



Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

Getting into Realistic Operations



We'll look at what it takes to start developing an operating scheme. Anyone can join the fun and if you have a layout gathering dust or want to get an operating session started, here's how you begin. Whether you're a collector, builder or historian running trains with a purpose can add an extra dimension to your model railroad hobby.

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com
2013 MCR Convention Website: www.mcr2013convention.com

Super's Notes for July 2012

Meeting Notes

We had another great meeting in June. Attendance was strong in spite of it being Father's day. Craig This had the right idea, as he brought his son's along. As a result, our timesaver layout has a new custodian. I took the recently relocated layout to the meeting and asked if someone would like to assume guardianship and do some minor touchup to the minimal scenery. At the break, Craig approached me and said his sons thought he should take it home. I actually had a couple of folks offer but Craig was the first to speak up. I would like to thank Craig and his sons, as well as the others who volunteered.

Speaking of volunteering, there are numerable opportunities for volunteers as this is a volunteer organization. Have you volunteered recently? If not check with Nick as he will need plenty of volunteers for the November show, and you get free admission! Another area where volunteers are needed is next year's MCR Convention. Check with Ray Baldwin and he will put you in touch with a committee member who can use your talents. If neither of those interest you, see me and I will find something that will mesh with your interests.

The Program

Jim Rollwage from Division 7 brought his recreated Gorre and Daphetid layout. Jim is a member of an informal group who wanted to build a small, interesting layout that they could take to Division 7 and other) train shows. In searching for a theme they decided to recreate the track plan of the original G&D that John Allen worked into at least two of his layouts. Jim brought the layout and it is a very credible recreation of the original. He admitted that he had to fudge a couple of things to get them to fit and there are a few areas without good photographic coverage which required some assumptions. He did a great job and the layout ran flawlessly.

Bus Tour

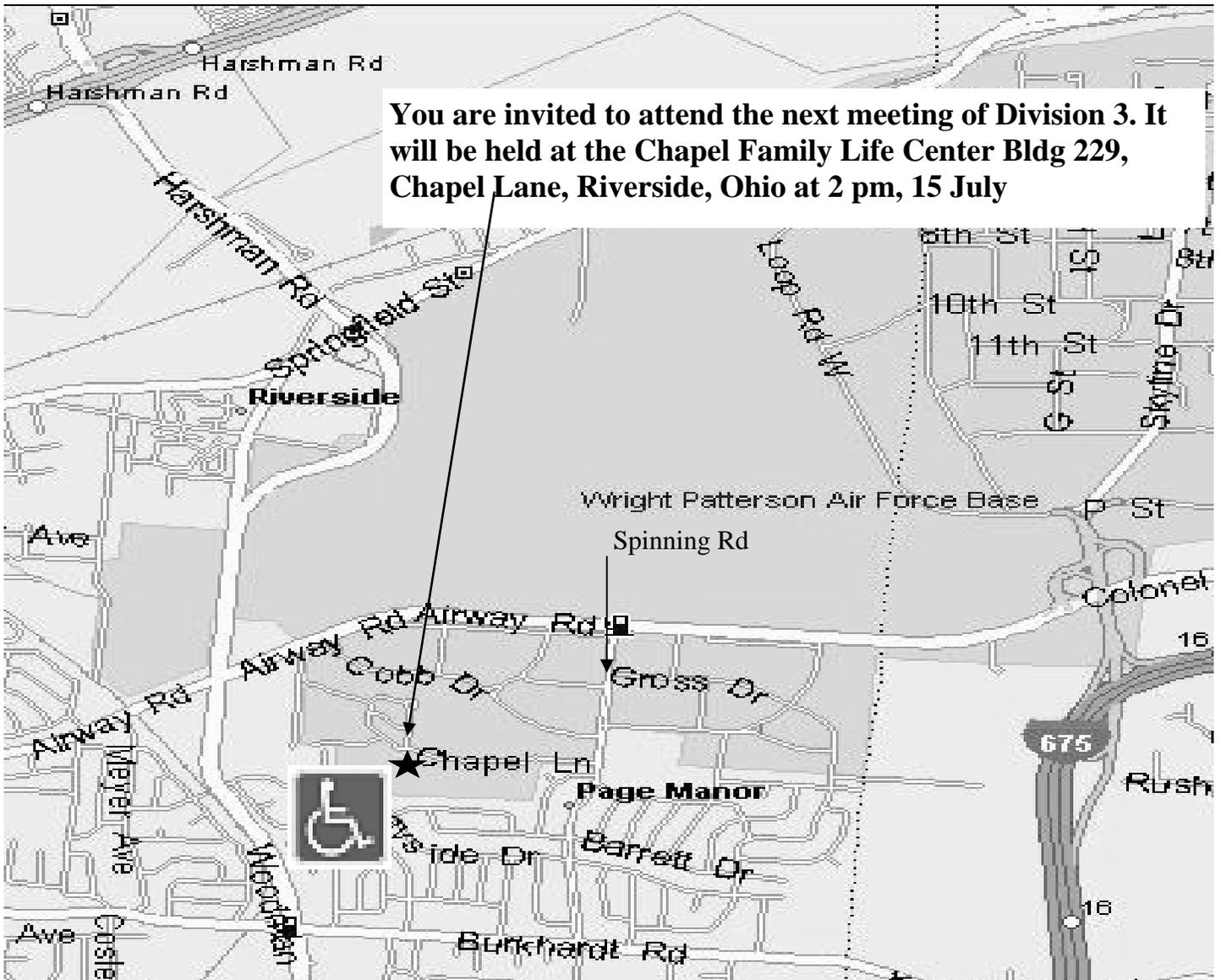
Ticket sales at the June meeting were brisk for our August bus tour. Mike is still trying to negotiate a tour of the new Caterpillar EMD assembly plant in Muncie. He promised to nail down the details in the next couple of weeks. If we don't make it to the Caterpillar plant, we will visit the Amtrak maintenance facility in Beech Grove. If you have not been on one of Mike's tours you don't know what you are missing. Seats on the bus are limited to the first 30 registrants and as of the June meeting we have sold 20 seats so don't delay. The cost is the same as in previous years, \$25.00 which includes your transportation, water on the bus, and a tasty box lunch along the way.

Other Bits and Pieces

MCR Election: I was recently appointed chairman of the MCR nominating committee. Next year is the bi-annual MCR election and my committee has to come up with a slate of officers. The positions are very similar to the Division Officers. There is a President, Vice President, Secretary and Treasurer who need to be nominated by December so voting can take place prior to the 2013 convention, as that is when the new officers will be installed. If you have any interest running for MCR office you can check out the duties in the "Regulations of the Mid Central Region," which are located on the MCR web site at <http://www.midcentral-region-nmra.org/bod2.html>. If you have any questions see me, or if you are interested in running let me know and I will see that you get on the ballot.

D&W 602: You may remember that Division 3 rescued Dayton & Western Interurban car 602 from certain destruction some years ago. A couple of years ago we donated the car to Dayton History where it was to be restored. I have been wondering if there was any progress on the restoration and then I ran into a friend of mine who volunteers at Carillon Park. He told me that they have worked on the car over the winter and I

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asked him to find out more and ask the person in charge, Dick Cummings to keep me updated. Today I received the following: ***“Today I passed your card to the work crew at Carillon Park that has been restoring the interurban to pass the card to Dick Cummings, the head of the work crew. He will let you know the status and keep you abreast in the future. I understand that the front end is almost complete and most of the top frames have been cut. It is a winter project so most will wait until the fall. My friend indicates it will take more than one more winter.”*** It is heartening to know that progress is being made. As I learn more I will pass along the information.

Friendship Village: I mentioned at the meeting that Alvin Schultz, a former Division member, is now living at Friendship Village and is trying to get a simple 4 x 8 Lionel layout built for the entertainment of the residents. He apparently has support from the management, but would like to have someone who can help him manage the project. He has assured me it does not involve constructing or paying for the layout, but someone who can oversee the project. If you are interested or should happen to have a 4 x 8 layout table that needs a good home, let me know and I will put you in touch with Alvin.

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 ...

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
- June - Steam Locomotives

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	Kit	Kit Bashed	Scratchbuilt	Photo
First	Jim Rollwage			Jim Rollwage
Second	Jim Rollwage			Bob Knapp Gordon Carlson
Third				

100 Facebook Fans: Thank you

NMRA Division 3 has reached 100 fans of its Facebook page. Thank you to all who have liked us, posted comments, and shared us with your friends. Let’s now work towards 200!

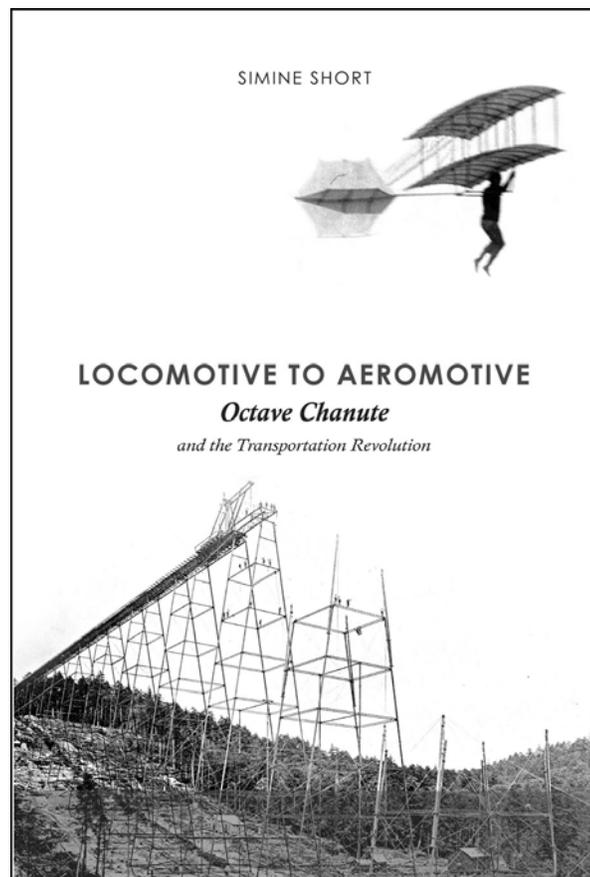


Locomotive to Aeromotive: Octave Chanute and the Transportation Revolution

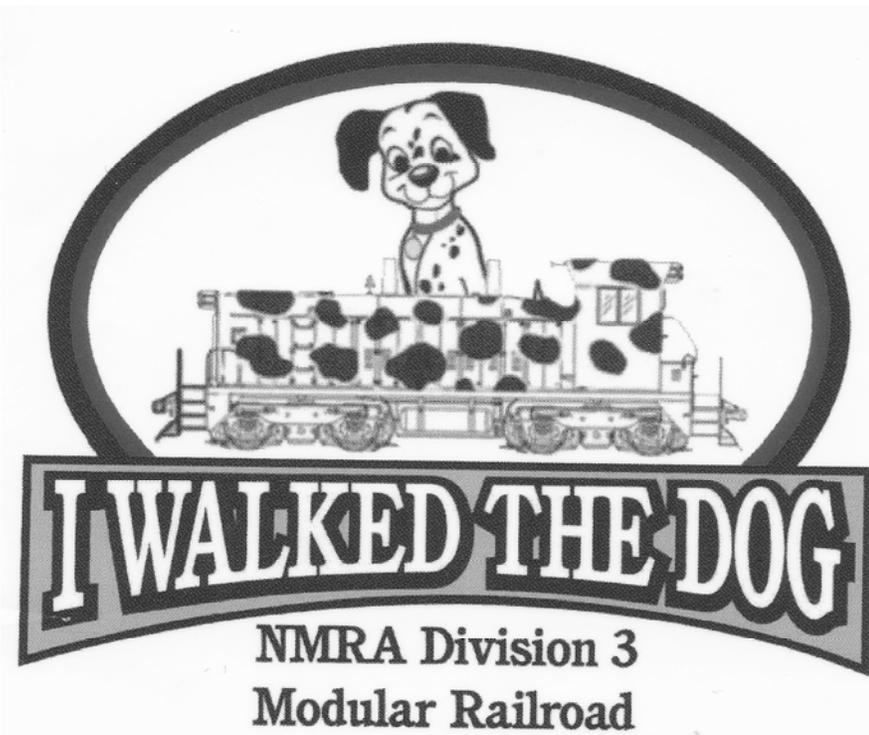
Wednesday, July 18, 7:00 p.m.

Engineers Club, 110 E. Monument Ave., in Dayton, Ohio.

Octave Chanute, who designed railroad bridges (Kansas City Bridge) and is credited with inventing the process of preserving wooden railroad ties, will be the subject of the Wednesday, July 18 Aviation Heritage Speakers Series at the Dayton Engineers Club. Aviation historian Simine Short, who has written more than 100 articles on the history of motorless flight, will discuss her latest book, "*Locomotive to Aeromotive: Octave Chanute and the Transportation Revolution*," covering Chanute's life and civil engineering accomplishments that led to his aviation experiments and the eventual connection with the Wrights and other aviation pioneers. She will also cover Chanute's glider flying experiments along the southern shore of Lake Michigan. *This event is free and open to the public.*



LOCOMOTIVE TO AEROMOTIVE
Octave Chanute
and the Transportation Revolution



The Dalmatian Switching District wrapped up a busy June with two road trips. The 16th found us at Bradford, Ohio. This was the first showing of the new city of Dalmatian. It also saw the introduction of the "I WALKED THE DOG" stickers. These were given to anyone who was brave enough to pick up a throttle and "Walk the Dog". The 23rd and 24th found the Dog at Carillon Park. We shared a building with the Rubicon and at times it was hard to tell if the kids were more excited by the big locomotive or by getting a sticker. We were asked a lot of questions about model railroading and the Rubicon. By the end of Sunday we were quite good at sharing our limited knowledge of fireless locomotives. The next Dog outing will be to Van Wert, Ohio on July 13, 14 and 15. If you can spare some time that weekend please join us. For more information contact Jack Honeycutt.



Division 3 will be hosting the 2013 MidCentral Region Convention, themed **Operations Dayton 2013** from the 15th through the 18th of May, 2013. Chairman Ray Baldwin and his team have assembled a terrific array of tours, clinics, contests and operating sessions. Some of the area's finest layouts will be open not only for visiting, but for hands-on operations. The convention website is at www.mcr2013convention.com. The convention hotel and venue is the Wyndham Gardens Hotel in Miamisburg near the Dayton Mall. This promises to be an exciting gathering and you don't want to miss it. Early registration forms and hotel information is up.

Early registration before February 1, 2013 is \$45 for the primary registrant and \$15 for each additional family member. The primary registrant must be an NMRA member at the time of the convention.