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## Super Saying

We had another fun meeting in Xenia March 21<sup>st</sup>. For the contests, featuring locomotives, people brought many outstanding models and photographs. For the program, Steve Hood reviewed the advantages of DCC operation, and showed us close-up photographs of some of the several dozen decoder installations that he's done.

In April, Mike Brestel will show us a slide story of the C&O's presence and eventual withdrawal from the Cheviot Hills in Cincinnati. That part of the C&O has been called "a mountain railroad within a city." It has since disappeared, but Mike's slide collection documents its glory days and shows how urban development has eradicated most (not all) evidence that it was ever there.

For some of us, operating a model railroad, especially with friends, is one of the most enjoyable activities of the hobby. It is often much more than "running trains," of course. It can be a complex interaction of activities, often designed by the layout owner to simulate, at some level, the workings of a real railroad.

If you have a model railroad, with scenery or not, and have not been operating, try it. You may enjoy it a lot. If you are not sure how to start, invite one

or two experienced operators over to help you set up a beginning operating scheme. Start small, and elaborate on it as you gain experience. There are folks in Division 3 who can help you, and there are several good books on the topic. Bruce Chubb's "How to Operate Your Model Railroad" is out of print, but is sometimes available used. There are several operation discussion groups on the Internet, including <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/Ry-ops-industrialSIG/>, which just recently hosted a lively debate on the relative merits of switch lists versus car cards for freight car routing. If you're interested in that, the discussion starts at message number 20630.

If you don't have an operating layout yet, there are many others where you will be welcome. Some where it has been my good fortune and pleasure to operate are Dick Sine's Bighorn & Western, Fred Schneider's Cherry Valley & Southern, Steve Hood's Cumberland Southern, Brian Petroziello's Lehigh Valley, and the Dalmatian Switching District, built and maintained by Dave Decker, J. Hedge and others. Fred, Steve, J and Dick welcome guests at their operating sessions, and are usually looking for new recruits for their operating crews. If you'd like to partici-

pate, call one of them, or call me.

Other Division 3 folks with personal layouts under construction or completed include Don Bedrowski, Richard Davoust, Ron Dietrich, Jim Foster, J. Hedge, Dave Holl, Allen McClelland, Terry McTaggart, Melvin Menk, Ray Persing, Bill Reese, and Mark Stiver. Some of these folks hold regular or special-event operating sessions, and some of the others will be doing so in the future. There are other Division 3 members who have layouts under construction or completed, too. Those mentioned here are some that I am aware of, and can remember at the moment (Memory is the second thing to go).

Last month I described some results of installing a Soundtraxx decoder in a GP-7, and indicated that installing another decoder along with it might be the answer to eliminating some motor buzz. Since then, layout construction has diverted my attention temporarily, but by the next installment of this column I hope to have another report for you on that project.

See you in Xenia Sunday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

John

## Layout Visits

**April 18: On30.** Bill Benysh's layout is located in Xenia and is still in the construction phase. Bill promised me that something will be running.

**May 23: HO/HOn30.** Jim Foster's layout is located in Oakwood very close to our meeting place at the Wright Library.

**June 13: HO.** Allen McClelland's new V&O in Miamisburg. Covered in the Jan 2004 issue of Model Railroader. This layout will be open after the joint Div3/Div 7

## Ohio River & Western

**On2-1/2**

Bill Benysh

The Ohio River and Western narrow gauge railroad originated in Bellaire Ohio as the Bellaire and Western about 1880. It was reorganized as the Bellaire, Zanesville and Columbus (BZ&C, known locally as the Bent, Zigzagged and Crooked – due to the small amount of tangent track in its 112 mile length). Later it was reorganized again as the Ohio River and Western; the name it carried through Pennsylvania RR ownership until the end in 1933.

Throughout its 50 year existence the OR&W provided much needed transportation and communication to many small communities between Bellaire and Zanesville. Along its route there were several coal mines, oil wells, agricultural products and a small amount of timber.

My rendition of the 3 foot OR&W is done in 30 inch gauge and models a very short section of the prototype connecting the little towns of Alledonia and Armstrongs Mills and includes the mine at Captina.

Begun late last year the layout is in early construction with an operational main line and some roughed-in scenery. Much of the layout incorporates extruded polystyrene foam board construction over a light weight wood support frame. Most track is Peco with the exception of Atlas code 100 in a staging area. The staging is a through type servicing both ends of the modeled RR. My choice of 30 inch gauge was dictated largely by the availability of Spectrum On30 equipment – some of which was developed from OR&W equipment drawings. The OR&W primarily used 4-4-0 and 2-6-0 locos with one C-19 2-8-0 from the EBT. The layout is in the shape of the letter 'J' measuring 16 x 12 x 9 feet. The wiring will support DCC in the future. The layout room is accessed through the garage, down four steps, through the shop, left past the workbench, then right into the room.

# Contest

April Thumbz or Whimsy

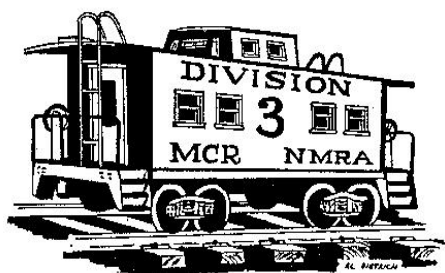
You are allowed up to 3 entries per contest. You do not have to be a member of the NMRA to participate in the popular vote contest.

May Non Revenue June No Contest

July Scene (Any Size)

March Steam Locomotives			
Models		Photos	
1	Ray Persing	1	Nate Adams
2	Richard davoust	2	Steve Hood
3	Ray Persing	3	Nate Adams LeRoy Clouser

**You are invited to the April meeting on Sunday the 18th at 2pm at the  
Greene County Historical Society  
Church and King Streets, Xenia, Ohio  
Visitors and Guests Always Welcome**



Date	Location	Contest	Program	Layout
18 April	Greene County Historical Society	Thumbz or Whimsy	C&O in Cheviot by Mike Brestel	Bill Benysh
23 May (4th Sunday)	Wright Library	Non Revenue		Jim Foster
13 June (2nd Sunday)	Ramada Inn Franklin, OH	No Contest	Update on V&O By Allen McClelland	V&O by Allen McClelland

BY-LAWS  
DIVISION 3, MID CENTRAL REGION  
NATIONAL MODEL RAILROAD ASSOCIATION, INC.

I. PURPOSE

- A. This organization is formed to promote greater fellowship among members of the National Model Railroad Association (hereinafter referred to as NMRA) in its area, promote the hobby of model railroading and provide a common meeting ground for social activities, and shall be known as Division 3, Mid Central Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc., hereinafter referred to as Division 3.
- B. No act of Division 3 shall conflict with the Constitution or By-Laws of the NMRA or the Mid Central Region.

II. MEMBERSHIP

- A. Any member in good standing (current dues paid) of the NMRA residing in the Third Division (as specified in Article I of the By-Laws of the Mid Central Region) is a member of Division 3. In the event that a member of Division 3 changes his place of residence to a Division contiguous to the territory of Division 3, he may retain his membership in Division 3 by communicating that fact to the Board of Governors of Division 3, and shall remain a member, entitled to all the rights and privileges of Division 3 membership including the right to vote in Division 3 elections and to hold office. Members of the NMRA residing other than above, shall be permitted to participate in Division 3 activities, but may not hold office or vote at Division 3 meetings.
- B. Copies of the current By-Laws shall be mailed to all voting members of Division 3 with their election ballots. Copies will also be made available at all scheduled meetings.

III. MEETINGS

- A. Meetings of Division 3 shall be within Division territory, unless a different meeting place is approved by at least two-thirds of the members attending the meeting at which such divergent meeting is proposed. Nothing contained herein shall prohibit the BOG from choosing a temporary or transitional meeting place in the event the need arises, or from scheduling a tour outside Division 3 in lieu of a regular meeting.
- B. A business meeting shall be called if deemed necessary and practical by the presiding officer. Parliamentary procedure as set forth in Robert's Rules of Order shall govern all business meetings of Division 3.

IV. BOARD OF GOVERNORS

- A. Division 3 shall be governed by a Board of Governors, which shall consist of the following voting members: Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent, Chief Clerk, Immediate Past Superintendent and three members selected by majority vote of the elected officers; Chairman of special committees, as required, shall be non-voting members. In the event that the Immediate Past Superintendent is one of the newly elected officers, there will be no vote for the position of Immediate Past Superintendent and the Board of Governors will only have 6 voting members.
- B. The elected officers shall be the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent and Chief Clerk.
- C. Meetings of the Board of Governors shall be called by the Superintendent as required, at least monthly. Notice must be given to all members of the Board of Governors prior to such meetings. Emergency meetings may be called by the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendent or Chief Clerk. The Elected Officer calling the emergency meeting shall give notice of such meeting to as many members of the Board of Governors as possible. At such emergency meeting four votes of a quorum of the BOG shall be necessary to pass, repeal or modify any matter.
- D. At any regularly scheduled meeting of the Board of Governors, a majority vote (3 out of four) of a quorum of the Board of Governors shall have the power to pass, repeal or modify any matter not expressly provided for in this Working Agreement.
- E. The duties of the members of the Board of Governors shall be (in addition to any expressed elsewhere in the Working Agreement):
  - 1. The Superintendent shall preside over meetings of the Board of Governors and Division 3.
  - 2. The Assistant Superintendent shall preside in the absence of the Superintendent, and shall assume the office of Superintendent at his request, resignation, death or removal from the Division.
  - 3. The Chief Clerk shall record the Proceedings of meetings of the Board of Governors and business meetings, and shall receive and disburse funds, and keep a record of financial transactions of Division 3.
  - 4. The Immediate Past Superintendent shall act as advisor to the Superintendent and Board of Governors in all matters.
  - 5. The other voting members of the Board of Governors (three) shall chair such committees as necessary to carry out all functions and regularly scheduled activities of Division 3. These members of the Board of Governors may designate any member of Division 3, usually a member of his committee, as proxy for meetings of the Board of Governors.
  - 6. Upon the adoption of these By-Laws, the then elected officers of Division 3, Mid Central Region, National Model Railroad Association, an unincorporated association, and predecessor to Division 3, Mid Central Region, National Model Railroad Association, Inc., shall serve as the Board of Governors of said Corporation until the next scheduled elections to take place in April of 1996.

V. FINANCES

- A. No dues or other assessments may be imposed by the Board of Governors without the affirmative vote of 75% of the members eligible to vote attending a regular meeting. Any such proposed dues or assessments shall be duly published in two consecutive issues of the Call Board, the Division 3 paper, prior to the meeting at which such vote is scheduled. The Division may also accept voluntary donations to finance the business of the Division.
- B. Special money raising projects may be entered into, providing that two-thirds of the members attending the meeting following that at which the proposal is made shall approve the project and also providing that the members of Division 3 are given prior notice of such proposal Announcement in the Call Board, or written notice by mail shall constitute proper notification. The failure of any member to receive such notice shall not invalidate the proceedings, provided that at least 75% of those attending the meeting have received notice.

C. Division 3 shall maintain a checking account, a passbook savings account, Certificates of Deposit, and other investments as authorized, all in the name of Division 3, MCR, NMRA, INC...

1. The checking account balance shall be maintained at a level sufficient to cover expected operating expenses. Any excess funds shall be transferred to the passbook savings account. Signing of the checks shall be done by either the Superintendent or Chief Clerk.

2. The balance in the passbook account shall be maintained at a level sufficient to cover expected expenses. Any amount in excess of this shall be transferred to Certificates of Deposit or other investments. Withdrawals must be signed by the Superintendent or Chief Clerk.

D. Funds not required for current expenses shall be invested to obtain maximum interest. Such investments shall be low risk and shall include, but not be limited to, Certificates of Deposit. Withdrawals from the principal sum of the investments shall require the following procedure:

1. Notice of such proposed withdrawal shall be posted in two consecutive issues of the Call Board, prior to a vote.

2. Such withdrawal must be approved by at least two-thirds of the members present at the Division 3 business meeting at which the withdrawal is voted. Failure of any member to receive notice shall not invalidate such a vote, provided that 75% if those attending the meeting received such notice.

3. The actual withdrawal shall require the signature of both the Chief Clerk and one other elected officer.

E. As a courtesy to the general membership, the Board of Governors shall obtain formal approval for any single expenditure in excess of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) by a vote of the membership at a regular business meeting.

F. The financial condition of Division 3 shall be audited annually in the month of April by an independent auditor.

G. The Division shall hold one or more train shows to raise funds, and promote the hobby of Model Railroading to the general public. One such show shall be held in the month of November in conjunction with Model Railroad Month. The Board of Governors shall appoint a committee Chairman or chairmen to make all necessary arrangements for said show or shows. The Board of Governors may authorize such expenditures as are necessary for the show or shows to retain an exhibition hall; print tour guides, announcements and advertisements; solicit dealers and exhibitors and such other like expenditures. The vote of the membership shall not be required for such expenditures.

#### VI. COMMITTEES

A. The Superintendent shall appoint or reappoint all special committees as needed. The Chairman of any Committee shall have the power to replace any member of his committee who does not perform the duties required of him.

B. All committees shall report to the Board of Governors from time to time, and within two months of the completion of their project, shall present a final report to the Board of Governors, including an accounting of their expenditures, which report shall be made available to the membership.

#### VII. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

A. Members of the Board of Governors shall be elected biannually (each even numbered year), said election shall take place by secret mail ballot of the general membership, the results of which shall be counted at the April business meeting of each even-numbered year. The nominees for the respective offices receiving the greatest number of votes shall be considered duly elected. Members may cast their ballots at the meeting or mail them to a specified teller prior to the meeting. Members of Division 3 who are unable to attend the business meeting are especially encouraged to vote by mail. In the event of a tie vote for any office, the election shall be resolved by the Board of Governors. No ballots will be distributed at the April Meeting.

B. A nominating committee consisting of a chairman and at least two others shall be appointed by the Superintendent at least two months prior to the election. One month prior to the election the nominating committee shall announce the nominees, at which time nominations from the floor shall be accepted. There shall be a minimum of two members nominated for each office. The nominating committee shall take charge of the elections, printing and counting of ballots, and the announcement of new officers.

C. The term of office for elected officers shall commence in the first month following the election and shall continue for two years or until successors are duly elected and appointed. No elected officer shall serve more than two consecutive terms in any one position.

D. In the event an elected officer other than the Superintendent vacates his position, the members shall elect a replacement at the next business meeting to hold the office until the next regular election.

#### VII. AMENDMENTS

A. Amendments to these By-Laws may be proposed by the Board of Governors or by a petition signed by ten members of Division 3. A proposed amendment shall be submitted in writing to the Chief Clerk.

B. Notice of proposed amendments to these By-Laws shall be posted in two consecutive issues of the CALL BOARD prior to a vote. Approval shall be an affirmative vote by two-thirds of the members attending the business meeting at which the amendment is voted upon. The failure of any member to have received notice shall not invalidate the proceedings, provided that at least 75% of those attending the meeting have received notice.