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This Month's Program ...



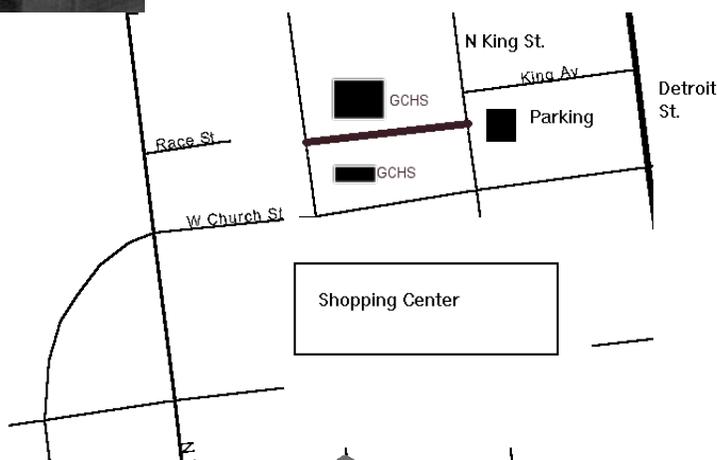
Bob Bartizek's PRR Layout

Our December meeting, will feature a presentation on "**Building a Switching District on a Bridge**" by **Bob Bartizek**. Bob is the builder of a well known O Gauge Pennsylvania RR layout which was one of the featured layouts at our recent MCR Convention.

This month's contest is **Structures**. This category usually brings a good turn out. Let's see your best!

The meeting will be at 2pm on Sunday, December 15, 2013 at the Greene County Historical Society, Xenia, OH

Division 3, MCR, NMRA meets the third Sunday of each month except August. Meetings are open to all members of the NMRA and any one interested in railroads or railroad modeling.



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Super's Notes for December 2013

Meeting Notes

The November meeting featured an interesting presentation by author Frank Telewski. Frank covered "Weyerhaeuser in Wisconsin: The Hawthorne, Nebagamon and Superior Railway." One of the things I found interesting was their use of "hot ponds" in which they used steam from the sawmill boilers, piped through the log holding pond, preventing it from freezing so that sorting and sawing could continue year around. He also talked about the marks that lumber companies used to mark their logs. These were steel mallets with a unique pattern on the end, similar to a cattle brand, which they pounded in the butt of the log. The crews in the pond sorted the logs not only by species, but by company mark. Frank has spent many hours in the woods tracking down the right of way with a metal detector. He has found that if there was a logging railroad on a given right of way there will be ample evidence in the way of spikes, bolts, and other metal bits. This makes it possible to distinguish railroad right of way from the ice roads that were used to haul logs from the woods in winter by non rail methods. All in all an interesting presentation. (I admit I have a bias in that I am especially fond of things relating to logging.)

The contest was "weathering" and we had a good variety of entries including structures, rolling stock and engines. The photos were equally diverse and there were a number of tie votes. Check the web site for the results if you missed the meeting.

November Train Show

Nick reported that the train show attendance was up this year but did not meet his personal goal. Nick is entitled to his opinion, but I think I speak for the majority when I say that there is more to a great show than the mere number of attendees. In my opinion Nick and his team put on an exceptional show. I don't think anyone can find fault with Nick as he does a great job and the vendors were obviously pleased as **ALL** of the 427 tables have been sold for the 2014 show, and there is a waiting list. I think that speaks volumes, as the vendors would not be so eager to sign up a year in advance if it were not a success for them. Peter Guise, our hard working registrar, needs help with data entry to update our mailing list. Peter has been handling this task on his own for the last ten years and no longer has the time to do all of the data entry work himself. So if you would like help out and do some simple data entry let Peter know. Peter has packets of forms containing attendee names and addresses to be added to our mailing database. If everyone pitches in and lends a hand, Peter will combine the results into the master database.

Model Railroad Training

Plans are progressing for our third annual Model Railroad TRAINing to be held on Feb 15th. A number of you signed up at the meeting to help out, but we can always use more help. If you are able to help out with set up on Friday, support the Dalmatian operations on Saturday, or help with a presentation, notify me or Ric Zimmerman and we will add you to the list. In addition to general help we are looking for people who have a specific skill they would like to share with people who are interested in learning new skills.

The Darke County Model Railroad Club is inviting anyone who is interested in operating their layout to join them. They meet on the second Sunday of the month, starting at 1:00 pm. There is plenty of parking and lots of fun. They are located at:

405 1/2 Broadway
Greenville, Ohio
(Second Floor)



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 ...

December - Structure

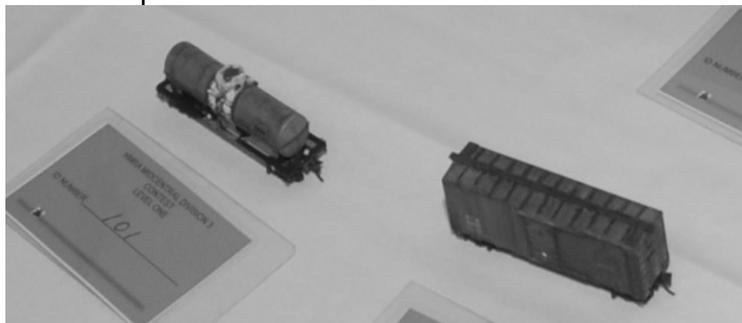
- January - Open Loads
- February - No Contest
- March - Freight Cars
- April - Passenger Cars
- May - Diesel Locomotives
- June - Steam Locomotives
- July - Non-Revenue Cars
- August - No Contest
- September - Make it cheap (1-3-5 Dollar)
- October - Caboose
- November - Weathering

CONTEST RESULT FOR November 2013 WEATHERING

LEVEL 1	
FIRST PLACE	JIM ROLLWAGE
SECOND PLACE	HANS SCHMELLENKAMP HANS SCHMELLENKAMP ANDY WILSON
THIRD PLACE	
LEVEL 2	
FIRST PLACE	
LEVEL 3	
FIRST PLACE	
PHOTO	
FIRST PLACE	PAUL JENKINS RIC ZIMMERMAN
SECOND PLACE	RIC ZIMMERMAN
THIRD PLACE	RIC ZIMMERMAN



First Place - Jim Rollwage



Second Place - Hans Schmellenkamp



Second Place - Andy Wilson



Third Place - Jim Foster

Railroading Merit Badge Class Marks the Fifteenth Year!!!!

44 Boy Scouts Complete Railroading Merit Badge and Do a Good Turn at November, 2013 Division Train Show!

Forty-four Scouts on Saturday completed the six-hour class, to bring the total number of Scouts earning the Railroading Merit Badge sponsored by Division 3 of the National Model Railroad Association to 985 over the past fifteen years! We had Scouts were from eighteen Troops from Eaton to Hilliard, Ohio and as far north as Milford, Michigan and south as Cincinnati. We even had new scouts to our area from Florida, Arizona and Colorado in the class! Congratulations to Jacob Winn of Troop 952 in Cincinnati and Karl Garpiel of Troop 344 in Piqua who had the highest test grades in the class.

The requirements for Railroading Merit Badge emphasize Railroad safety and prototype operation. Model railroading is still part of the cal and I had collected many different types of rolling stock and motive power in G, O, O27, HO, N, and Z scales to assist in the teaching this aspect of the class. The Scouts were shown the video used at the 2010 National Jamboree to introduce the Railroading Merit Badge. This is an excellent video produced through the cooperation of Burlington Northern and Santa Fe Railroad, Operation Lifesaver, and the Boy Scouts of America. Through the course of the day, the Scouts worked through eight requirements to complete the merit badge. A few of the Scouts had interest in trains, model railroading or had ridden on a train but the majority of the Scouts had little experience with railroading. The prototype portion of class dealt with the signals and communications used today, whistle or horn signals, car types, unit trains, how the diesel engine works, departmental organization, scale vs. gauge, reading a timetable, and railroad safety. The highlight of the class was the construction of an HO scale boxcar provided by the Division of the NMRA. Or the opportunity to work to switch cars on the Dalmatian switching district, Ralph Daniels Module with Dayton N Trak or the Time savers owned by the Division, White Water Valley RR or Dave Holl. During lunch and after the class the Scouts could tour many of the model railroad layouts in the Ballarena or visit the vendors at show. I appreciate the cooperation of the layout owners with these newcomers to the hobby who don't fully understand the hobby and it's etiquette.

Probably the single greatest highlight of this class for me was the number of food items the Boy Scouts collected for the Northwest Fish Food Bank in Englewood. Many thanks to the Scouts for doing this Good Turn to donate 250 pounds of food for those less fortunate to be used during the holidays.

All of this would not have been possible without the help of the following individuals and businesses:

Nick Folger for arranging the donation of space for the class from Hara Arena

John Reck a *great* friend and fellow Scouter from Covington, Ohio, who helped with paper work, kit construction, set up and tear down, and all the little odd jobs. John actually volunteered for each class the division has conducted knowing what he was getting into from previous experience! Quite frankly, I would not have been able to run the class so smoothly without his help and previous experience and I always know with him on board the class will succeed.

Ed Lamprecht an enthusiastic supporter of the class and fellow Scouter from Vandalia for making arrangements for a video projector to be used each day to show Videotape furnished by Operation Lifesaver and the BSA and handling much of the paper work for the class as well as set up and Tear down. Ed is also working to digitalize many of the presentations for the class to enhance the learning curve in the class.

Wil Davis who is one of our greatest ambassadors out there promoting the hobby as he for worked to gather HO kits for the Division to give to the scouts to try their hand at construction of a model. I'm very sorry that the Accurail kit he brought to show me was built by a scout and taken home by mistake during the Saturday class. I owe him an Accurail NP boxcar as I recall if anyone has a source for one! I may get fired if I'm not careful here.

Don Kriegbaum, for instructing the Scouts on the cleaning and lubrication of a model locomotive and track cleaning. You ought to see the Scouts eyes when they learned how to pop the top off of locomotive!

J. Hedge for publishing this article in the Callboard and working with scouts on the Dalmatian.

Message from Dave Thornton, NMRA VP of Administration:

The NMRA in Europe

There is ground breaking news about the NMRA coming from continental Europe. An effort is underway by a number of continental European NMRA members to establish a new NMRA region in continental Europe. This would be a separate region from the long established British Region. We have had a number of NMRA members in Austria, Belgium, Denmark, Finland, France, Germany, Italy, Sweden, Luxembourg, the Netherlands, Norway, Russia, Spain, Sweden, Switzerland, and Sweden for a long time. There were a total of 101 as of June 30, 2013. I have had the opportunity to meet a number of them at several different NMRA national conventions over the last several years.

Largely due to the efforts of former Atlantic District Director Nobby Clarke, from the British Region, a core group of continental European model railroaders has been formed and they are in the process of petitioning the NMRA Board of Directors to form a European Region of the NMRA. This would form the 18th region in the NMRA and the third overseas region.

The NMRA has had a long standing relationship with MOROP, the European equivalent of the NMRA. Standards and technical information have been shared. You might not know, but DCC that we know today, originated in Europe by Lenz, and it was shared with the NMRA. Over the last dozen years or so, a number of NMRA officers have traveled to Germany to attend the Nuremburg Toy Show and represent the NMRA. Model railroading is a very popular hobby in Europe, maybe even more so than it is in North America. Many of the major world wide model railroad equipment and supply manufacturers are located in Europe.

Model railroading knows no borders. The trains in each country may differ, but the enthusiasm for railroads and model railroading is the same everywhere. It may be surprising to many North American members, but US railroads are modeled by many outside of North America. Conversely, we have a number of NMRA members in North America that model overseas prototypes. The NMRA has a significant percentage of it's current membership outside of the United States. As of June 30, 2013, there were 19,118 NMRA members living in 36 countries. 16,561, or 86.6%, are from the US. 1142 from Canada, 637 from Australia, 26 from New Zealand, 564 from England, 24 from Scotland, 14 from Wales, 6 from Northern Ireland, and 23 from Japan.

Build A Memory Program

As I write this, our "Build A Memory®" pilot program looks to be a success which we hope to expand next year into a broader effort. "Indeed, our new Marketing Department has been stellar in promoting the NMRA," Alan Anderson, NMRA Fund Raising Manager, writes.

Due to some unforeseen circumstances and timing challenges we have to suspend this year's (2013) Build A Memory® project. We will refocus our attention on this program during the 2014 National Convention in Cleveland for a NMRRM launch in 2014. We can however continue with three pilot projects to achieve key learnings in order to make next years roll out less encumbered. This years pilot programs will be the PSR Region in LA market, the PCR in Bay market, and the PNR in Seattle market. These test markets are being held in conjunction with other model railroad events (PCR & PNR with Great TrainExpos and PSR at Orange Empire Railroad Museum Thomas the Tank Engine Weekend)

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Leroy Clouser from Operation Lifesaver who shared information on railroad safety and provided a safety video and flyers for the class.

Bill Ford for providing RR cars so the Scouts could learn 10 different car types. Bill has donated the VCR to the class and his back issues of railroading magazines so each Scout could take a couple home.

United Christian Church for providing me a sound system and wireless microphone.

An anonymous donor form the S Guagers for donating N gage cars for many of the members of the class.

Larry Zeller and Division 3 Members who helped the boys with the reading of the timetable and kit construction.

Mary, my wife, for allowing me the time to prepare for and teach the class as well as act as my personal secretary and taking all those messages from Scouts and trying to answer their questions. She also helped gather, load and unload the materials needed for the class as well as transport the food donation to the Northwest Fish Food bank.

If you have any Model railroad or railroading items you would like to donate to the next class to be used as gifts for the Scouts that excel please contact me at Jeepfunatic@yahoo.com. With support like this the class can only get better. In trying to thank everyone, I'm sure I missed someone, but that is the chance you take when you try to acknowledge a bunch of great people in our hobby. As you can see we had a good crew and a good time, but the best thing was to see these young men learning about railroading and seeing the pride in their faces as they completed their kits and earned the Railroading Merit Badge. Thanks to all of you for your help as well as the Scout leaders and parents that supported this event as it would not have come off without you.

In Service to Scouting and our hobby.....Kirk Perkins Railroading Merit Badge Counselor

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I do ask the following of our other Division partners, the NMRA National would like to retain the name use "Build A Memory®" solely for the project rollout next year. I ask this because you may wish to continue with your own divisional effort on a "BAM" type of project. If you need any consultation in branding a project please feel free to contact me and I will lend a hand creatively.

I hope to have you all involved next year as I felt we were making great collective strides in this event.

Thank you
Page Martin
Director of Marketing
National Model Railroad Association

2014 Division Elections

It's that time again when we have to introduce politics into the Division. In April of 2014 we need to elect new officers. The three elected officers (Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk) are at the end of their terms of office and are not eligible for reelection. Bob Fink has been appointed to be the head of the nominating committee. He has until March 2014 to find candidates. If you would like more information on the duties and responsibilities of the positions please contact Bob or any of the current officers. This is a good way to serve the Division and have more input into the Division operations. None of the positions are particularly time consuming and you earn points for the Achievement Program. Remember the old motto "Don't Just Belong, Participate." Serving as an officer is participating to the max.