



# Call Board

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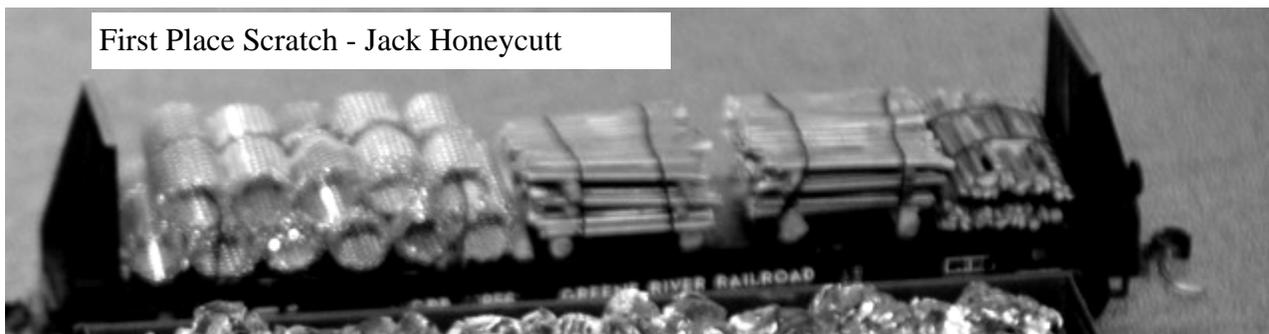
## This Month's Program ...

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... GONE



**Annual Auction!** It's that time again! Get out all of that neat stuff that's been hiding under the layout and in your closet since last year. Turn the things you no longer want or need into some cash. (No. We won't accept your ne'r-do-well brother-in-law. This auction is for rail items only.) Sale begins promptly at 2 PM, so get your things there early, tagged and ready to go. Please note: you must be an NMRA member to participate.

First Place Scratch - Jack Honeycutt



First Place Kit - Jim Ruisinger

**Division 3 Website: [www.modelraildayton.com](http://www.modelraildayton.com)**

**2013 MCR Convention Website: [www.mcr2013convention.com](http://www.mcr2013convention.com)**

## Super's Notes for February 2013

### Meeting Notes

The January meeting set a couple of records. We had 24 entries in the Open Loads contest and at least half of the entries were N scale, thanks to Jack Honeycutt. Jack also has a novel way of creating lightweight coal loads for N scale hoppers. Sorry you missed his description. Come to the next meeting and maybe he will tell you his secret. We also had 54 people in attendance which included members of divisions 6 and 7. We welcome guests from all divisions, just bring your raffle ticket money. One of our visitors even won a raffle prize.

Larry Miller gave an excellent presentation on Using Decoder Pro. He did a lot to dispel the mystery surrounding this free computer program and using it to program your DCC decoders. I have been a DCC user for about 4 years and have dragged my feet with learning Decoder Pro, as I was intimidated by what I thought was the challenges in using Decoder Pro. Thanks to Larry and a couple of other division members who patiently explained the basics, I can now program with the pros! Our video expert, Jim Hebner, captured the presentation using the division's camera and the presentation should be available soon in our library for those of you who missed it. This is another one of the benefits of being a division member. We have a lot of knowledgeable people in the division and they are willing to help those who ask.

### Model Railroad TRAINing

Our second Model Railroad TRAINing was held on January 26, and went well. I can't say enough about all of the Division 3 folks (and a couple others) who showed up to support the event. I counted at least 25 who were there, including the Dalmatian crew. The only problem I could identify was a low turnout from the public. Judy Zimmerman served as greeter and handed out information and surveys. It was hard to get an exact count, but the total was estimated to be around 35 people. Due to the increased publicity, I had expected a larger turnout. However, everyone said the attendees were quite enthused and really liked the program and the ability to sit and ask questions on an individual basis. I read the surveys today and the feedback was very positive. I am still convinced of the value of this venue, but we have to come up with some way to reach more people. Based on the questions I get from people at train shows, people have a lot of questions and it's difficult to answer all of them in a two minute conversation at a train show. Someone suggested we consider offering some of the sessions at this fall's train show. That may be something that we should do, but I still like the idea of a venue where everything is free and there is no pressure to purchase anything. I am interested in hearing your ideas.

### February Program

The February program is our annual auction. This has been a popular feature of our division for many years. I have been a member for nearly 40 years and I don't remember when the February meeting hasn't featured the auction. For years Don Bedrowski was the auctioneer and in recent years Bob Fink has wielded the hypothetical gavel, as treasures and trash have traded hands. So don't be hesitant to clean out your stash of things you never got around to using, and bring them to the meeting. Bring your money as well as there are sure to be some great deals on things you didn't know you needed.

There is an auction form in this issue of the Call Board or you can download it from the web site. It will greatly speed up things if you fill out the form in advance. We need the form so that you can get your money!

### Dalmatian Switching District Operating Session

#### Wed/Thur Feb 20-21 Brandt United Methodist Church

This session will occur if enough interest is shown. Set up will occur on Wednesday whenever enough people are available to help. If set up is completed early enough operations will follow. Operations will also be conducted on Thursday whenever anyone is interested. Tear down will occur on Friday whenever enough help is available. Contact J. Hedge 937 878 2391 to confirm your availability.

## 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 ...

- 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
- December - Structure
- January - Open Loads

### JANUARY OPEN LOADS RESULTS

#### LEVEL ONE KIT

JIM ROLLWAGE	FIRST PLACE
ERIC SAUNDERS	SECOND PLACE
JACK HONEYCUT	THIRD PLACE

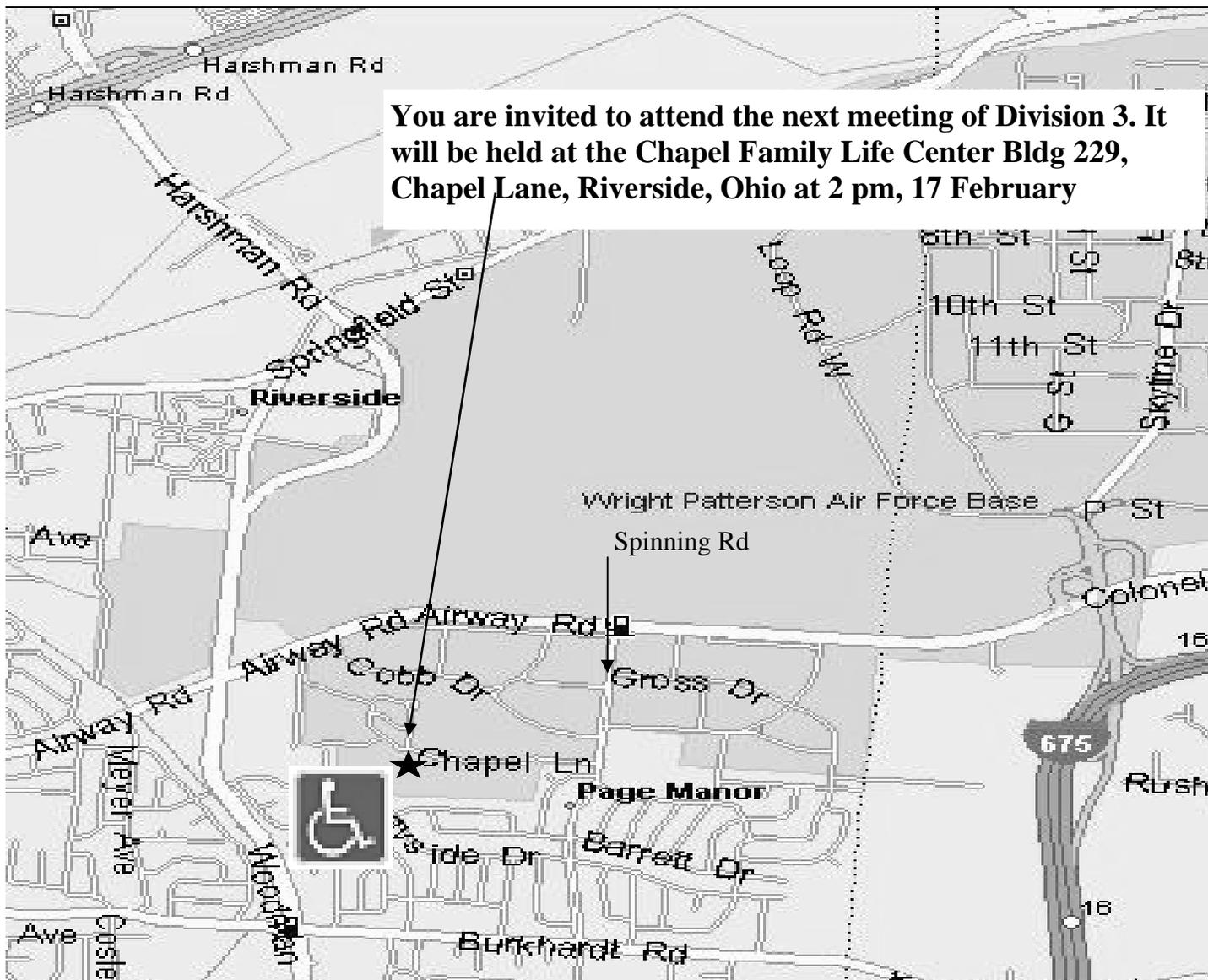
#### LEVEL TWO – KIT BASH

JIM RUISINGER	FIRST PLACE
PAT TAYLOR	SECOND PLACE
PAT TAYLOR	THIRD PLACE

#### LEVEL THREE SCRATCH BUILT

JACK HONEYCUT	FIRST PLACE
BUTCH SAGE	SECOND PLACE
GORDON CARLSON	SECOND PLACE
WILL DAVIS	THIRD PLACE

White Elephants Wanted  
 The non-rail committee for the May 2013 Mid Central Region Convention is seeking small gifts to give as bingo prizes. Send or bring them to the Division 3 meetings in February, March, or April. Talk to Phyllis Smith for more information



### Coming Events

Mar 3 - Sunday 10am - 3pm Darke County Model Railroad Club Swap Meet  
Darke County Fairgrounds, Youth Building, Greenville, OH

Mar 9 -Saturday 10am - 3pm Division 7 NMRA Spring Flea Market & Swap Meet  
Lakota West Freshman Campus, 5050 Tylersville Rd. West Chester, OH

Mar 21-23 21st Annual Midwest Narrow Gauge Show  
Greenford Space Center 7600 W South Range Rd, Greenford OH  
10am-8pm Friday, 9am-5pm Saturday  
<http://www.maine2footquarterly.com/midwest.htm>



## INSTRUCTIONS

### **Only Division 3 Members may enter items to be sold.**

1. To be eligible, seller must have auction items and completed forms on the designated tables by 2 PM.
  2. Each item entered in the auction must be tagged with a code number formed by the owners initials and the item number from this sheet.
  3. Items will be sold in the order that they are listed.
  4. Each item that is to be sold as a separate item will be listed on a separate line and be assigned its own item number.
  5. A brief but accurate description must be given. This description must include the operating condition if the item is powered or has moving parts. If any modifications have been done they should be noted if they are not readily apparent.
  6. If there is a minimum acceptable selling price, it must be entered in the Reserve column.
  7. At the conclusion of the auction, the sellers will collect their proceeds from the auction clerk.
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- The “Chief Runner” will manage the rotation cycles to ensure that each seller is included in each cycle.
  - **Only NMRA members may bid on items.**