

Call Board

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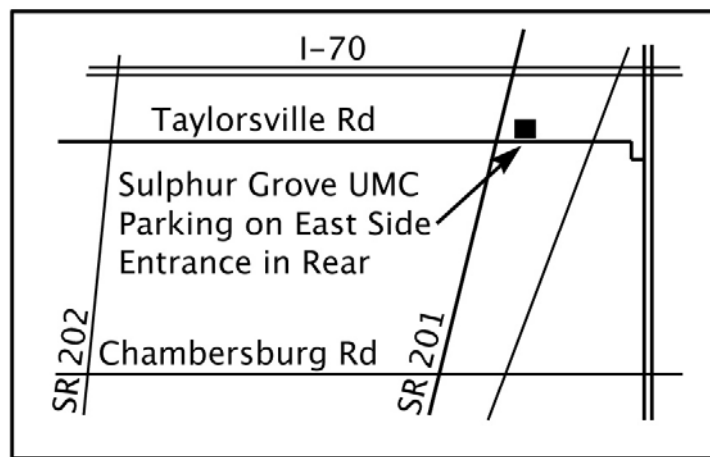
February 2014

This Month's Program ...

It's February and time for the annual **Division 3 Auction**. Dig out all of your excess rolling stock, spare parts and books that won't fit the shelves. Time to turn them into cash and let somebody get the use from them. Don't forget to hit the ATM and bring cash as well! Auction starts promptly at 2 pm, so get there early to get your items organized.

The meeting will be at 2pm on Sunday, February 16, 2014 at the **Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church** 7505 Taylorsville Road, Huber Heights

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.



The 2014 edition of our popular **Model Railroad TRAINING Day**, also known as "What do I do with the trains now that Christmas is over?", will be held on Saturday, February 15 at Sulphur Grove United Methodist Church. The church is located at 7505 Taylorsville Road, just east of SR 201 in Huber Heights, Ohio. The session will run from 9 AM to 4 PM. In addition to the series of clinics and demonstrations, The Dalmatian Switching District will be up and available to operate.

Subjects will include layout design, laying and wiring of track, building structures and adding scenery. You will be able to help construct a small HO layout from start to finish.

A variety of refreshments will be available.

Volunteers are always needed to help with the day. Contact Wil Davis (wdavis5069@att.net 937-237-7919) or Ric Zimmerman (ezrails@att.net 937-974-0325) if you are able to help.

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

Super's Notes for February 2014

Elections

It's only a couple of months before our Division's elections. According to our by-laws we must hold elections every two years and no one may hold office for more than two consecutive terms. That means that all of your elected officials; Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk, are term limited. It's time to replace all of us in one election. Our nominating committee, headed by Bob Fink, has been working hard to find candidates for these three elected offices. It seems no one wants to run for Superintendent. Folks, without a Superintendent we won't have a division. I can relate to the reluctance in some ways as it may seem like a "big" job. Nothing can be further from the truth. I have been privileged to be the leader of a great team for the last four years and I have received more benefits from the position than I have contributed. I have had the opportunity to get to know many of you as well as a number of other members throughout the region. If you are afraid you won't know what to do, you can relax as the board is currently revising the Executive Handbook, which will tell you everything you need to know. It has been years since it's been revised and I have taken on the task of making sure it's up to date for the next leadership team. It's not ready for publication yet, but if you are considering running for office and want a peek at the draft, let me know and I will send you a draft copy.

Last, but not least, you will not be without support. As the immediate past superintendent, I will be a member of the board until the incoming superintendent is replaced. There are also three appointed positions on the board as well as a whole group of committee members who are there to support and assist you.

Meeting Notes

January's meeting was well attended in spite of questionable weather. It had snowed Saturday night, but Sunday was quite sunny and clear. I received several calls as to whether the meeting would be cancelled or not. The best advice I can give in that case is to check the web site. We have tried to assemble an e-mail list to be used for last minute changes such as meeting cancellation, location, or program changes, but only about a third of our members have signed up. We will send the information to those on the list, but the web site will also have any last minute changes. If you can't find out any other way a call to one of the board members may be your best bet, but please don't swamp them with phone calls if you can get the information from the web.

The program was a selection of mini clinics on three different topics. The format was a little different this time in that instead of choosing which one to attend, Mike organized the members into three groups and each group rotated through a brief presentation of each clinic. This worked well as members did not have to choose which clinic to attend. We were supposed to have four programs, but Ed Swain had to cancel at the last minute as he had been admitted to the hospital with chest pains. According to Mike Mereness he was okay, but was being held for further observation. He promised to present his tree making clinic at a later date.

The contest was open loads and we had a great turnout for the contest. There were a wide variety of loads in both HO and N scale. Results and photos are available on the web site. Congratulations to all of the winners.

Model Railroad Training

Plans are progressing for our third annual Model Railroad TRAINing to be held on Feb 15th. A few more 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 Ric Zimmerman (ezrails@att.net) or me and we will add you to the list. You don't have to have any specific skill to help out. We will need help setting up Friday afternoon (the Dalmatian will be setting up starting at 1:00pm) and tearing down after the event Saturday. We will also need help taking the Dalmatian down on Sunday. See you there.

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February Program

The program for February is our annual auction. This event is eagerly anticipated by many in hopes of obtaining a few bargains or in hopes of clearing out clutter. As an added attraction the Division has received a donation of ten N-scale track cleaning cars from Daniel Eltzroth of eSPee Track Cleaning Cars. (See photo.) This will be a great opportunity to acquire a new track cleaning car and all proceeds go to the division. Unsold cars will be added to our monthly door prize collection.

Auction rules are simple, fill out the auction form and bring as many items as you wish, grouping items into lots is encouraged. The runners will bring two items from each member to the auctioneer at a time. The auction will end at 4:30. Other details are elsewhere in the Call Board.

The Dalmatian Switching District will be available before and after the meeting for members to operate. If you have never operated before, this will be a good time to give it a try. J. is also looking for a “few good men (or women)” to help with set up and operation at future shows.



Passenger Train Sets for Sale:

Division 3 member Ed Andres is liquidating some of his collection of trains and I've been helping him with this endeavor. Among the "gems" I've found in his collection are several complete named-passenger train sets, including locomotives. A list of them is as follows:

1. Great Northern Empire Builder: 2 E7A diesels (one powered), 6 Rivarossi passenger cars.
2. New York Central Streamliner: Bachmann Niagara 4-8-4 steam locomotive and 5 streamlined corrugated-side passenger cars.
3. Norfolk & Western George Washington: IHC Mountain 4-8-2 steam locomotive and 6 Bachmann heavy-weight passenger cars.
4. Norfolk & Western Powhatan Arrow: Bachmann Spectrum Streamlined 4-8-4 steam loco, extra water tank car, 8 passenger cars.
5. Atlantic Coast Line Streamliner: E7A and E7B Lifelike diesels (B-unit is a dummy), and 6 Concor streamlined passenger cars.

These are older products, have horn-hook couplers, but have been rarely run. All locomotives have been tested and run smoothly and quietly. If you are interested in any of these, let me (Phil Gliebe, philgliebe@aol.com) know. They will be available for bidding in the February annual auction if they haven't been sold before then.

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

CONTEST RESULT FOR JANUARY 2014	
OPEN LOADS	
LEVEL 1	KIT
FIRST PLACE	RIC ZIMMERMAN
LEVEL 2	KITBASHED
FIRST PLACE	BOB FINK
SECOND PLACE	RIC ZIMMERMAN
THIRD PLACE	RIC ZIMMERMAN
LEVEL 3	SCRATCHBUILT
FIRST PLACE	RIC ZIMMERMAN
SECOND PLACE	JACK HONEYCUTT
THIRD PLACE	ANDY WILSON
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FIRST PLACE	PAUL JENKINS
SECOND PLACE	PAUL JENKINS
THIRD PLACE	PAUL JENKINS

Company Store News

Welcome to a new year at the company store. We have exciting news this month. We are getting some new boxcars from a trade with Division 5. They will come with 2 numbers. The freight line is Fairport & Painesville and Eastern. We also have new stock of concrete retaining walls for all scales. Also have some modified HO rail buffer pads plus N and O. In the near future we will be getting more Merchant Despatch cars from Division 7. We also have an order form for clothing, hats and aprons just pick them up at the meeting. We still have an ample supply of V&O reefers and outside brace cars. Starting on Jan 1, 2014 we are collecting sales tax on everything sold

Till Next Month Happy Rails

Open Operating Sessions

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 S. Broadway
Greenville, Ohio
(Second Floor)

Help Needed

The Dalmatian Switching District is an HO scale portable layout owned by Division 3. We are looking for help in taking the layout to shows and other events starting with Model TRAINing day. We will be setting up starting at 1pm on Friday February 14th. Other events are in the planning stages including the NCR Convention in Toledo at the end of April. Contact J. Hedge for more information.