

Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

There will be no regular meeting in May due to Division 3 hosting the **MCR 2013 Regional Convention** from the 15th through the 18th of May. It is highly recommended that you plan to attend the convention if possible. If you aren't available for the entire schedule, you can get a single day registration for \$25. This would give you access to the op sessions and clinics on that day and also access to the self-guided tours of most of the layouts involved on Sunday, May 19. If you have contest entries that you planned for May, bring them along for the popular vote contest.



Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

2013 MCR Convention Website: www.mcr2013convention.com

Super's Notes for May 2013

Meeting Notes

The April meeting was held at the Wyndham Hotel where we will host the MCR convention in a couple of weeks. It made the travel more convenient for our members located to the south and gave all an advance preview of the facility prior to the convention. We were pleased to welcome a couple of new members and a few who had not been to a meeting in a while. The program featured members favorite photos. A number of members showed anywhere from a couple to several dozen photos. They included an interesting mixture of old and new covered subjects from out west and some nice shots of scenes from the past in the local area. Based on the number of photos shown, the topic was popular and we will repeat it in the future.

MCR 2013 Convention

The convention is only a couple of weeks away and it's still not too late to register. If do not have time to attend the full convention, there is a modestly priced one day registration which is also good for the Sunday open houses. Remember, this will take the place of our regular May meeting. Also, if you are coming, bring those models to enter in the contest. Phil Gliebe is geared up to handle a large number of entries, so don't disappoint him. If you are attending please consider volunteering to lend a hand in some of the convention activities. There won't be another MCR convention until 2015 in Lexington, so don't put it off.

Also the Miami Valley Modular Railway folks have been working hard to set up operations on our modules during the convention. Be sure and stop by and operate a train while you are there.

Summer Bus Trip

August will be here before you know it and it will be time for our annual bus trip. Mike announced that we will be venturing into Indiana again to visit a couple of railroad museums and some more outstanding layouts. Details will be available at the June meeting. As you know this will take the place of our monthly meeting in August and will be August 17th, the Saturday before the regular meeting date. Seats are limited and I will be accepting your money at the June meeting.

Upcoming Program

Richard Todd will give a presentation at the June meeting on Portland cement scenery. You may recall Richard's presentation of a number of slides on the NWP at the April meeting. I first met Richard a number of years ago at an operating session and at that time he was exploring the innovative use of other building materials in constructing his North Western Pacific railroad. If you are a subscriber to Railroad Model Craftsman you may have seen his article on Portland cement scenery in the April issue. In any event I think you will really enjoy his presentation. After seeing the photos in the magazine, I would like to see more photos of his layout!

National News

Peachtree Express 2013 News

- Most of the prototype and general interest tours are limited to 50 people due to venue limitations. Keep in mind that we must confirm tours with the bus providers 30 days before the convention. So please register now to avoid disappointment and/or canceled tours due to lack of pre-registrations.
 - Update of the tour to the CSX Training Center (P355): CSX has recently informed us they will **NOT** be able to allow us inside the center. We are working on substituting tours of Tilford and Hulsey yards. The good news is that we have added a visit to the Georgia Northeastern RR, where you'll get an overview of their operations, see some of their locos, and visit their dispatch center and yards.
 - The Southeastern Region is hosting an NMRA Welcome Reception at the convention hotel on Sunday, July 14, from 4:00 - 5:30 PM, providing a great opportunity to catch up with old friends and make some new ones. Light snacks and a cash bar provided.
 - The clinic schedule has been posted to www.NMRA2013.org as well as updates to some of the other events.
 - A very active and entertaining general interest/non-rail program is planned, so bring the family, sample some Southern hospitality, and see all that Atlanta has to offer.
 - Model Celebration & Contest: Chair Bob Hamm has issued a challenge to exceed the 2011 Sacramento Convention in the numbers of models brought for display and/or AP judging. Let's not disappoint! Bring what you're working on and show it off.

Message from Gerry Leone, MMR – Vice President, Special Projects

Greetings, Presidents and Superintendents!

For the past four years the InfoNet News eblast has contained interesting NMRA facts you could share with your newsletter editors and members. With the advent of our new eBulletin, we now find that that same information is going out every other month directly to all NMRA members.

So, rather than stopping this direct communication between National and you, we've decided to re-format it. Beginning next month, each InfoNet News edition will be authored by a different NMRA Board Director or Officer. Each will be written "manager-to-manager," and may contain tips, techniques, insights, facts – any and all kinds of things that can help you be an effective leader and a greater resource to your members.

We trust you'll like this new format, and hope that it'll open the door to some lively dialog between you and NMRA National.

-Gerry Leone, MMR
Vice President, Special Projects

You are invited to attend the Mid Central Region Convention May 15-18. The Convention will be held at the Wyndham Garden Hotel at 21 Prestige Plaza Dr, Miamisburg, Ohio. Check the website for more information.

2013 MCR Convention Website:
www.mcr2013convention.com



2012 Contest Winners

Three plaques are awarded annually for the contests at the Division 3 meetings. The categories are: Participation, Model and Photo. Each contest entry is awarded points just for entering. The highest total earns the Participation award. The Model and Photo awards go to the highest point totals in the respective categories. The plaques were awarded at the April meeting.

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| Participation | Gordon Carlson |
| Photo | Ric Zimmerman |
| Model | Jim Foster |



You don't need trolley wires if you bring your generator with you.
or
Maybe the model was too small to have a detailed interior and be powered.

Contests

We have three categories each month. You can enter Scratch Built, Kit Bashed, 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 ...

- ~~May - Diesel Locomotives~~ Enter the Convention Contest
- 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

April Contest Results Passenger Cars

	Kit Category		Photos
1	Jim Foster	1	Ric Zimmerman
		2	Rick Zimmerman
		3	Paul Jenkins

	Kitbashed Category
1	Ric Zimmerman Wil Davis

	Scratchbuilt Category
1	No Entries



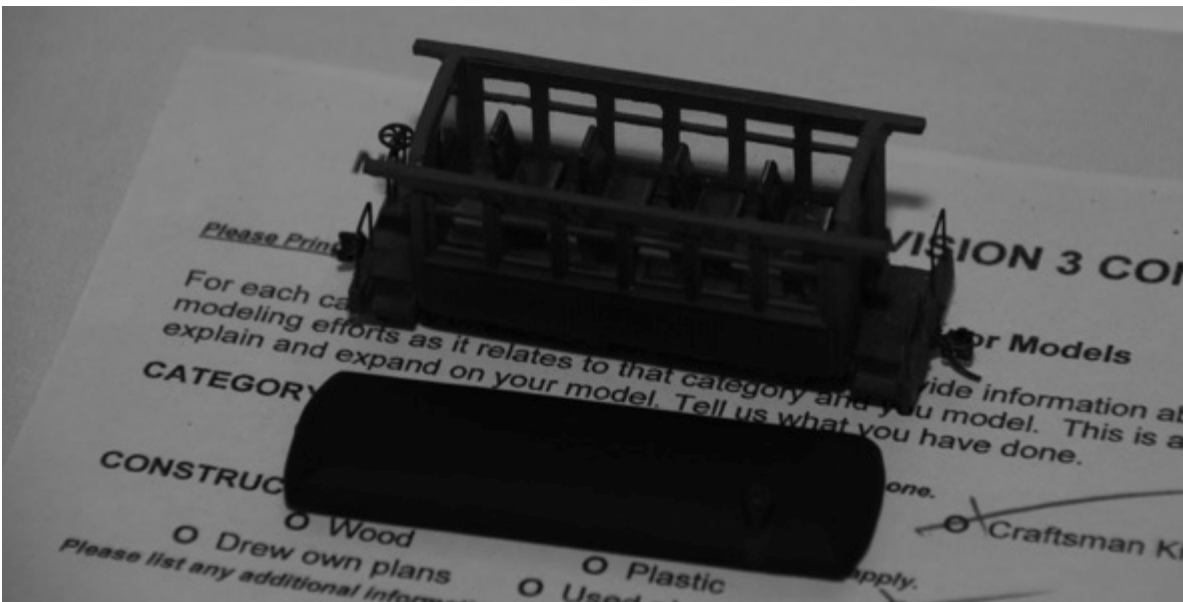
First Place Photo
Ric Zimmerman



1st Place
(tie)
Kitbash
Wil Davis



1st Place
(tie)
Kitbash
Ric Zimmerman



1st Place
Kit
Jim Foster



2nd Place
Photo
Ric Zimmerman

Model Contest
Entry Photos By:
Ric Zimmerman