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Super Saying

Objects on the calendar are closer than they appear. This year's Division 3 Fall Train Show is November 2nd and 3rd, less than a month from now. Dave Decker is busy selling vendor tables, and managing the arrangement of the Main Hall at Hara Arena. Leroy Clouser is managing the arrangements of the Ball Arena, where the clubs and RR societies will be. Kirk Perkins has the Boy Scout Merit Badge Program well in hand. Ray Persing is working hard on publicity, and Don Kriegbaum is arranging layouts for the tours and managing the production of the Tour Guide.

During the show, we'll need help staffing the NMRA membership recruiting table and the front entry area, selling tickets, counting people, handing out Tour Guides and answering questions. Please stop by and work there for an hour or two during the weekend. The work is easy, and having many volunteers will mean that no one will need to work long hours.

Speaking of volunteers, the division needs a membership chairman. The main responsibilities are to ensure that our recruiting booth is set up and staffed at

area train shows, and to make new members feel welcome in the Division. One of the perks is free admission to train shows. You need not staff the recruiting booth by yourself; people you recruit for assistance will also have free admission to the shows.

In September, Don Conover, Butch Orr, Fred Schneider, Dick Sine and I went on a two-day railfanning expedition to Berea, Ohio, in Butch's 33-foot motor home. Dick led us to Depot Street in Berea, where the Norfolk Southern and CSX double-track main lines closely parallel the street. From the Station Restaurant's parking lot on the track side of the street, there is an excellent view of the trains, and we parked the motor home there. Some of you may remember it as the Pufferbelly Restaurant. It occupies a classic old stone passenger station, and is worth a side trip to see if you're in the Cleveland area.

While we were watching trains and pondering whether to move the motor home to the far end of the lot, away from the restaurant, a man in a black pickup truck arrived, and asked whether we had talked to anyone about parking there. Gulp. We openly

admitted that we had not, whereupon he handed each of us a copy of a map of the area, produced by the Berea Railfans Society. He then asked us not to park in the restaurant's parking lot, and suggested that we park on his property, just across the street, and about a hundred yards to the west. We were happy to oblige. When we said that we needed a place to park overnight, he said we were welcome to stay a week, if we liked. It turned out that he is a city commissioner and a rail fan. It's clear that he wants to maintain good relationships with the restaurant and the railroads.

We packed our chairs and cameras back inside, and Butch moved the motor home to the new spot, which was grassy, level, and shaded by trees on the south side. The north side faced the street and the railroads, with an excellent view of the tracks for a good distance east and west. The rail fan map, in addition to showing all the tracks passing by that spot, listed six radio frequencies used there by NS and CSX. We listened to Butch's scanner, because he had connected it to an external speaker. Train traffic was heavy most of the time, in-

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Contests

October Passenger cars

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.

November	On-Line Structures	April	Off-Line Structures
December	Freight Cars	May	Cabooses
January	Favorite Train	June	No Contest
February	No Contest	July	Scene
March	Non-Revenue		

September Results

Models		Photos	
1	Bill Spinks	1	Fred Schneider
2	Leroy Clouser	2	Leroy Clouser
3	Frank Bauer Jim Foster	3	J. Hedge

Model Railroad For Sale

HO Scale model railroad layout that started as the 4' x 8' "HO Railroad That Grows" using snap track. It has grown to an 8' x 14' railroad empire using handlaid track for the expansion. Layout is wired for two power packs. All turnouts are remotely operated with twin coil switch machines. Price is negotiable. For more information, contact Dale Waddell at (937) 426-3526.

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cluding through the night. It was unusual to go more than fifteen minutes without a train, and occasionally there were four passing at once. In addition to the locomotives usually seen in these parts, there was a train pulled by a pair of SOO locos, and another headed by a set of three UP units. Dick's heart raced at the sight of the UP trio, but he didn't get a video because we were at dinner in the Station Restaurant when they went by.

Good friends and lots of trains. That could be an NMRA motto.

Fred Schneider III

Fred Schneider suffered a heart attack on September 19th. Fred was in the hospital for several days and is now recovering at homes. We extend our best wishes and prayers for a full recovery.

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
20 October	Trotwood Church of the Brethren	Passenger cars	
2-3 November	Hara Arena Dayton, Ohio	Argyle Switching District	Annual Train Show and Sale
17 November	Trotwood Church of the Brethren	On-line Structures	
15 December	Trotwood Church of the Brethren	Freight Cars	
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19 January		Favorite Train	
16 February		No Contest	Members Auction
16 March		Non Revenue	
20 April		Off-Line Structures	
18 May		Cabooses	
15 June		No Contest	
20 July		Scene	

Switching Contest at Train Show

The Dalmatian Switching District challenges all attendees of the November show to a contest. Try your hand at operating the Argyle Switcher. You may try the contest that was featured at the Spring 2002 MCR convention or any of several other switching problems. Spend as little or as much time as you want.

No prizes, a few rules and a lot of fun.



Where is this station? Send responses to the editor.



Train Show Policies

The Annual Train Show and Sale is occurring November 2&3 at Hara Arena. We have had to make some changes in the way that the show operates. We hope that everyone will cooperate and help keep the problems to a low level.

The first change is the setup time on Friday. Hara wants to charge us an extra 1/2 day's rent to keep their people there after 5pm. As you probably know, the last few years have not been very good financially for the Division. We feel that we cannot afford the extra rent at this time. This will probably af-

fect the layouts more than the vendors.

The next change is the separation of the sales area from the layout room. During setup and on Sunday morning we will not allow any people on the sales floor who are not vendors or people assisting vendors before the show opens to the public. All layout people will have to enter through the Ballarena entrances and not through the main doors. This change is for increased security and convenience for the vendors. Please cooperate.

As always we need Division 3 members to help at various

positions during the show. We need ticket sellers, hand stampers, layout tour promoters, membership salesmen, and vendor helpers during Saturday setup and Sunday load out. If you want to help at a specific time, please contact Superintendent John Smith. You do not have to schedule a time. If you just show up at the front entrance when you are ready to work we will be glad to use you.

Setup times are :
Friday Noon to 5pm
Saturday 7am to 11am

Show Hours are:
Saturday 11am to 5pm
Sunday 11am to 5pm

Call Board Distribution

The Board of Governors is in the process of developing the budget for the Division. The largest single expense is the Call Board. The Board discussed the issue at its last meeting and a discussion was held at the September general meeting.

Currently, the Call Board is mailed to every NMRA member living within Division 3 as defined by the Mid Central Region. We also mail copies to all the other Divisions, several Regions, and other railroad clubs. The Board approved this quantity of recipients in order to spread the news of the Division outside of the Dayton metropolitan area.

The previous policy was to only mail copies to people who attended the general meetings. The problem with this policy is that someone has to maintain the attendance lists. It also isolates the rest of the NMRA members from the activities of the Division.

The Call Board could be distributed electronically to anyone with an e-mail address. This would save all postage and most of the printing costs. The drawback to this is the necessity of collecting and maintaining the addresses. We also dis-

cussed the idea of only posting the Call Board on the website. This would be the cheapest method. However we would only be reaching people who have access to computers and who remember to look for a new edition. We will probably use a mix of these methods.

We would like to hear from the membership on what we should do. If you do not attend meetings, do you still want the Call Board? If you have an e-mail address would you please send it to us? If you have a suggestion please contact the Editor or any BOG member.

Remember, if you do not take part in the discussion you do not have any right to complain about the decision.



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Next Meeting

When:	2PM 20 October 2002
Where:	Trotwood Church of the Brethren 208 E Main St Trotwood, Ohio
Program:	
Contest:	Passenger cars
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome	

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