

Call Board

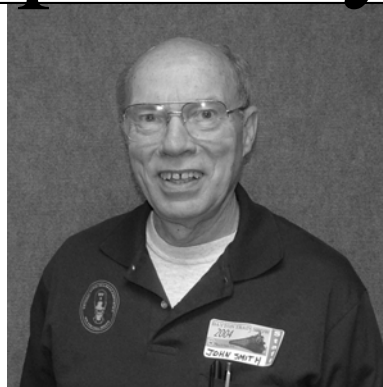
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Super Saying

As you know by now, Ray Persing is heading the Division 3 project to create and sell an Accurail 5200-series double-door boxcar in a Virginian & Ohio steam-era paint scheme approved by Allen McClelland. There will be a number printed on each car, with two additional numbers included on a decal sheet. The initial run is for 500 cars, which will be delivered to Division 3 by the time you read this. The price for NMRA members is \$13 each, \$35 for 3. For non-members, the cars are \$15 each, or 3 for \$40. Shipping is \$5 for up to 3 cars, \$1 extra for each additional car. You can send orders to V&O Car Project, NMRA MCR Div 3, PO Box 163, Tipp City, OH 45371.

Model railroaders use many kinds of tools, and some of us are tool collectors. There is even a Yahoo discussion group devoted to train tools at <http://groups.yahoo.com/group/traintools/>. It's monitored by Scott Perry, who recently posted a message advocating paying attention to practitioners of other modeling hobbies, and learning modeling skills from them. Scott said, in part, "I am a BIG advocate for cross-hobbying. Armor guys put train guys to shame when it comes to people. Plane



guys are the best putty-ers/sanders in the business. Boat guys tend to lead the pack in brass etching. Fantasy guys have some very different ways of casting things. Cars guys have excellent air brush skills. Rocket guys actually build things that work. Sci Fi modelers are VERY creative and tend to think outside the box. Train modelers are the best when it comes to using tools."

Steam engine modelers often build engines that work, too, Scott. Last April, I attended the North American Model Engineers Society annual expo in Southgate (Detroit), MI. There were steam engines (mostly stationary types) of bewildering variety, many of them operating. Since the show was indoors, they were operated on compressed air. Many of these were tiny; small enough to be an operating model of a stationary steam engine on

an HO layout. You could have one running a tiny generator or animating some other model machine.

Here's another Internet site that might be of interest to some of you. It lists the web addresses of practically every model railroad manufacturer and dealer that you've ever heard of, and many suppliers of tools and supplies that modelers can use: http://espee.railfan.net/biz_ms.html

Recently I started reviewing some of the NMRA's Achievement Program requirements, out of curiosity. During the reading of the one for Model Railroad Engineer – Electrical, it appeared that I had completed enough projects to qualify for the certificate, so I wrote it up and submitted it. You may qualify for some of the AP certificates, too. The work required is all stuff that model railroaders do, anyway. Have a look at the requirements at <http://www.nmra.org/achievement/> or ask Leroy Clouser or me for a paper copy for some category you're interested in. There are eleven categories.

As reported here last month, Rick Lach, our assistant

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Date	Location	Contest	Program	Layout
17 July	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane WPAFB, Ohio	Scene (Any Size)		
August	No Meeting			
18 Sept	Chapel 3 Chapel Lane WPAFB, Ohio			
7 Oct	Train to Dinner			
16 Oct				
5-6 Nov	Annual Train Show Hara Arena			
20 Nov				
18 Dec				

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Super, has organized a fun trip for members and families on the Whitewater Valley Railroad Train to Dinner, October 7th. It's not too soon to make a reservation with Rick. We will be competing with the public for seats. Rick's phone number and email address are in every recent issue of this rag ... er, newsletter.

At the last MCR board meeting, the MCR convention for year 2009 had no sponsor, yet. Division 3 has not sponsored one since 2002. What do you think? Shall we bid on the one for 2009?

See you Sunday, July 18th.
John

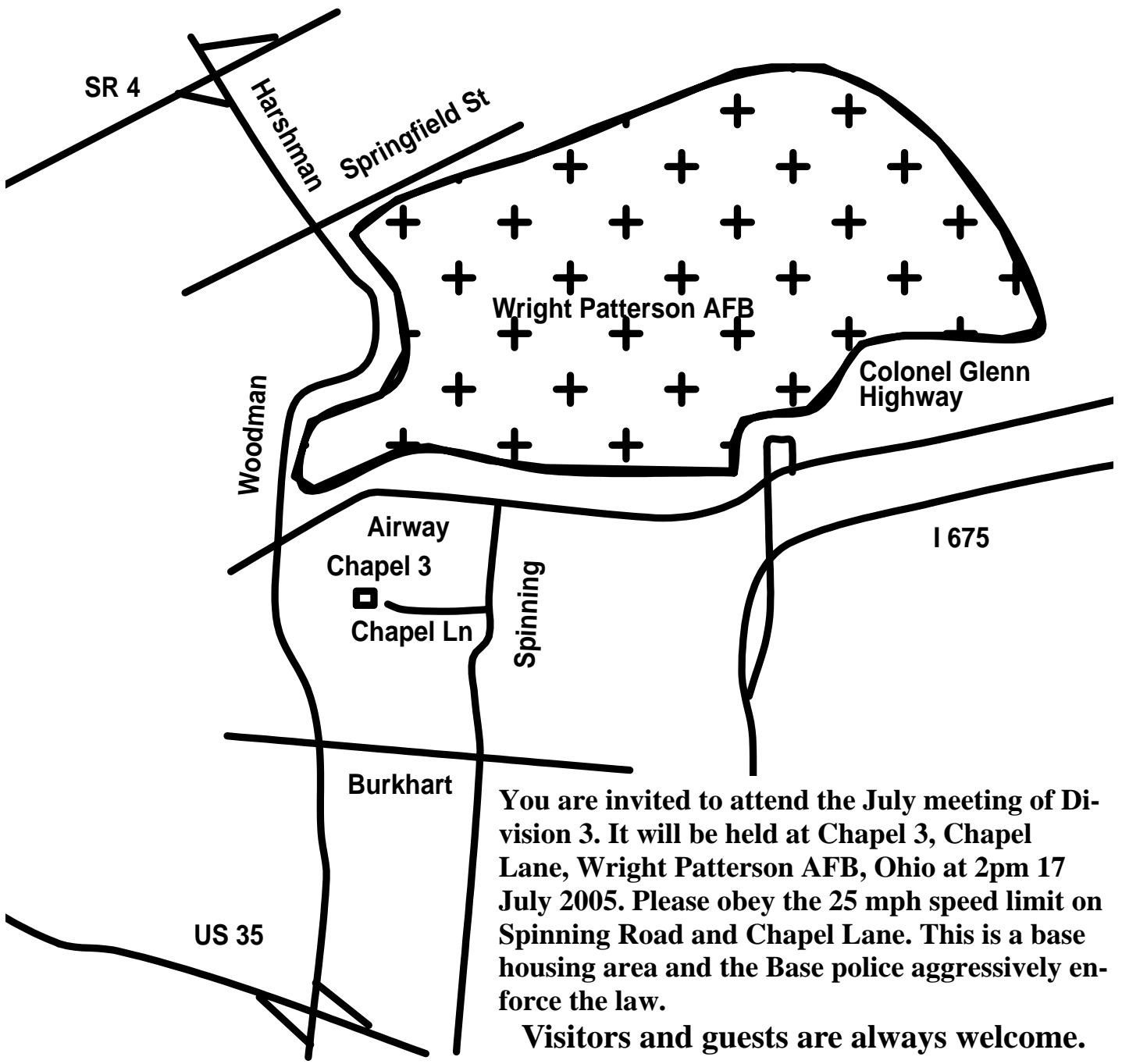
**Spouse Appreciation
Dinner**

We will ride the Whitewater Valley Railroad to the Laurel Inn on Friday, 7 October 2005, departing at 6:00 PM. The actual train trip is 1 hour to the Inn, one and a half hours for the meal, and a 1 hour return train ride. The capacity for the train is 90 people, and we will be competing with the public for the seats. This fun trip is open to all our family members, with tickets at \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. We will take reservations first then we will offer the choice of 5 different dinner menus. They want payment before the trip, so phone your reservations to Rick Lach (426-2015). He will take checks at our meetings or payment and reservations can be mailed to Rick.

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.

**New Hobby Shop in Troy
Ohio**

The Whistle Stop Train Shop is now open. It is located at 29 S Norwich Street, Troy Ohio. The shop is offering a discount to NMRA members.



You are invited to attend the July meeting of Division 3. It will be held at Chapel 3, Chapel Lane, Wright Patterson AFB, Ohio at 2pm 17 July 2005. Please obey the 25 mph speed limit on Spinning Road and Chapel Lane. This is a base housing area and the Base police aggressively enforce the law.

Visitors and guests are always welcome.

November Show Raffle Layout.

The members voted to not construct a raffle layout for the 2005 Train Show at the June Division meeting. The lack of a committee chairman and no commitments for construction help were cited as rea-

sons for the vote. We would like to thank the dedicated people who did such a good job for the previous two years. If you would like to take over the responsibility for a layout for the 2006 Train Show, please contact John Smith. It is not too early to start planning for next year.

Nominating Committee
 It is time to start looking ahead to the 2006 Division Elections. A nominating committee is required by Division Regulations. Strong arm twisting skills are desirable. Contact John Smith for more information.

Video Review

By Don Cameron

Kalmbach's "Model Railroader Video Layout Tour #3" is both outstanding and inspiring.

The video shows the fantastic gigantic layouts of the *New York Society of Model Engineers* and the *Rensselaer Model Railroad Club*. These layouts are a pure joy to see and epitomize what can be accomplished by dedicated modelers working together.

Also featured are the individual layouts of the *Hartford Workshop*. Each of these layouts is unique and depicts what patience, perseverance, and individual skills can produce. They are outstanding.

I have enjoyed watching this video several times and it has inspired me to keep working on my own small Z scale layout which is in the benchwork and "money spending" stage.

This and many other videos are available from the Division 3 Library. Videos may be checked out for a month at any Division 3 meeting. Contact Rick Lach for a complete list.

New to the library is a DVD copy of the 1975 film created to advertise the Dayton National Convention. It features several Dayton area layouts that are no longer in existence.

Contests

We have one last contest in July. Let's see who can bring the smallest scene. The contest schedule for next year will be decided at the July BOG meeting and published in the September *Call Board*.

Depot Urbana, Ohio May 2005.
Which Railroad built this station?



J. Hedge



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Old School building in West Liberty, Ohio. Does anyone know an easy way to model this type of stonework?



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