

# Call Board

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## This Month's Program ... Steel Mills and Railroading



Dean Freytag has been called the dean of styrene but steel mill modeling is where he has really excelled. His book on the subject has become a classic. If you are into heavy industry modeling or are looking for an interesting prototype here's the presentation for you.

Chapel 3 Sunday April 20th 2PM

# SUPER'S NOTES

Let's get rolling...

Some time back I mentioned that getting photos or sketches of local railroad structures was a fleeting phase of the hobby. I missed the neat grain elevator along the Pennsy at Trebein (or was it Alpha?) and the NYC yard office on Findlay St. would have fit in at my HO Findlay Street yards. But I missed those and many others by not taking the time to record them. I did keep a good folder of photos on Dayton Union Station and the downtown elevated track structures that helped me reproduce them on my new layout. One other downtown Dayton structure you can still see is right behind the Dragons ballpark. It's the old Dayton & Troy (and Dayton & Western) traction line freight house off Webster St. I built my HO model of it some time back and swore I was going to find a place for it on the layout I was planning. The photos below show the prototype and how I modeled it. It's even easier now with digital files and PC's.



Now for those abandoned cement storage silos in the background of the top photo. They would make a great trackside model and probably won't be there forever! You can walk right up to them, so where did I put my camera?

## Don't miss the upcoming programs!

Wow! Two hundred twenty attended the March meeting at the Holiday Inn. That has to be some kind of record. We had anticipated 150 because of the great program and the "last run" of the V&O but this broke all expectations.

And the great programs just keep coming. Dean Freytag will give his national presentation this month. Then we are looking into some really interesting presentations to fill up the summer. If great clinics are your thing don't forget the Regional convention in Cleveland in May. You can get 3 days filled with them there!

### Election Time again...

It's election time again and every member will receive a ballot by mail this month. They are due back in by mail by the end of the month or you can bring it to the April meeting. You will also receive soon our member survey so that you can tell us what you need and how we can make the division more useful to you.

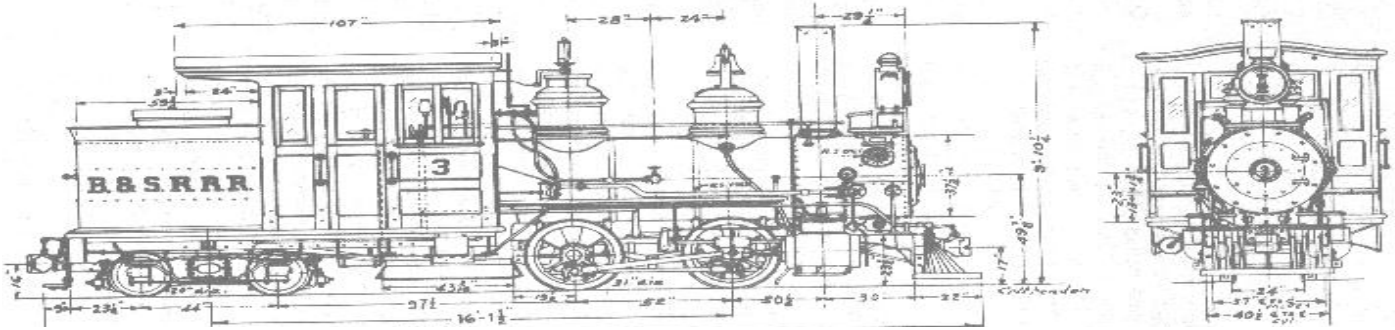
### Last Call on V&O cars

We have an ad running for our V&O cars on the Division 3 webpage ([www.modelraildayton.com](http://www.modelraildayton.com)) and the orders from all over the country have been coming in. We sold a big batch at the last meeting but still have a dozen left out of the original 142 we started with so if you want to get in on them please let me know quickly.

See YOU at the next Meeting.

Bob Fink MMR

# Sharpening Your SKILLS



**AP Program News...** The whole concept of the Achievement Program is based on improving your skills and getting recognition for it. To make the program work we have to offer you a chance to show your work and you have to come forward and participate. We'll do our part each month by offering a popularity contest and even a "show and tell" table to get you started. As your skills advance you can join us in the Achievement Program (AP).

**Let's look at one of the AP Certificates this month ...**

## Master Builder – Prototype Models

While this is one of the least sought after certificates in the program it should not scare people away because the requirements are not that rigorous. You need to have built a scene (no minimum size) that represents a prototype area. The scene must be big enough to include at least **six models of prototype equipment**. At least four of the models must be Rolling Stock, Railroad Structure, Caboose or Passenger car, Motive Power. Two of the models must be "scratchbuilt" and the remainder "Super Detailed". **Plans and photos of the prototype** must be provided to verify the scene and it is judged using a six part form. The scene must receive a Merit Award with at least 87.5 points out of the 125 possible. The individual models **Do Not** have to each receive a Merit Award. This certificate can fit into your plans even if you don't have a layout. A great way to get started on that future layout by building a section or module to be incorporated later! Why not contact us for more information and give it a try?

## The monthly contest setup ...

We have three categories each month. You can enter Scratchbuilt, KitBashed, 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".

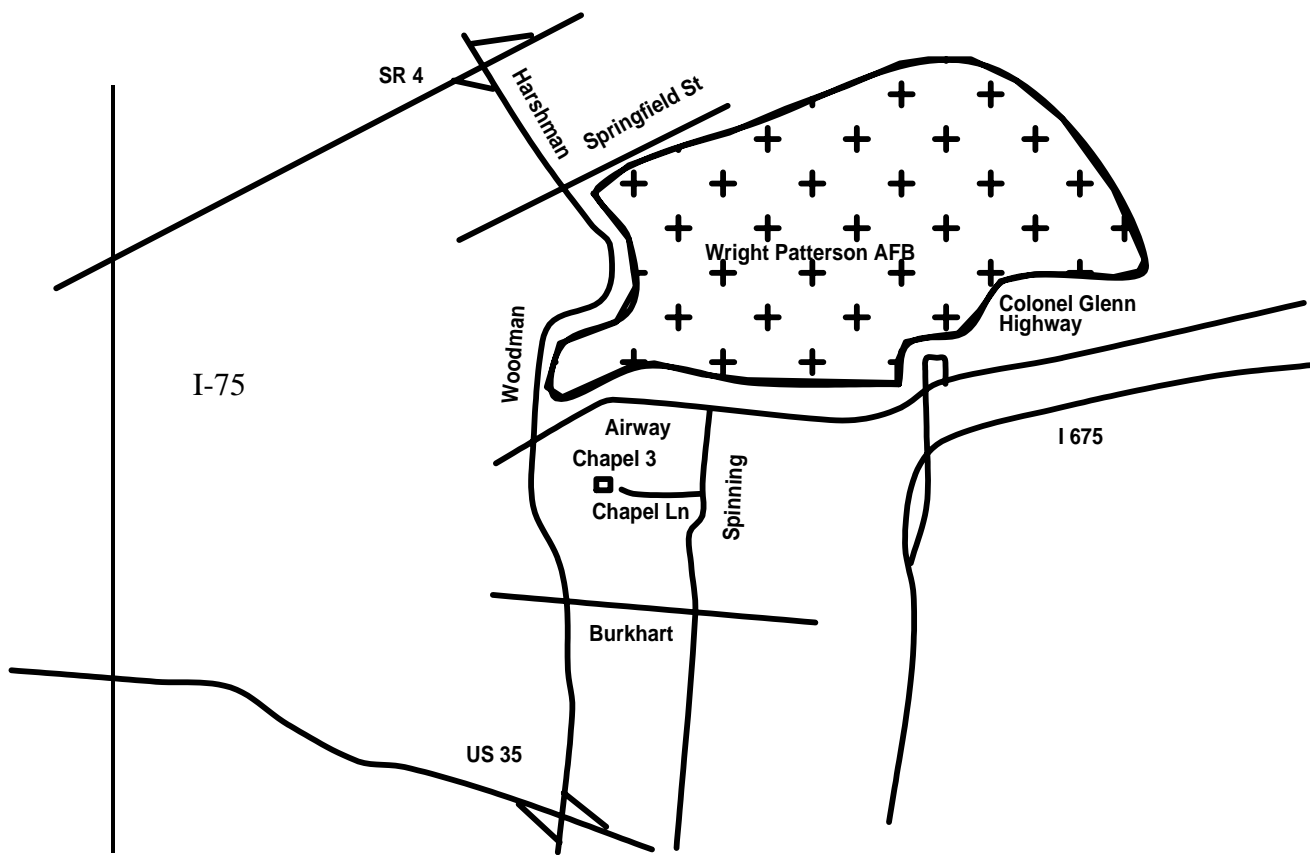
## The upcoming contest schedule ...

April Passenger cars

May Diesel locomotives

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

**You are invited to attend the next meeting of Division 3. It will be held at the Family Life Center, Chapel 3 Chapel Lane, Riverside Ohio at 2 pm, 20 April 2008. Visitors and guests are always welcome.**



## **New Railroad Club Forming**

A shopping mall developer is looking for model railroaders interested in forming a new club. The Bill Dozer Development Company is starting construction of their newest underground shopping mall in the Medway, Ohio area. The mall will be the third that the company has built.

The first underground mall was constructed in Greenford, Ohio in the late 1960s. Unfortunately the mall never opened due to it being built in an abandoned strip mine that was reclaimed before the final entrance construction was completed. The developer hopes to

clear up the excavation permits and open the mall if the economy in the area improves.

The second mall was constructed in Rhinelander, WI in 1977. The opening was stopped due to environmental groups saying that the developer did not plant the same trees on the property that were there when construction started. They contend that one of the workers took one of the trees and used it for a Christmas tree. Litigation is proceeding slowly and there is currently no projected opening date.

The mall near Medway will be the largest underground mall ever constructed. It will be in the shape of the state of Ohio. The

model railroad will be in Z scale and located under the floors. It will include all railroad lines in the state of Ohio in 1950. Shoppers will be able to look down on the railroad through the transparent floors of the stores.

It is projected that construction of the railroad will take several years and require the talents of thousands of modelers. Operation of the railroad will follow the prototype schedules of the time period and will operate 24 hours a day. Construction will commence as soon as the developer is able to solve flooding problems at the site.