

# Call Board

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This Month's Program ...

## Realistic Water By Sam Swanson

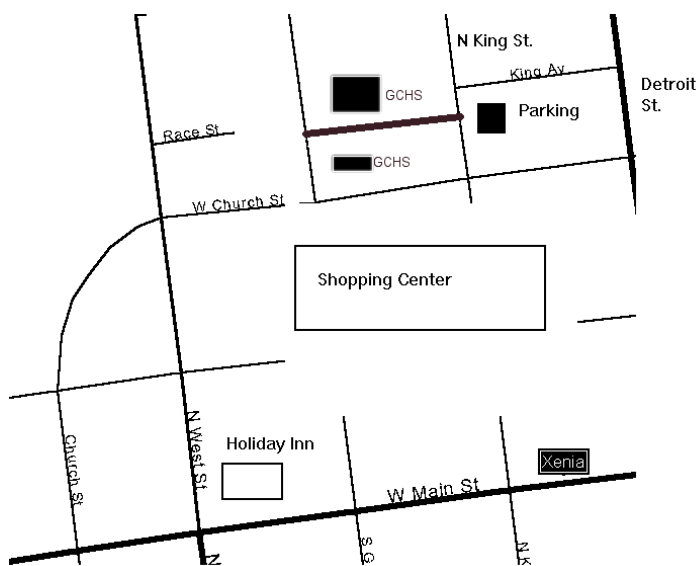
Sam will share his techniques for creating realistic lakes, rivers and oceans.

The meeting will be held on 16 March at 2pm at the Greene County Historical Society Museum, Church St., Xenia, Ohio.

### Election Nominations

Bob Fink is busy putting together the slate of nominations for the April election. Nominations will be presented at the March meeting. If you would like to run for any of the three elected positions (Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent or Chief Clerk) please contact Bob. Without officers the Division cannot stay in existence.

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.



### Missing forms from the 2014 NMRA Convention insert in the NMRA Magazine

Three forms were missing from the 2014 NMRA Convention insert in the February issue of the NMRA Magazine. Because of a printing problem, three registration pages were not printed. These pages included the merchandise order forms for men's and ladies' shirts, convention cars and other items, and the Extra Fare order form for ordering banquet tickets and registering for Modeling With The Masters clinics. You can register online and purchase any of the items mentioned through the NMRA Company Store without the missing forms.

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

## Super's Notes for March 2014

### Meeting Notes

The program for February was our annual auction. There was a good turnout of members, including several new members, and an abundance of treasures to sell. There was a surprising amount of N-scale and the bidding was lively on many items. I would estimate that 75% to 80% of the items in the auction went home with a new owner. If you weren't there you missed out on some real bargains, not to mention the opportunity to dispose of unneeded items so you could make room for more "new" items. I snared a couple of "bargains" that I had to have and the division netted a little over \$100 from donated items. Auctioneer Bob Fink did a good job of describing the items and keeping things moving. It's never too late to start compiling that list of things you want to sell next year.

### March Program

The program for March will feature Sam Swanson's presentation on modeling water. Sam has some techniques which he has used to produce life like water effects on Jerry Albers Virginian Railroad. Come learn how Sam works his magic. The meeting will be held at the Green County Historical Society in Xenia. Mike said he has a number of exciting programs lined up on a variety of subjects including Ed Swain's tree making clinic and one on 3D printing of models. Stay tuned for more details.

### Model Railroad TRAINING

We held our third annual Model Railroad TRAINing day on February 15<sup>th</sup>. In addition to the usual one-on-one presentations we added the attraction of building a 4' x 4' HO layout. Saturday dawned bright and clear with three to four (more) inches of fresh snow that had fallen overnight. I was concerned that the roads would not be clear for the presenters, who came from all over the Division and beyond. Amazingly almost everyone made it in spite of the weather and the whole day went well. Unfortunately, the attendance from the public was lighter than expected. However, those who came seemed to have a great time. We had about six to eight young people who were really interested in the layout construction. Kids of all ages were invited to help and participated in the construction. This started with the construction of the frame and progressed to laying the track with the bulk of the day spent on scenery. (I am not sure what the younger ones liked the most, driving screws with my drill or driving the track nails.) One of the youngsters stayed all day. He was really involved with the scenery, and he did a great job. Everyone who participated received a ticket which was placed in a container and a lucky winner was selected to take the layout home. We also succeeded in signing up four or five new members.

The layout was funded in part by the Division and with the support of donations from three local hobby shops and two scenery manufacturers. We donated some money to the church for food and one of the ladies prepared a delicious lunch which was free to all who attended. They put out a donation jar and the proceeds went to support the church's monthly free community meal.

Everyone seemed to have a great time and overall the event was a resounding success. I would like to thank all of the Division members who worked hard to make this event a success. We have handed out survey sheets each year, and even though they aren't all returned, they have all been positive in their responses. Of the eight that were returned this year the respondents were very appreciative of the efforts we expended. They were made to feel welcome and appreciated people taking the time to talk to them and show them how to do things. A couple of the participants especially appreciated the way we interacted with their sons. All in all a great success!



**We started about 9:30 am and.....**



**...were running the train at 3:30 pm and we took a break for lunch!**

## 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 ...

#### 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

February - No Contest



RESULT FOR 2013 CONTEST YEAR	
LEVEL 1	KIT
FIRST PLACE	Ed Durkin James Foster
SECOND PLACE	Terry Freeman
LEVEL 2	KITBASHED
FIRST PLACE	Ric Zimmerman
SECOND PLACE	John Larson Larry Miller
THIRD PLACE	Gordon Carlson Wil Davis Bob Fink James Foster Butch Sage Andy Slyh Richard Todd
LEVEL 3	SCRATCHBUILT
FIRST PLACE	Wil Davis James Foster Jack Honeycutt Terry McTaggart Andrew Wilson Ric Zimmerman
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FIRST PLACE	Paul Jenkins
SECOND PLACE	Ric Zimmerman
THIRD PLACE	Nate Adams
PARTICIPATION	Ric Zimmerman

## Company Store News

Welcome members to a new month. We have a new item in stock, some Merchant Despatch wood and steel refers numbers vary. They were a part of New York Central Line. Also have FP&E boxcars . I've have 10 left . We also have 3 50 ft dd V&O, plus over 300 V&O steel and wood refers. Corner braces , concrete retaining walls. We also have order forms for clothing ,aprons, hats, jackets, and bags. I also have tracking cleaning pads in N-scale HO-scale O-gauge and MCR pins. Keep your eyes open in a couple of months Division #7 is working with Alan on a double door V&O hopper with 4 numbers by early spring. The company store will be at Division#7 flea market on March 8 from 10am to 3pm anyone who wishes to volunteer to help out can contact Paul Jenkins by e-mail or call 937-829-0897.

till next month Happy Rails