



Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

The December program will be a presentation by Phil Gliebe who will discuss the assembly of a locomotive. What make this task challenging was the fact that it came as an assortment of parts without instructions. For a delightful preview, see Phil's two-part article in the October and November issues of the *Call Board*. It follows his travails in rescuing a "Basket Case" Porter from the parts box. Phil presentations are always entertaining and informative and this one promises to be no less so.



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).

Have you looked at the Golden Spike Award?...

Golden Spike Award

If you have built a layout you can probably qualify for this one. It's designed to get you started on all the rest of the certificates and is a good starting point for jumping into the AP program. Here are the details for achieving this award:

1. **DISPLAY** six units of rolling stock either scratch built, craftsman kits, or superdetailed commercial kits.
2. **CONSTRUCT** a minimum of 8 square feet of layout including scenery. Construct 5 structures either scratchbuilt, craftsman kits or superdetailed commercial kits.
3. Three types of **TRACKAGE** are required (e.g. Turnout, crossover, crossing, etc.). All must be properly ballasted and installed on proper roadbed. All installed trackage must be properly wired so that two trains can be operated simultaneously (e.g. Double track, single track with siding, block control or DCC).
4. Provide one additional **ELECTRICAL** feature such as a power operated turnout, signals, turnout indicators, building lights, etc.

There you have it. If you need more information or help in getting this award just give us the word. Many of the Division 3 members have this award so it can't be that hard to come by. A word to any officer will direct you to the AP guy and he'll get you started.

Super's Notes for November 2010

2010 Train Show

Another Div 3 Train Show is in the history books, and by all accounts it was a rousing success. I can't say enough about the tremendous job that Nick and all of the others on his team did with the show. If you haven't been involved in the show, it is hard to imagine all of the work that goes into putting on the show. I am really thankful for all of the hard working people we have in Division 3.

Nick gave a report on the show at the November Division 3 meeting and if you missed it I will try to summarize his report here. Not all of the details are available yet as the bills are still coming in. We had nearly 400 vendor tables and Nick had to turn away vendors who called at the last minute. The public attendance continues to climb. We had 1000+ people come in the door in the first hour on Saturday and I understand there was still a line to get in well past noon. The total attendance for Saturday was over 3000, someone said it equaled the 4th largest overall show attendance ever, and the total for the weekend was 5005. It was great to see the continued increase in attendance. Nick is already planning for a bigger and better show next year.

I hope you didn't miss it, but if you did it's only 11 months to next year's show and Nick has already sold nearly 300 vendor tables for next year's show. That's a pretty good testimony as to the success of the show. I encourage everyone to show Nick how much we appreciate his (and Shirley's) hard work by volunteering to help out with next year's show.

MCR 2013 Convention

As you know I have been talking about Division 3 stepping up to host the 2013 MCR convention. The last time we hosted one was in 2002, so it will have been 11 years between them. We have a lot of history in doing MCR conventions and a lot of experience. If you missed the meeting you missed my announcement that Ray Baldwin has agreed to chair the convention. A number of people have already offered to help him, but we will need a lot more. Don't be reluctant to volunteer as there is a need for a lot of people to help out with the planning and a even more to help with the convention. With the strong support Nick received with the 2010 Train Show I know we have a group of willing workers.

If you want to help out give Ray a call and he will be glad to put you to work.

NMRA Achievement Program

Our AP chair, Bob Fink, is encouraging everyone who has not applied for the Golden Spike Award to do so at the December meeting. Bob says it is not hard to achieve if you have built even a small layout. Bob will have a supply of forms at the meeting and will give you a hand filling them out. Let's see how many we can submit!

Membership Survey

There is a bonus in this month's Call Board in the form of a membership survey. The Board of Governors has discussed ways of providing programs and activities of interest to the membership, but we can only guess what members want or keep doing what we have been doing. One way to find out what the members want is to conduct a survey to. It is our intention to try and meet member's expectations, if at all possible. So take a minute to fill out the survey and bring it to the December meeting or if you can't make the meeting, mail it to the assistant superintendent, Jim Montgomery. If I recall correctly, the last time we did a survey we had about 35 responses. Although this is considered a good return by some standards, to me it means there are a lot of members who are missing the opportunity to tell us what they want. So let us know what you think, your name is optional so don't be reluctant to be frank.

Contests

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”.

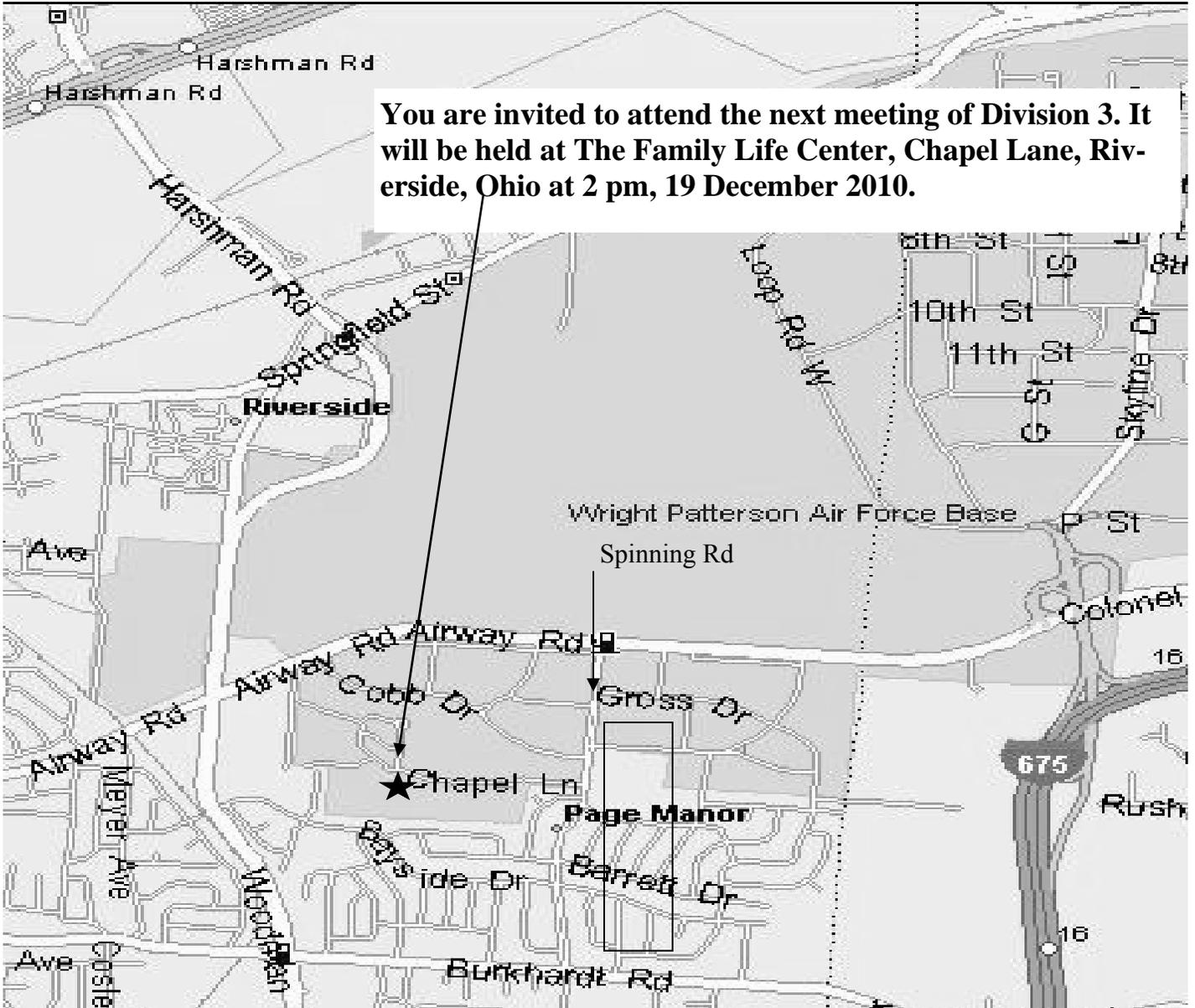
The coming contest schedule ...

December - Structure

- January - Open Loads
- February - No Contest
- March - Freight Cars
- April - Passenger Cars
- May - Diesel Locomotives
- June - Steam Locomotives
- July - Non-Revenue Cars
- August - No Contest
- September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)
- October - Caboose
- November - Weathering

November Weathering				
	Kit	Kit Bashed	Scratchbuilt	Photo
First	Larry Miller			Dave Decker
Second	Wil Davis			Nate Adams
Third	Gordon Carlson			Dave Decker Gordon Carlson Nate Adams

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**Merry Christmas and a
Happy New Year**



An Informal Survey

In order to present material of the broadest possible interest to the members of Division 3, we need to update our "Member's Wish List." If you are looking for specific material on any model railroad subject that we aren't covering, or would like to share your ideas and results on a topic, please let us know.

We also see many of the same faces from month to month and don't see others who are on the mailing list. This is typical of any hobby group, what we need to know is not so much why people attend, but what we could do to get everyone out once in a while. Here's a quick survey of your interest areas. If you will fill it out and mail to: Jim Montgomery, 8085 Station House Rd., Centerville, OH 45458, or bring it to the next meeting, it would help us all. Let us hear what you want to see and hear and we'll take it from there.

Member Interest Survey

My main hobby interests are: (Check all that apply)

- Watching and studying prototype (real) trains
- Watching and Operating Model Trains
- Building Models and/or a Layout
- Collecting model Trains and Memorabilia
- Other _____

- I have attended ___ Division 3 meetings in the past year.
- I've built ___ railroad models (kits, etc) this year
- My other hobbies are _____

Monthly Meeting Presentations:

- I rate the following subjects as:
- 1 = I'd attend for sure
 - 2 = Sounds interesting
 - 3 = Mildly interested
 - 4 = Not really interested
 - 5 = Wouldn't leave my basement for it.

Hands-on Skill Building Clinics On:

- | | |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Structures | <input type="checkbox"/> Scenery |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Rolling Stock | <input type="checkbox"/> Painting (airbrushing) |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motive Power | <input type="checkbox"/> Weathering |

Other Programs:

- Prototype Tours
- Layout Tours
- RR history or Prototype slide shows
- Techniques by authors and layout builders on "How They Built Their Layout"

Other _____

General Questions

Would like to see more presentations on: _____

Would like to see less _____

The reasons I don't attend meetings are: - _____

I use the Division 3 Web Page Yes No

The Web Page Could be improved by _____

The Call Board could be improved by _____

I am willing to help with a regional convention by serving as a

committee chair

committee member

help where needed

have my layout open for operations or visitation

present a clinic on _____

other _____

Are you a member of a SIG (special interest group)? _____

If so, which group(s) _____

Additional thoughts or comments: _____

Name: (Optional) _____

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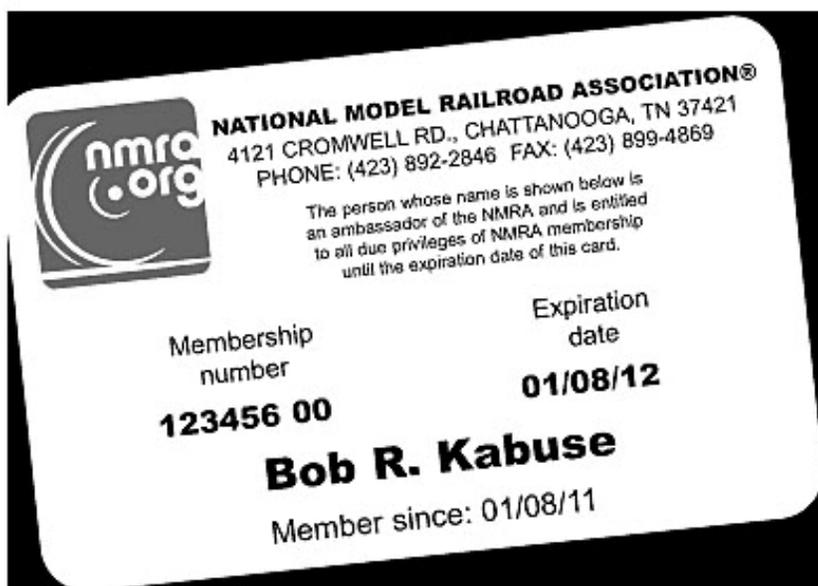
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