

Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

The June meeting will feature modeler and author **Richard Todd** and his presentation on **Modeling with Portland Cement**. He will discuss using this unusual medium to model cliffs and rock faces, as shown in his article in the April 2013 issue of *Railroad Model Craftsman*.

This month's contest is **Steam Locomotives**. Bring out your best!



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Super's Notes for June 2013

MCR 2013 Convention

I am still trying to recover from running eight, three to five hour operating sessions in three and a half days! However, it seems it was well worth it, based on the feedback we received. One well known video producer spent so much time operating on our modular layout; I thought he was a member! Due to my commitment to the modules I didn't get to participate in many of the clinics or any of the other operating sessions, but from all reports they went well. As far as I can tell the convention was a rousing success. We had over 200 primary registrants and nearly 50 family member registrations. Not all of the numbers are in yet, but Ray should be able to give us a run down on the details at our June meeting. If you weren't able to make it you missed a good one.

I don't know about everyone else, but I thought the Wyndam Gardens staff also did a terrific job of supporting us in spite of some minor issues with housekeeping and a leaky air conditioner. It seemed the staff was willing to do whatever we asked and they provided a reasonably priced breakfast buffet every morning so there was no waiting to get something to eat before heading out for the day's activities. I also thought the banquet was a success; Rick kept things moving and our speaker, Tony Koester, entertained us with some tales on some well known modelers, including our own Allen McClelland. Even the food was excellent. I gambled on the steak which, to my delight, was cooked to a perfect medium rare, not over cooked as is often the case.

I would like to express my appreciation to Ray, Shirley, Peter and the rest of the committee for a job well done. I don't have room to name everyone, but if you see a convention committee member thank them for a job well done! Dick Briggs, outgoing region president, made the comment that the contest room was one of the best run he has seen in five or six years. There were also a number of comments about the superb audio visual support for the presentations. I could not be more pleased.

MCR Board Meeting

I attended the MCR Board meeting Friday night. We have two meetings a year and the spring one is held at the convention. The election results were announced and the new region officers are as follows: President – Merlyn Jarman, Div 7; Vice President, Bob Weinheimer, Div 9; Secretary, Art Bumpus, Div 4, and Treasurer, Jerry Doyle, Div 9. They assumed office at the end of the convention. The board also accepted proposals for regional conventions thru 2018. The 2015 convention is already spoken for by Div 10 in Lexington, and the others are 2016 - Div 6 in Columbus, 2017 – Div 8 in Louisville, and 2018 – Div 7 in Cincinnati. Since the 2014 National is in Cleveland there will not be a regional convention next year.

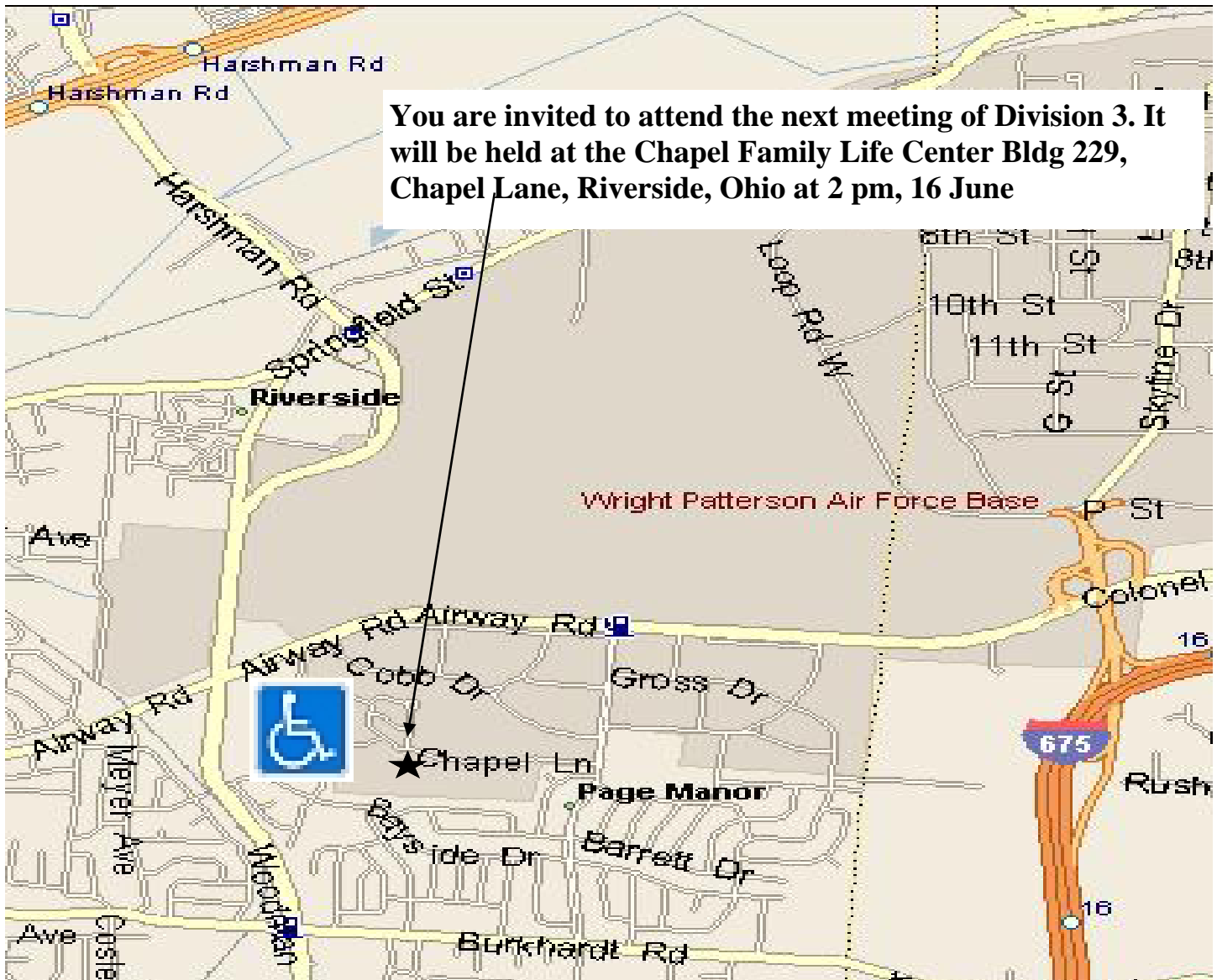
E-Bulletin

As you may already know, national is sending out, via e-mail, timely news under the title of *NMRA E-Bulletin*. This is not a substitute for the NMRA Magazine, but it is a way of getting the word out in a timely fashion on topics of general interest to the membership. If you aren't getting this you need to go to the NMRA web site and update your e-mail address. Peter Magoun, MMR – NMRA Central Director, attended the board meeting and expressed concern that 20% of the addresses are coming back as invalid, and a surprising number of members are opting out of this communication. Apparently some feel that is it spam, but it only goes out once a month. If you want to receive it let the NMRA know your current e-mail address.

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

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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 ...

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

Hobo (ethical) Code

This interesting piece of railroad history from Mark Norman's of Louisville clinic at the recent MCR 2013 Convention in Dayton

An ethical code was created by Tourist Union #63 during its 1889 National Hobo Convention in St. Louis Missouri. This code was voted upon as a concrete set of laws to govern the Nation-wide Hobo Body: it reads this way:

1. Decide your own life, don't let another person run or rule you.
2. When in town, always, respect the local law officials and try to be a gentleman at all times.
3. Don't take advantage of someone who is in a vulnerable situation, locals or other hobos.
4. Always try to find work, even if temporary, and always seek out jobs nobody wants. By doing so you not only help a business along, but ensure employment should you return to that town again.
5. When no employment is available, make your own work by using your added talents at crafts.
6. Do not allow yourself to become a stupid drunk and set a bad example for locals' treatment of other hobos.
7. When jungling in town, respect handouts, do not wear them out, another hobo will be coming along who will need them as bad, if not worse than you.
8. Always respect nature, do not leave garbage where you are jungling.
9. If in a community jungle, always pitch in and help.
10. Try to stay clean, and boil up wherever possible.
11. When traveling, ride your train respectfully, take no personal chances, cause no problems with the operating crew or host railroad, act like an extra crew member.
12. Do not cause problems in a train yard, another hobo will be coming along who will need passage through that yard.
13. Do not allow other hobos to molest children, expose all molesters to authorities, they are the worst garbage to infest any society.
14. Help all runaway children, and try to induce them to return home.
15. Help your fellow hobos whenever and wherever needed, you may need their help someday.
16. If present at a hobo court and you have testimony, give it. Whether for or against the accused, your voice counts!

(Jungling meant while living in a hobo tent city or "jungle". "Boil Up" meant to boil clothes in water to wash them)

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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.

June 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 to construct his North Western Pacific railroad. If you are a subscriber to Railroad Model Craftsman you may have seen one of his articles, including his latest 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 as it looks impressive!

Footnote

Just as I was finishing this I received a call from Dick Briggs, MCR past president, and he said "You guys did a great job". He went on to say that this was the first convention in his five years as president that someone didn't come to him complaining about something, and he was able to enjoy the operations and other convention activities for a change. Thanks again for a job well done!!!



Photo by J. Hedge

ALTOONA RAILROADERS MEMORIAL MUSEUM QUARTER ROUNDHOUSE MASTER SITE PLAN

COVERED PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE FROM DOWNTOWN ALTOONA

ROLLING STOCK AREA

TWENTY-FIVE & BRIDGE

PEDESTRIAN BRIDGE FROM DOWNTOWN ALTOONA

MEMORIAL HALL BUILDING

PROPOSED QUARTER ROUND HOUSE BUILDING

VIEWING AREA

PROPOSED SIGNAL BRIDGE

PARKING LOT

RAILROADERS MEMORIAL MUSEUM BUILDING

TO 17TH STREET

9TH AVENUE

13TH STREET

12TH STREET

PROPOSED SITE PLAN

THE QUARTER ROUNDHOUSE IS BEING CONSTRUCTED TO HOUSE AND OBSERVE OUR COLLECTION OF RAILROAD EQUIPMENT, INCLUDING OUR K4s #1361 AND OUR RARE GG-1 #4913, AS WELL AS OUR BROADWAY LIMITED OBSERVATION CAR, THE MOUNTAINVIEW.

THIS PROJECT HAS BEEN MADE POSSIBLE THROUGH GRANTS FROM THE STATE OF PENNSYLVANIA.

SPECIAL RECOGNITION IS GIVEN TO THE FOLLOWING PEOPLE AND COMPANIES FOR THEIR CONTINUED SUPPORT:

GOVERNOR TOM CORBETT
REPRESENTATIVE RICHARD GEIST

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THANK YOU.

THE BOARD, STAFF & VOLUNTEERS OF THE ALTOONA RAILROADERS MEMORIAL MUSEUM.

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