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This Month's Program ...



The June program will be a presentation by Allen McClelland on "Useful Little Things I Found in 60 Years of Model Railroading". This is the one you won't want to miss. Over the years Allen has learned a lot of useful things and had put together a presentation to share some these with us. Allen's presentations are always informative and this promises to be no less so.

Sidney Big Four Depot

The Sydney Big Four Depot will be open to the public Saturday June 11 from 10am to 12 pm. The purpose is to let the residents of Sidney know about the depot and its status. Also the Miami Valley Rail Fans will have their June meeting there.

The organization is still called a Model Railroad Club however, the model layout was dismantled last year. The group is struggling to keep the station open and need new members. If the organization does not get some new revenue from donations or members, the station lease will be returned to CSX. It is certain that CSX will work to quickly demolish the station. The West Central Club has tried to negotiate a possible option to buy the station however, CSX wants the brick station moved back at least 30 feet from the rail line.

Anyone who can help is encouraged to send in a simple membership for associate members. Also donations at the open house will be accepted. This is one of the last Big Four depots still intact along the former mainline from Columbus to Indianapolis.

Super's Notes for June 2011

Program Notes

Based on the feedback I have received the clinics at the May meeting were a success. I hope everyone learned from the experience. I did overhear one member say he had no idea that he could find something like the division has to offer. Mike is working on more informative and entertaining programs in the coming months including our annual bus trip to visit nearby layouts. Mike has seven lined up for this year. He tells me that a few we have visited before, but much progress has been made since then the others are ones we have not seen before. If you haven't taken one of these trips yet you don't know what you are missing. Seats are limited and I will begin taking reservations (and money) at the June meeting. Don't miss out on this or any of the upcoming programs.

The turnout for the May contest was good. I saw some nicely done diesel engines. Next month's contest will be steam engines so don't forget to bring your entry to the meeting.

We had some interesting items at show and tell. We had to modify the format slightly due to the program, but I am still pleased with the response. Keep bringing those interesting things to show and tell.

2013 Convention

If you were at the meeting you already know the outcome of our convention bid. It was accepted by the MCR and it's official we will be hosting the 2013 MCR convention. Ray Baldwin, Mike Mereness, and Bob Fink represented the division at the presentation. Mike showed the presentation at the division meeting and Ray said he hopes get the committee up and running by August. It's not too late to get in on the action and volunteer to help with the planning of the convention.

New Committees

Speaking of committees, as I mentioned last month, I am in the process of forming two new committees to assist the division in our activities. The first is the Visual Media Committee. Eric Zimmerman has volunteered to chair this committee and is looking for a few folks to help out. He especially needs someone with digital video expertise. We have a couple of volunteers who have still photo experience, but let Eric or me know if you are interested.

The other committee is the Division 3 History Committee. We have a long history and we are losing many of our senior members. We were able to preserve the conductor's uniform that Lone Eagle (LE) Payne, one of our founders and first president, wore when he was volunteering with the White Water Valley RR. You can read more about LE and the early years on the division history on our web site. <http://www.modelraildayton.com/div3hist1.html> We are looking for a small group who can visit with our senior members and collect information and memorabilia for ultimate preservation and use in our division activities. I am still looking for someone to chair this one. I will have Norm post both committee descriptions on the web site. Read them over and let us know if you are interested.

We will meet at the chapel as usual the third week in June with Allen giving a different presentation than previously advertised, the new title is " Useful little things I found in 60 years of model railroading".

Future Programs: July 17 Program by Bob Fink ,August 20 (Saturday) Bus Tour , September 18 Open
October 16 Soldering
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Contests

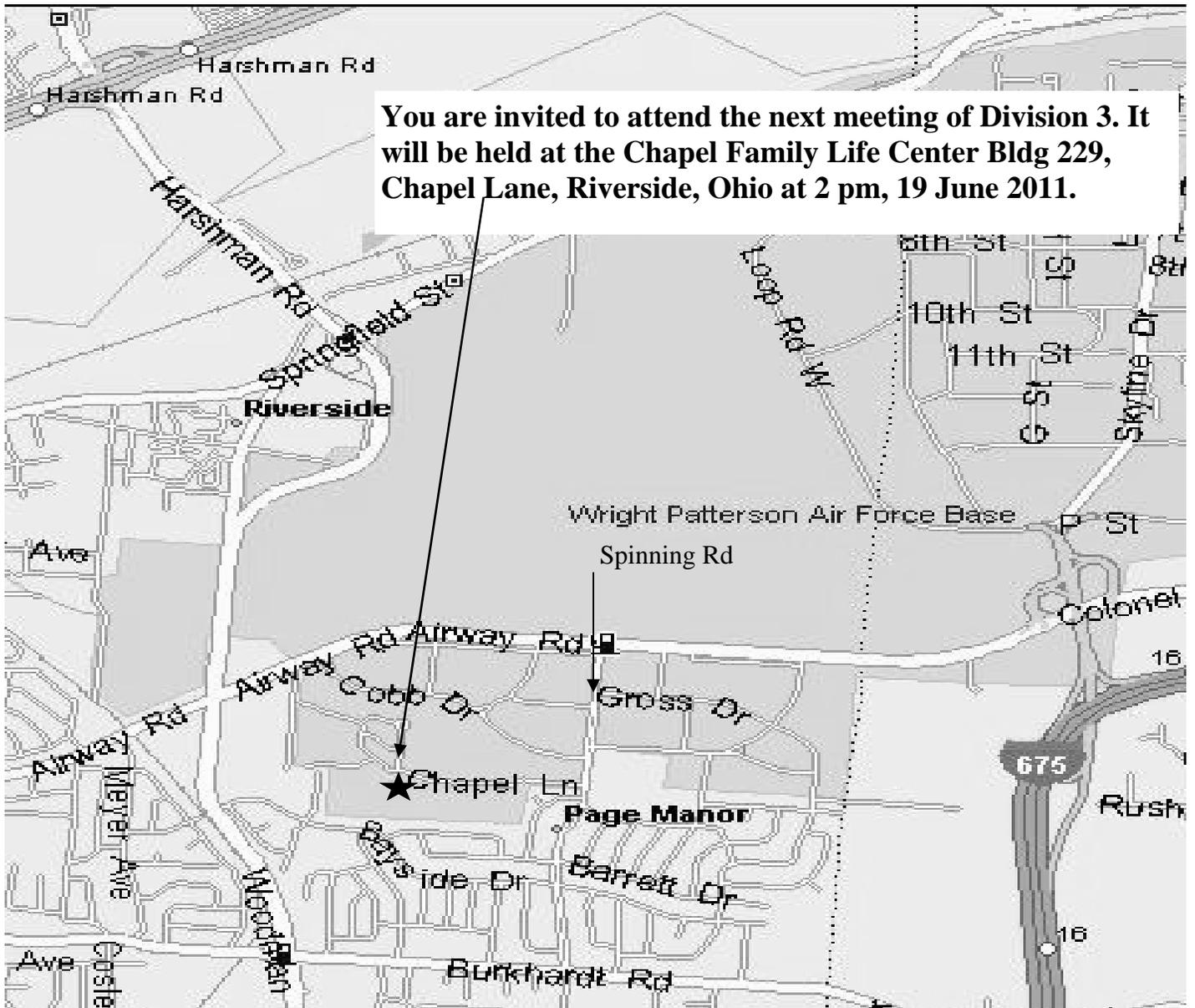
We have three categories each month. You can enter Scratchbuilt, KitBashed, or just plain Kit built. This allows anyone to enter anything they are proud of and at any skill level. Judging is by popular vote but if you wish to have your model judged by NMRA rules for the Achievement Program, we will make arrangements for you “on the spot”.

The coming contest schedule ...

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

May Diesel Locomotives				
	Kit	Kit Bashed	Scratchbuilt	Photo
First		Brent Johnson	Bob Fink	Nate Adams
Second		Ric Zimmerman		John Nowicki Nate Adams
Third		Terry McTaggart		Ric Zimmerman

2010 - 2011 Standings					
	KIT	KIT BASHED	SCRATCH BUILT	PHOTO	OVERALL
First	Jim Foster Norm Courtney Ron Schmidt Rick Zimmerman	Rick Zimmerman	Bob Fink	Nate Adams	Bob Fink
Second		Terry McTaggart Bob Fink Wil Davis Brent Johnson	Wil Davis Phil Gliebe	John Nowicki	Phil Herbert
Third				Ric Zimmerman	Jim Foster



National News Updates

- **The 2011 NMRA election results** are in!
 - o The new NMRA Canada Director will be **Don Hillman**, replacing Clark Kooning, MMR.
 - o The new Central District Director will be **Peter Magoun, MMR**, replacing Bob Beatty, MMR.
 The new Regional Advisory Council Director will be **Stephen Priest, MMR**, replacing Bob Ferguson.
 All new Directors will take office at the Sacramento Board Meeting.

- Speaking of the **Summer Board meeting**... this year's will be held prior to the Sacramento x2011 Convention and will begin on Friday, July 1, 2011. Current plans put the meeting in the Beavis Room in the Sacramento Grand Sheraton Hotel. Tentative starting time is 9 am. All locations and times are subject to change -- be sure to keep an eye out for updates to this information. Remember, it's the responsibility of Region and Division officials to pass along this information to members.
- A couple of **Convention reminders**:

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Visual Media Committee

Purpose: Preserve Division 3 activities and events via suitable digital media (still, moving, audio) in order to make same available for division print, and electronic communications. Also provide material needed to other committees (convention, train show, etc.) as required.

Composition:

Committee Chair: Appointed by Division Superintendent, overall responsibilities include:

1. Ensure someone is available to photograph contest entries, awards and other items of interest at each Division Meeting.
2. Schedule coverage for other division events as needed by event chair.
3. Maintain a repository of visual media in an electronic format that permits easy retrieval.
4. Assist Division members in preparation of presentations for division activities by providing visual media support.
5. Prepare budget requests for items requiring division funding.
6. Keep track of any division assets procured via item 4.

Committee Members: Up to three in addition of chairman appointed by Division Superintendent with recommendations from committee chair. Committee members are responsible for assisting the committee chair in carrying out the responsibilities described above.

General Guidelines:

Committee members are expected to provide their own cameras. The division has a laptop computer which may be used for managing the digital media and in the development of visual presentations.

The division will provide all necessary digital storage media and any justifiable equipment needed to carry out assigned tasks. If equipment purchases are needed they shall be submitted to the Board of Governors for approval.

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o A special "**Carpet Cutting Ceremony**" (the indoor equivalent of a Ground Breaking Ceremony) for the Gallery Exhibit will be held on Thursday evening during the x2011 Convention. All are invited.

o Convention registrations have now passed **1500 attendees** while attendance at the Advance Section over the weekend prior to the Convention is over 150 attendees... and the Convention is still 6 weeks away! If you or your members aren't registered yet, you can do it online at www.x2011west.org You can also buy tickets for tours, sign up for operating sessions, and purchase convention cars and shirts online.

Once again, a **notice of 2012 elections**. The following NMRA Officers and Board of Directors positions are open for election in 2012: President, Vice President-Administration, Vice President-Special Projects, Eastern District Director, Pacific District Director, and At-Large North America Director. Please check the NMRA Executive Handbook located at http://www.nmra.org/national/organization/nmra_organization.html for the extent of the districts affected and qualifications. All candidate names for consideration by the Nominations Committee shall be submitted to Didrik Voss, davoss@pvmtengr.com, no later than June 15, 2011.

Division 3 History Committee

Purpose: Preserve Division 3 History in whatever format is appropriate to minimize space and maximize accessibility.

Composition:

Committee Chair: Appointed by Division Superintendent, overall responsibilities include:

1. Gather up as much Division history from the last 50+ years as possible.
2. Interview older division members and collect their memories and any memorabilia they may wish to donate to the division.
3. Scan or otherwise reduce as much of the paper material to digital format as is practical.
4. Maintain a repository of Division history in an electronic format that permits easy retrieval.
5. Develop a plan for retention of material that is not suitable for digital archiving and provide recommendation for same to the Division Board of Governors.
6. Prepare any budget requests for items requiring division funding.
7. Keep track of any division assets procured via item 4.

Committee Members: Up to three in addition to chairman appointed by Division Superintendent with recommendations from committee chair. Committee members are responsible to assist the committee chair in carrying out the responsibilities described above.

General Guidelines:

The first task of the committee is to survey what historical material the Division has and make recommendations for preserving or ultimate disposition

The division will provide all necessary digital storage media and any justifiable equipment needed to carry out assigned tasks. If equipment purchases are needed they shall be submitted to the Board for approval.

