address to the meetings and put it on the "link sheet" that we will maintain. Norm can update his page as we go and everybody gets a chance to see your discovery.

## The "give-away" layout is under way

The layout that Division 3 members build and then raffle off at the November Train show is under construction. If you want to help build the layout and learn or improve layout building skills why not join them. They work every other Saturday at the Greene County Historical Society in Xenia. Contact Jim Foster (937 299-1599) to find out how you can join in.

## Some interesting contest topics are in the wind

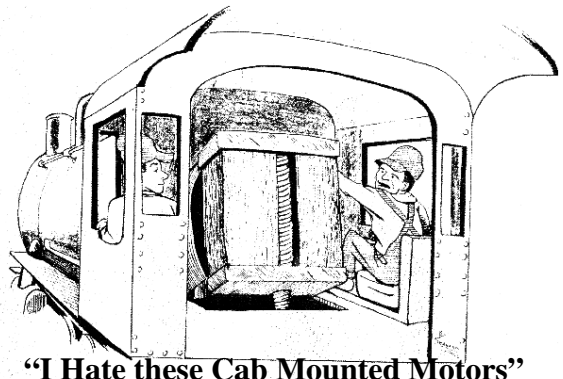
Tom Sorauf has suggested some new ideas in contests. Later in the year we will have a contest for \$1, \$3, or \$5 entries. Anything railroad or layout oriented that fits into one of those limits. We'll take your word for what you spent on the construction but if you try to enter a brass locomotive in the \$3 class, Tom will probably balk!

## The August bus trip is shaping up.

We're going to see 6 great layouts that we missed last year in Cincinnati. Tickets are \$20 and include a box lunch. They go on sale this month. We can reserve some for you, but they need to be paid for at the next meeting as we have a limited number of seats.

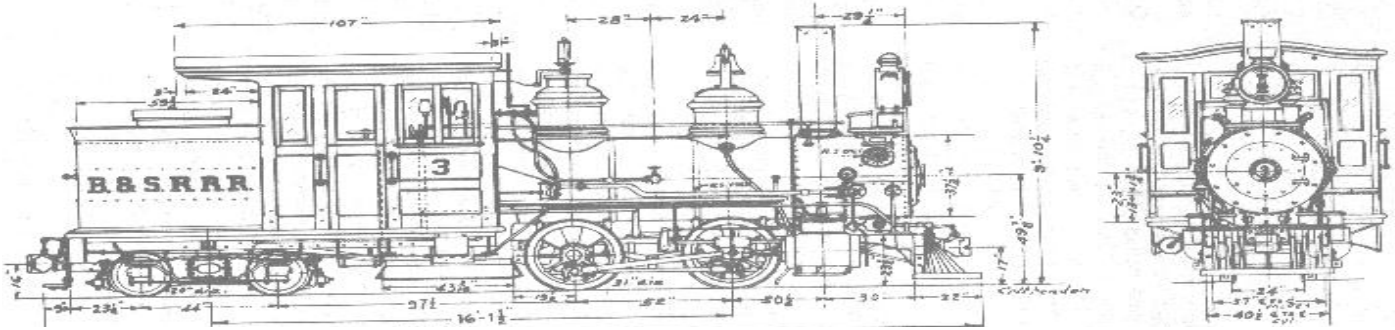
See YOU at the next Meeting.

Bob Fink MMR



"I Hate these Cab Mounted Motors"

# Sharpening Your SKILLS



AP Program News...

Contests are back 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 this 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? It's more fun when you participate.

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## The contest setup, if you missed it...

We have three categories each month. You can enter Scratchbuilt, KitBashed, or just plain 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 year's 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:

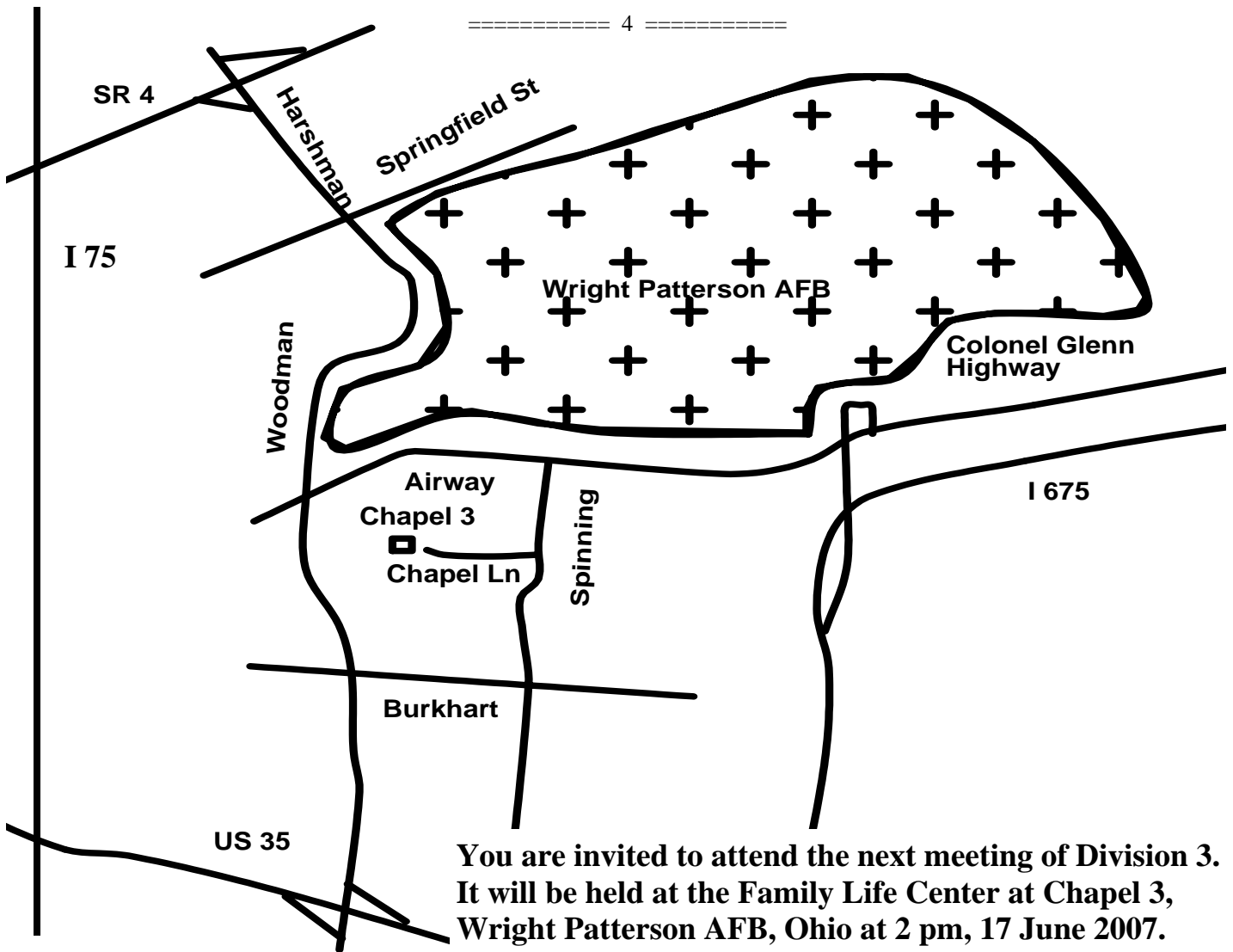
June No Contest (Combined Division 3/7 Meeting) July Non Revenue cars It's easy, fun and worth your effort to share your skills so why not show off a little?

## May Contest Results (Diesels)

Place	Model Class 1 Kit	Model Class 2 Kitbash	Model Class 3 Scratchbuilt	Photo
First	Phil Gliebe	Richard Davoust	No Contest	Norm Courtney
Second	Jim Foster	Jim Foster Phil Gliebe		Norm Courtney
Third	Rick Lach	Jim Foster		Norm Courtney

Division 7 will hold their contests at the June meeting. The model category is Ugly Cabooses. The photo category will be Trains at Twilight/Night.

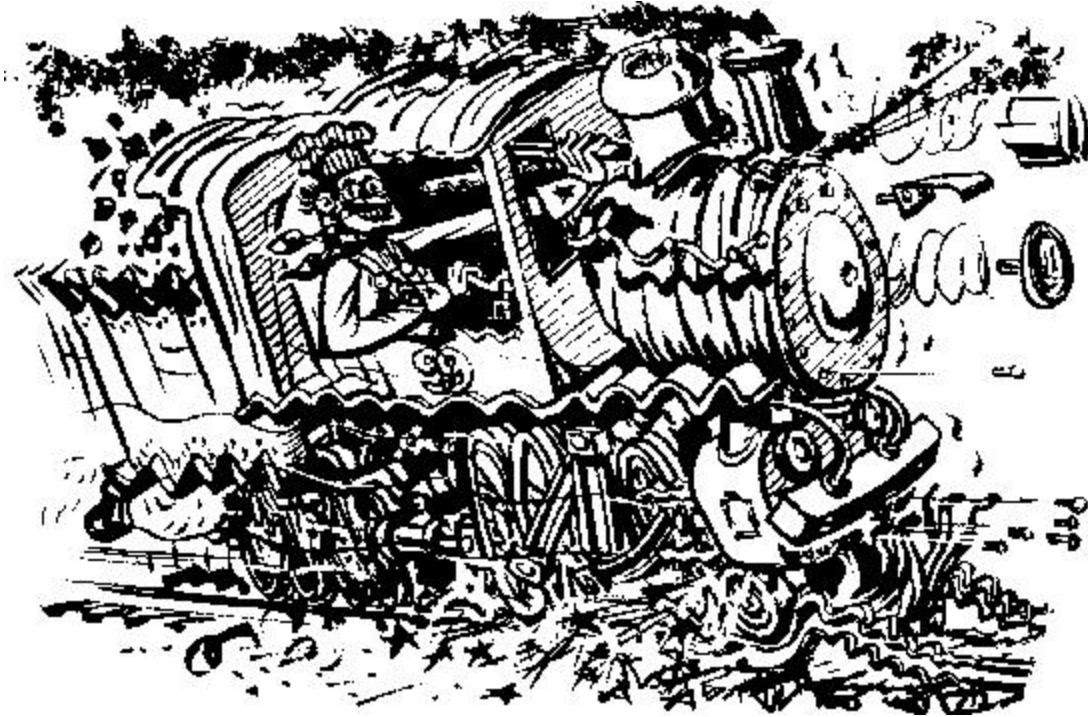
**Division 3 Website: [www.modelraildayton.com](http://www.modelraildayton.com)**



**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, 17 June 2007. Visitors and guests are always welcome.**

Date	Location	Program	Contest
17 June	Chapel 3, Family Life Center	V&O Update by Allen McClelland	None
15 July	Chapel 3, Family Life Center	Western Logging Railroads	Non Revenue
22-28 July	Detroit, Michigan	NMRA National Convention	
18 August		Bus Tour to Indianapolis	No Contest
16 September			Caboose
21 October			\$1, \$3, or \$5 Models
3-4 November	<b>Division 3 Train Show and Sale, Hara Arena, Dayton, Ohio</b>		
18 November			

# HOLD EVERYTHING!!!



## The August Bus trip tickets are here.

We're going to see six fine layouts that we missed on last year's trip to Cincinnati. Same great deal, \$20 per ticket and it includes the tour and a fine **Box Lunch**.

Don't miss out as we have a forty seat limit. Get your tickets at the June meeting or call Bob Fink at (513) 897-0970 to secure yours.

**August 18<sup>th</sup>, 2007**

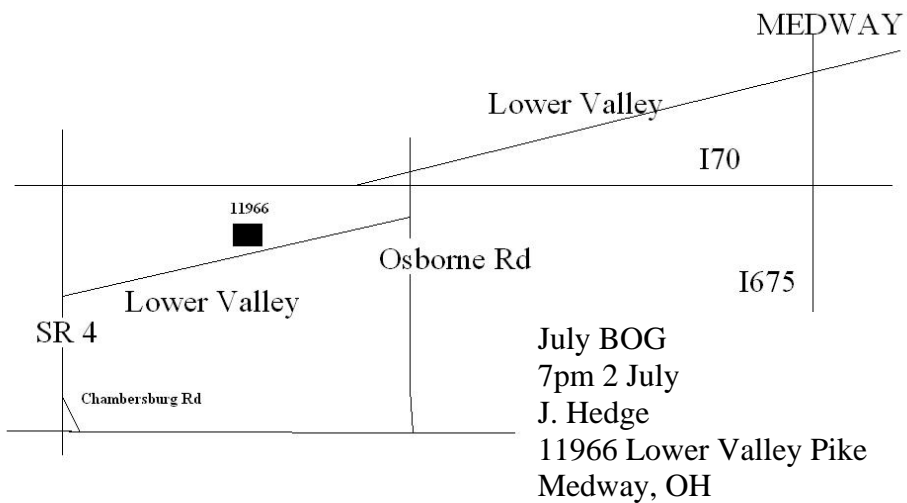
**7:30AM (Bus leaves at 8:00AM sharp)**

**West end of the Sycamore Hospital parking lot  
(off SR 725 in Miamisburg near the Dayton Mall)**

## Board of Governors

The Board of Governors usually meet the first Monday of the month to conduct the business of the Division. Any member may attend and participate in the meeting. Please contact a board member to verify place and time.

Date	Host
4 June	John Smith
2 July	J. Hedge
6 August	Richard Davoust
10 September	Bruce Albright



## Division Committees

The Division is looking for people interested in helping in several areas. We need people to help in the following areas:

- Train Show - Publicity, Layout Room Management Contact Ray Persing
- Finances - Investment Planning Contact Rich Lach
- Achievement Program - Contact Bob Fink

Lone Eagle Payne Memorial Donations  
 The Division has received donations in memory of Lone Eagle from:  
 The Vandalia Senior Citizens  
 Jeff Lehman  
 The Division is in the process of starting a memorial fund to be used to promote the hobby of model railroading to youth.

Summerrail at C.U.T.  
 1-10 PM  
 and  
 Railroad Show and Sale  
 10 AM - 5 PM, in the Rotunda  
 Saturday, August 11, 2007  
 Cincinnati Union Terminal

Bill Haines  
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 bhaines@erinet.com

### Own a Piece of History

The Dalmatian Switching District is starting to update the oldest parts of the layout. The City of Dalmatian will be retired and is available for purchase. The city is 6'x16' and consists of 4 panels and a sturdy wooden frame. The track work including switches and uncoupling magnets are included. The buildings are not included. The price is \$450. Delivery and setup included.

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