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This Month's Program ...

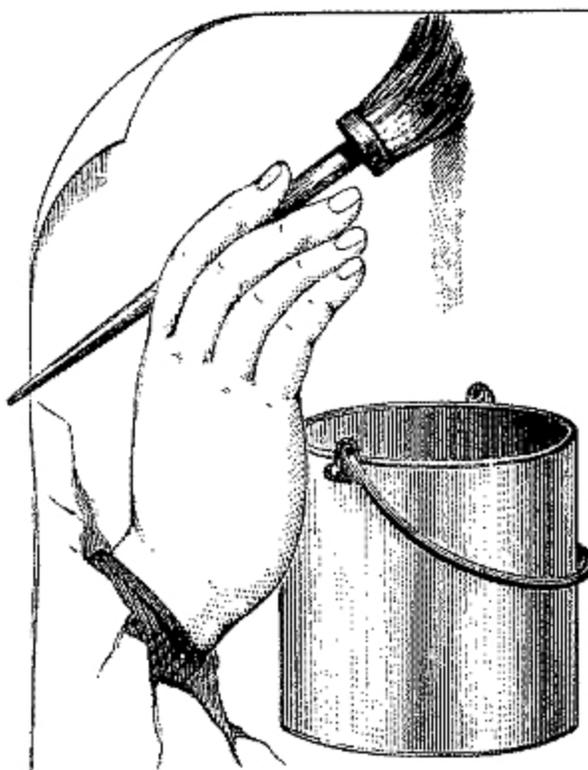
Dick Briggs, MMR and MCR President will be here to give his clinic on Backdrop Painting. Those who attended this presentation at the Regional Convention gave it high marks and you don't want to miss it. Dick is an excellent clinician and we always enjoy it when he comes to town.

This month's contest will be Steam Locomotives. We had a good turnout in May. Let's do it again in June!

See YOU at the next meeting!

Sunday June 20th., 2PM

Chapel 3, WPAFB



Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

Superintendent's Column for June 2010

It has been a busy month since I assumed the title of Superintendent of Division 3. One of the first official actions was to attend the MCR Board of directors meeting at the convention in Charleston. Normally Bob's term on the MCR board would not end until the end of the convention, but he was unable to attend so I represented him. I learned a lot and got to meet many of the outgoing and incoming superintendents. I spent most of my time on Thursday and a good part of Friday helping out in the contest room. I even got up enough nerve to enter a structure in the contest. I didn't win any prizes, but was pleased with the points I received in the judging. Now that I have taken that first step, maybe I will enter more contests. By Friday night I was able to attend some informative clinics and got some ideas for things to improve my modeling skills.

I was pleased to meet a relatively new Div 3 member in the contest room. Her name is Jane Hancock and she is quite an accomplished photographer. It seems she was recruited to join the NMRA by a friend in Div 7 and therefore attends their meetings, but her address is in Div 3. Her entries were good for 4 prizes including best of show and first in popular vote. Congratulations Jane!

On Sunday morning our Region President, Dick Briggs hosted a breakfast for all of the Division Superintendents and assistant Superintendents. The topic of discussion was the NMRA's Achievement Program and how to increase AP participation in the Divisions. Also attending the meeting were NMRA president, Mike Brestel, and Frank Koch, Region Achievement Program Chair. Frank handed out a list of people in each division who had earned Achievement certificates.. We have a total of 13 (including two who have earned MMR) members currently active in the division who have earned one or all (Bob Fink) AP certificates.

I am sure many of us have accomplished the work to meet the requirements for one or more AP certificates, but have not yet done the paperwork. So my challenge to all of us is to download the forms and requirements from the NMRA web site and fill out the paperwork. Bob Fink is our Division AP chair and is eager to help you with the paper work. Norm Courtney received his Volunteer AP certificate at the May meeting. Let's see how many certificates our division can earn in the coming year. If you have done the work there is no reason to not be recognized. My goal is to encourage you to get the recognition you deserve.

I was especially pleased at the turnout we had for the May meeting's model and photo contests. We had at least one entry in all categories and most had multiple entries. This is a popular vote, but the next step is to talk to Bob Fink and see about getting your models judged for a merit award. That is the first step to earning an AP certificate. I hope to see even more entries at the next meeting

We have a super Board of Directors and committee chairpersons who are determined to bring you quality programs and activities. I am pleased to be able to work with this group and look forward to the next two years. If you haven't been to a division meeting in a while I hope you will come and join us.

Sharpening Your SKILLS

AP Program News...

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 do our part each month by offering a popularity contest and even a "show and tell" table to get you started. As your skills advance you can join us in the Achievement Program (AP).

Our REGULAR monthly contest setup ...

We have three categories each month. You can enter Scratchbuilt, KitBashed, or just plain Kit built. This allows anyone to enter anything they are proud of and at any skill level. 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 "on the spot".

The coming contest schedule ...

June - Steam Locomotives

- July - Non- Revenue Cars
- August - NO CONTEST (trip)
- September - Make IT Cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)
- October - Caboose
- November - Weathering
- December - Structure



