

Call Board

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Super Saying

January 15th and 16th I attended a C&O Historical Society Director's Retreat in West Virginia, so was unable to attend our Division 3 meeting. I hope you enjoyed it. Wish I could have been in both places.

One of the issues we addressed at the COHS meeting was membership, which is also a concern for Division 3 and the NMRA in general. Tell your non-NMRA friends about the new Rail Pass program for new members, in which they can try membership for six months for \$9.95. That includes six months of Scale Rails, too. It's a great bargain. Bring a friend to a Division 3 meeting. And please tell a board member about any ideas you have for future meetings.

Rail Pass members are eligible to attend NMRA conventions, including the 2005 National Convention in Cincinnati, since it is in July, and is within the six-month membership window for one who joins via Rail Pass now. Regular membership is \$45 for one year, so Rail Pass is a great bargain for someone who just wants membership for the convention. However, we hope that people like it enough to stay on.



Cincinnati Limited (www.CL2005.com) appears to be shaping up as an excellent NMRA National Convention. If you haven't yet attended one, you should seriously consider this one, especially if you live within commuting distance of Cincinnati, as do Phyllis and I, and many (most?) readers of this paper. We plan to attend every day, at least I do, and we will return home each night. Not having to pay hotel bills will make this a very economical National Convention for us. We just received confirmation of our advance registration, with details of the activities available. The number of planned layout tours, rail tours, general tours, and other activities is astounding. And, of course, there will be the National Train Show, which you don't want to

miss. There is none like it.

Intermountain Models is developing FP7 locomotives in HO scale for a number of railroads, NOT including the C&O. The C&O had sixteen FP7As. Intermountain will, if there is enough interest, make a special production run in the C&O tri-color paint scheme, and they will be available through the C&O Historical Society (only). If this interests you, see me for additional information.

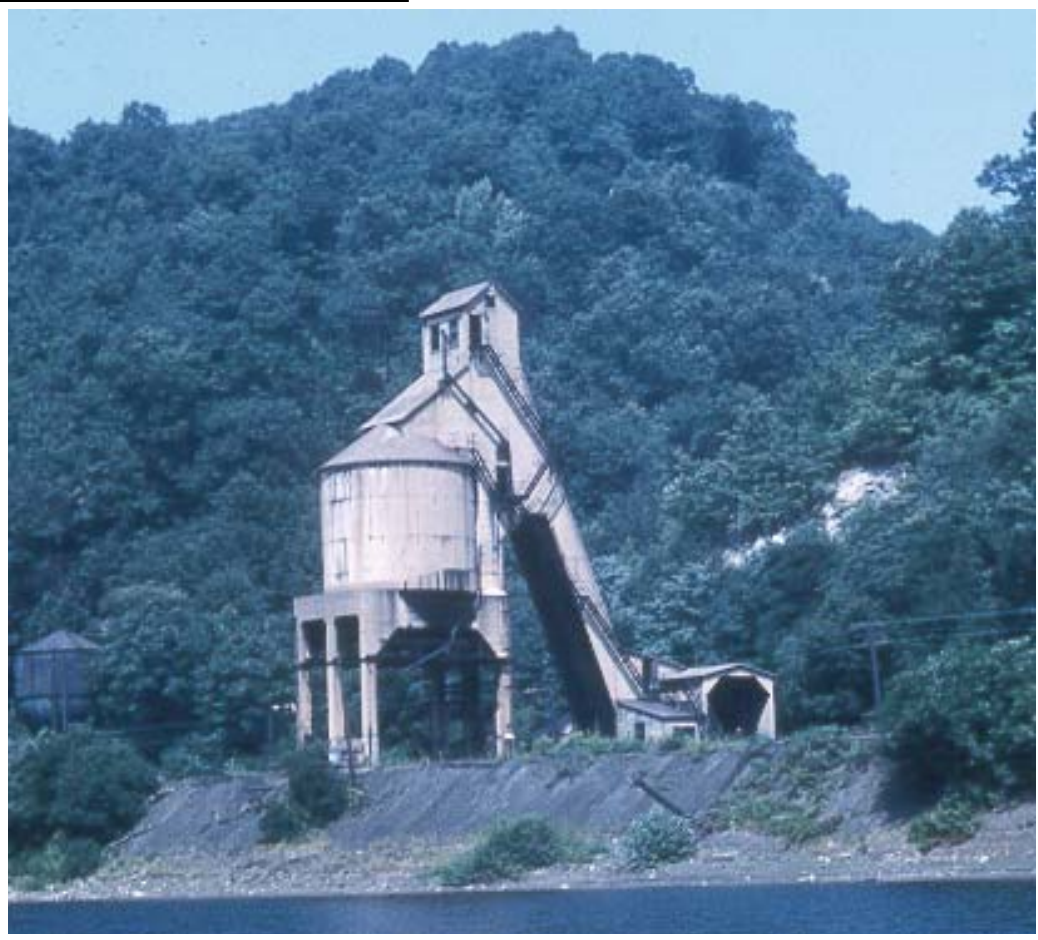
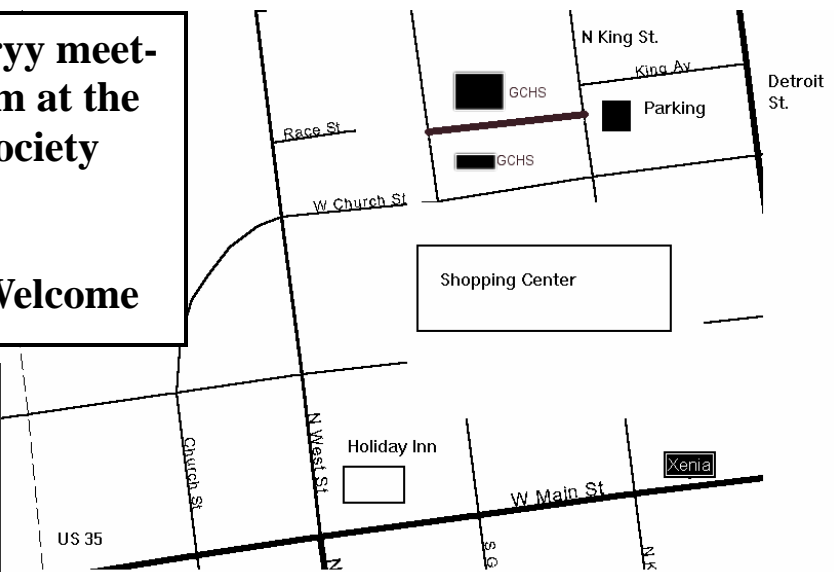
At the February meeting we will hold our annual auction, so bring all those railroad items that you've decided not to use any more and those you bought on impulse (I never do that ... honest!). As in recent years, the board again decided not to charge the ten-percent commission.

See you there.
John

Division 3 Website: www.modelraildayton.com

You are invited to the February meeting on Sunday the 20th at 2pm at the Green County Historical Society Church Street Xenia, Ohio Visitors and Guests Always Welcome

Layouts Needed
We have run out of layouts to visit after our meetings. The layouts can be any size, scale, and stage of completion. Contact Bruce Albright for more information.



This Coaling tower stood along the Allegheny River near East Brady, Pennsylvania. When Conrail finally decided to remove it they planned on dropping it into the river with minimal disruption to the right of way. Unfortunately it dropped straight down and closed the line for an extended length of time.

Contest Entries Missing

Several times this year we have not had enough entries to hold a contest. According to our rules we need at least 3 entries. If you do not like the categories, or the format please contact Richard Davoust. The contest is popular vote so you do not have to be afraid of judges.

Contests

February
No Contest

January Modelers Choice			
Models		Photos	
1	Richard Davoust	1	LeRoy Clouser
2	Richard Davoust	2	LeRoy Clouser
3	Jim Foster	3	LeRoy Clouser

2004-2005 Contest Categories

March	Narrow Gauge	April	Thumbz
May	???	June	No Contest
July	Scene (Any Size)		

Date	Location	Contest	Program	Layout
20 February	Green County Historical Society	None	Auction	
20 March	Wright Memorial Library	Narrow Gauge	Weathering With Chalk By Wil Davis	
17 April	Wright Memorial Library	Thumbz	Airbrush Painting By John Santel	
15 May	Wright Memorial Library	?		
16 June	?	No Contest		
17 July	?	Scene (Any Size)		

Dalmatian Switching District

The Dalmatian Switching District (DSD) is getting ready for a busy spring and summer. We start off with an appearance at the Baby fair on 5 March. We will be setting up Friday afternoon and operating all day Saturday.

Our next excursion is to Fort Wayne, Indiana April 1-3 for the Op-Til-You-Drop weekend. The DSD will be hosting operating sessions on all three days.

Our biggest trip will be to Cincinnati in July for the NMRA National Convention. The DSD will be conducting the Operating Contest for the convention. We will be open Monday-Wednesday for the contest and possibly Thursday for general operating. If you will be attending the convention, make sure that your two person crew stops by and takes part in the contest. It will be similar to the contest that was presented at the last MCR convention in Dayton.

We are in the process of renewing the original city of Dalmatian. We hope to have it operational by July. Due to the size of the layout we are having a hard time finding a location to set it up to work all the bugs out. If you happen to know of a 40'x 40' room that would be available for May or June at no or extremely low cost, please contact J. Hedge (937) 878-2391. We could also use an empty 2 car garage size room between the Baby Fair and Fort Wayne dates.

If you would like to take part in any of the operating or setup/tear down sessions please let us know. The DSD is a 501c educational corporation and a 100% NMRA club.

Field Trips

The last field trip was to the Whitewater Valley and was well attended. The Division Board of Governors has been discussing several possible field trips. We have been invited to Louisville for layout tours and have several other possible destinations in mind. Most of the trips could be by charter bus if there is enough interest otherwise they would be carpool adventures.

If you have an interest in this area please contact a board member. We would really like to have someone take on the planning and operation of these trips as a committee chairman.

D&W 602

The D&W 602 is ready to be moved. A mover has come forward and offered their services for free. Dayton RTA has offered storage space. The only piece remaining is the construction of an access drive to get the movers equipment to the car.

Car Project

We are planning on producing a V&O car kit soon. We have Allen McClelland's permission and are waiting for artwork to be finished. The cars will only be offered in HO scale unless there is enough interest in other scales. The problem with other scales is the large number of kits that must be produced in order to keep the cost within reason. Contact Ray Persing for more information.

